

Superload Application Instructions and Information

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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://mtleague.org/about/municipal-directory> for city contacts
 - <http://www.mtcounties.org/> for county contacts
 - <https://tribalnations.mt.gov/tribalnations> for Tribal contacts
 - https://tribalnations.mt.gov/docs/Transportation_Planners1.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

Traffic control plan must include (if not using generated Route Survey form from eTRIPs):

- Number and placement of pilot vehicles per permit requirements
- Procedures for:
 - Intersections
 - Roundabouts
 - Railroad crossings
 - Passing opposing traffic
 - Other obstacles that may hinder the movement of the load
- Identification of critical infrastructure (bridges, signals, signs, delineators, narrow lanes, guardrail, etc.)
- Type of signage being used (stop signs, slow down signage, oversize load sign, etc.)

Superload Duration:

Class 1 and 2 superloads applications are good for sixty days from approval.
Class 3 superloads applications are good for one year from approval.

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.

Class 1:

Class one dimensions and moving requirements consist of the following:

- (a) width exceeds 18 feet but does not exceed 34 feet; and/or
- (b) height exceeds 17 feet but does not exceed 24 feet; and/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 superload 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; and/or
- (b) height exceeds 24 feet, and/or
- (c) length exceeds 200 feet.

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.

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 3 load.

Pilot Car Requirements:**Interstate:****Width:**

Loads exceeding 18 feet must have at least two rear pilot vehicles side by side. Vehicles exempted under 61-10-102(2)(a) MCA, may only travel during hours of darkness with one rear pilot vehicle.

Height:

- Loads exceeding 17 to 24 feet must have one front pilot vehicle equipped with a height pole and/or any other equivalent device detecting overhead dimensions.
- Loads exceeding 24 feet must have one front pilot vehicle equipped with a height pole and/or any other equivalent device detecting overhead dimensions and one rear pilot vehicle.

Non-Interstate:**Width:**

- Loads exceeding 18 feet to 24 feet must have at least two front and one rear pilot vehicles.
- Loads exceeding 24 feet must have at least two front and two rear pilot vehicles.

Height:

- Loads exceeding 17 to 24 feet must have one front pilot vehicle equipped with a height pole and/or any other equivalent device detecting overhead dimensions.
- Loads exceeding 24 feet must have one front pilot vehicle equipped with a height pole and/or any other equivalent device detecting overhead dimensions and one rear pilot vehicle.

Length:

- Loads exceeding 150 feet must have one rear pilot vehicle.
- Loads exceeding 200 feet must have one front and one rear pilot vehicle.

Weight:

- 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 feet to 20 feet**

Contact list (Provided by MCS), Configuration, and Insurance Certification.
Traffic Control Plan and Route Survey (may be required on a case-by-case basis).

Over 20 feet to 34 feet

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

Over 34 feet

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

Length:**Over 150 feet to 200 feet**

Contact List (Provided by MCS), Configuration, Traffic Control Plan, Route Survey, Phone number of load supervisor, and Insurance Certification.

Over 200 feet

Contact List (Provided by MCS), Configuration, Traffic Control Plan, Route Survey, Phone number of load supervisor, and Insurance Certification.

Height:**Over 17 feet to 24 feet**

Contact List (Provided by MCS), Configuration, Traffic Control Plan, Route Survey, Phone number of load supervisor, Insurance Certification, Utility Worksheet, and Telephone Letters.

Over 24 feet

Contact List (Provided by MCS), Configuration, Traffic Control Plan, Route Survey, Phone number of load supervisor, Insurance Certification, Utility Worksheet, and Telephone Letters.

Utility Worksheet Contacts:

When submitting the Utility Worksheet, you may use the following to find contacts for the affected Utilities/Coops, Telecommunication Companies, and Northwestern Energy.

Coops: <https://mtco-ops.com/member-co-ops>

NW Energy: <http://www3.northwesternenergy.com/home>

Telecoms: <https://www.broadbandmt.com/telco-members>

CenturyLink: contact local office