

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Weight Restriction Program DTSD53

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on the Weight Restriction Program, s. 348.25, 348.26, 348.27 Wis. Stats., Trans 230, Trans 251, Trans 276.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website: <https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DTSD53>
2. Mailing written comments to:
Division of Transportation System Development
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
4822 Madison Yards Way
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Madison, WI 53707-7965

WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsindot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

AGENCY CONTACT

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Class II Roadway and Posted Road restrictions are lifted STATEWIDE as of 12:01 p.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

Interactive Map

From December 1 to May 1 every year, state highways in Wisconsin must withstand an extreme range of moisture and temperature conditions from -30 degrees Fahrenheit to +70 degrees Fahrenheit. These varying conditions affect the structural strength of the pavements and the base materials under the roadway.

Three distinct programs take advantage of the frozen pavement and sub-base conditions during the winter months and also protect pavement's weak conditions during the springtime freezing and



thawing period.

These three programs include:

1. The [frozen road declaration](#) that is normally in effect from mid-December to late February or early March.
2. The [Class II roads](#) - typically lasts from early March until the first or second week in May.
3. The [seasonal posted roads](#) program normally from the second week in March until late April or early May.

All three of these programs apply only to the state highway system. Local county or township road maintenance authorities are responsible for determining when their roads are either frozen or thawing and whether sections should be posted for weight limitations. Questions related to weight restrictions on local or county roads should be referred to the maintaining authority for those roads. Regional transportation offices can be contacted to answer specific questions related to the state highway system in their region.

Permit types affected by one or more weight restrictions programs

- [Divisible load permits](#) AC, AG, FF, MI, PB, PS, RF or RS.
- [Non-divisible load permits](#) AA, AP, BH, BM, CM, CS, GG, II, MH, MP, SA, SB, SM, SS or ST.

Call (608) 266-8417 for a recorded message of the current status of the roads weight restrictions.

Related information

- [Oversize/Overweight permits](#)
- [Truck routes](#)

Other states' weight restriction programs

- [Minnesota](#)
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Contact:

Questions about overweight/oversize permits:
Motor carrier services, oversize-permits.dmv@dot.wi.gov
(608) 266-7320

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