

INFORMATION ON THE MOVEMENT OF MOBILE HOMES AND BUILDING MODULES

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TRANSPORT PERMITS UNIT

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GENERAL PROCEDURE

A special permit to move a mobile home on Michigan state trunkline highways is not required if the dimensions do not exceed the following:

- 8 feet 6 inches in width
- 13 feet 6 inches in height
- 45 feet in body length
- 60 feet in overall length, including the towing vehicle

Special permits will not be issued to move a mobile home or building module on Michigan state trunkline highways if the dimensions exceed the following:

- 16 feet in width (not including 6" eaves)
- 15 feet in height
- 80 feet in actual body length
- 105 feet in overall length, including the towing vehicle

CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

A. Towing Vehicle

The towing vehicle must be at least a 1 ½ ton truck with dual rear wheels.

Note: The towing vehicle, when not engaged in towing an oversize mobile home or module by special permit, shall be of legal weight and dimensions. Outside rear view mirrors extended for use in the movement of a mobile home or module by special permit must be retracted to conform to this requirement.

B. Speed

The maximum limit for movement by special permit shall not exceed the following:

- Dimensions not in excess of 12 feet in width or 80 feet in overall length:
 - 45 mph on less than four lanes
 - 50 mph on four or more lanes.
- Dimensions not in excess or 12 feet in width or 95 feet in overall length:
 - 45 mph
- Units in excess of 12 feet in width:
 - 35 mph on less than four lanes
 - 45 mph on four or more lanes

C. Signs

- On all movements of up to 14' wide mobile homes or modules by special permit, there shall be displayed two signs with the words "OVERSIZE LOAD." For 16' wide mobile or modular homes, signs must only read "16' WIDE LOAD." One sign to be placed on or within a suitable frame on the front bumper of the towing vehicle and one sign on the rear of the mobile home or module. The sign on the rear is to be so attached that it is not less than seven feet above the highway surface.
- These signs are to be made of durable material and in good condition with black block lettering on interstate yellow background. The words and letters are to be proportionately spaced on the sign.
- The sign on the front bumper is to be 6 feet by 16 inches in size with 12 inch lettering, and the sign on the rear of the mobile home or module is to be 8 feet by 18 inches in size with 16 inch lettering.

D. Flags

- The movement of an oversize mobile home requires the display of 6 clean, plain red flags at least 18 inches square. One flag shall be displayed on each end of the front bumper of the towing vehicle and shall be supported on a short staff at an angle so as to wave freely. One flag shall be displayed on each corner of the mobile home or building module, placed so as to be clearly seen by approaching traffic.

E. Lights

- The towing vehicle shall operate with headlights turned on low beam while actually engaged in towing an oversize mobile home or module under special permit upon state highways. Units exceeding 12 feet in width or 80 feet in overall combination length shall be equipped with at least two flashing or rotating amber lights on the rear of the mobile home or module, and one flashing or rotating amber light on top of the towing vehicle. All flashing or rotating amber lights shall be visible for a distance of 500 feet.

F. Turning Signals and Stop Lights

- There shall be two tail lights, two turn signals, and two brake lights in operating condition on all movements by special permit.

G. Escorts

- For all movements exceeding 12 feet and not more than 14 feet in width, a rear escort vehicle will be required. For all movements exceeding 14 feet in width, front and rear escort vehicles will be required with radio communication between the escort vehicles and the towing vehicle. When width exceeds 12 feet and height exceeds 14' 6", front and rear escort vehicles will be required; the front escort to be equipped with a fixed measuring device set at a height to assure clearance of the load. An escort vehicle must be a passenger car or pickup truck with at least one flashing or rotating amber light on top of the cab. There will be displayed on the roof of the escort vehicle, one "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign five feet long by 12 inches high with eight inch black letters on yellow background.

H. Types of Permits

- Single Trip Permits – May be issued for the movement of mobile homes or modules if the dimensions do not exceed 16 feet in width (not including eaves), 15 feet in height, 80 feet in actual body length and 105 feet in overall combination length. A single trip permit may be issued for a five day period if so requested. A single permit is valid for one trip only but may be issued to include a return move.
- Extended Permits – May be issued to dealers, manufacturers and commercial transporters and not to exceed 12 feet in width, 14 feet in height, 80 feet in actual body length, and 95 feet in overall combination length.

I. Operating Limitations

- Permits are issued for daylight hours only, Monday through Friday. Under no conditions will a permit be issued for a movement to take place from 12:00 noon of proceeding the holiday and continuing until 12:00 Noon the first day after the holidays here listed:

- **Memorial Day**
- **New Year's Day**
- **Labor Day**
- **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Independence Day**
- **Christmas Day**

- Movement by special permit may at any time be delayed by the Michigan Department of Transportation or policing agency when traffic, weather, or other conditions are determined to constitute a hazard. In some instances, depending upon dimensions and route of travel, other time limitations may be applicable. Permits for movement of mobile homes or modules over 14 feet in width will not be issued during the spring weight restriction period.
- The maximum gauge of a mobile home or vehicle transporting a module is to be nine feet six inches or less, from center of wheel to center of wheel.

J. Permit Fees

- Single Trip Permit \$15.00
- Extended Permit Renewal: \$30.00

Checks and money orders to be made payable to:
State of Michigan, Department of Transportation.

K. Insurance Requirements

- Insurance coverage as required by the laws of this state shall be in effect for moves operating with an oversize permit.

How Single Trip Permits are Obtained

- Applications for single trip permits are submitted using the Michigan Permitting and Routing System (MIPARS) software application.
- Application can be made in person (walk in) at the Lansing Permit Office or one of the MDOT Transportation Service Centers (TSC)
- Through a permit service
- Through a business account utilizing the MIPARS software and an MDOT billing account

Note:

- **Permit Requests via Phone, Fax or Mail application are not allowed**
- **No overweight permits are issued when weight restrictions are in effect**

WHERE PERMITS ARE OBTAINED

1. **Single Trips**

Physical Address: (Walk in applications only)

**Michigan Department of Transportation
Transport Permits Unit
7050 W. Saginaw, Suite 2
Lansing, MI 48917**

Mailing Address: (All correspondence)

**Michigan Department of Transportation
Transport Permits Unit
P.O. Box 30648
Lansing, MI 48909**

Telephone: (Inquiries only)

517-373-2120

Note: Permit Requests via Phone, Fax or Mail application are not allowed

Single Trip Permit walk-in applications can also be submitted at any of the following Transportation Service Centers (TSC offices) or the Lansing Office above

Superior Region

**Crystal Falls TSC
120 Tobin-Alpha Road
Crystal Falls, MI 49920
906-875-6644**

**Escanaba TSC
1818 Third Avenue North
Escanaba, MI 49829
906-786-1800**

**Ishpeming TSC
100 S. Westwood Drive
Ishpeming, MI 49849
906-485-4270**

**Newberry TSC
14113 M-28
Newberry, MI 49868
906-293-5168**

North Region

**Alpena TSC
1540 Airport Rd.
Alpena, MI 49707
989-356-2231**

**Cadillac TSC
100 E. Chapin
Cadillac, MI 49601
231-775-3487**

**Traverse City TSC
2084 US-31 South, Suite B
Traverse City, MI 49684
231-941-1986**

**Grayling TSC
1680 Hardwick Pines Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738
989-344-1802**

Bay Region

Bay City TSC
2590 E. Wilder Rd.
Bay City, MI 48706
989-671-1555

Cass City TSC
6867 E. Cass City Rd.
Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3007

Davison TSC
9495 E. Potter Road
Davison, MI 48423
810-653-7470

Mt. Pleasant TSC
1212 Corporate Drive
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
989-773-7756

Grand Region

Grand Rapids TSC
1420 Front Ave., NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-451-3091

Howard City TSC
19153 W. Howard City--
Edmore Rd.
Howard City, MI 49329
231-937-7780

Muskegon TSC
2225 Olthoff Drive
Muskegon, MI 49444
231-777-3451

University Region

Brighton TSC
10321 E. Grand River Ste. 500
Brighton, MI 48116
810-227-4681

Jackson TSC
2750 N. Elm Rd.
Jackson, MI 49201-6802
517-780-7540

Lansing TSC
1019 Trowbridge Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
517-324-2260

Metro Region

Detroit TSC
723 Rosa Parks Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48216
313-965-6350

Macomb TSC
38257 Mound Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
586-978-1935

Oakland TSC
2300 Dixie Highway Ste 300
Waterford, MI 48328
248-451-0001

Port Huron TSC
2127 11th Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060
810-985-5011

Taylor TSC
25185 Goddard Road
Taylor, MI 48180
313-375-2400

South West Region

Coloma TSC
3880 Red Arrow Hwy.
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
269-849-1165

Kalamazoo TSC
1501 E. Kilgore Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49001
269-337-3917

Marshall TSC
15300 W. Michigan Ave.
Marshall, MI 49068
269-789-0592

2. Extended Permits

- Issued via mail from the **Lansing office only**