

COLORADO

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

All Escort Drivers are required to have a Certification Card when escorting a vehicle/load through Colorado. Colorado will accept certification cards or equivalent certificates from other states such as the state of Florida, Virginia or Utah and the SC&RA. If a state does not maintain a certification program, escorts must obtain a Certification Card from Colorado.

PILOT/ESCORT PERSONAL REQUIREMENT:

Must be 18 years old and have a valid Drivers License. The operator of the pilot/escort vehicle must obtain and maintain a certification to escort extra large vehicles and loads on state highways. SC&RA certification program. No passengers under the age of 16.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Meet and exceed minimum commercial vehicle insurance in the amounts of \$1,000,000. single limit combined at all times during terms of certification. See current regulations for more information relating to insurance.

PILOT/ESCORT VEHICLE SIGNS, LIGHTS AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

WARNING SIGNS:

Mounting Location:

Front Bumper: Not Acceptable

Rear Bumper: Not Acceptable

Roof or Top Mount: Acceptable

Preferred wording:

"OVERSIZE LOAD" preferred,
"WIDE LOAD" or "LONG LOAD" acceptable

Size:

60" wide x 10" high

Color:

Yellow Background

Letters:

Black

Size of Letters:

8" high with 1" brush stroke

Sign must be visible to traffic, front and rear.

Removed or retracted when not in use.

WARNING LIGHTS:

Type:

Flashing (Capacity of 60 flashes per minute) -
See 5-7 B for Rotating or Oscillating Lights.

Color:

Amber or Yellow

Size of Lights:

6" in Diameter

Number:

(1) One but not more than (3) Three

Location:

Roof or Top Mount

Power:

Not noted on regulations

Sight Distance:

500 feet minimum

Visibility:

360 degrees

FLAG REQUIREMENTS:

Color of Flags:

Red or Orange

Size of Flags

Not noted on regulations

Mounting Location:

Top of Vehicle

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENT:

Type:

Two-way communications required

Range:

1/2 mile range minimum

Use:

All times of load movement

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

(1) 18" or 24" Stop/Slow Paddle

(1) Orange or White Hard Hat

(1) Orange Vest reflective type 2

(3) Reflective Triangles

(1) 5 lb. BC Fire Extinguisher

(8) Burning Flares or Glow Sticks

(D) Cell Flashlight with extra batteries

and 9" red or orange cone

(1) Height Pole (Loads 16'0" and higher)

(2) Two-way Hand Held Simplex Radios

(1) Oversize Load Sign for Load

(3) Orange Traffic Cones 18" high

Copies of: Pilot Escort & Oversize Restriction Map,

Height Restrictions Map, Bridge Weight Limit Map,

Hazmat Map, and Rules Booklet

First Aid Kit clearly marked

Spare Tire, Jack and Lug Wrench

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NUMBER OF ESCORTS REQUIRED:

Escorts are required on most mountainous roads when length exceeds 85' and 11' wide. Escorts are required on 2-lane non-mountainous when exceeding 110' long and 13' wide. Escort vehicles are required when overhang exceeds 25'. If the overhang is on the front the escort must run in front, overhang in back the escort must follow the load. ON BLUE ROADS: Loads 11' to 13' wide require a front escort. Loads over 13' and up to 15' require a front and rear escort or one flashing amber light in the rear. ON YELLOW ROADS: Loads 11' to 13' wide require a front escort. Loads over 13' and up to 15' wide require a front and rear escort or one flashing amber light in the rear. Pilot Escort & Oversize Restriction Map for determining BLUE and YELLOW roads may be obtained by calling the State of Colorado (303) 757-9539. An escort vehicle shall use a height pole when escorting an extra-legal vehicle or load, exceeding 16' in height, unless otherwise determined by the department on the permit. The height pole shall not extend more than six inches above the maximum height of the extra-legal vehicle or load. A pilot car escort vehicle operating with a height pole which exceeds the legal limit for height shall be exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit for the pole.

TRAVEL TIMES/RESTRICTIONS:

Daytime travel begins at Sunrise and ends at Sunset. Travel is permitted 7 days a week. Nighttime travel has special requirements. Travel is prohibited on the following Holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day. If the holiday falls on a Saturday, the previous Friday is also restricted. If holiday falls on a Sunday travel is also restricted on the following Monday. Permitted loads may travel on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, however, if any of these holidays falls on a Saturday, travel is prohibited on the previous Friday and if the holiday falls on a Sunday travel is prohibited on the following Monday.

CURFEW: Travel is restricted during the hours of 6:00-9:00 am and 3:00-6:00 pm in the Denver metro areas. Travel is restricted during the hours of 7:00-9:00 am and 4:00-6:00 pm in Colorado Springs and in Pueblo areas. For other time restrictions check the provisions & curfew sheet attached to permit.

TRAVEL PILOTING/ESCORTING DISTANCES:

Front Car: not noted, Rear Car: not noted

HEIGHT POLE REQUIREMENTS:

Required at load heights of: All loads 16'0" and greater

IMPORTANT STATE NUMBERS:

CDOT Permit Office, 4201 East Arkansas Ave., Room 290, Denver, CO 80222
(800) 350-3765, (303) 757-9539, fax (303) 757-9719

Site Location:

www.dot.state.co.us/truckpermits/index.cfm

Pilot Car Info:

www.dot.state.co.us/truckpermits/rulesregsread.pdf

www.dot.state.co.us/Rules/601-4%20WEB%20POSTED.doc