

STATE TOWING LAWS

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| MAX. SPEED LIMIT | | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 55 | 55 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 60 | 65 | 65 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 65 | 75 | | |
| MAXIMUM DIMENSIONS | TRAILER ONLY | LENGTH | 53' | 40' | 59.6' | 35' | 53' | 40' | 53' ¹³ | 53' | 50' | N/A | 45' | 48' | N/A | 40' | N/A | 40' | 60' | |
| | | WIDTH | 8'6" | 8'6" | 8'6" | 8'6" | 8' | 8'6" | 8'6" | 8'6" | 8'6" | 8'6" | 8'6" | 8'6" | 8' | 8'6" | 8' | 8'6" | 8'6" | 8'6" |
| | | HEIGHT | 14' | 13'6" | 13'6" | 14' | 13'6" | 13'6" | 13'6" | 14' | 13'6" | 14' | 13'6" | 13'6" | 13'6" | 14' | 13'6" | 13'6" | 13'6" | 14' |
| | MAXIMUM LENGTH WITH TRAILER(S) | 75' | 65' | 70' | 50' | 65' | 60' | N/A | 70' | 65' | 65' | 65' | 60' | 60' | 75' | 55' | 65' | 85' | | |
| MINIMUM WEIGHT REQUIRING SEPARATE TRAILER BRAKES | | All | 2000 | 3000 | 3000 | 3000 | 4000 | 3000 | 3000 | 3000 | 4500 | 2000 | 3000 ¹⁶ | 3000 | 3000 | 3000 ¹⁷ | All | N/A | | |
| TRAILER EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS | SAFETY CHAINS | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | N/A | X | N/A | | |
| | STOP LIGHTS | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| | TAIL LIGHTS | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| | CLEARANCE LIGHTS | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X ⁹ | X ⁹ | X ⁹ | X ¹⁶ | X ⁹ | X | X | N/A | | |
| | LICENSE LIGHT | X | X | X ⁹ | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| | TURN SIGNALS | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| | REFLECTORS | X | X | X ⁹ | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | N/A | X | X | X ⁹ | X | X | |
| | FLARES | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | X | X | X | N/A | X | X | X ⁹ | X | N/A | N/A | |
| | BREAKAWAY BRAKE | N/A | X | X | N/A | X | X | X | X ⁶ | X | X ⁶ | X ⁶ | X | X | X | X | X | N/A | X | |
| | TIEDOWNS | X | N/A | X | X | X | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | N/A | |
| TWO TRAILERS | | YES ¹⁴ | YES | NO | NO | YES ¹⁵ | NO | YES | YES | YES ¹ | NO | YES | YES ¹⁸ | NO | NO | NO | NO | YES | | |
| INSURANCE | | NO | N/A | N/A | NO | YES | N/A | NO | YES | YES | YES | N/A | YES | YES | YES | NO | NO | YES | | |

*65 mph on some routes.

1. Maximum length 28'6" each. Must be towed by a truck tractor.
2. If original equipment
3. Over 80" wide
4. Must hold for 15 minutes
5. With special requirements
6. Over 3,000 lb.
7. Over 5,000 lb., must have safety inspection
8. Trucks only.
9. If over 80" wide.
10. 55 mph for vehicles with gross weight in excess of 500 lb.
11. Over 6,000 lb.
12. Only on vehicles registered in Missouri
13. On interstate and federally designated highways
14. First trailer requires brakes & chains, second chains unless 3,000+ lb.
15. Interstate and designated highways, not to exceed 28'6" each.
16. If over 7' high and 7' wide
17. Or if trailer exceeds 40% of tow vehicle weight
18. On designated highways not to exceed 28' each

PERMITS: If traveling cross country with overwide, overlong, or overweight loads, you can get permits from companies who specialize in the business.