

Divisible Load Law Overview

WHAT IS THE DIVISIBLE LOAD LAW?

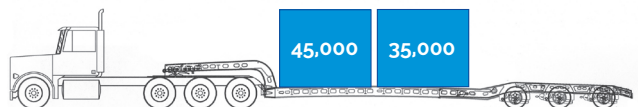
The intention of the **Divisible Load Law** is to minimize ones ability to over load cargo onto a trailer. If the cargo/components being transported can be separated into multiple units of legal dimensions without affecting the physical integrity of the load then they must be divided if they fall outside of the "legal dimensions" of the state.

Non-Divisible Load - is one piece or item which cannot be separated into units of less weight without affecting the physical integrity of the load. If it can be divided and it does not exceed 8 man hours to disassemble it then it must be separated. Non-divisible loads are permitted by the Special Hauling Permit Unit, or the Central Permit Office in each State.

8 Man Hours - Only includes Disassembly Time and means 8 person hours (number of persons does not matter)

Below are the 4 dimensions where Divisible Load Law will apply, listed from top to bottom in likelihood of enforcement from state to state. Use the category that best describes your load to help determine if it is feasible to transport on one trailer.

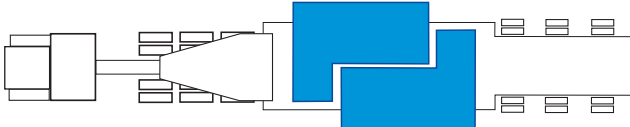
NOTE: It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to contact the individual states you will be transporting through for verification of state-specific regulations.



Dimensions
Weight - 125,000 pounds Height - 12 feet
 Width - 8 feet Length - 53 feet

VERY COMMON

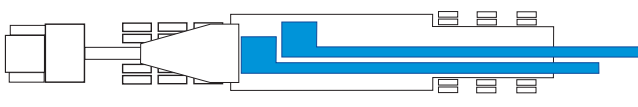
Tractor, Trailer, and Load total weights can not exceed 80,000 lbs. If there are two pieces that cause the overall weight to exceed 80,000 lbs then they must be separated.



Dimensions
 Weight - 80,000 pounds Height - 12 feet
Width - 13 feet Length - 53 feet

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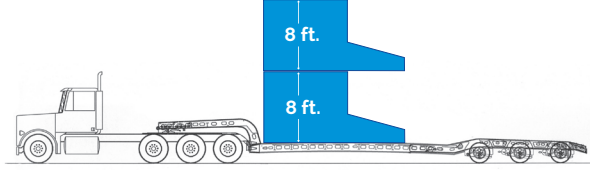
Total width of the load can not exceed 8'6". If there are two pieces and one causing the width to exceed 8'6" they have to be divided.



Dimensions
 Weight - 80,000 pounds Height - 12 feet
 Width - 8 feet **Length - 135 feet**

UNCOMMON

Total length of the load can not exceed state maximums if the other pieces add to the length. They must be transported separately.



Dimensions
 Weight - 120,000 pounds **Height - 18 feet**
 Width - 8 feet Length - 53 feet

VERY UNCOMMON

Total height can not exceed the state maximums (rule of thumb 13'6" east of the Mississippi and 14' west of the Mississippi) this would be a rare case since most items are not stacked if they shipped in multiple pieces rather than side by side.

All States will Interpret the Divisible Load Law independently and it is crucial to check with the States you will be hauling through to understand what is allowed. In addition, some States will grant Special Exceptions/Allowances for certain types of cargo.