

Michigan 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 Michigan oversize/overweight (OS/OW) regulations, permitting, and routing.

1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- **Michigan DOT Oversize/Overweight Permits:** <https://mdotjboss.state.mi.us/MiLogin/Permit>
- **Michigan Vehicle Code – Size & Weight:**
<https://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName;=mcl-Act-300-of-1949>
- **Permit Portal (MDOT MiLogin):** <https://mdotjboss.state.mi.us/MiLogin/Permit>
- **Contact MDOT Permits Office:** 517-241-8999 | MDOT-Permits@Michigan.gov

2. Core Permit Rules & Restrictions

- **Permit Required:** For vehicles exceeding legal size/weight limits.
- **Legal Limits (without permit):** Width 8'6", Height 13'6", Length 40' (single vehicle) / 75' (combination), Weight 20,000 lbs single axle / 34,000 lbs tandem (federal bridge formula applies).
- **Superloads:** Generally >16' wide, >16' high, >150' long, or >200,000 lbs require special engineering analysis.
- **Travel Restrictions:** No movement during peak rush hours in metro Detroit and other urban areas, or on major holidays.
- **Escort Requirements:** Width >12' requires escorts, height >15' requires route survey + escort, extreme loads may require police escort.

3. Permit Workflow

1. Carrier/Driver Submits Load Info: Vehicle dimensions, axle weights, and requested route.
1. System Checks: Compare against Michigan statutory limits, check bridge clearances, construction zones.
1. Permit Issuance: Through MDOT MiLogin system, fees based on load size/weight.
1. Routing: Restricted roads may require alternate routes.
1. Compliance: Permit must be carried in cab, escort vehicles certified per MDOT standards.

4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle Width, Height, Length
- Total Gross Weight
- Axle Count & Weights
- Origin & Destination
- Requested Route
- Travel Dates/Times
- Escort Requirement Triggers
- Metro/Holiday restrictions

5. Driver & Carrier Notes

- Curfew Hours: Detroit metro restricts oversize travel 7–9 AM and 4–6 PM weekdays.
- Lighting/Flagging: Red flags (day), amber lights (night) required.
- Permit Validity: Most permits valid for 5 days unless otherwise stated.
- Emergency Info: Call 511 for statewide traffic updates.

6. Contacts

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