

Superload Application Instructions and Information

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Applicant Information (must be Carrier specific):

- All information must be filled out completely and legibly
- It is recommended that applications are submitted online or emailed. All supporting documents must be emailed to mdtmcs32jcontact@mt.gov
- Company name must be the legal name as listed with the FMCSA, unless the applicant does not have a USDOT number

Dimensions & Route information Section:

- Origination—this must read the Montana state line you are entering at, the city you are starting from, or the miles from the nearest city if you are not in a city, including an address
- Destination—this must read the Montana state line you are exiting at, the city you are ending in, or the miles from the nearest city if you will not be in a city, including an address
- Requested route of travel. This must include all State, city, and county roads; private roads may not be included
- Proposed dates: the approximate dates you plan to travel
- Overall dimensions of the load: The greatest dimensions of the load (or loads if multiple loads are being applied for)
 - You may apply for multiple moves under one Superload log number if all loads are taking the same route
 - Class 3 applications may be used for a reverse route if the route does not contain interstate highways

When using non-state routes (county or city streets), a Google map link is encouraged to be submitted with the application. This may expedite approval of Class 3 applications.

Configuration & Additional Required Documents needed:

- A diagram of spacings and weights (separate page)
- If this is a trunnion or dolly setup (8 or more tires across), must include the trunnion axle spacing diagram.
- Multiple configurations may be included with each application so long as:
 - The class (1, 2 and 3, etc.) remains the same
 - The requested route is the same

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Contact list must include:

- Contacts from cities on non-interstate routes
- Contacts from counties on non-interstate routes
- Contacts from Tribal reservations/governments on non-interstate routes
 - Contact information may be obtained at:
 - <https://www.mtleague.org/municipalities/> for city contacts
 - <http://www.mtcounties.org/> for county contacts
 - <https://tribalnations.mt.gov/tribalnations> for Tribal contacts
 - http://tribalnations.mt.gov/Portals/34/Transportation_Planners.pdf for Tribal Transportation Planners

Railroad Crossings:

If the proposed route crosses railroad tracks, you must notify the following for assistance prior to movement:

- Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad at 1-800-832-5452
- Montana Rail Link at 1-800-338-4750
- Union Pacific Railroad at 1-888-877-7267
- Rarus Railway Company at 406-563-2851 or 406-563-5194
- Central Montana Railroad Inc at 406-567-2223
- Trinity Rail Services Inc at 406-232-1527

Route survey must include:

- The date the route was run
- Mile posts at which the load can safely pull over to allow traffic to pass
- An explanation of how traffic will not be delayed by more than 10 minutes
- If the Superload Application is for height, the height at which the height pole was set at
- List all conflicts (wire span lights, overhead signs, traffic lights, delineators, etc.)
- List of any areas that are private property that will be used for parking or crossing (permission letters must be included)

Traffic control plan must include:

- The number and placement of pilot cars
- The type and placement of signage used
- An example (diagram) of how the pilot cars and signage will be placed

Superload Class Types:

A Superload Application may be assigned more than one class type. You may refer to ARM [18.8.509\(11\)](#) for more information.

Loads which exceed 18 feet in width, 150 feet in length, 17 feet in height, or which require approval by the department's Bridge Bureau due to the weight, truck configuration, and/or route must apply for a Superload permit.

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Class 1:

Class one dimensions and moving requirements consist of the following:

- (a) width exceeds 18 feet but does not exceed 34 feet; or
- (b) height exceeds 17 feet but does not exceed 24 feet; or
- (c) length exceeds 150 feet but does not exceed 200 feet overall length

Loads exceeding 18 feet wide, 17 feet high, or 150 feet long must obtain the appropriate department district administrator or designee approval of a completed super-load permit application. The department's decision on a complete super-load application for these dimensions must be issued within two working days of a properly completed application submittal.

Class 2:

Class two dimensions and moving requirements consist of the following:

- (a) width exceeds 34 feet; or
- (b) height exceeds 24 feet, or if height of building or load or route requires utilities to cut power lines; or
- (c) length exceeds 200 feet overall length; and
- (d) route of travel requires establishment of a work zone;
- (e) \$15,000 bond must be on file in the Helena motor carrier services division;
- (f) the district administrator or his designee will approve or disapprove the Superload form in five working days; and
- (g) travel is allowed during daylight hours only, from sunrise Monday until Friday at 3 p.m. In the best interests of the traveling public, the administrator of the motor carrier services division may authorize travel at times other than those specified in this rule.

Loads exceeding 34 feet wide, 24 feet high, and/or 200 feet long must obtain the appropriate department district administrator or designee approval of the Superload permit application. The department's decision on a Superload application for these dimensions must be issued within five working days of a properly completed application submittal.

The department may impose conditions on the issuance of a complete Superload permit, including, but not limited to, requiring the permittee to:

- (a) obtain approval from local governments;
- (b) obtain all necessary permits;
- (c) obtain approval from affected utilities;
- (d) obtain insurance as required by ARM 18.8.801;
- (e) submit a travel plan and/or route survey;
- (f) provide notice to the traveling public of the movement of loads;
- (g) limit travel to specific days and/or hours;
- (h) refrain from traveling during inclement weather conditions; and
- (i) provide adequate traffic control personnel, equipment, and devices.

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Class 3:

Class three moving requirements consist of the following:

- (a) weight requires approval of the department's bridge bureau; and
- (b) width does not exceed 18 feet;
- (c) height does not exceed 17 feet;
- (d) length does not exceed 150 feet; and
- (e) the requirements of ARM [18.8.509](#), [18.8.510B](#), [18.8.511A](#), [18.8.602](#), and rules of this subchapter determine hours of travel and other restrictions applicable to a class three load.

Pilot Car Requirements:**Class 1:**

- Width requires two rear pilot vehicles on the interstate and two front, one rear pilot vehicle on non-interstate
- Length requires one rear pilot vehicle on all routes
- Height requires one front pilot vehicle equipped with a height pole and/or any other equivalent device detecting overhead dimensions on interstate.

Class 2:

- Width requires two rear pilot vehicles on the interstate and two front, two rear pilot vehicles on non-interstate
- Length requires one front and one rear pilot vehicle
- Height requires one front pilot vehicle equipped with a height pole and/or any other equivalent device detecting overhead dimensions on interstate and an additional rear pilot vehicle on non-interstate

Class 3:

- Regular: No additional pilot cars on non-interstate routes
- 10 mph: one rear pilot car on non-interstate routes
- Bridge centerline: one front and one rear pilot car on non-interstate routes
- For extremely heavy loads, MDT Bridge Bureau may place speed restrictions on Interstate routes. These restrictions will require pilot cars, additional signage, and a Traffic Control Plan for permitting approval

Additional Required Documents:

Width:

Over 18' to 20'

Contact list, Configuration, and Insurance Certification

Over 20' to 34'

Contact List, Configuration, Traffic Control Plan, Route Survey, Phone number of load supervisor, Insurance Certification and Contingency Plan (breakdowns)

Over 34'

Contact List, Configuration, Traffic Control Plan, Route Survey, Phone number of load supervisor, Insurance Certification, Original Bond (\$15,000) and Contingency Plan (breakdowns)

Length:

Over 150' to 200'

Contact List, Configuration, Traffic Control Plan, Route Survey, Phone number of load supervisor, Insurance Certification

Over 200'

Contact List, Configuration, Traffic Control Plan, Route Survey, Phone number of load supervisor, Insurance Certification, Original Bond (\$15,000)

Height:

Over 17' to 24'

Contact List, Configuration, Traffic Control Plan, Route Survey, Phone number of load supervisor, Insurance Certification, Utility letters, Telephone Letters

Over 24'

Contact List, Configuration, Traffic Control Plan, Route Survey, Phone number of load supervisor, Insurance Certification, Original Bond (\$15,000), Utility Letters, Telephone Letters