

Chapter Trans 276

SIZE AND WEIGHT OF VEHICLES AND VEHICLE
COMBINATIONS

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Note: Chapter Trans 276 was created by emergency rule effective June 5, 1984.

Trans 276.01 General. (1) **SCOPE.** This chapter identifies and designates a list of qualifying highways for the operation of vehicles and combinations of vehicles the overall lengths of which cannot be limited. In addition, this chapter clarifies other statutory provisions or federal rules affecting the weight, width and length of vehicles and combinations of vehicles and the number of vehicles in combination.

(2) **POLICY.** This policy is intended to permit Wisconsin to comply with federal law, to provide guidance to vehicle users and law enforcement authorities for safe and lawful operations, and to continue the reasonable enforcement of Wisconsin vehicle size and combination laws.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; am. (1), Register, July, 1991, No. 427, eff. 8-1-91.

Trans 276.02 Definitions. In this chapter words and phrases have the meanings designated in chs. 340 and 348, Stats., and ch. Trans 250, unless a different meaning is expressly provided in this chapter.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; am. Register, July, 1991, No. 427, eff. 8-1-91.

Trans 276.03 Safety devices-width exclusion. (1) The devices in this subsection are designated as safety devices as required under 23 C.F.R. 658.5 (g) and 23 C.F.R. 658.15 and are not included in the calculation of width:

- (a) Rear-view mirrors;
- (b) Turn-signal lamps;
- (c) Hand-holds for cab entry and egress;
- (d) Splash and spray suppressant devices;
- (e) Load induced tire bulge.

(2) The devices in this subsection are determined to be safety devices and are not to be included in the calculation of width provided such devices do not extend beyond 3 inches on each side of a vehicle.

- (a) Door hardware, including door handles and locking devices.
- (b) Load tie down devices.
- (c) Toe holds or retractable steps.

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Note: The 3-inch limit is imposed by 23 C.F.R. 658.15. The secretary is authorized to designate additional devices in s. 348.05 (2m), Stats.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85.

Trans 276.04 Width, metric equivalent. For purposes of enforcement of ch. 348, Stats., 23 C.F.R. 658, and this chapter, the approximate metric equivalent of 102 inches is deemed to be within the 102 limit of s. 348.05, Stats. The approximate metric equivalent of 102 inches is 2.6 meters, which equals approximately 102.36 inches.

Note: The use of the metric equivalent of 102 inches is authorized in 23 C.F.R. 658.15.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85.

Trans 276.05 Automobile haulaways. For enforcement purposes:

(1) The provision of s. 348.07 (2) (g), Stats., which limits the length of a trailer or semitrailer in a 2-vehicle combination to 48 feet does not apply to an automobile haulaway provided the automobile haulaway does not exceed 66 feet in length plus the authorized front and rear overhangs. This subsection applies to both designated and non-designated highways.

(2) An automobile haulaway exceeding 66 feet in length may operate on designated highways and 5-mile access routes provided the trailer or semitrailer portion of the combination does not exceed 48 feet plus authorized rear overhang.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85.

Trans 276.06 Permits for vehicles operating in saddlemount combination. For enforcement purposes, no permit is required for vehicles operating in double saddlemount combination provided the overall length of the combination is 65 feet or less in length. This section applies to designated highways and 5-mile access routes.

Note: The provision of Wisconsin law requiring a permit for these combinations (s. 348.27 (13), Stats.), was preempted by the federal rule (23 C.F.R. 658.13 (d) 3.) when these vehicles operate on the designated system and access routes.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85.

Trans 276.07 Designated highways. The following highways are designated for purposes of the operation of the specified vehicles and combinations with lengths as stated in s. 348.07 (4), Stats.:

Route	From	To
(1) USH 2	Minn. Line at Superior	Mich. Line at Hurley
USH 2	Mich. Line W. of Florence	Mich. Line E. of Florence
(2) USH 8	Minn. Line at St. Croix Falls	Mich. Line at Norway, MI
(3) USH 10	Minn. Line at Prescott	IH 43 N. of Manitowoc
STH 11	USH 61-151 E. of Dubuque, Iowa	USH 51 in Janesville
STH 11	IH 90 E. of Janesville	USH 14-STH 89, 5 miles W. of Delavan
STH 11	IH 43 E. of Elkhorn	STH 31 in Racine
USH 12	STH 79 N.W. of Menomonie	STH 25 in Menomonie

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Route	From	To
USH 12	IH 94-CTH "EE" W. of Eau Claire	USH 10 at Fairchild
USH 12	IH 90-94 at Lake Delton	Ill. Line at Genoa City
STH 13	STH 82 S. of Adams	Bayfield
USH 14	USH 61 at Readstown	STH 11 E. of Janesville
USH 14	STH 11-89, 5 miles W. of Delavan	STH 67 in Walworth
(4) STH 16	CTH "J" N. of Rockland	IH 90 E. of Sparta
STH 16	STH 78 at Portage	IH 94 N. of Waukesha
STH 17	USH 8 in Rhinelander	Phelps
USH 18	Iowa Line at Prairie du Chien	IH 90 S.E. of Madison
USH 18	CTH "A" E. of Waukesha	IH 94 E. of Waukesha
STH 19	Waunakee	STH 16 E. of Watertown
(5) STH 20	IH 94 W. of Racine	STH 31 in Racine
STH 21	STH 27 in Sparta	USH 41 at Oshkosh
STH 22	USH 51 at North Leeds	USH 10 at Waupaca
STH 22	STH 29 E. of Shawano	USH 41 in Oconto
STH 23	STH 11 E. of Shullsburg	STH 33 in Reedsburg
STH 23	USH 51 W. of Montello	USH 45 in Fond du Lac
STH 23	STH 67 in Plymouth	Taylor Drive in Sheboygan
(6) STH 25	Minnesota Line	USH 8 in Barron
STH 26	IH 90 at Janesville	USH 151 S.E. of Waupun
STH 26	USH 151 N.E. of Waupun	USH 41 S.W. of Oshkosh
STH 27	USH 18 in Prairie du Chien	STH 171 at Mt. Sterling
STH 27	USH 14 in Westby	STH 64 in Cornell
STH 27	STH 194 W. of Sheldon	USH 8 in Ladysmith
STH 28	STH 33 in Horicon	USH 45 in Kewaskum
STH 28	STH 144 N. of Boltonville	STH 57 at Waldo
STH 29	USH 10 in Prescott	STH 35 in River Falls
STH 29	IH 94 W. of Elk Mound	USH 53 at Chippewa Falls
STH 29	STH 124 S. of Chippewa Falls	USH 41 in Green Bay
STH 29	USH 141 at Bellevue	STH 42 in Kewaunee
(7) STH 30	USH 151 in Madison	IH 90-94 E. of Madison
STH 31	STH 11 in Racine	STH 20 in Racine
STH 32	STH 42 at Howards Grove	STH 57 E. of Kiel
STH 32	USH 41 W. of De Pere	STH 22 in Gillett
STH 33	STH 80 in Union Center	STH 32 in Port Washington
STH 34	STH 13 in Wisconsin Rapids	USH 51 N.E. of Knowlton
(8) STH 35	STH 129 S.E. of Lancaster	STH 81 N.E. of Beetown
STH 35	USH 18 in Prairie du Chien	USH 14 S. of La Crosse
STH 35	STH 93 at Centerville	USH 63 at Hager City
STH 35	STH 29 in River Falls	IH 94 E. of Hudson
STH 35	STH 70 N. of Siren	IH 535 in Superior
STH 37	USH 10 at Mondovi	USH 12 in Eau Claire
STH 39	USH 151 in Mineral Point	STH 69 in New Glarus

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Route	From	To
(8m) STH 37	STH 88 S. of Mondovi	USH 10 in Mondovi
(9) STH 40	IH 94 N.W. of Elk Mound	STH 64 N. of Bloomer
USH 41	National Avenue in Milwaukee	Garfield Avenue in Milwaukee
USH 41	107th St. in Milwaukee	Mich. Line at Marinette
STH 42	IH 43 N.W. of Sheboygan	STH 32 at Howards Grove
STH 42	IH 43 at Manitowoc	STH 57 S.W. of Sturgeon Bay
IH 43	IH 90 at Beloit	USH 41 in Howard
STH 44	STH 73 at Manchester	USH 41 S.W. of Oshkosh
(10) USH 45	Ill. Line S. of Bristol	STH 23 in Kewaskum
USH 45	CTH "B" E. of Eden	CTH "B" in Eden
USH 45	STH 76 at Greenville	Mich. Line at Land O' Lakes
STH 47	USH 10 in Appleton	STH 29 in Bonduel
STH 48	STH 87 S. of Grantsburg	STH 70 in Grantsburg
STH 49	USH 41 E. of Brownsville	USH 10 at Weyauwega
(11) STH 50	USH 45 N. of Bristol	45th Ave. in Kenosha
USH 51	S. Corp. Limits of Janesville	USH 14 at Janesville
USH 51	IH 90 E. of Stoughton	STH 16 S.E. of Portage
USH 51	STH 78 N. of Portage	USH 2 N. of Hurley
USH 53	USH 14-61 in La Crosse	USH 10 in Osseo
USH 53	IH 94 S.E. of Eau Claire	IH 535 in Superior
STH 54	STH 71 at Melrose	STH 80 at Dexterville
STH 54	STH 13 in Wisconsin Rapids	USH 41 at Green Bay
(11m) USH 51	Ill. Line at Beloit	Broad St. in Beloit
(12) STH 57	IH 43 N. of Saukville	STH 172 S. of Green Bay
STH 57	IH 43 in Green Bay	Sturgeon Bay
STH 59	STH 11 in Monroe	USH 14 in Evansville
STH 59	USH 12 in Whitewater	CTH "A" E. of Waukesha
(13) STH 60	STH 113 in Lodi	IH 43 E. of Grafton
USH 61	IA Line at Dubuque, IA	STH 129 S.E. of Lancaster
USH 61	STH 129 N.E. of Lancaster	Minnesota Line at La Crosse
USH 63	Minnesota Line at Red Wing, MN	USH 2 W. of Ashland
STH 64	Minnesota Line	STH 27 in Cornell
STH 64	STH 32 S. of Mountain	USH 41 in Marinette
(14) STH 65	USH 10 in Ellsworth	STH 64 at New Richmond
STH 66	USH 51 at Stevens Point	Rosholt
STH 67	IH 94 S. of Oconomowoc	STH 109 S. of Iron Ridge
STH 67	CTH "VV" W. of Iron Ridge	STH 28 in Mayville
STH 67	CTH "B" S. of St. Cloud	USH 151 N. of Kiel
STH 68	STH 33 at Fox Lake	STH 49 at Waupun
STH 69	Illinois Line	CTH "PB" at Paoli

Route	From	To
(15) STH 70	STH 48 in Grantsburg	USH 53-63 in Spooner
STH 71	STH 54 at Melrose	STH 80 in Elroy
STH 73	IH 90 N. of Edgerton	STH 19 in Marshall
STH 73	USH 151 S.W. of Columbus	STH 54 in Wisconsin Rapids
STH 73	STH 95 S. of Neillsville	STH 64 S. of Gilman
(16) STH 76	USH 10 W. of Appleton	USH 45 at Greenville
STH 78	IH 90-94 S. of Portage	USH 51 N. of Portage
STH 79	USH 12 N.W. of Me-nomonie	STH 170 at Boyceville
(17) STH 80	STH 11 S. of Cuba City	STH 133 in Muscoda
STH 80	STH 33 in Union Center	STH 13 at Pittsville
STH 81	STH 129 S.E. of Lancaster	STH 23 S. of Darlington
STH 82	STH 80 N. of Elroy	USH 51 W. of Montello
STH 85	USH 10 in Durand	STH 37 S.W. of Eau Claire
STH 87	USH 8 in St. Croix Falls	STH 48 S. of Grantsburg
STH 89	USH 14 N. of Darien	USH 12 in Whitewater
STH 89	IH 94 at Lake Mills	STH 73 in Columbus
(17m) STH 81	STH 11 S. of Brodhead	STH 213 Beloit
(17s) STH 88	STH 35 N. of Fountain City	STH 37 S. of Mondovi
(18) IH 90	Minn. Line at La Crosse	Ill. Line at Beloit
STH 93	USH 53 in Galesville	USH 53 in Eau Claire
STH 95	USH 53 at Blair	STH 73 S. of Neillsville
IH 94	Minn. Line at Hudson	Ill. Line near Kenosha
STH 97	STH 13 in Marshfield	STH 153 in Stratford
STH 98	STH 73 W. of Loyal	STH 13 in Spencer
(19) STH 100	IH 94 in Oak Creek	IH 43 in Milwaukee Co.
STH 103	STH 49 S. of Brandon	USH 151 at LaMartine
STH 109	CTH "VV" S. of Iron Ridge	STH 67 S. of Iron Ridge
(20) STH 110	STH 150 at Winchester	USH 10 E. of Fremont
STH 117	STH 29-47 in Bonduel	STH 22 in Cecil
STH 119	IH 94 in Milwaukee	STH 38 in Milwaukee
(21) STH 121	STH 93 in Independence	USH 53 in Whitehall
STH 124	USH 53 N. of Eau Claire	STH 64 E. of Bloomer
STH 128	STH 29 in Spring Valley	STH 170 in Glenwood City
STH 129	USH 61 S.E. of Lancaster	USH 61 N.E. of Lancaster
(22) STH 131	USH 14-61 at Readstown	STH 56 at Viola
STH 131	STH 71 E. of Wilton	IH 90 S. of Tomah
STH 133	USH 61 in Boscobel	USH 14 N. of Lone Rock
STH 139	USH 8 near Cavour	Long Lake
(23) USH 141	IH 43 at Bellevue	STH 29 at Bellevue
USH 141	USH 41 at Abrams	USH 8 in Pembine
STH 144	USH 45 at West Bend	STH 57 at Random Lake
STH 145	Broadway in Milwaukee	USH 41-45 in Milwaukee
(24) STH 150	STH 110 at Winchester	USH 41 at Neenah
USH 151	IA Line at Dubuque, IA	USH 18 E. of Dodgeville

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USH 151	IH 90-94 in Madison	USH 10 at Manitowoc
USH 164	IH 94 N. of Waukesha	STH 74 in Sussex
STH 170	STH 128 in Glenwood City	STH 79 in Boyceville
STH 172	USH 41 in Ashwaubenon	IH 43 S.E. of Green Bay
STH 173	STH 21 W. of Wyeville	STH 80 at Babcock
STH 178	CTH "S" N. of Chippewa Falls	Jim Falls
(25) STH 186	STH 13-73 S. of Vesper	USH 10 in Auburndale
STH 190	STH 16 at Pewaukee	STH 100 in Wauwatosa
STH 194	STH 27 W. of Sheldon	CTH "G" in Sheldon
(26) STH 213	STH 11 in Orfordville	USH 14 in Evansville
STH 310	USH 10 N.W. of Manitowoc	STH 42 in Two Rivers
IH 535	5th St. in Superior	Minn. Line at Superior
IH 794	IH 43-94 in Milwaukee	Car Ferry Dr. in Milwaukee
IH 894	IH 94 W. of Milwaukee	IH 94 S. of Milwaukee
(26m) STH 213	Broad St. in Beloit	STH 81 in Beloit
(26s) BUFFALO COUNTY:		
CTH "E"	STH 88 S. of Waumandee	CTH "U" S. of Waumandee
(27) CALUMET COUNTY:		
CTH "PP"	STH 57 S. of Hilbert	USH 10 in Brillion
(28) CHIPPEWA COUNTY:		
CTH "S"	STH 124 N. of Chippewa Falls	STH 178 N. of Chippewa Falls
CTH "S"	Jim Falls	STH 27 E. of Jim Falls
CTH "Y"	STH 124 W. of Jim Falls	Jim Falls
(29) COLUMBIA COUNTY:		
CTH "AW"	STH 73 N. of Randolph	East County Line
(30) DANE COUNTY:		
CTH "N"	USH 51 in Stoughton	IH 90 N. of Stoughton
CTH "PB"	STH 69 at Paoli	USH 18-151 E. of Verona
(31) DODGE COUNTY:		
CTH "A"	STH 26 S. of Juneau	STH 68 at Fox Lake
CTH "A"	STH 33 W. of Fox Lake	North County Line
CTH "AW"	West County Line	STH 49 W. of Waupun
CTH "C"	CTH "A" E. of Fox Lake	USH 151 W. of Atwater
CTH "P"	STH 60 S. of Rubicon	STH 33 N. of Rubicon
CTH "VV"	STH 109 S. of Iron Ridge	STH 67 W. of Iron Ridge
(31m) EAU CLAIRE COUNTY:		
CTH "R"	S. County Line	USH 12 W. of Augusta
(31r) MANITOWOC COUNTY:		
CTH "W"	USH 151 W. of Valders	USH 10 at Reedsville
(32) FOND DU LAC COUNTY:		
CTH "AW"	West County Line	STH 49 W. of Waupun
CTH "B"	USH 41 S. of Fond du Lac	USH 45 in Eden
CTH "B"	USH 45 E. of Eden	STH 67 S. of St. Cloud
CTH "G"	STH 67 S. of St. Cloud	St. Cloud
CTH "KK"	West County Line	STH 44-49 S. of Ripon

Route	From	To
	CTH "M" STH 23 W. of Rosendale	North County Line
	CTH "OOO" CTH "VVV" W. of Fond du Lac	Main St. in Fond du Lac
	CTH "VVV" STH 23 W. of Fond du Lac	CTH "OOO" W. of Fond du Lac
(33)	GREEN LAKE COUNTY: CTH "A" South County Line	CTH "K" S. of Green Lake
	CTH "AW" STH 73 S. of Manchester	East County Line
	CTH "K" CTH "A" S. of Green Lake	East County Line
(34)	KENOSHA COUNTY: CTH "C" CTH "W" in Wilmot	USH 45 S. of Bristol
(35)	MILWAUKEE COUNTY: CTH "BB" STH 100 in Franklin	STH 38 in Oak Creek
	CTH "E" West County Line	73rd St. in Milwaukee
	CTH "PP" USH 41	Port Washington Rd.
(36)	ROCK COUNTY: CTH "A" USH 14 E. of Janesville	East County Line
	CTH "J" CTH "O" E. of Janesville	STH 11
	CTH "O" USH 51 in Janesville	CTH "J" E. of Janesville
(37)	RUSK COUNTY: CTH "G" STH 194 in Sheldon	USH 8 in Ladysmith
	CTH "I" STH 27 S. of Ladysmith	CTH "G" at Conrath
(38)	SHEBOYGAN COUNTY: CTH "PP" STH 67 S. of Plymouth	STH 57
	CTH "RR" STH 57 at Random Lake	IH 43 at Cedar Grove
(38m)	TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: CTH "R" USH 10 E. of Osseo	N. County Line
(38r)	WALWORTH COUNTY: CTH "A" West County Line	USH 12 N. of Elkhorn
(39)	WAUKESHA COUNTY: CTH "A" STH 59 E. of Waukesha	USH 18 E. of Waukesha
	CTH "F" STH 15 N. of Big Bend	STH 59 S. of Waukesha
	CTH "VV" STH 83 at North Lake	East County Line
(40)	WINNEBAGO COUNTY: CTH "M" South County Line	STH 44 at Pickett
(40m)	CITY OF BELOIT: Broad St. STH 213 in Beloit	USH 51 in Beloit
(41)	CITY OF FOND DU LAC: Pioneer Rd. Johnson Street	Scott Street
	Scott St. Pioneer Road	Main Street
(43)	CITY OF JANESVILLE: Delavan Dr. USH 51	East Corporate Limit
(44)	CITY OF MILWAUKEE: Silver 73rd Street	East Corporate Limit
	Spring Dr.	
(44m)	CITY OF RIPON: Douglas St. E. Fond du Lac St.	Oshkosh St.

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Route	From	To
Oshkosh St.	W. Fond du Lac St.	Douglas St.

(45) CITY OF SUN PRAIRIE:

Main St.	USH 151	STH 19
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Note: The county trunk highways and other local roads or streets designated by s. Trans 276.07 (27) through (45) may be subject to weight restrictions imposed by local authorities and not known to the department. Seasonal weight restrictions may be imposed by local authorities under s. 349.16, Stats., but must be posted. Under s. 349.15, Stats., county trunk highways may be designated as Class "B" highways by the county highway committee. Similarly, other local authorities may designate highways they maintain as Class "B". Wheel, axle, axle group and gross weights are limited on Class "B" highways as provided by s. 348.16, Stats. Neither posting of Class "B" designations nor notification to the department is required. Therefore, the department recommends that motor carriers avoid overweight violations by verifying the applicable weight limits on these highways with the local authorities, before use.

Note: See s. Trans 276.09 (1) regarding applicability of s. Trans 276.07 (11m), (17m), (26m) and (40m).

Note: See s. Trans 276.09 (2) regarding applicability of s. Trans 276.07 (8m), (17s) and (26s).

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Trans 276.08 Detours. When a highway designated in s. Trans 276.07 is closed and detoured as authorized by s. 84.02 (10) (b), Stats., vehicles being operated under ss. 348.07 (2) (f), (fm), (gm), (gr), (4) and 348.08 (1) (e), Stats., may be operated on the detour until the regular route of the highway is reopened to traffic.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1991, No. 432, eff. 1-1-92.

Trans 276.09 Applicability. (1) The treatment of s. Trans 276.07 (11m), (17m), (26m) and (40m) applies beginning January 1, 1992, and ending when any one of the following occur:

(a) The department determines, by rule, that the state of Illinois has designated Illinois state trunk highway 26 from the Wisconsin border to U.S. highway 20, north of Freeport, Illinois, as a designated highway for the operation of vehicles and combinations of vehicles the overall length of which cannot be limited.

(b) The department, as a result of the Rock County Transportation Study authorized by 1989 Wis. Act 31, Section 3053 (7e), determines and designates a more feasible alternative route than the route provided under s. Trans 276.07 (11m), (17m), (26m) and (40m).

(c) On January 1, 1996.

(2) The treatment of s. Trans 276.07 (8m), (17s) and (26s) applies beginning on June 1, 1991 and ending when either of the following occur:
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(a) On the effective date of any 1991 Wisconsin Act which amends s. 348.07 (1), Stats., to increase the overall allowable length for a combination of 2 vehicles from 60 feet to 65 feet.

(b) On January 1, 1993.

Note: Sections Trans 276.07 (11m), (17m), (26m) and (40m) and 276.09 (1) shall expire on December 31, 1995.

Note: Sections Trans 276.07 (8m), (17s) and (26s) and 276.09 (2) shall expire on December 31, 1992.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8-1-90; 276.09 renum. to (1), cr. (2), Register, May, 1991, No. 425, eff. 6-1-91.

Trans 276.10 Tire load carrying capacity in excess of 13,000 pounds. (1) Subject to the restrictions and limitations in sub. (2), the weight on the steering axle of a truck tractor may exceed 13,000 pounds if the sum of the maximum load carrying capacities of the tires used on that axle, as certified by the tire manufacturer, allows a greater steering axle load.

(2)(a) The actual weight on the steering axle of a truck tractor may not exceed the sum of the maximum load carrying capacities of the tires used on that axle and in any event may not exceed 20,000 pounds.

(b) The extra weight privilege allowed by this chapter is available only when the tires used on the steering axle of a truck tractor have the manufacturer's certified load carrying capacity embossed thereon in compliance with applicable federal regulations. If the tires on a steering axle have no certified load carrying capacity embossed on them, the steering axle is restricted to the 13,000 pound load limit prescribed in s. 348.15 (3) (b), Stats.

(c) This chapter does not authorize the operator of a truck tractor to exceed the gross axle weight rating (G.A.W.R.) established by the manufacturer of the steering axle being used.

(d) The tires on the steering axle of a truck tractor exceeding the statutory 13,000 pound weight limit shall have equal load carrying capacity and shall be properly inflated.

History: Emerg. cr. eff. 3-9-78; cr. Register, June, 1978, No. 270, eff. 7-1-78; renum. from Hy 36.02, Register, July, 1991, No. 427, eff. 8-1-91.