

KANSAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

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Policy on the Movement of Oversize Loads

Written permits are not required for the movement of oversize loads on the Kansas Turnpike. However, due to the size and configuration of some loads, prior approval is required from the Chief Engineer/General Manager or the Turnpike Highway Patrol Commander before such vehicles and/or loads can be moved or transported on the Kansas Turnpike.

The following guidelines indicate the maximum vehicle and/or payload sizes allowable and when prior approval is required.

1. **Tractor-Trailer Combination Units**
The Kansas Turnpike presently allows single, tandem and triple trailer combinations to operate day or night.
2. **Length Restrictions**
Any vehicle, or combination of vehicles, trailer(s), or load exceeding 119 feet in overall length must obtain authorization from the Chief Engineer/General Manager, or Turnpike Highway Patrol Commander prior to moving such vehicle on the Kansas Turnpike. Authorization will not be granted for night operation, except in extreme emergency, or disaster conditions.
3. **Height Restrictions**
Vehicles and/or loads activating high load detectors when entering the Kansas Turnpike are required to stop, and cannot proceed until authorized by a Turnpike Highway Patrol Trooper.

All overhead structures on the Kansas Turnpike will allow movement of loads not exceeding 14 feet in height. All vehicles and/or loads over 14 feet in height will be denied entry until a Turnpike Highway Patrol Trooper has measured the load. The trooper will then authorize or prohibit entry onto the Kansas Turnpike based on the measured height of the vehicle and/or load and the destination of the vehicle and/or load.

4. **Width Restrictions**
Vehicles and/or loads up to, but not exceeding 12 feet - 6 inches in width may use the Kansas Turnpike without special authorization both day and night. They must, however, be properly lighted during the hours of darkness.
Loads wider than 12 feet - 6 inches, but not exceeding 14 feet in width may use the Kansas Turnpike without authorization, but can only operate during daylight hours.

Vehicles and/or loads exceeding 14 feet wide are required to obtain authorization from the Chief Engineer/General Manager or the Turnpike Highway Patrol Commander prior to using the Kansas Turnpike. Movement of such vehicles and/or loads is limited to Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.. At least one escort vehicle is required to accompany the movement of loads over 14 feet in width on the Kansas Turnpike. Authorization

will not be granted for night operation, except in extreme emergency, or disaster conditions.

Vehicle and/or loads exceeding 16 feet in width will rarely be authorized for any operation on the Kansas Turnpike.

5. Weight Restrictions

All vehicle axle weights must comply with Kansas Law (KSA 8-1908 and 8-1909).

“Single Axle” shall not exceed 20,000 pounds, including any axle of a group of axles.

“Tandem Axles” shall not exceed 34,000 pounds, when axles spaced not less than 40 inches and not more than 96 inches apart.

“Triple Axles” shall not exceed 42,000 pounds, when such three or more consecutive axles are spaced more than 96 inches and not more than 120 inches apart.

“Quad Axles” shall not exceed 50,000 pounds when such four or more consecutive axles, arranged in tandem, are spaced more than 120 inches and not more than 150 inches apart.

No authorization is required for vehicles and/or loads up to and including 120,000 pounds if legal axle weights are not exceeded.

Any vehicle and or load exceeding the above weight limitations cannot legally use the Kansas Turnpike without advance authorization from the Chief Engineer/General Manager, the Division I Engineer, or the Division II Engineer. Such authorization will be unlikely except in extreme emergency, or disaster situations.

6. Mobile Homes

a. Mobile homes up to 12 feet - 6 inches in width may be moved day or night.

b. Mobile homes over 12 feet - 6 inches in width, and up to and including 14 feet in width may be moved only during daylight hours.

c. The movement of mobile homes over 14 feet in width will be limited to daylight hours, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.. Additionally, the movement of such mobile homes on the Kansas Turnpike must be concluded by noon on any day preceding a legal holiday. At least one escort vehicle is required to accompany the movement of mobile homes over 14 feet in width on the Kansas Turnpike.

d. Overall length will be allowed up to and including 119 feet.

e. All mobile homes must be towed by a truck-tractor specifically designed and equipped to tow mobile homes. Towing of more than one mobile home at any one time will not be permitted.

f. All movement of mobile homes must comply with the Kansas Department of Transportation Rules and Regulations regarding flags, lights, signing, and insurance requirements.

7. Other Information

Special permits from the Kansas Department of Transportation are not required to move oversize loads on the Kansas Turnpike. Movement of any oversize loads, however, must comply with Kansas laws governing authority, insurance, lights, flags, signs, placards and safety equipment. It is the responsibility of the driver of any oversize vehicle and/or load entering or exiting the Kansas Turnpike to determine if the toll plaza has adequate space for the safe entry or exiting of the vehicle and/or load.

Restrictions on the movement of some or all oversize vehicles or combinations of vehicles may be temporarily implemented due to wind, weather, road or construction conditions.

Daylight hours are those hours between sunrise and sunset.