

Chapter Hy 30

PERMITS FOR LOADS EXCEEDING SIZE, WEIGHT,
AND VEHICLE COMBINATION LIMITS

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History: Chapter Hy 30 as it existed on June 30, 1962 was repealed and a new chapter Hy 30 was created effective July 1, 1962.

Hy 30.01 General. (1) Pursuant to authority contained in section 348.25 (3), Wis. Stats., the commission does hereby establish limits, procedures and conditions under which the various permits authorized by sections 348.26 and 348.27, Wis. Stats., may be issued.

(2) Permits for the movement over state trunk highways of vehicles and loads exceeding limits or conditions established hereby shall be issued only on specific authorization by the commission.

(3) In the interest of uniformity and brevity, the commission hereby establishes the following conditions relating to more than one type of permit, which conditions become effective by reference thereto in the section of the rules relating to the specific type of permit:

(a) *Application requirements.* 1. Applications shall be made to the issuing authority on forms prescribed by the state of Wisconsin, department of transportation, division of highways, hereinafter known as the division of highways, which will be furnished to the applicant upon request.

2. Requests for amendments to permits shall be submitted in writing to the authority issuing the permit.

(b) *Authorization to issue permits.* The authorization for the issuance of permits shall be as stated in the sections relating to each specific type of permit.

(c) *General limitations on issuance of permits.* 1. Except for general permits (Hy 30.06), industrial interplant permits (Hy 30.08), pole and pipe transportation permits (Hy 30.10), vehicle transportation permits (Hy 30.12), double bottom milk truck permits (Hy 30.18) and double bottom permits (Hy 30.20), permits shall not be issued nor valid for the transporting of loads or articles which could reasonably be divided in such a manner as to allow transporting of the loads or articles in 2 or

more loads which would not exceed statutory size and weight limits, nor shall permits be issued or valid for the transporting of more than one article if the vehicle and load exceed statutory weight limits. (This does not prohibit the transporting of necessary blocking for a load, nor the transporting of such necessary blocking on the otherwise empty vehicle to and from the origin or destination of the load, but it does prohibit, among other things, the addition of an extra bucket, boom section, and so forth to a load being transported under a permit issued for an over-weight vehicle and load.)

2. Except as specifically authorized in sections Hy 30.02, Hy 30.04, Hy 30.06, Hy 30.14, Hy 30.18 and Hy 30.20, permits shall not authorize the operation of more than 2 vehicles in combination.

3. Permits shall be issued and valid only for vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires.

(d) *Insurance and liability conditions.* 1. In applying for and accepting a permit, the permittee agrees to pay any claim for any bodily injury or property damage for which he is legally responsible resulting from operations under the permit and to save the state and its subdivisions harmless from any claim which may arise from operations over public highways under the permit.

2. Regardless of whether or not insurance, bond, or deposit as set forth in this subsection is required, the permittee shall be liable for all damage which any highway or its appurtenances may sustain by reason of any operation under a permit.

3. Insurance requirements may be waived for permits issued to the United States government and the armed forces and for such other permittees as may be determined by the issuing authority.

4. The issuing authority shall be given 10 days' advance notice in writing of the cancellation or termination of any insurance required by the terms of a permit.

5. The permittee may be required to furnish casualty insurance of an approved type or a bond or to deposit a certified check with the authority issuing the permit in the amount determined by the authority issuing the permit as necessary to protect the issuing authority and its subdivisions against any damage which any highway, highway structure, or its appurtenances may sustain by reason of any operation under the permit.

6. The permittee upon request shall provide such greater bodily injury and property damage liability coverage than is specifically set forth herein as may be required by the authority issuing the permit.

(e) *General conditions.* 1. The maximum size limitations and the maximum axle, axle combination and vehicle weights authorized by a permit shall not be exceeded. A divisible load, consisting of articles none of which exceeds statutory size limits, may not be transported under a permit.

2. Permits issued by the commission authorize the use of any of the highways of the state, subject to the limitations stated in the permit.

3. No permit shall be considered to set aside any regulation limiting loads because of local conditions, including bridges and highways posted for load limits, seasonal weight restrictions, or under construction.