

Is My Vehicle Legal?

Determining if your vehicle requires a permit for size & weight.

How to Use This Pocket Guide

This handy pocket guide to Rhode Island's General Laws governing vehicle size & weight makes it simple to determine if your vehicle is legal or requires a permit to travel.

- 1 Start with the **SIZE/WEIGHT** laws for all vehicles
- 2 Next look at the vehicle **LENGTH** laws
- 3 Go here if your vehicle has a **TRAILER**

If your vehicle exceeds any of the identified limits, you need a permit.

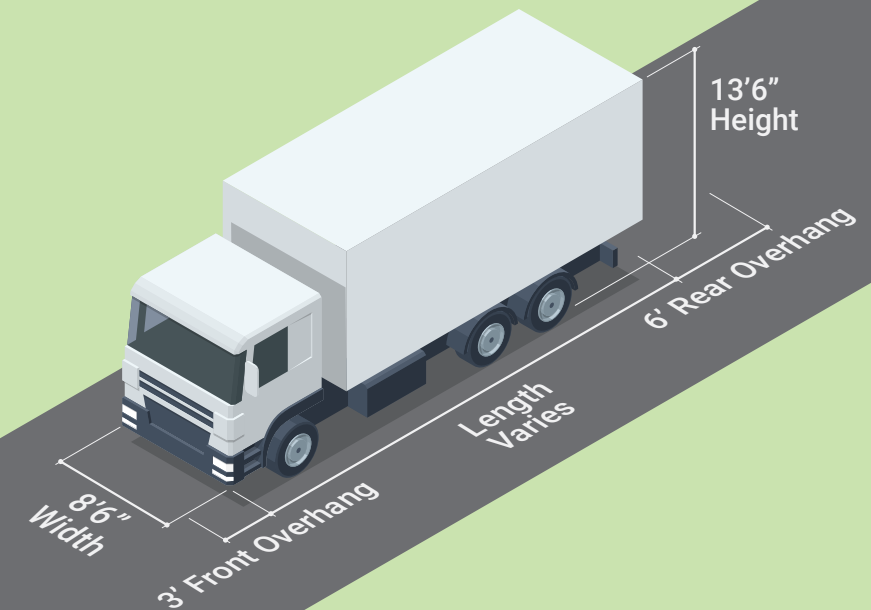
Information on obtaining permits can be found on the back cover.

NOTE:

All sizes & weights shown are **MAXIMUM** legal limits.

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Laws for All Vehicles & Loads SIZE & WEIGHT



Maximum Vehicle Weight

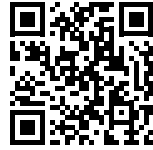
Single Axle:	22,400 lbs.
Tandem axles (any # within 8 ft C2C):	36,000 lbs.
Gross weight:	Federal Formula B* up to 80,000 lbs

*For more information on Formula B visit the Federal Highway Administration:
https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/FREIGHT/publications/brdg_frm_wgths/index.htm

To Acquire a Permit:

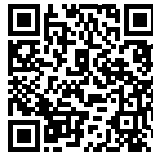
The Rhode Island Department of Transportation
Oversize Overweight Permit System

<https://www.ri.gov/DOT/osow/>



Rhode Island General Laws Governing Vehicle Size & Weight:

[http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/
TITLE31/31-25/INDEX.HTM](http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE31/31-25/INDEX.HTM)



Latest Vehicle Size & Weight Restrictions:

<https://www.dot.ri.gov/travel/truckrestrictions.php>



Contact RIDOT:



Phone: (401) 222-2450



Toll Free: 1-844-DOT-ROAD

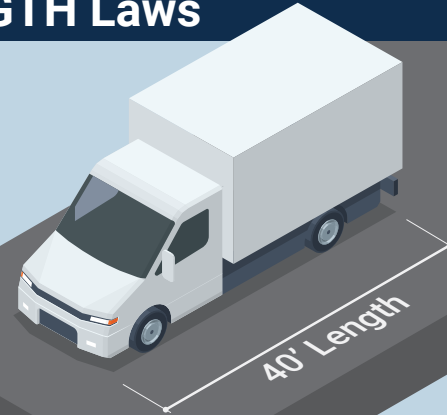


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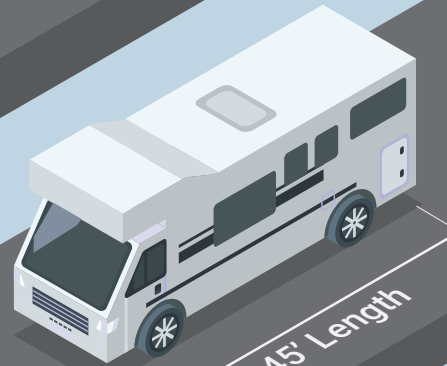
LENGTH Laws

Single Unit
Vehicle



40' Length

Recreational
Vehicle (RV)



45' Length

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Trailer LENGTH Laws

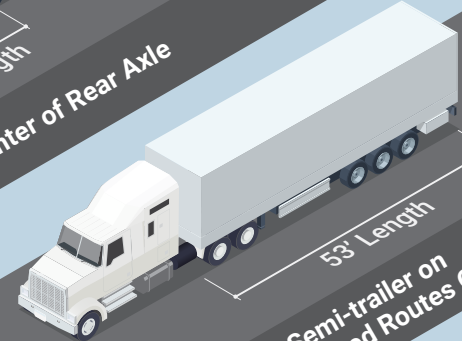
All Trailer Lengths
Exclude Bumpers

Kingpin to Center of Rear Axle



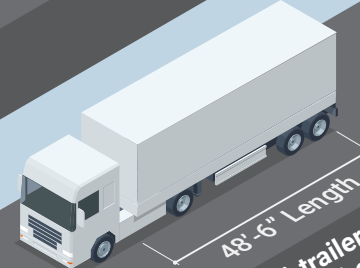
41' Length

Semi-trailer on
Designated Routes Only



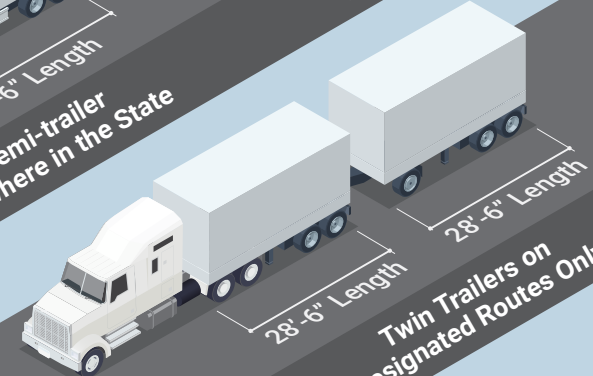
53' Length

Semi-trailer
Anywhere in the State



48'-6" Length

Twin Trailers on
Designated Routes Only



28'-6" Length

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