MONTANA
Department of Transportation

CANADIAN WEIGHT INFORMATION IN MT

18.8.431 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WEIGHT

(1) The maximum allowable gross weight for vehicle combinations hauling divisible loads is 131,060 pounds. Vehicles and vehicle combinations hauling divisible loads must comply with the federal bridge formula found in 61-10-107, MCA, unless otherwise provided for in statute, federal regulations or department rules.

(2) The maximum allowable gross weight for vehicle combinations hauling divisible loads and operating under the provisions of 23 CFR 658, appendix C, April 1, 2015, edition, is 137,800 pounds. Copies of the regulations may be obtained from the U.S. Government Printing Office, 732 North Capitol St NW, Washington, DC 20401-0002, or at www.gpo.gov.

(3) The maximum allowable gross weight for vehicle combinations hauling divisible loads and operating under 61-10-107(1)(b), MCA, is 137,800 pounds as defined in ARM 18.8.431.

OVERWEIGHT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

MCA 61-10-107 / 61-10-125 ARM 18.8.601/18.8.801 CFR 23 CFR 658

Overweight permits may be issued for:

- Non-divisible loads & busses exceeding the 20,000 pound single axle weight up to 24,000 pounds with a permit
- Canadian weight loads between Sweet Grass/Alberta and Shelby
- Canadian border to 10 miles South on US Hwy-93 (BC / Eureka)
- Canadian border to 20 miles South on MT Hwy-16 (SK / Plentywood)
- Designated Facility
- 10% tolerance overweight permits in the event of overweight divisible loads

Term overweight permits may not be combined for a higher weight permit.

Vehicles operating on non-divisible load overweight permits must be licensed for the maximum gross weight up to 132,000 pounds determined by the bridge formula measured from first to last axle.

The Helena office may issue a permit for divisible loads on a case-by-case basis. However, it is not the policy of MCS to allow carriers to exceed weight limits with divisible loads.

Helena approval is required if the permitting system generates an additional review message and no VWA (Vehicle Weight Analysis) is being used.

Sweet Grass/ Alberta to Shelby Weight Agreement / Eureka & Plentywood Weights

- An "A" Train is a truck-tractor with a trailer & a full trailer joined with a tongue hitch.
- A "B" Train is a truck-tractor with a trailer & a second trailer attached with a 5th wheel assembly supporting the back of the lead trailer & the front of the rear trailer.
- A "C" Train is a truck-tractor with a trailer & a second trailer attached with a 5th wheel assembly. The difference between a “C” train & “A” train is the dual hitch converter dolly on the “C” train.

- 5 axle Tractor-Semitrailer maximum gross weight 87,100 lbs not to exceed the below axle/group weights.

Steering	Tandem Drives	Trailer	Overweight Permit (trip or term)
12,100 lbs	37,500 lbs	37,500 lbs	10,000 lbs EAP
5,500 kg	17,000 kg	17,000 kg	

- 6 axle Tractor-Semitrailer maximum gross weight of 102,500 lbs & depends on tridem axle distance not to exceed the following axle/group weights.

Steering	Tandem Drives	Tridem 7'10" to less than	Tridem 9'10" to less than 11'9"	Tridem 11'9" to less than 12'2"	Overweight Permit (trip or term)
12,100 lbs	37,500 lbs	46,300 lbs	50,700 lbs	52,900 lbs	15,000 lbs EAP
5,500 kg	17,000 kg	21,000 kg	23,000 kg	24,000 kg	

- A-Train maximum gross weight 118,000 lbs not to exceed the below axle/group weights.

Steering	Tandem Drives	Tandem Trailer	Single Trailer Axle	Single Trailer Axle	Overweight Permit (trip or term)
12,100 lbs	37,500 lbs	37,500 lbs	20,000 lbs	20,000 lbs	10,000 lbs EAP
5,500 kg	17,000 kg	17,000 kg	9,000 kg	9,000 kg	

- 7 axle B-Train maximum weight 124,600 lbs not to exceed the following axle/group weights.

Steering	Tandem Drives	Tandem Trailer	Tandem Trailer	Overweight Permit (trip or term)
12,100 lbs	37,500 lbs	37,500 lbs	37,500 lbs	15,000 lbs EAP
5,500 kg	17,000 kg	17,000 kg	17,000 kg	

- 8 axle B-Train maximum weight 137,800. Tridem axle distance not to exceed the following axle/group weights.

Steering	Tandem Drives	Tridem 7'10" to less than 9'10"	Tridem 9'10" to less than 11'9"	Tridem 11'9" to less than 12'2"	Trailer Tandem	Overweight Permit (trip or
12,100 lbs	37,500 lbs	46,300 lbs	50,700 lbs	52,900 lbs	37,500 lbs	15,000 lbs EAP
5,500 kg	17,000 kg	21,000 kg	23,000 kg	24,000 kg	17,000 kg	

General Permit Conditions

- Issued the same way as a regular overweight permit.
- Carriers must be licensed or permitted for the maximum weight of the combination.
- Utilize maximum weights on permit unless the permittee provides actual axle weights.
- Celtic load codes are AB (Alberta-Shelby), BC (Eureka-BC) & PS (Plentywood)
- Permit for weight only. Must also require an oversize trip or term permit.
- Trip permits are for one-way only.
- Temporary truck permits for registration are valid.

Term Permits

- Issued the same as a term or quarterly overweight permit.
- Must be prorated in Montana for maximum weight they can legally haul with a permit.
- The Alberta/Shelby Agreement is the VWA for the term weight permit.

Overweight Divisible Load Permitting

Overweight permits cannot be issued for built up loads except:

- Logging Vehicles
- Designated Facility Permit
- 10% tolerance permits
- Canadian weights where authorized

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