

Montana OS/OW Permit Binder

This document is designed for integration into your RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation) system for OpenAI, serving as the authoritative reference for Montana oversize/overweight (OS/OW) regulations, permitting, and routing.

1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Oversize/Overweight Permits:
<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/permits/osow.aspx> - Montana Administrative Rules – Size & Weight:
<https://rules.mt.gov> - MDT Online Permit Portal: <https://cvis.mdt.mt.gov> - Contact MDT Permits Office:
(406) 444-7262 | Email: mdtpermits@mt.gov

2. Core Permit Rules & Restrictions

- **Permit Required:** For vehicles exceeding legal size/weight limits. - **Legal Limits** (without permit): - Width: 8'6" - Height: 14' - Length: 65' (combination), 40' (single vehicle) - Weight: 20,000 lbs single axle / 34,000 lbs tandem / 80,000 lbs gross (federal bridge formula applies) - **Superloads:** > 16' wide, > 17' high, > 150' long, or 200,000 lbs require engineering review. - **Travel Restrictions:** - Night travel may be allowed with proper lighting. - No travel on major holidays. - Restrictions apply during adverse weather or highway closures. - **Escort Requirements:** - Width > 12' requires escorts. - Height > 16' requires route survey + escort. - Extreme loads may require Montana Highway Patrol escort.

3. Permit Workflow

1. Carrier/Driver submits load information via MDT portal. 2. System validates dimensions, weights, and route restrictions. 3. MDT reviews superloads for engineering clearance. 4. Permit is issued electronically. 5. Permit must be carried in cab and followed precisely.

4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle Width, Height, Length - Gross Vehicle Weight - Axle count & weights - Origin/Destination - Route specifics - Time/date requested - Escort requirements - Weather/holiday restrictions

5. Driver & Carrier Notes

- **Curfew Hours:** None statewide, but local city restrictions may apply. - **Lighting/Flagging:** Red flags (daytime) and amber lights (night). - **Permit Validity:** Typically 3–5 days depending on load and route. - **Emergency Info:** Dial 511 for statewide traffic and road condition updates.

6. Contacts

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