

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

1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- Maine DOT OS/OW Permits: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/osowpermits/>
- Maine Revised Statutes – Title 29-A:
<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/29-A/title29-Ach19sec0.html>
- Contact Maine DOT Permits Office: (207) 624-9000 ext. 52134 | osowpermits@maine.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: 45' (single vehicle), 65' (combination)
 - Weight: 20,000 lbs single axle / 34,000 lbs tandem (federal bridge formula applies)
- **Superloads:** Over 16' wide, 16' high, 125' long, or > 150,000 lbs require engineering review.
- **Travel Restrictions:**
 - No movement on major holidays.
 - Curfews may apply in certain metro areas.
 - Night travel requires proper lighting and may require escorts.
- **Escort Requirements:**
 - Width > 12' requires at least one escort.
 - Width > 16' or height > 16' requires multiple escorts and route survey.

3. Permit Workflow

1. Carrier/Driver submits load information (vehicle dimensions, axle weights, route).
2. System validates against Maine statutory and bridge restrictions.
3. Permit is issued electronically with fees based on load characteristics.
4. Routing is designated; restricted routes avoided.
5. Compliance requires carrying the permit and following escort/light rules.

4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle Width, Height, Length
- Gross Weight & Axle Weights
- Route & Origin/Destination
- Dates & Times requested
- Escort/lighting triggers
- Holiday & metro restrictions

5. Driver & Carrier Notes

- **Permit Validity:** Typically valid for 5 days.
- **Flagging/Lighting:** Red flags on corners (day), amber lights (night).
- **Weather Restrictions:** Travel prohibited in hazardous conditions.
- **Emergency Info:** Dial 511 for statewide travel info.

6. Contacts

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