

SOUTH CAROLINA

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

None noted on regulations

PILOT/ESCORT PERSONAL REQUIREMENT:

Driver may act as a flag person

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

None noted on regulations

PILOT/ESCORT VEHICLE SIGNS, LIGHTS AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

WARNING SIGNS:

Mounting Location:

Front Bumper: Acceptable

Rear Bumper: Acceptable

Roof or Top Mount: Not Acceptable

Preferred wording:

"OVERSIZE LOAD" or "WIDE LOAD"

Size:

None noted on regulations

Color:

Yellow Background

Letters:

Black

Size of Letters:

12" high with 1/2" brush stroke

Signs must be removed, retracted or covered when not in use.

WARNING LIGHTS:

Type:

Rotating Beacon or Strobe Light

Color:

Amber

Size of Lights:

None noted on regulations

Number:

None noted on regulations

Location:

Roof or Top Mount

Power:

Not noted on regulations

Sight Distance:

None noted on regulations

Visibility:

Front & Rear

Headlights/Taillights:

Turned on at all times of movement

FLAG REQUIREMENTS:

Color of Flags:

None noted on regulations

Size of Flags:

None noted on regulations

Mounting Location:

None noted on regulations

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENT:

Type:

Two-way communication required

Range:

None noted on regulations

Use:

All times of load movement

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

None noted on regulations

NUMBER OF ESCORTS REQUIRED:

Front escort is required on loads over 12' and up to 14' wide on 2-lane highways. One front and one rear escort on all highways on loads over 14' wide up to and including 16'. Over 16' 3 escorts - 1 front and 1 rear and 2 police escorts. For overheight loads of 13'6" or over, state determines if escort is needed (with height pole). Loads with overhang of 15' or less on a 48' trailer and 10' on 48' & 53' trailers require escort or an amber light and flags in lieu of an escort. Over 16' wide requires 1 front & 1 rear civilian and police escort. 16' high and higher requires a front height pole escort.

TRAVEL TIMES/RESTRICTIONS:

Daylight travel 1/2 hour AFTER Sunrise to 1/2 hour BEFORE Sunset, Monday through Saturday. No Sunday travel unless otherwise noted under special provisions on your permit. Travel is restricted on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. Movement prohibited from noon before each holiday until noon following each holiday.

CURFEW: 14' wide loads or mobile homes are not to be moved over state highways near urban areas between the hours of 7:00-9:00 am and 3:00-6:00 pm on school days and 4:30-6:00 pm on other days.

Loads 16' may travel 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday. This will also be noted on your permit for hours of movement or whatever the state of South Carolina deems is necessary for safety reasons.

TRAVEL PILOTING/ESCORTING DISTANCES:

Front Car: Not Noted, Rear Car: Not Noted

HEIGHT POLE REQUIREMENTS:

Required at load heights: 16' and higher

IMPORTANT STATE NUMBERS:

South Carolina Dept. of Transportation, OSOW Permit Office, 14122 Shop Road, Columbia, SC 29201

South Carolina Dept. of Transportation, Atten: OSOW Permit Office P.O. Box 191, Columbia, SC 29202 (Mailing)

(877) 349-7190 (Toll Free), (803) 253-6250 (Local), fax (803) 343-0700

Site Location:

www.dot.state.sc.us/doing/OSOW.asp

Pilot Car Info:

www.dot.state.sc.us/doing/pdfs/OSOW_Guidelinesfor_movement.pdf

www.uspilotcars.com/south_carolina_pilot_car_guidelines.html