

# Commercial Vehicle Enforcement



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## **Overview**

**Commercial vehicles are defined as every vehicle used or operated upon the public roads, highway or bridges in connection with any business function.**

**All commercial vehicles that are stopped by Enforcement personnel (permanent or portable scale) may be subjected to inspection of vehicle registration, IFTA credentials, CDL, bill of lading or any other documents pertaining to operation, or load being hauled. Random checks of license plates and cab cards, and other documents are made during normal operating procedures to determine validity. When checking cab cards and tags for commercial vehicles Officers may stop and park vehicles at the permanent scale facility or along the highway, taking care to prevent traffic obstruction.**

**Operators of commercial vehicles should at all times have in their possession a valid license tag and registration (cab card) that indicates the owner, VIN number, make and model of vehicle, registered weight and class. For the registration to be valid vehicle information must coincide with vehicle that is being inspected and be current. The only exceptions will be a new vehicle purchased and off the road equipment. Registration must be unaltered and legible. If there is a question as to the validity of the registration Officer should contact Jackson to ascertain the information as it is registered with the Ms State Tax Commission or the base state. Be mindful that all registration information is not readily available, and there may be a need to contact the jurisdiction by telephone to obtain correct data.**

**With the intervention of Pre-Pass all vehicles are not required to enter the weigh stations, however this can be controlled by the Officer on duty. All vehicles under Pre-Pass should be currently registered to maintain Pre-Pass status. At any time the Officer may disable Pre-Pass and require all vehicles to enter weigh stations. All non Pre-Pass permitted loads and carriers of fuel should enter weigh-station when station is in operation. Vehicles with permitted loads not qualified under Pre-Pass or fuel carriers that do not enter stations are to be noted and the information (company, or any other information gathered) forwarded to Jackson for determination of status and action to be taken.**

**Since the introduction of the International Registration Plan vehicles are allowed to register for each jurisdiction through its base or home state. Many IRP registrations will look essentially identical. The cab card must be current and display the amount of weight that vehicle is licensed to gross in each state. Vehicles may be apportioned at the owner's discretion. Valid or current IRP registration allows the vehicle to run interstate or intrastate. All non-resident two axle vehicles in excess of 26,001 pounds registered or actual weight, any power unit with three or more axles regardless of weight, or a combination in excess of 26,001 pounds must have one of the following in their possession to legally operate. A valid current IRP cab card, a current unaltered temporary IRP registration or a trip permit.**

**All states of the continental United States and Canadian provinces are members of the IRP. Vehicles that do not have IRP registrations and meet or exceed the limitations may secure a trip permit for the privilege of using the Mississippi highways. The twenty-five dollar trip permit or 72-hour permit may be obtained through the Jackson Permit Department or from the first weigh station upon entering the State. Vehicles entering the State may secure the permit without penalty. If vehicle travels the State without securing the trip permit and is stopped beyond the first weigh station a penalty may be assessed in the amount of one-hundred and twenty-five dollars plus the original twenty-five dollars for the permit. Because of the agreement with the IRP and its member jurisdiction certain vehicles are not required to apportion. Vehicles that display restricted tags are not required to apportion or obtain trip permits. Restricted tags are those that have a geographic area, mileage or commodity restriction. Examples of restricted tags are farm, gravel, forestry, carnival, and natural resources. This list does not name all restricted tags but a few examples, if you are not sure that the plate falls under the restricted guidelines, check with your supervisor.**

**In the event of a resident company (Mississippi registrant) being stopped who has not registered their vehicle, no permit shall be issued for that vehicle. The Mississippi code does not provide for purchase of permits for residents that have not properly registered vehicles. Vehicle may be held until proper credentials are presented or issued a Justice Court citation. Be mindful that vehicles recently purchased have a grace time period to properly register their vehicle. New vehicle purchases have a 7-work day period to register vehicles.**

**The weight and class of resident vehicle registration will appear on the license tag and cab-card (for example F-80 is a private carrier registered for 80,000 pounds). Mississippi has two classes of tags for residents.**

- ❖ Private carriers of property (F-class) are for vehicles hauling farm products from and to his farm in his truck, persons hauling his own fish including shellfish, and persons hauling unprocessed forest products that he owns in his own truck.**
- ❖ Private commercial carriers of property (B-class, P-rate) operators who transport their own property or carries property for the purpose other than for hire. This also includes haulers of fertilizer.**
- ❖ Common and contract carriers (B-class, H-rate) that haul by contract or lease or other arrangements for compensation (for hire).**

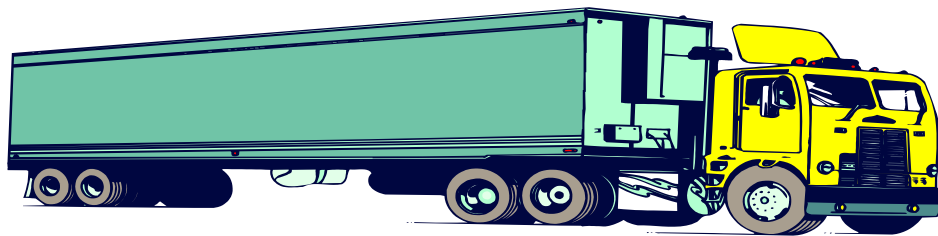
## **WHAT DOES A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE NEED TO TRAVEL IN MISSISSIPPI?**

### **What is a commercial vehicle?**

**"Commercial vehicle" shall mean every vehicle used or operated upon the public roads, highways or bridges in connection with any business function.**

**Listed below is general information concerning vehicles with a gross weight in excess of 26,001 lbs. If more information is needed please feel free to call the noted department or agency or contact the Office of Enforcement.**

**The Mississippi Department of Transportation, Office of Enforcement is responsible for enforcing Mississippi's size, weight and load laws, fuel tax laws, privilege license laws and the collection of these taxes.**



### **What is an apportionable vehicle?**

**APPORTIONABLE VEHICLE is any vehicle used for the transportation of persons or property and (1) has a power unit which has a gross vehicle weight in excess of 26,001 pounds or (2) a power unit which has three (3) or more axles regardless of weight or (3) a power unit which is used in combination with a trailer when the weight of the combination exceeds 26,001 pounds gross vehicle weight.**

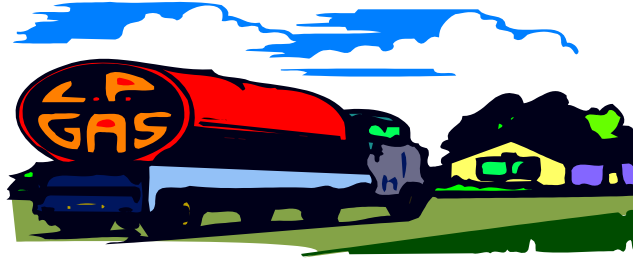
**Vehicles licensed in a state or jurisdiction of which Mississippi has a reciprocal agreement and vehicles with apportioned license from an I.R.P. (International Registration Plan) jurisdiction, properly registered with Mississippi, satisfy privilege license tax requirements. The cab card must show Mississippi and the apportioned weight.**

**Vehicles from an I.R.P. State or jurisdiction that have not registered for apportioned license must secure a trip permit at the first weigh station that an Officer is on duty or through one of the permitting agencies or from M.D.O.T. Permit Section. However, the reciprocal agreement between I.R.P. jurisdictions and Mississippi allows interstate travel for non-apportioned vehicles that bear restricted plates from the base state. These plates must have a restriction on product, geographic area, or time limitation to be honored for interstate travel. Those in this category are not required to secure the 72-hour permit. These restricted plates must secure a trip or 72 hour permit before operating intrastate (point to point in Mississippi). Restricted plates include but are not limited to the following, farm, natural resources, carnival, gravel, dealer etc. To contact MDOT Permits phone 1-888-**

**Common and contract carriers of passengers and property are required to qualify with Mississippi Public Service Commission. For more information contact MS PSC at (601) 961-5439.**

**Common and contract carriers of passengers' base plated in an IRP jurisdiction are entitled to full reciprocity on charter trips.**

**LICENSE PLATES SHOULD BE PURCHASED AT THE LOCAL COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.  
FOR APPORTIONED LICENSE OR IRP INFORMATION CONTACT THE STATE TAX COMMISSION PRORATE DIVISION (601) 923-7000.**



## FUEL TAXES

### How and from who are fuel taxes collected?

All qualified private commercial, common and contract carriers of property or passengers and private carriers of property that cross the boundary line of the State of Mississippi and have a gross weight in excess of 26,001 pounds, shall be subject to a privilege tax for use of the highways. The tax requirement may be complied with in three manners. (1) Carriers may apply for and receive an I.F.T.A. credential which includes two IFTA decals for each power unit and an I.F.T.A. cab card that shows the member jurisdictions that the carrier is registered in. The decals and cab card must be current and on each vehicle. (2) The carrier may purchase a sufficient amount of fuel in Mississippi to cover the miles traveled and present the fuel receipt at the weigh station as he exits the State, or (3) Pay the fuel fee of twenty dollars \$20.00 at the weigh station when exiting the State. For additional information concerning I.F.T.A. contact the State Tax Commission Petroleum Division at (601) 923-7000.

Any motor carrier based in Mississippi and operating one (1) or more qualified motor vehicles in at least one (1) other jurisdiction may file an IFTA License Application in Mississippi. Mississippi does not charge a license or decal fee for fuel tax registration.

An IFTA license will be assigned to each IFTA licensee. A legible copy of the license must be maintained in the cab of each qualified vehicle. The original license issued by the Commission should be kept in a safe place.

### QUALIFIED MOTOR VEHICLE

A motor vehicle used, designed, or maintained for the transportation of persons or property and:

1. Having two (2) axles and gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight exceeding twenty-six (26,001) pounds;
2. Having three (3) or more axles regardless of weight; or
3. Used in combination when the weight of such combination exceeds twenty-six thousand (26,001) pounds gross vehicle or registered gross vehicle weight.

\*\*\*Qualified motor vehicle does not include recreational vehicles.

### DYED FUEL

The MDOT Enforcement Division will randomly inspect vehicles for compliance with fuel laws that govern the use of non-taxed diesel fuel. Any violations may result in collection of taxes and or fines that may be levied by the Internal Revenue Service. Dyed diesel fuel is restricted from use in vehicles that are tagged.



## **Fuel Imports**

The Mississippi Petroleum Tax Laws require every person transporting more than 50 gallons of gasoline or more than 500 gallons of Special Fuel to have in his possession a serially numbered bill of sale, bill of lading, invoice or other documentation showing the following:

- 1. Type of Product**
- 2. Name and address of person from whom product was received.**
- 3. Name and address of the person to whom delivery is to be made.**

When deliveries are made by a common or contract carrier, there should be a "terminal manifest" and a "carrier manifest".

In addition to shipping documents, the Gasoline Tax Law and Special Fuel Tax Law require every person other than a common or contract carrier, who imports gasoline in quantities of 50 gallons or more, or special fuel in quantities of 500 gallons or more, to give notice of the intent to import such gasoline or special fuel.

However, a distributor that has authority from the USDOT to operate as a common or contract carrier is not required to file Import Notices but is required to file a monthly Carrier's Report.

Determining whether a motor carrier is a common or contract can be done by documents carried on the truck or a common or contract carrier should have an MC or ICC number and a RS3-receipt issued by the base state indicating payment and the states in which the carrier is registered for SSRS. Also a check can be made through the "SAFER" Internet site at <http://www.safersys.org>.

### **Definitions**

Special Fuel is defined as diesel fuel, kerosene, fuel oil, jet fuel and any other product other than gasoline or compressed gas that is usable as fuel in an internal combustion engine and any combustible liquid except gasoline or compressed gas that is usable as fuel in an aircraft.

Dyed diesel fuel (red in color) is defined as diesel that is dyed in accordance with United States Environmental Protection Agency or Internal Revenue Service requirements.

Undyed diesel is defined as diesel fuel that does not meet the dyeing requirements prescribed by the United States EPA or the IRS.



**Private, Commercial, Common &  
Contract Carrier Of Property &  
Passenger Vehicles Over 10,000 Pounds**

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<b>Section Number</b>	27-19-11	<b>Issued By</b>	State	<b>Tag Type</b>	B
<b>Vehicle Type</b>	2, 4 & 5	<b>Entry Format</b>	B99/999999	<b>Proof Required</b>	Yes
<b>Limit Tags</b>	No	<b>Special Tag Fee</b>	Schedule II	<b>Surviving Spouse</b>	No

Fees are based on Schedule I, Class, Vehicle Weight plus any load carried or to be carried. Additional fees are figured on Gross Vehicle Weight and the age of the vehicle. An additional privilege tax is distributed to the counties based on the state ratio of heavy truck registrations in each taxing district in each county to the total number of such vehicles registered statewide. Therefore, it is important that heavy trucks are registered in the correct taxing district. The gross vehicle weight of buses shall be the gross weight of the vehicle plus one hundred fifty (150) pounds per each regular seat, and the licensed weight and age of the vehicle.

Any person who applies for registration and licensing of a vehicle over 55,000 pounds which is liable for payment of the federal heavy use tax must present proof of payment, or suspension of such use tax, prior to registration. No registration receipt or license tag may be issued without proof of payment as provided in the Surface Transportation Act of 1982.

There are two classes: P - Private and H- Hire. The H class must be qualified with the Public Service Commission.

Applications for license are at the county tax collector's office. A Temporary Operating Certificate (TOC) (Form 64-052T) and Preprinted Renewal (Form 64-049) valid for 30 days is given to operate on the highways until the license and/or decals are issued by the state.

When a vehicle is sold there are two options: (1) the previous owner removes the tag and receives credit at the Tax Collector's for the remaining period of the tag or (2) transfer the tag to new owner and he receives credit at application.

## Private Carrier Of Property Over 10,000 Lbs



<b>Section Number</b>	27-19-11 and 27-19-3 (25)	<b>Issued By</b>	State	<b>Tag Type</b>	F
<b>Vehicle Type</b>	2 & 4	<b>Entry Format</b>	F99/999999	<b>Proof Required</b>	Yes
<b>Limit Tags</b>	No	<b>Special Tag Fee</b>	Schedule II	<b>Surviving Spouse</b>	N/A

Fees are based on Schedule 1, Class F, Vehicle Weight plus any load carried or to be carried. Additional fees are figured on the Gross Vehicle Weight plus the age of the vehicle for trucks. This additional privilege tax is distributed to the counties based on the state ratio of heavy truck registrations in each taxing district in each county to the total number of such vehicles registered statewide. Any person who applies for registration and licensing of a vehicle over 55,000 pounds which is liable for payment of the federal heavy vehicle use tax must present proof of payment, or suspension of such use tax, prior to registration. No registration receipt or license tag may be issued without proof of payment as provided in the Surface Transportation Act of 1982.

Applications for licenses are obtained at the county tax collector's office. A Temporary Operating Certificate (TOC) (Form 64-052T) and Preprinted Renewal (Form 64-049) valid for thirty (30) days is given to operate on the highways until the license and/or decals are issued by the state.

Farm tags are restricted to any person transporting farm products produced on their farm and also farm supplies, materials and equipment used in the growing or production of their agricultural products in their own trucks and to any person transporting their own fish, including shellfish, in their own truck or any person transporting unprocessed forest products, wherein ownership remains the same, in their own truck.

Mississippi farm plates are honored by other states as far as the vehicle entering to pick up a load and returning loaded or bringing in a load, dropping it off and then returning empty. Any other method of operation constitutes doing business in that state and an apportioned tag is required.

Tags are transferable between owners when the truck is sold or transferred. The new owner receives credit towards the purchase of the new tag by surrendering the old tag. The credit will be applied to the purchase of the new tag and if the new tag is less than the credit, a credit certificate (Form 76-513-96-1 Heavy Vehicle Certificate of Credit) will be issued for the balance.

## Temporary



Each tag notes month of expiration of licensed period with a decal affixed to tag

<b>Section Number</b>	27-19-64	<b>Issued By</b>	State	<b>Tag Type</b>	See Specific Tag
<b>Vehicle Type</b>	See Specific Tag	<b>Entry Formats</b>	See Specific Tag	<b>Proof Required</b>	Yes
<b>Limit Tags</b>	No	<b>Special Tag Fee</b>	See tax rate schedule	<b>Surviving Spouse</b>	N/A

Entry Format	Tag Type	Vehicle Type
FT99/999999	FT - Farm Temporary	2, 4
PT99/999999	PT - Private Temporary	2, 4 & 5
HT99/999999	HT - Hire Temporary	2,4 & 5

Taxes for temporary tags may be paid for periods of three (3) months or six (6) months. The rate of tax for a three month period is thirty-five percent (35%) of the annual rate as set forth in the tax rate schedule of Section 27-19-11. The rate for a six-month period is sixty percent (60%) of the annual rate as set forth in the tax schedule of Section 27-19-11.

The three and six months periods do not have to coincide with quarterly or semiannual periods of the calendar year but begin on the first day of any month of the year and run through the last day of the following third or sixth month. If the application, Form 64-052T (Application - Permit and License Tag) is made and the taxes and fees paid on or before the fifteenth day of a month, the license period begins on the first day of that particular month. When the application is made and the taxes and fee paid after the fifteenth day of a month, the license period begins on the first day of the following month.

## Apportioned



Section Number	27-19-11 and 27-19-143	Issued By	State	Tag Type	A
Vehicle Type	2, 4 & 5	Entry Format	A99999	Proof Required	Yes
Limit Tags	1	Special Tag Fee	Schedule II	Surviving Spouse	N/A



Section Number	27-19-17 and 27-19-143	Issued By	State	Tag Type	TA
Vehicle Type	9	Entry Format	ATLR/9999A	Proof Required	Yes
Limit Tags	1	Special Tag Fee	None	Surviving Spouse	N/A

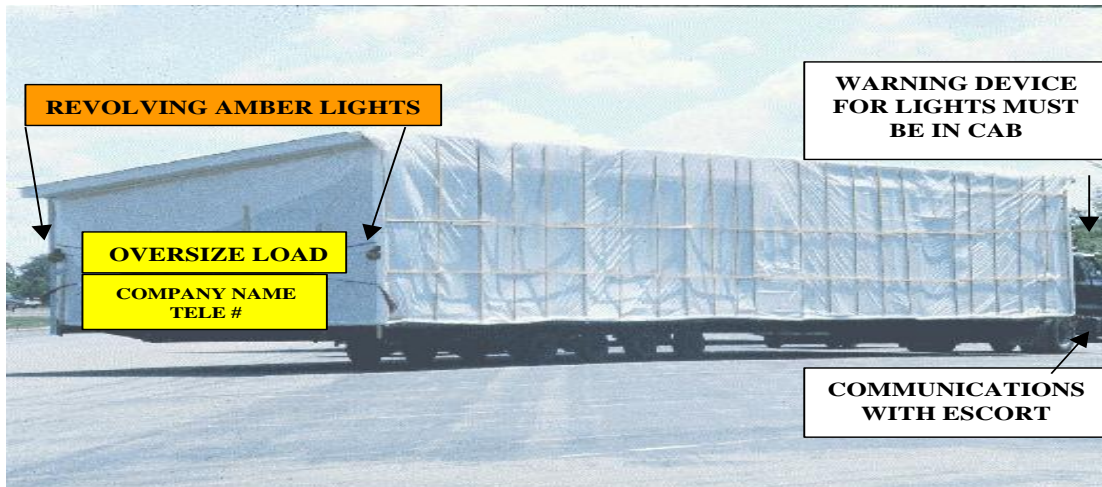
Mississippi requires all vehicles domiciled in the State and engaged in interstate commerce to be registered in accordance with the International Registration Plan (IRP) and to display apportioned plates on the vehicles. An apportionable vehicle is (1) a power unit having two axles and having a gross weight of 26,000 pounds or more; (2) a power unit having three or more axles, regardless of weight, or (3) a power unit which when used in combination with a trailer when the weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.



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**Permit Division**

## Mobile Homes



Effective: May 14, 1996

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MANUFACTURED HOME TRANSPORT

### I. GENERAL RULES APPLYING TO MOVEMENT OF ALL MANUFACTURED HOMES:

#### A. Permits:

1. Blanket permits for a period of twelve (12) months may be issued to licensed dealers and transporters of manufactured homes and/or chassis not exceeding 14 feet in width (outside wall to outside wall), exclusive of legally required mirrors, and not exceeding 105 feet in length, including towing vehicle, for movement over all state maintained highways which are four-lane or the lane width of which is not less than 12 feet.

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2. Blanket permits may be issued to licensed dealers and transporters of manufactured homes over 14 feet in width up to 16 feet in width (outside wall to outside wall) and 14 feet in height. There will be no charge for this blanket authority, however each permit will continue to cost \$10.00. Pre-numbered permit books will be purchased from the MDOT Permit Division. Each book will contain 50 blank permits and will cost \$500.00. The permittee will complete a permit form for each trip, place the original in the vehicle and leave the copy in the book. Completed books must be returned to the MDOT permit office.
3. The customer must have a charge account set up with the Mississippi Department of Transportation and no outstanding warrants to purchase the Blanket permit. A copy of the blanket and the permit must be carried in the vehicle at all times or the permit will be invalid.
4. Daylight movement only. All movements to be on highways with a minimum pavement width of 20 feet. One escort is required for all loads and/or vehicles that exceed 12 feet in width,

(Front on 2 lane highways or the Rear on 4 lane highways). There will be certain sections of highway, which may not be used under this blanket. These sections will be specified on the blanket permit.

- B. Any vehicle and/or load in violation of the permitting rules or regulations, or caught on prohibited sections of highway will be fined \$250.00 and/or a 6-month permit suspension.
- C. Such movement will be made using all necessary safety precautions and additional specified safety precautions shall be employed as follows:
  - 1. All such movement exceeding 12 feet in width shall have 18"x 18" red or fluorescent orange flags on the front corners of the manufactured home at a height of 6 feet above the pavement.

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- 2. All legally required running lights of manufactured home and towing vehicle, including headlights, are required to be lighted during the move. Also, two additional 5" flashing amber lights (sufficient for 500 feet visibility) will be mounted approximately 6 feet from pavement surface on the rear corners of the manufactured home. Control of the lighting system will be from inside the towing vehicle with a warning device to alert the driver in the event the warning lights on the towing vehicle and the manufactured home malfunction.
- 3. Movements shall be made between One-half (1/2) hour after sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour before sunset Monday through Saturday.

Transporters shall time movements to avoid the major urban areas of Jackson, Memphis/Southaven and the Gulf Coast (excluding I-10) from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Movements will not be allowed on Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, or after 12:00 noon on days preceding the listed holidays.

- 4. Such movements shall not be made during times of heavy rain, snow, during other hazardous weather conditions, or any time when the ground speed of the wind exceeds 25 miles per hour.
- 5. Towing vehicles shall be a minimum of two tons manufacture's rating with dual tires and minimum 4-speed transmission.
- 6. The move shall be sufficiently marked on front of the towing vehicle and rear of manufactured home to notify all motorists that it is a wide load. An oversize load sign 84"x18" with wording "OVERSIZE LOAD" in black letters 10" inches high with 1-5/8" inch brush stroke on yellow or orange background will be on the front of the towing vehicle and the rear of the manufactured home.
- 7. Transporters will monitor trailing traffic build-up and will pull to the roadside periodically as the opportunity arises to allow long lines of traffic to clear.
- 8. The escort vehicle shall be equipped with 18"x18" red or fluorescent orange flags mounted on 7 foot staffs on each side of the front bumper or the equivalent height mounted to the revolving



light bracket on top of the cab of escort vehicle and equipped with signs sufficient to notify approaching traffic of the wide load.

Escort vehicle also shall be equipped with an AMBER revolving or flashing light of sufficient size to be visible to all traffic within a safe distance of the vehicle or load being escorted when mounted on top of the cab. The lights shall operate during the entire course of the movement. Escorts and towing vehicles shall both be equipped with radios such that inter-vehicle communication is possible. The escort vehicle is responsible for advising the towing vehicle of any conditions arising that may require reducing speed, pulling off the roadway, etc.

9. Oversize load warning signs shall be removed from escort vehicle when not actually engaged in escort activities.

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10. All necessary safety precautions shall be employed in crossing narrow bridges, including flagging traffic, to permit a safe crossing.
  11. Should any of the vehicles, either escort or towing, be required to stop and be unable to completely remove themselves from the travelway, including shoulders, then all of such vehicles shall stop and maintain in operation all lights, except that the escort vehicle may proceed to seek aid if necessary. In addition to the vehicular lights, all battery operated warning lights shall be placed alongside the vehicles and at least one person will remain with the vehicles and act as flag man for the safety of the traveling public.
- D. Each permit issued must be carried in the vehicle to which it refers at all times during the move.
  - E. Failure of any dealer or transporter to comply with the terms of the permit shall be cause for cancellation of all permits issued to the failing dealer and/or transporter. All other regulations and any additional restrictions or regulations as may be placed in the permit shall be observed.
  - F. All those applying for or receiving permits shall file with the Mississippi Department of Transportation a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$25,000 as security for any damage to the highway. Exceptions may be made for federal and state agencies, counties and municipalities moving their own equipment with their own vehicles or when, in the opinion of the Department of Transportation a non-recurring single movement is not of a nature likely to cause damage to the highway.

Applicants will also file a certificate of insurance confirming a motor vehicle liability policy in an amount of at least \$250,000.

It is noted that Section 63-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, places damage liability upon the permit holder.

- G. There shall be a sign that is legible from a distance of no less than 50 feet mounted on the rear of each manufactured house, 14 feet wide or wider, being moved containing the name and telephone number of the mover and the permittee (if the permittee is different than the mover), and the name and telephone number shall be marked on each dealer/transporter truck hauling a manufactured house.

**II. RULES APPLYING TO THE USE OF ESCORTS AND/OR FLASHING AMBER LIGHTS WHEN MOVING A MANUFACTURED HOME:**

**A. SIZE OF MANUFACTURED HOME**

1. All movement of loads in excess of 10 feet, not exceeding 12 feet in width, will require, as a minimum, the use of red or fluorescent orange flags mounted at an approximate height of 6 feet above the pavement on all corners of the manufactured home.
2. All movement of loads in excess of 12 feet, not exceeding 16 feet in width, on 2-lane roadways (1 lane per direction of travel) will require, as a minimum, the use of a front escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the manufactured home.

# Excess Weight and Size



Mississippi will permit non-divisible loads that exceed the following:

**Weight 80,000**  
**Width 8 Feet 6 Inches**  
**Height 13 Feet 6 Inches**  
**Front Overhang 3 Feet**  
**Length Exceeding 99 Feet**  
**Rear Overhang 15 Feet or Greater**

The Mississippi Department of Transportation Permits Division authorizes and issues over dimensional and excess weight motor vehicle moves. The permit office is open each Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and may be reached at (601) 359-1148 or 1-888-737-0061.

Excess size and weight permits may also be obtained at the first weigh station entering the State under the following criteria:

- A. The issuing officer must verify that the company has current insurance by contacting the radio room or by reviewing the certificate of insurance provided by the driver.
- B. The vehicle must have a minimum of five axles for weight up to 100,000 pounds. Axle weight may not exceed 12,500 on the steering and 44,000 per tandem. (Exception: Steering axle weight may increase if tire size will allow it.)
- C. The vehicle must have a minimum of six axles for weight over 100,000 pounds up to 120,000 pounds. Axle weights may not exceed 12,500 on steering, 47,500 on a tandem and 60,000 on a tri axle. (Exception: Steering axle weight may increase if tire size will allow it.)
- D. Oversize permits may be issued not to exceed 14' in width and legal height.
- E. Permits for combinations that are 99' in length not to exceed 105'. Escorts required in front on two lanes and rear on four lanes.

## OTHER PERMIT OPTIONS

The permit section can be contacted for any non-divisible load not covered by the previous section, also for information on Blanket Permits, Continuous Movement Self-Issue Permits.



## ***OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT BLANKET PERMIT OPERATIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES***

1. The carrier must renew the blanket each year.
2. The carrier must pay all fees required by law.
3. The carrier will be issued a series of pre-numbered permit forms. The carrier will complete the permit form prior to any move, telefax the form to the Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit Office, and issue a copy of the permit to the driver of the vehicle. A copy of the permit and the blanket must be in the vehicle at all times. If the permit is not faxed to the Permit Office and if the permit and the blanket are not produced by the driver upon request the move will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly. Additionally if the load does not conform to the specifications contained in the blanket authorization, the load will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly.
4. Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit staff will review submitted permits and will bill the carriers account. If staff notes any discrepancies the carrier will be notified prior to billing.
5. Mississippi Department of Transportation may exclude certain portions of highways for the use of permit in the initial blanket or at any time during the life of the blanket with advance notification to the carrier.
6. Any mis-statement or misrepresentation on the part of the carrier on any part of the permit may result in the suspension or revocation of the Oversize/Overweight blanket.
7. The carrier must observe all restrictions on the Oversize/Overweight blanket or will be deemed not to have a permit and penalized accordingly.
8. The Oversize/Overweight blanket is for daylight movement only. No movement allowed on Sundays.
9. Movement is allowed except on the following holidays: New Year's day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas or after 12:00 noon on the day proceeding the listed holidays.
10. A certificate of insurance must be on file with the MDOT Permit Office. If the insurance expires or is cancelled the blanket and the permits will be suspended.

This is to certify that I have received and agree to follow the operational policies and procedures of the oversize/overweight blanket.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_



**Blanket Permit Application**  
**Mississippi Department of Transportation**  
**Permit Office**  
**P.O. Box 1850**  
**Jackson, MS. 39215-1850**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cty/St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Bill To: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cty/St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

MDOT Charge Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cty/St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_ LoadDescription: \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

(FOR OVERWEIGHT AND/OR OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT LOADS INCLUDING CRANES PLEASE SUPPLY AXLE WEIGHTS AND SPACING.)

Axle weight:	Spacing:	Axle weight:	Spacing:	Axle weight:	Spacing:
1. _____	____	5. _____	____	9. _____	____
2. _____	____	6. _____	____	10. _____	____
3. _____	____	7. _____	____	11. _____	____
4. _____	____	8. _____	____	12. _____	____

Please Attach Diagram of Vehicle and Load.

Preferred Standard Routes(If Any): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION BLANKET PERMIT  
RULES AND PROCEDURES**

A. An Oversize Blanket permit, an Overweight self issuance Blanket Permit, and/or Oversize/Overweight self issuance Blanket Permit may be issued to any carrier to move non-divisible loads with a width no greater than 14 feet, otherwise legal upon approval of the written application submitted by the carrier.

B. The written application for overweight or overweight/oversize loads will include but not be limited to:

1. Company Name and Address
2. Bill To Name and Address
3. Insurance Company Name and Address
4. MDOT Charge Account Number
5. Load Description
6. Gross Weight and Width (14ft.MAX. Width)
7. Axle Weights and Axle Spacing
8. Make or Model and Serial number or Tag number of equipment
9. Drawing of the Vehicles and Loads
10. List Preferred Standard Routes (If Any)

C. Each carrier applicant must:

1. Have a Certificate of Insurance on file at the Vehicle Permit Division with the Mississippi Department of Transportation named as the certificate holder.
2. Have a MDOT charge account.
3. Submit a check or money order made payable to the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$100.00 for overweight only, \$100.00 for oversize only and \$200.00 for overweight/oversize with the application or written instruction to bill the carrier's account.

D. The applications will be reviewed by the Office of Enforcement and the MDOT Bridge Division, and Roadway Design Division.

E. Denied applications will be returned to applicants with reasons for denial.

F. The written application for motor cranes and/or off-road self powered equipment for blanket authority will be under the same guide lines as the overweight and overweight/oversize application. The following additional information must be submitted with application:

1. A certified scale receipt from a MDOT permanent scale that indicates the dimension of each axle spacing, each axle weight, the date and scale officers signature.
2. A copy of the manufacturer's data sheet of axle spacing and axle weight for the particular model vehicle.
3. A written description of what equipment has been added to or removed from the vehicle.

NOTE: Cranes and off-road self powered equipment that are currently on blanket permits, shall be re-weighed at each renewal.

G. Approved applicants will be sent a blanket permit that will include:

1. Specifications of the vehicles and loads
2. Effective dates of the permit

H. Overweight, Oversize/Overweight, motor cranes and off-road self powered equipment Blanket Permit holders will be issued a series of permit books. Prior to each move the permittee will complete the information on the permit form and contact the nearest scale or the Vehicle Permit Office for a permit number. The permittee will place a copy of the Permit and the Blanket Permit in the cab of the vehicle. If the Permit and the Blanket Permit are not on the vehicle it may be deemed not to be permitted and may be penalized accordingly.

I. The permit form will include Origin, Destination, and Routes traveled. Upon receiving the permit information, the permit office or the scale officer will calculate the fees and bill the carrier's account.

J. Any vehicle and load operating under such a permit and weighed by Enforcement Officers at a greater weight than specified on the blanket permit will be penalized from the permitted weight.

K. All vehicles must remain on routes specified on permit or will be deemed not to have a permit penalized according to legal road weight.

L. A Blanket Permit for oversize up to 14ft in width other wise legal for non-divisible loads may be obtained as follows:

1. A written request is required either faxed to (601) 359-5928 or mailed to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 1850, Jackson, MS. 39215.
2. A certificate of insurance on file in the permit office with the Mississippi Department of Transportation named as the certificate holder.

M. Vehicles and loads operating under an overweight, oversize, overweight/oversize, crane or off-road self powered blanket permit may travel Monday through Saturday from 30 minutes after sun-rise to 30 minutes before sun-set unless otherwise specified on the blanket.

N. Escorts are required for all loads exceeding 12ft in width.

O. Any misstatement or misrepresentation of any information on the blanket application or self issued permit may result in the revocation or suspension of all permit privileges.

**P. Any load determined by Enforcement Officers not to be a non-divisible load will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized based on the road weight limit.**



# CMSI Blanket Permit Application

Mississippi Department of Transportation

Permit Office

P.O. Box 1850

Jackson, MS. 39215-1850

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cty/St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Bill To: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cty/St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

MDOT Charge Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cty/St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Load Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Weight(95,000 lbs. MAX.): \_\_\_\_\_ Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Axle weight:	Spacing:	Axle weight:	Spacing:	Axle weight:	Spacing:
1. _____	____	4. _____	____	7. _____	____
2. _____	____	5. _____	____	8. _____	____
3. _____	____	6. _____	____	9. _____	____

Please Attach Diagram of Vehicle and Load.

Preferred Standard Routes(If Any): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

## **Information needed when applying for Oversize and or Excess Weight Permits**

**Insurance should be on file with MDOT Permit Section.**

**Make and license number of vehicle transporting load.**

**Origin and destination of load being transported.**

**Expected route. (May be changed by permit section.)**

**Axle spacing may be required on certain loads.**

### **Own Power Vehicles**

**Vehicles weighing under 80,000 lbs. classified as own power, which include cranes and other vehicles not eligible for MISSISSIPPI license tags because of size or weight compliance may contact the permit section or weigh station to secure a trip permit (72 Hour). Vehicles in excess of 80,000 must secure a 72 hour permit in addition to excess weight permit.**



## **Permit Fees**

**Seventy-two hour permit \$25.00**

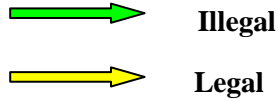
**Excess weight Permit .05 for each 1,000 lbs. above legal limit X number of miles.**

**Oversize Permit: Length, Height, Width \$10.00**

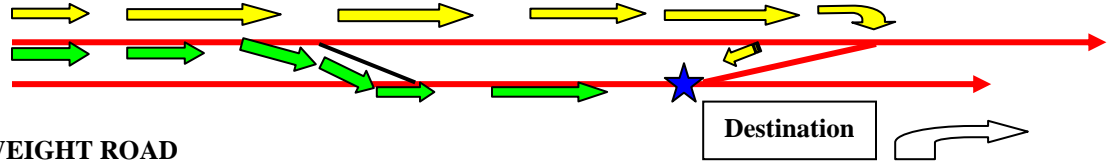
## Highway Gross Weight Limits

Mississippi's state highway system has two (2) different maximum highway gross weight limits. Some highway routes have what is referred to as a "low weight road limits." These highways have a limit of 57,650 pounds and cannot be used as a shortcut between two high weight highways (80,000 lbs weight limit). However the maximum load may be carried from a point on this road if the product hauled originates on the low weight road, but the carrier must take the first high weight highway in his direction of travel. The maximum may be hauled to a destination located on a low weight road if it comes from a high weight highway. When the product hauled is transported entirely on the low weight road (point to point) then the maximum weight is 57,650 lbs for vehicles capable of carrying 80,000. Other limits for trucks and truck trailer combinations are located on table. Before hauling loads on any highway where there is uncertainty about the weight limit contact MDOT for information concerning weight limitation. The MDOT Map Sales has highway maps that indicates maximum road limits. Map Sales can be contacted at (601) 359-7045.

Black Line Road Limit 57,650  
 Red Line Road Limit 80,000



ORIGIN



### AXLE LIMITS LOW WEIGHT ROAD

Tandem Axle----- 28,650  
 Tandem Drive Axle----- 24,000

Distance in Feet Between The Extreme of Any Group of Axles	Maximum Load in Pounds Carried on any Group of Axles
4	28,650
5	29,650
6	30,640
7	31,630
8	32,610
9	33,580
10	34,550
11	35,510
12	36,470
13	37,420
14	38,630
15	39,300
16	40,280
17	41,160
18	42,080
19	42,990
20	43,900
21	44,800
22	45,700
23	46,590
24	47,470
25	48,350
26	49,220
27	50,090
28	50,950
29	51,800
30	52,650
31	53,490
32	54,330
33	55,160
34	55,650
35	56,800
36 and greater	57,650 maximum

# Federal Bridge Formula

Objective is to spread load weights out to minimize damage to roads and bridges.

Two measures are included in the Federal law and enforced in Mississippi:

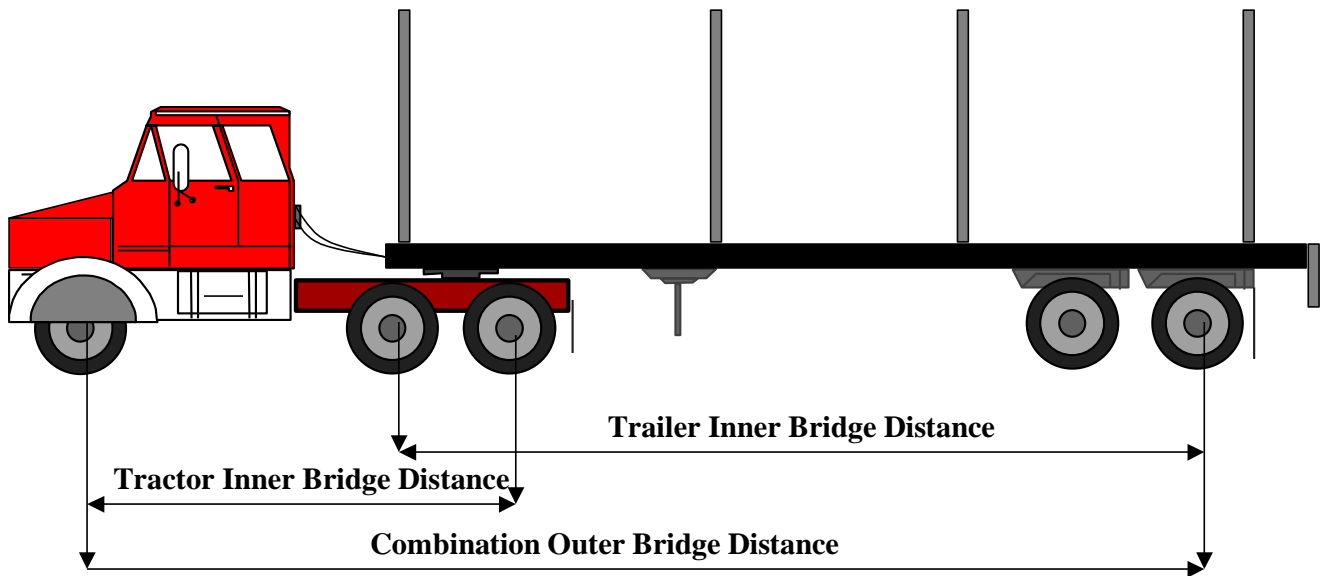
1. **Outer Bridge Formula** which determines the total weight allowed on a truck as a function of the distance between the centerline of the steering axle and the center-line of the rear trailer tandem.
2. **Inner Bridge Formula** which determines total weight allowed on any two sets of axles as a function of the distance between the two extreme axles. For example, between the centerline of the steering axle and the rear drive tandem on a tractor or between the front drive tandem and the rear trailer tandem.

Mississippi enforces the Outer Bridge, which requires a minimum distance between the **center-line of the steering axle of 5 axle combination and the center line of the rearmost trailer axle of 51 feet.** The maximum allowable gross vehicle weight decreases for shorter trailers as shown in Table 1. (The allowable weights are rounded to the nearest 500 pounds, the bold figures indicate spacings where rounding causes the allowable weight to drop by 1,000# per foot.)

Outer Bridge Distance	Maximum Allowable GVW	
	5 Axles	6 Axles
51	<b>80,000</b>	80,000
50	<b>79,000</b>	80,000
49	78,500	80,000
48	78,000	<b>80,000</b>
47	77,500	<b>80,000</b>
46	76,500	80,000
45	76,000	80,000
44	75,500	80,000
43	<b>75,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>
42	<b>74,000</b>	<b>79,000</b>
41	73,500	78,500
40	73,000	78,000
39	72,500	77,500
38	<b>72,000</b>	<b>77,000</b>
37	<b>71,000</b>	<b>76,000</b>
36	70,500	75,500

Some states allow a lightweight lift tag axle on short trailers, a six axle combination with a 43 foot outer bridge distance is legal.

## Dimensions for Federal Bridge Formula



Minimum Measurements to Gross 80,000 pounds on Interstate Highways

Axle 1 to Axle 3 --13 feet

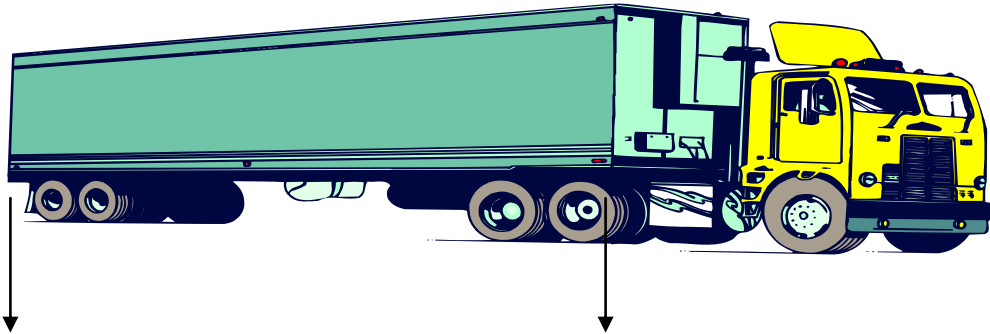
Axle 2 to Axle 5 – 36 feet

Axle 1 to Axle 5 – 51 feet

## Length of Vehicles



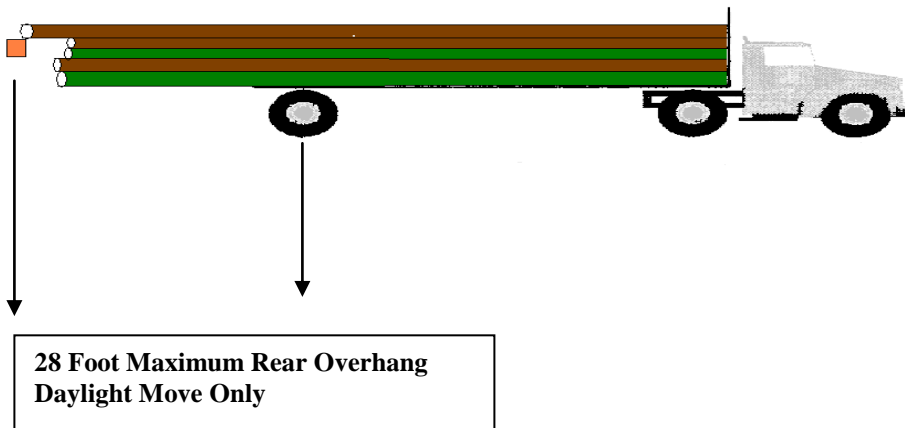
Single Vehicle forty (40) feet:



Semi-trailer length used in tractor semi-trailer combination fifty-three (53) feet.

## Unprocessed Forest Products

Rear Overhang Measured From Center of Rear Axle



All loads that exceed four-foot rear overhang are restricted to daylight movement. The only exception is utility companies making emergency repairs hauling poles or other structures for repairs. In the event of repairs the load will be marked with flags during the day or lights at night.

# PERMISSIBLE GROSS LOADS FOR VEHICLES IN REGULAR OPERATION

Based on weight formula  $W=500$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} LN \\ \hline +12N+36 \\ N-1 \end{array} \right]$$

Distance in feet (L)  
Between the extremes of  
any group of 2 or  
more consecutive axles.

[Bridge Table B]

Maximum load in pounds carried on any group of 2 or more consecutive axles

N=	2 AXLES	3 AXLES	4 AXLES	5 AXLES	6 AXLES	7 AXLES	8AXLES	9AXLES
4	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
6	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
7	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
8 & less	34,000	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
more than 8	38,000	42,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
9	39,000	42,500	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
10	40,000	43,500	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
11	-----	44,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
12	-----	45,000	50,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
13	-----	46,500	50,500	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
14	-----	47,000	51,500	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
15	-----	48,000	52,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
16	-----	49,500	52,500	58,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
17	-----	50,000	53,500	58,500	-----	-----	-----	-----
18	-----	51,000	54,000	59,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
19-----Example---	-----	51,500	54,500	60,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
20	-----	52,500	55,500	60,500	66,000	-----	-----	-----
21	-----	53,000	56,000	61,000	66,500	-----	-----	-----
22	-----	54,000	56,500	61,500	67,000	-----	-----	-----
23	-----	54,500	57,500	62,500	68,000	-----	-----	-----
24	-----	55,500	58,000	63,000	68,500	74,000	-----	-----
25	-----	56,000	58,500	63,500	69,000	74,500	-----	-----
26	-----	57,000	59,500	64,000	69,500	75,000	-----	-----
27	-----	57,500	60,000	65,000	70,000	75,500	-----	-----
28	-----	58,500	60,500	65,500	71,000	76,500	82,000	-----
29	-----	59,000	61,500	66,000	71,500	77,000	82,500	-----
30	-----	60,000	62,000	66,500	72,000	77,500	83,000	-----
31	-----	-----	62,500	67,500	72,500	78,000	83,500	-----
32	-----	-----	63,500	68,000	73,000	78,500	84,500	90,000
33	-----	-----	64,000	68,500	74,000	79,000	85,000	90,500
34	-----	Exception	64,500	69,000	74,500	80,000	85,500	91,000
35	-----	(see page 10)	65,500	70,000	75,000	80,500	86,000	91,500
36	-----	-----	66,000	70,500	75,500	81,000	86,500	92,000
37	-----	-----	66,500	71,000	76,000	81,500	87,000	93,000
38	-----	-----	67,500	71,500	77,000	82,000	87,500	93,500
39	-----	-----	68,000	72,500	77,500	82,500	88,500	94,000
40	-----	-----	68,500	73,000	78,000	83,500	89,000	94,500
41	-----	-----	69,500	73,500	78,500	84,000	89,500	95,000
42	-----	-----	70,000	74,000	79,000	84,500	90,000	95,500
43	-----	-----	70,500	75,000	80,000	85,000	90,500	96,000
44	-----	-----	71,500	75,500	80,500	85,500	91,000	96,500
45	-----	-----	72,000	76,000	81,000	86,000	91,500	97,500
46	-----	-----	72,500	76,500	81,500	87,000	92,500	98,000
47	-----	-----	73,500	77,500	82,000	87,500	93,000	98,500
48	-----	-----	74,000	78,000	83,000	88,000	93,500	99,000
49	-----	-----	74,500	78,500	83,500	88,500	94,000	99,500
50	-----	-----	75,500	79,000	84,000	89,000	94,500	100,000
51	-----	-----	76,000	80,000	84,500	89,500	95,000	100,500
52	-----	-----	76,500	80,500	85,000	90,000	95,500	101,000
53	-----	-----	77,500	81,000	86,000	91,000	96,500	102,000
54	-----	-----	78,000	81,500	86,500	91,500	97,000	102,500
55	-----	-----	78,500	82,500	87,000	92,000	97,500	103,000
56	-----	Interstate Gross	79,500	83,000	87,500	92,500	98,000	103,500
57	-----	Weight Limit	80,000	83,500	88,000	93,000	98,500	104,000
58	-----	(see page 4)	-----	84,000	89,000	94,000	99,000	104,500
59	-----	-----	-----	85,000	89,500	94,500	99,500	105,000
60	-----	-----	-----	85,500	90,000	95,000	100,500	105,500

## MDOT Inspection Stations

<u>STATION #</u>	<u>STATION NAME</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>	<u>MDOT DISTRICT</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
<b><u>NORTHERN REGION</u></b>				
<b><u>Tupelo Dist. Office</u></b>				
1	T-92	Fulton, South	U.S. 78, East Bound	Tupelo (662) 862-7231
2	T-93	Fulton, North	U.S. 78, West Bound	Tupelo (662) 862-7230
3	T-94	Iuka, South	U.S. 72	Tupelo (662) 423-1832
4	T-95	Iuka, North	U.S. 72	Tupelo (662) 423-1831
5	T-97	Cornith, East	U.S. 45 Bypass, North Bound	Tupelo (662) 287-9274
6	T-98	Cornith, West	U.S. 45 Bypass, South Bound	Tupelo (662) 287-9401
<b><u>Batesville Dist. Office</u></b>				
7	B-94	Lula	U.S. 49	Batesville (662) 337-2387
8	B-96	Olive Branch, South	U.S. 78, East Bound	Batesville (662) 895-3636
9	B-97	Olive Branch, North	U.S. 78, West Bound	Batesville (662) 895-3637
10	B-98	Nesbit, West	I-55, North Bound	Batesville (662) 429-5887
11	B-99	Nesbit, East	I-55, South Bound	Batesville (662) 429-5785
<b><u>CENTRAL REGION</u></b>				
<b><u>Newton Dist. Office</u></b>				
12	Y-96	Greenville	U.S. 82	Yazoo (601) 334-1576
13	Y-99	Bovina, South	I-20, East Bound	Yazoo (601) 636-0101
14	Y-100	Bovina, North	I-20, West Bound	Yazoo (601) 636-0780
15	N-98	Kewanee	U.S. 80	Newton (601) 632-9323
16	N-99	Kewanee, South (temp. closed)	I-59 & I-20, East Bound	Newton (601) 632-9321
17	N-100	Kewanee, North (temp. closed)	I-59 & I-20, West Bound	Newton (601) 632-9320
<b><u>SOUTHERN REGION</u></b>				
<b><u>Hattiesburg Dist. Office</u></b>				
18	G-92	Orange Grove, South	I-10, East Bound	Hattiesburg (228) 475-3093
19	G-93	Orange Grove, North	I-10, West Bound	Hattiesburg (228) 475-3095
<b><u>Kiln Office</u></b>				
20	G-95	NASA, South	I-10, East Bound	Hattiesburg (228) 533-5564
21	G-96	NASA, North	I-10, West Bound	Hattiesburg (228) 533-5549
22	G-97	Nicholson, East	I-59, North Bound	Hattiesburg (228) 798-9928
23	G-98	Nicholson, West	I-59, South Bound	Hattiesburg (228) 798-9893
24	H-88	State Line (CLOSED)	U.S. 45	Hattiesburg (601) 848-7663
25	H-89	Lucedale, North	U.S. 98, West Bound	Hattiesburg (601) 947-1221
26	H-90	Lucedale, South	U.S. 98, East Bound	Hattiesburg (601) 947-1242
27	H-99	Cross Roads	MS 26	Hattiesburg (601) 772-9202
28	H-100	Sandy Hook	MS 35	Hattiesburg (601) 736-9215
<b><u>McComb Dist. Office</u></b>				
29	M-95	Osyka/ Kentwood, East	I-55, North Bound	McComb (601) 542-9719
30	M-96	Osyka/ Kentwood, West	I-55, South Bound	McComb (601) 542-9722
31	M-97	Centerville	MS 33	McComb (601) 645-9109

Lexie Closed  
Pearlington Closed



