



Texas Department *of* Motor Vehicles

State Assistance for County Roads

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Vehicle Registration Fees

Texas motor vehicle owners are required to annually renew their vehicle registration. HB 2553, passed during the 81st Legislative Session, created a new, more simplified vehicle registration fee structure to be implemented on September 1, 2011. The state registration fee is split between the state and the county.

Registration fees include the base fee, plus a \$1 automation fee (used for improvements to the registration and title system) and \$1 for the Department of Public Safety to support the TexasSure insurance verification program and other Department of Public Safety initiatives. These fees are itemized on the registration receipt. Local county fees are also included in the total amount. These fees are collected with registration fees through your local County Tax Assessor-Collector's office and range up to \$20 depending on the county.

Gross Vehicle Weight - The gross vehicle weight of a truck is determined by adding the empty weight of the vehicle and the heaviest load that will be carried by the vehicle (carrying capacity) during the registration year.

Additional Fees -

Large truck fees based on weight may also include:

- 10% - Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Surcharge (deposited to Texas Mobility Fund, 365)
- 11% - Diesel fee for trucks over 2 tons is based on the age or weight of the vehicle, applicable miscellaneous fees, and the county in which it is registered.

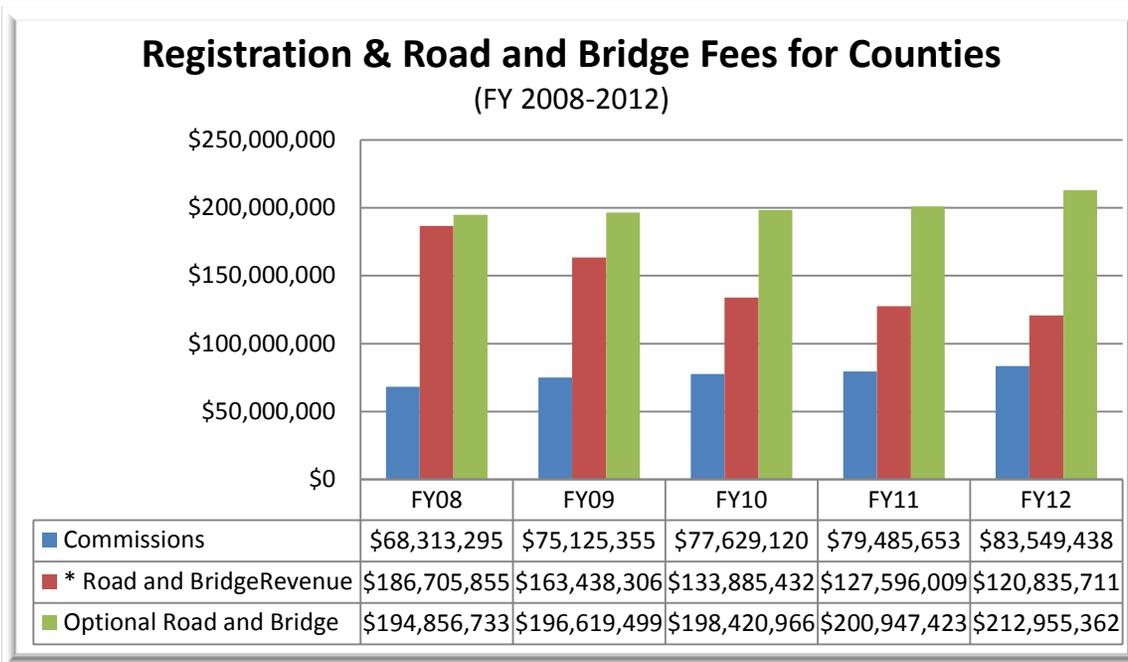


Base Registration Fees		
Vehicle Type	Weight	Fee
Passenger Vehicles & Small Trucks	6,000 lbs. or less	\$50.75
**Trucks	6,001-10,000 lbs.	\$54.00
	10,001 - 18,000 lbs.	\$110.00
	18,001 - 25,999 lbs.	\$205.00
	26,000 - 40,000 lbs.	\$340.00
	40,001 - 54,999 lbs.	\$535.00
	55,000 - 70,000 lbs.	\$740.00
	70,001 – 80,000 lbs.	\$840.00
	Over 80,000 lbs.	Varies
Trailers & Travel Trailers	6,000 lbs. or less	\$45.00
Motorcycles and Mopeds		\$30.00

County Share of Registration and Title Related Fees

All registration fees collected by the county each year are deposited to the credit of the county road and bridge fund in accordance with the formula set forth in Sec. 502.198, Transportation Code. The formula divides retained funds into three tiers. The first tier allows the county to retain the first \$60,000, plus the number of road miles maintained by the county (up to 500 miles) X \$350; plus 5% of sales tax and penalties collected during previous calendar year (Trans. Code, Sec. 502.1981 & Tax Code, Sec. 152.123). The funds from the retained sales tax are currently split between registration fees from the Highway Fund and sales tax collections from the General Revenue Fund.

After the above limits are met, the county retains half of the registration fees collected until the amount retained by the county equals \$125,000. After the county reaches \$125,000, they remit 100% of the registration fees collected to the state.



Example:

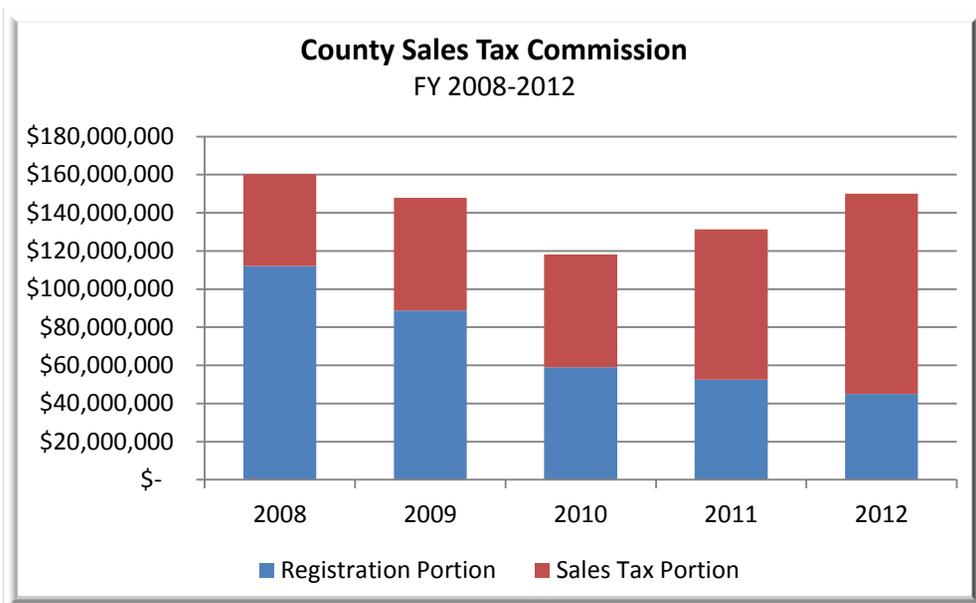
\$ 60,000	Registration fees collected /retained for county road and bridge fund
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+ \$175,000	If county maintains 500 road miles (500 X \$350 = \$175,000)
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+ \$200,000	The portion of the 5% motor vehicle sales tax retained by the county from registration fees
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+ \$125,000	Half of the registration fees collected and retained by the county (see #2 above)
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\$560,000	Total collected and retained by county that year

*Revenue includes a portion of the motor vehicle sales tax and registration fees

County Commissions

In addition to the registration fees and motor vehicle sales taxes retained by counties, counties are compensated for the cost of processing vehicle-related transactions. A county will retain a fee of \$1.90 for each registration issued; \$5.00 is retained for each title application, and \$.50 for each specialty plate. Counties will also retain \$2.50 for replacement plates, one-half of a delinquent title transfer penalty (minimum amount a county may retain is \$5.00), 1/12 of the registration transfer fee, \$1.00 for mail-in registrations, \$2.00 for a duplicate registration receipt, \$1.50 child safety fee, and \$25.00 of the mechanic lien notification. Counties also retain 100% of the optional county road and bridge fee and optional regional mobility fee. The optional regional mobility fee of \$10.00 is currently assessed by Cameron and Hildago Counties. El Paso and Bexar Counties were granted authority to assess these optional fees but have not implemented them to date.

The county commission has two components: one based on motor vehicle sales taxes administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the other based on various vehicle registration fees administered by TxDMV. The motor vehicle sales tax commission is 5% of the tax and penalties collected in relation to motor vehicles sales, seller-financed sales and the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) tax surcharge for a county during the preceding calendar year. Beginning in 2006 counties received 10% of the commission from the General Revenue Fund and 90% from the State Highway Fund. Each year the amount from the General Revenue Fund has increased by 10% and decreased in an offsetting amount from the State Highway Fund, as shown in the table to the right. Tax Code Section 152.123 establishes this part of the county's commission. The commission due for collecting registration fees is set out in Transportation Code Section 501.102.

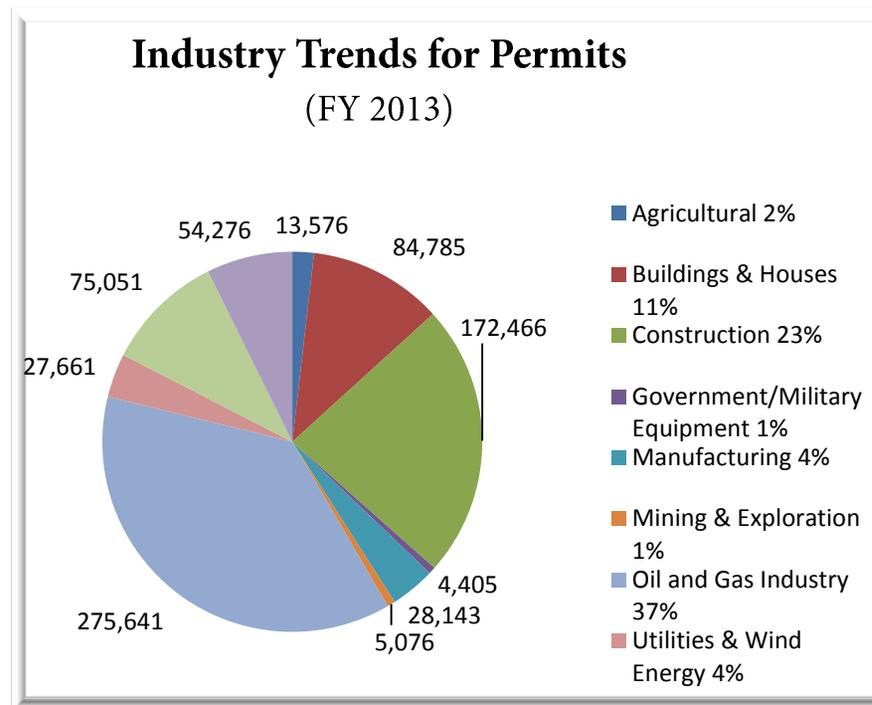


Year	Sales Tax & TERP	Registration Fees
2006	10%	90%
2007	20%	80%
2008	30%	70%
2009	40%	60%
2010	50%	50%
2011	60%	40%
2012	70%	30%
2013	80%	20%
2014	90%	10%
2015	100%	0%

Texas Permitting & Routing Optimization System (TxPROS)

TxDMV issues oversize/overweight (OS/OW) permits to protect the traveling public, transported loads and highway pavement, bridges and overpasses. Motor carriers ordered more than 741,000 permits in FY 2012 and more than 790,000 in FY 2013 to transport OS/OW loads on Texas highways. Permit fees generated approximately \$147 million in FY 2012 and more than \$162 million in FY 2013 that can be used to improve and maintain Texas roadways. Texas issues more OS/OW permits than any other state.

Motor carriers are required to obtain an OS/OW permit to transport loads that cannot be broken down to comply with legal size and weight limits. The carrier must obtain one of 27 different permits to legally haul loads that are more than 80,000 pounds, 8.5 feet wide, 14 feet tall or exceed certain length restrictions. Typical permitted loads include construction and oil field equipment, bridge beams, generators and transformers, modular buildings, wind tower components, and other high value products. Many of these loads require mapping a route to avoid overhead structures, weight restricted bridges, construction zones and other obstacles. The quality and efficiency of TxDMV's permit and routing services are significant assets to freight transport and the Texas economy. Texas is the number one exporting state in the country for 11 years in a row. About 17 percent of all U.S. exports pass through Texas.



Trucking firms can now apply for an OS/OW permit, pay fees and route trucks on the best route to handle the load's size and weight, all online, anytime. Along with the permit, the system analyzes and generates a custom route with turn-by-turn directions for drivers. Since the TxPROS launch, permit fee collections and the number of permits issued have increased. Customers are using TxPROS to self-issue more than half of all permits. TxPROS has dramatically reduced permit routing and issuance time, allowing TxDMV to meet growing demand for services, increase safety for the traveling public, and improve tracking of obstacles to OS/OW routing.

So far, TxPROS has received recognition from five states and national awards. These awards include Best Application Serving an Agency's Business Needs from the Center for Digital Government-Best of Texas, Best Fit Integrator Award for Exceptional Service Award in Transportation, Smart Solution Spotlight Award from Intelligent Transportation Society of America, Best Use of Innovation- America's Transportation Awards – WASHTO/AASHTO, and the 2012 Government Computer News Awards winner.

Weight Tolerance Permits

TxDMV issues an annual over axle/over gross weight tolerance permit for the movement of divisible commodities. This is currently the only permit available from TxDMV for divisible loads. Divisible load commodities include cotton, asphalt, water and livestock. Vehicles may exceed the allowed axle weights by a tolerance of 12% for agricultural commodities or 10% for non-agricultural commodities. The gross weight, with tolerances, may exceed gross weight limits by up to 5%. Tolerances are above the maximum allowed for the particular vehicle or combination and are enforced based on the “outer bridge” distance (the distance between outer axles), not the vehicle’s registered weight.

A weight tolerance permit allows travel on county roads and state-maintained roadways, including load posted roads, in those counties selected on the permit. The permit may not be used to travel on the Interstate Highway System. Vehicles may not operate on a load-posted bridge if the gross weight of the vehicle and load, or the axles and wheel loads, are greater than the established and posted limits, unless the bridge provides the only access to or from an origin or destination.

Total Weight Tolerance Permits Issued and Percentage Comparison to Total OS/OW Permits Issued		
FY 09	30,653	5.8%
FY 10	30,097	6.0%
FY 11	33,460	5.7%
FY 12	42,026	5.7%
FY 13	46,976	6.0%

Weight Tolerance Fee Distribution			
Description		Distribution	
">\$50 Base Fee		Deposited to GR (County Portion)	
\$40 Base Fee		State Highway Fund	
Scaled County Fee		Deposited to GR (County Portion)	State Highway Fund
# of Counties on Permit	Fee Amount		
1-5	\$175	\$125	\$50
6-20	\$250	\$125	\$125
21-40	\$450	\$345	\$105
41-60	\$650	\$565	\$60
61-80	\$800	\$785	\$15
81-100	\$900	\$900	\$0
101-254	\$1000	\$1000	\$0
\$5 Administrative Fee		State Highway Fund	

Weight tolerance permits were first authorized by House Bill (HB) 2060 passed by the 71st Legislature in 1989. Permit fees were \$75 annually, with \$25 deposited to the State Highway Fund, and \$50 divided among all 254 Texas counties based on the ratio of county road miles for each county. In 1995, the 74th Legislature passed HB 1547, changing the fee structure to include scaled county fees and added a windshield sticker requirement. The scaled county fees were divided among the counties based on county road mile ratios and the number of permits issued for each county. In 2009, the 81st Legislature passed HB 441 raising the base fee from \$75 annually to \$90. The administrative fees and scaled county fees remained the same.

In 2013, the 83rd Legislature passed HB 2741, creating two new weight tolerance permits: an annual \$1,500 timber weight tolerance permit, allowing timber haulers to exceed legal gross weight by a certain tolerance and requiring them to select the timber counties in which they wish to haul their load; and the \$1,000 annual ready-mix concrete truck permit which applies to vehicles equipped with three axles.

TxDMV is authorized to audit and assess administrative penalties against shippers who load carriers over the legal limits. Counties and municipalities are now prohibited from requiring a permit, bond, fee, or license for the movement of equipment on the state highway system. In addition, a permit will become void when the owner or the owner’s representative fail to comply with a rule of the TxDMV board or with a condition placed on the permit.



Weight Tolerance Permits, FY 2012 (Oil and Gas Related)

Eagle Ford Shale

Top 5 Counties for Weight Tolerance Permits (FY 2012):

# Times Counties selected on a permit	249,774
Total Amount of Dollars Paid to Counties	\$1,761,139

Top 5 Counties (by dollar Volume):

Atascosa	\$120,232
Wilson	\$110,945
Lavaca	\$102,806
DeWitt	\$102,729
Gonzales	\$97,571

Permian Basin

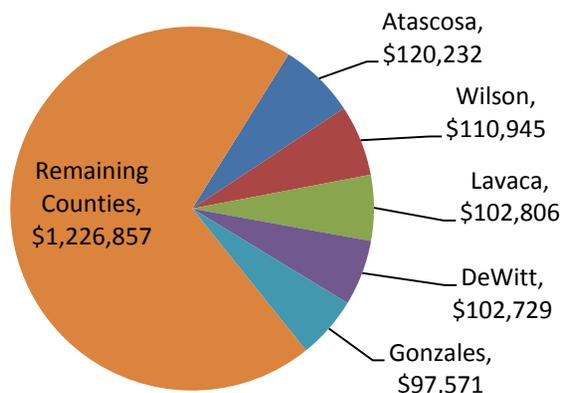
Top 5 Counties for Weight Tolerance Permits (FY2012):

# Times Counties selected on a permit	95,504
Total Amount of Dollars Paid to Counties	\$545,621

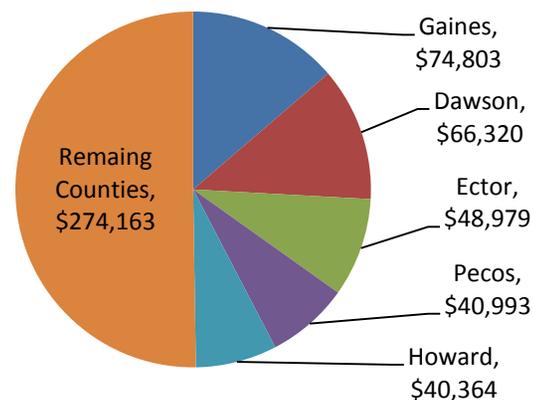
Top 5 Counties (by dollar volume):

Dawson County	\$37,756
Midland County	\$16,496
Gaines County	\$45,296
Andrews County	\$12,088
Howard County	\$22,116

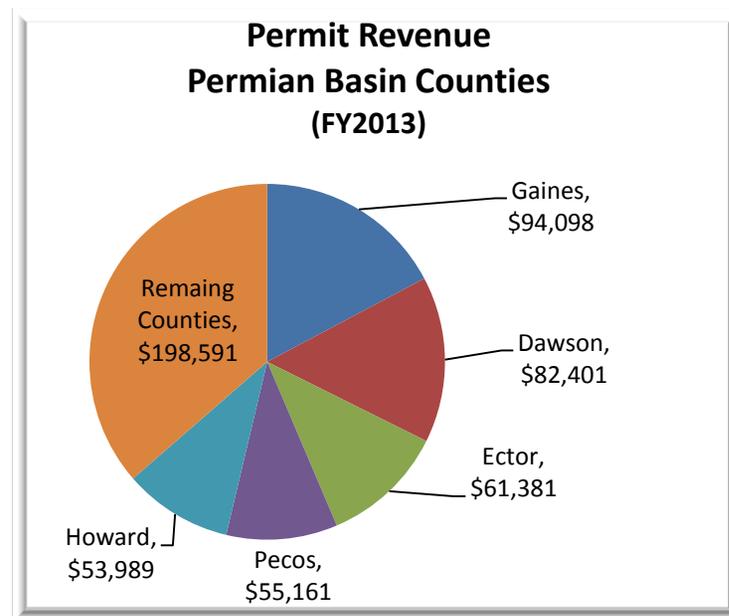
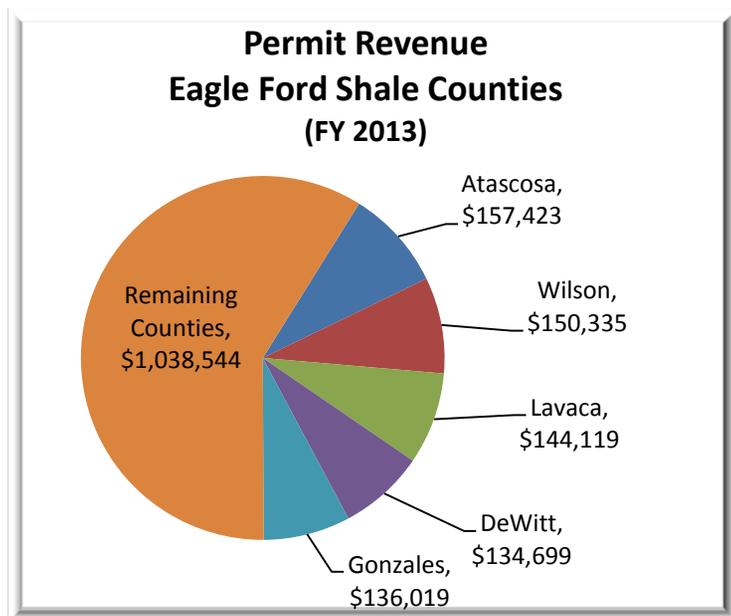
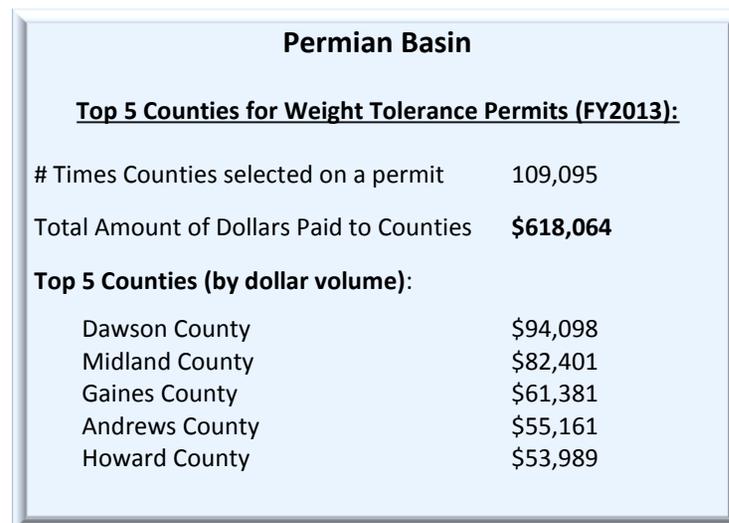
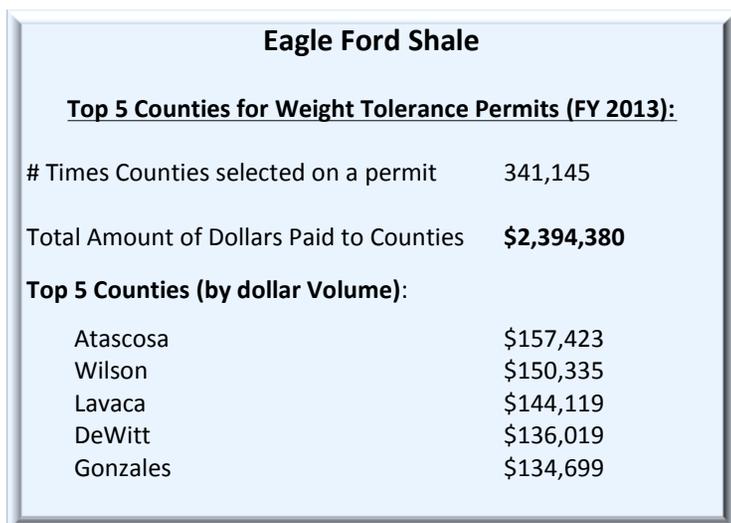
Permit Revenue Eagle Ford Shale Counties (FY 2012)



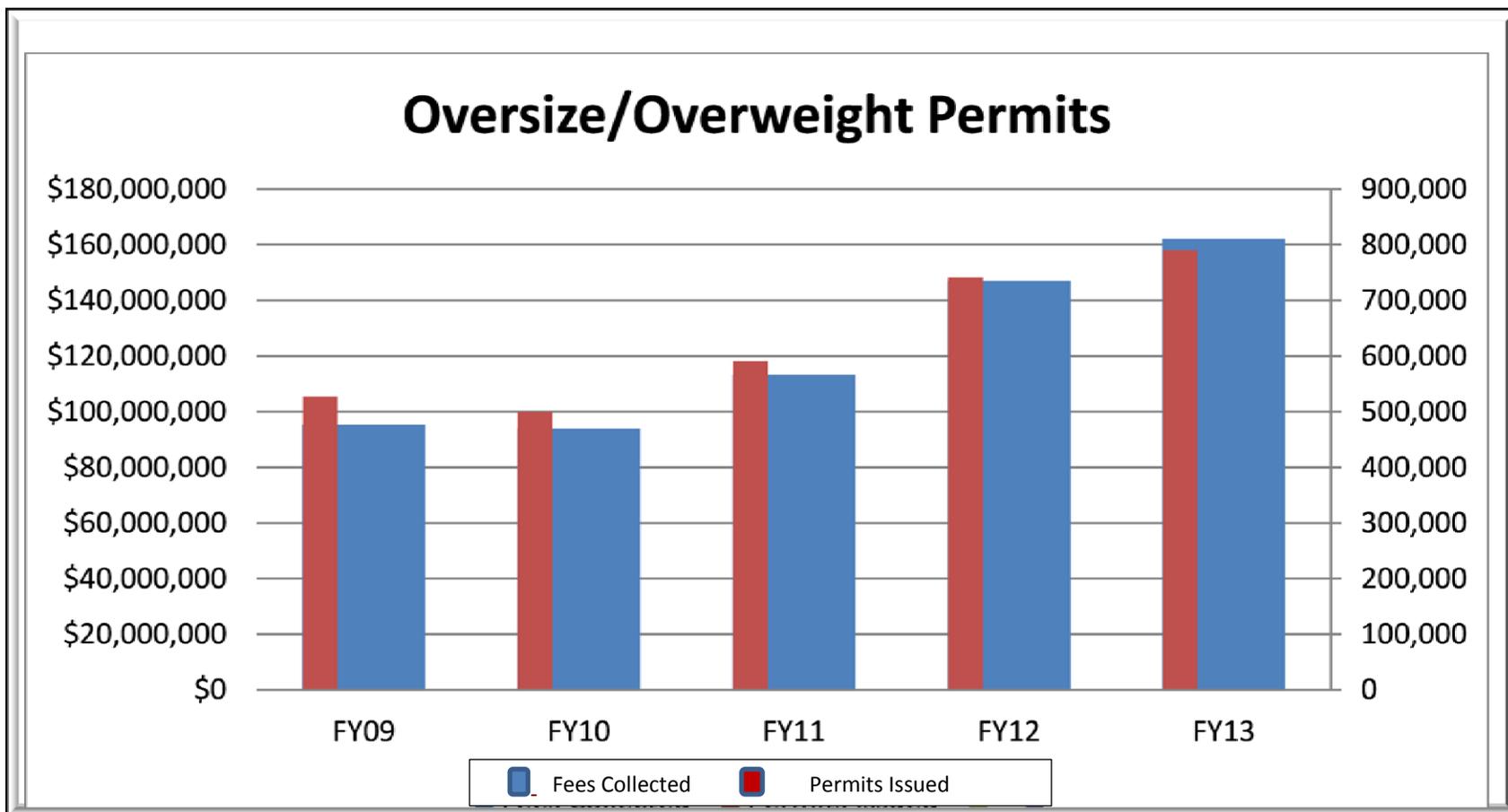
Permian Basin Counties Permit Revenue (FY2012)



Weight Tolerance Permits, FY 2013 (Oil and Gas Related)



Oversize/Overweight Permits (Statewide)



	Fees Collected	Permits Issued
FY09	\$95,315,100	527,453
FY10	\$93,946,859	500,522
FY11	\$113,349,391	590,980
FY12	\$146,994,776	741,080
FY13	\$162,002,437	790,123

TxDMV Enforcement Program

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TxDMV's Enforcement Division developed and implemented the oversize/overweight enforcement program to ensure the safety of the traveling public and extend the life-cycle of our roadways and structures, through the enforcement of vehicle size and weight laws. TxDMV personnel conduct educational presentations at industry trade shows, meetings, and seminars in an effort to keep motor carriers and shippers well-informed of changes in regulations and to encourage an atmosphere of openness and cooperation among the industry and TxDMV.

Through the administrative process, TxDMV may assess an administrative penalty against a motor carrier if the carrier is found to have violated the oversize/overweight laws. The following penalties may be assessed following an audit of a motor carrier or shipper who is found to be in violation of size or weight laws, after notice and opportunity for hearing. The administrative penalties are established by Tex. Transportation Code Sections 623.271 and 643.251.

In fiscal year 2013 the Enforcement Division completed 580 investigations, an increase over fiscal year 2012's completed investigations. In fiscal year 2012 assessed civil penalties were \$267,850. In fiscal year 2013 those penalties increased to \$436,140.

Violation	Penalty
Carrier unknowingly commits violation	Up to \$ 5,000
Carrier knowingly commits violation	Up to \$15,000
Carrier knowingly commits multiple violations	Up to \$30,000

Texas

Oversized and Overweight

Permitting



Size and Weight Limits in Texas

Texas has established size and weight limits for all vehicles and loads moving on Texas roadways and bridges.

Width is measured from the outside points of the widest extremities, excluding safety devices

Height is measured from the roadbed to the highest point of the vehicle or load

Length is measured from the foremost point of the vehicle or load, whichever extends further, to the rearmost point of the vehicle or load, whichever extends further

Weight includes the weight of the vehicle or combination, plus the weight of the load being transported

The maximum dimensions of a vehicle that may be operated on Texas' highways without an oversize/overweight permit are as follows:

Width – 8'6"

Height – 14'

Length (includes any front/rear overhang):

Weight:

- Gross – 80,000 pounds maximum
- Single axle – 20,000 pounds
- Tandem axle group – 34,000 pounds
- Triple axle group – 42,000 pounds
- Quad axle group – 50,000 pounds

Vehicle Type	Length Limit
Single motor vehicle	45 feet
Truck-tractor	Unlimited
Semitrailer, of two-vehicle combination	59 feet
Two- or Three-Vehicle combination other than truck-tractor & semitrailer ¹	65 feet
Each trailer or semitrailer of a twin-trailer combination	28.5 feet
Traditional boat/auto transporter combination ¹	65 feet
Commercial truck & stinger-steered semitrailer transporting autos/boats ¹	75 feet
Front overhang	3 feet
Rear overhang	4 feet

The basis for maximum legal weight is the number of axles. This information, in conjunction with the Permissible Weight Table, is used to determine maximum legal weight for a vehicle.



30/60/90 Day Width or Length Permits

Non-divisible loads

Use width and length permits in conjunction with one another

Select 30, 60, or 90 day effective period

Permits expire 30, 60 or 90 days from "movement to begin" date, depending upon the type of permit purchased.

In order to qualify for a 30, 60 or 90 day permit, vehicles and loads must be:

- No greater than 13' wide, 14' high or legal length for an overwidth permit, and
- No greater than 8'6" wide, 14' high, 110' long for vehicles and loads on a trailer for an overlength permit, or
- No longer than 75' long for single vehicles moving empty or hauling a load.

Note: Prior to being issued a permit, carrier must comply with TxDMV Carrier Registration (MCR) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have the TxDMV MCR or the UCR, carrier is required to have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV. Overwidth and overlength permits are not valid for manufactured homes or portable buildings.

Fee:

30 day time permit \$120

60 day time permit \$180

90 day time permit \$240



Company Specific Envelope Permit

Non-divisible loads

Can be used to operate any truck owned or leased by company one at a time

Valid for one year

The annual envelope permit is issued to companies transporting non-divisible loads exceeding Texas legal size and weight limits that fall within specific envelope dimensions and weight. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the "movement to begin" date.

The company specific annual envelope permit is issued to a specific company, not a specific vehicle, and may be used to operate any properly registered truck owned or leased to that company. No more than one vehicle can be operated at one time with a specific permit, but a company may purchase more than one permit.

Oversize and/or overweight equipment operating under this permit may not exceed:

Width – 12'

Height - 14'

Length – 110'

Weight – 120,000 lbs. gross weight

Note: Prior to being issued a permit, carrier must comply with TxDMV Carrier Registration (MCR) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have the TxDMV MCR or the UCR, carrier is required to have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV

Fee:

\$4000 Annual Fee



Crane & Well Service Unit Mileage Permit

Unladen lift equipment

Fixed-load machinery used to drill, service or clean oil wells

Single, continuous movement

The single-trip is a mileage-based permit issued for the movement of self-propelled and trailer-mounted cranes as well as well-servicing units exceeding legal Texas size and weight limits. They are valid for a maximum of seven consecutive days, from a specific point of origin to a specific ending point. A single-trip mileage permit allows the unit to return to the point of origin or other location on the same permit, provided the miles for the entire route are charged.

The maximum permit weight for any single axle may not exceed 30,000 pounds or 850 pounds per inch of tire width, whichever is less. Units may not to exceed 850 pounds per inch of tire width for non-steerable units and 950 pounds per inch of tire width for steerable units.

Fee:

\$31 minimum fee based on the number of miles permitted to travel and the size and weight of the vehicle and load. Customer is asked to call TxDMV for final fee.

Mileage	X	Highway Use	X	Total Rate	X	Indirect	=	Permit Fee
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Mileage traveled is based on the routed number of miles

Highway use factor is 0.6 for single-trip mileage permits [TAC §§219.42(d)(2)(A) and 219.62(d)(2)(A)].

Total rate per mile is determined by the combined mileage rates outlined in TAC §§219.42 and 219.62



Fracing Trailer Permit

Semitrailer containing a tank and pump unit

Valid for one year

The annual permit for the movement of a vehicle combination consisting of a truck-tractor and semitrailer specifically designed with a tank and pump unit for transporting liquid fracing products, liquid oil well waste products and unrefined liquid petroleum products to or from oil wells not connected to pipeline. The semitrailer must fall within Texas legal size and weight limits. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the "movement to begin" date.

NOTE: Prior to being issued a permit, carrier must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (MCR) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have the TxDMV MCR or the UCR, carrier is required to have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

This permit allows movement when the vehicle or semitrailer:

Carries liquid oil well waste products or unrefined petroleum products from wells not connected to a pipeline and return empty; or

Hauls liquid products related to oil well production to an oil well and return empty; or

Hauls liquid products related to oil well production to an oil well and return with liquid waste products or unrefined liquid petroleum products from an oil well not connected to a pipeline.

Fee:

Fees are based on the type of movements to be performed with the permit and the number of axles on the semitrailer. Annual fees per axle are as follows:

\$52 per axle to haul liquid well waste products or unrefined liquid petroleum products from oil wells not connected by a pipeline and to return empty

\$52 per axle to haul liquid products related to oil well production to an oil well and to return empty.

\$104 per axle to haul liquid products related to oil well production to an oil well and return with liquid oil well waste products or unrefined petroleum products from an oil well not connected to a pipeline.

\$20 issuance fee in addition to the permit fee



General Single-Trip Permits

Non-divisible load

The single-trip permit is for the movement of non-divisible vehicles and/or loads exceeding legal Texas size and weight limits up to 254,300 pounds. Single-trip permits may only be used for one movement, during the times specified on the permit, from a specific point of origin to a specific destination. There are special requirements for single-trip manufactured housing and portable building permits.

A Super Heavy Single-Trip Permit is available for the movement of vehicles and loads that exceed 254,300 pounds total gross weight exceed the maximum permit weights on any axle or axle group or exceed 200,000 pounds with less than 95 feet of axle spacing.

Note: Prior to being issued a permit, carrier must comply with TxDMV Carrier Registration (MCR) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have the TxDMV MCR or the UCR, carrier is required to have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV

Fee:

Single-trip permit fee is \$60

A highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds.

Highway maintenance fees are listed in the table below:

Gross Weight in Pounds	Highway Maintenance Fee	Permit Fee	Total Fee
80,000-120,000	\$150	\$60	\$210
120,001 – 160,000	\$225	\$60	\$285
160,001 – 200,000	\$300	\$60	\$360
200,001 – above**	\$375	\$60	\$435

**Vehicles and loads with a combined gross vehicle weight exceeding 200,000 pounds must have at least 95 feet of total axle spacing. A vehicle supervision fee will be charged, in addition to the permit fee and highway maintenance fee, for loads exceeding 200,000 pounds.



Hay Permit

Transport round bales of hay
Side-by-side loading
Valid for one year

The annual Hay Permit is issued to transport wide loads of cylindrical (round) bales of hay. The permit allows round bales of hay to be loaded side by side up to 12 feet wide to travel on all state-maintained highways in Texas. All other dimensions and weight must be legal.

This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the "movement to begin" date.

Periodically, the governor may grant a temporary waiver for the transport of round hay bales due to severe drought conditions. The waiver suspends permit requirements and legal height restrictions for round bales until designated time.

Fee:

\$10 annual permit fee



House Move Permit

Transport houses that exceed 20-feet wide
Single, continuous movement from point to point

The House Move permit may only be used once during the times specified on the permit, from a specific point of origin to a specific destination. TxDMV will provide carrier with a proposed route based on:

The amount of inconvenience and hazard imposed on the traveling public

Highway geometrics and time of movement

The overall width, measured to the nearest inch, of the house, including the eaves or porches

The carrier's representative must physically inspect the proposed route to ensure the safety of the load, traveling public and state infrastructure. They must notify TxDMV in writing whether the vehicle and load can or cannot safely negotiate the proposed route.

Note: Prior to being issued a permit, carrier must comply with TxDMV Carrier Registration (MCR) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have the TxDMV MCR or the UCR, carrier is required to have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV

Fee:

The permit fee is \$60.

In addition to the permit fee, a highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds. Highway maintenance fees are listed in the table below: Vehicles and loads with a combined gross vehicle weight exceeding 200,000 pounds must have at least 95 feet of total axle spacing. A vehicle supervision fee will be charged, in addition to the permit fee and highway maintenance fee, for loads exceeding 200,000 pounds.

Gross Weight in Pounds	Highway Maintenance Fee	Permit Fee	Total Fee
80,001 - 120,000	\$150	\$60	\$210
120,001 - 160,000	\$225	\$60	\$285
160,001 - 200,000	\$300	\$60	\$360
200,001 - above*	\$375	\$60	\$435



Implements of Husbandry Permit

Transport farm implements used to till soil

Valid for one year from the "movement to begin" date

Implements of husbandry include farm implements, machinery and tools, as used in tilling the soil, including self-propelled machinery specifically designed or adapted for applying plant food materials or agricultural chemicals, but not "designed or adapted for the sole purpose of transporting the materials or chemicals." Examples: subsoilers, dozers - provided they are for farm use: cultivators, farm tractors, reapers, binders, combines, cotton module builders, planters, discs, etc. Implements of husbandry do not include automobiles, trucks or items used on the farm such as irrigation systems, silo, barns, etc.

Note: Implements of husbandry that are only overwidth are not required to have a permit, provided they do not travel more than 50 miles on an Interstate Highway System.

Note: Prior to being issued a permit, carrier must comply with TxDMV Carrier Registration (MCR) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have the TxDMV MCR or the UCR, carrier is required to have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV

Fee:

The permit fee is \$270.

In addition to the permit fee, a highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds.

Vehicles and loads with a combined gross vehicle weight exceeding 200,000 pounds must have at least 95 feet of total axle spacing. A vehicle supervision fee will be charged, in addition to the permit fee and highway maintenance fee, for loads exceeding 200,000 pounds.

Gross Weight in Pounds	Highway Maintenance Fee	Permit Fee	Total Fee
80,001 - 120,000	\$150	\$270	\$420
120,001 - 160,000	\$225	\$270	\$495
160,001 - 200,000	\$300	\$270	\$570
200,001 - above*	\$375	\$270	\$645



Manufactured Housing Annual Permit

Transport new homes to temporary storage location (20 mile radius)

May be used by multiple vehicles

Valid for one year

The Manufactured Housing Permit allows for the transport of newly manufactured homes that exceed Texas legal size limits from a manufacturing facility to a temporary storage location. The movement may not exceed 20 miles from the point of manufacture. The permit expires one year from the “movement-to-begin” date.

Prior to being issued a permit, carrier must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (MCR), Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) or be licensed by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

Fee:

\$1,500



Manufactured Housing Single-Trip Permits

Transport manufactured housing and industrialized buildings and housing
Single, continuous movement from point A to point B
Valid for five days

The single-trip permit is issued for the movement of manufactured housing or industrialized buildings/housing exceeding Texas legal size limits when transported on any returnable undercarriage or temporary chassis system. Single-trip manufactured housing permits may only be used for one movement, during the times specified on the permit (not to exceed five days), and from a specific point of origin to a specific destination.

Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (MCR), Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) or be licensed by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

If you are the owner and/or occupant of a manufactured home, you may move your home provided the home and the pulling vehicle are both registered to you. This applies only to homes being moved by the owner as a personal family dwelling.

Fee:

\$40 per trip



Mobile Crane Annual Permit

Unladen lift equipment

Valid for one year

The annual permit is issued to mobile cranes which exceed Texas' legal width and weight limits, the permit expires one year from the "movement-to-begin" date. Cranes operating under this permit may not exceed the following restrictions:

Dimensions

Width – 10'

Height – Legal

Length – Legal

Weight

650 pounds per inch of tire width

120,000 pounds gross weight

25,000 pounds single axle

46,000 pounds tandem axle group

60,000 pounds 3-axle group

70,000 pounds 4-axle group

81,400 pounds 5-axle group

Fee:

\$100 annual fee



Multi-State (WASHTO) Permit

Non-divisible load

Route includes multiple states; part of the Western Regional Agreement

(Associated with the Western Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials)

Single, continuous movement from Point A to Point B

TxDMV participates with TxDOT in WASHTO and the permitting process through the Western Regional Agreement for the Issuance of Permits for Oversize and Overweight Vehicles Involved in Interstate Travel. Under this agreement, each member state may issue regional permits allowing operations in any other member state. The following states are currently members of the Western Regional Agreement: Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Nevada. Multi-state permits may only be used for one movement, during the times specified on the permit (not to exceed five working days), from a specific point of origin to a specific destination.

Note: Prior to being issued a permit, carrier must comply with TxDMV Carrier Registration (MCR) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have the TxDMV MCR or the UCR, carrier is required to have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV

Fee:

Fees are calculated and collected by each state based on their fee schedules of each member state in route; however fees are the same as if ordered directly from each state.

In Texas, a highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds. Highway maintenance fees are listed in the table below:

**Vehicles and loads with a combined gross vehicle weight exceeding 200,000 pounds must have at least 95 feet of total axle spacing. A vehicle supervision fee will be charged, in addition to the permit fee and highway maintenance fee, for loads exceeding 200,000 pounds.

Gross Weight in Pounds	Highway Maintenance Fee	Permit Fee	Total Fee
80,000-120,000	\$150	\$60	\$210
120,001 – 160,000	\$225	\$60	\$285
160,001 – 200,000	\$300	\$60	\$360
200,001 – above**	\$375	\$60	\$435



Over Axle/Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permit

Haul divisible commodities and may not travel on Interstate highways

Travel on state-maintained and county roads in select counties

Valid for one year; expires one year from the “movement-to-begin date

The annual weight tolerance permit is for the transport of divisible commodities. (Example: gravel, timber, cotton). Vehicles with a weight tolerance permit may exceed the allowable axle weight by a tolerance of 12 percent for agricultural commodities or 10 percent for non-agricultural commodities. A vehicle with a Weight Tolerance Permit may exceed the allowable gross weight up to 5 percent. Tolerances are based on the vehicle’s outer bridge distance (distance between the center of the steering axle to the center of last axle), rather than the vehicle’s registered weight.

Vehicles and/or vehicle combinations may not exceed Texas legal size limits. Vehicles moving under this permit may travel on county roads and state-maintained roadways, excluding the Interstate Highway System, in those counties selected on the permit application.

Prior to being issued a permit, the carrier must have an Over Axle/Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permit Bond in the amount of \$15,000 or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit on file with TxDMV.

Fees:

The annual permit fee includes a base fee of \$90 and an administrative fee of \$5, plus a county fee based on the number of counties selected on the permit.

Number of Counties	County Fee	Total Fee
1-5	\$175	\$270
6-20	\$250	\$345
21-40	\$450	\$545
41-60	\$625	\$720
61-80	\$800	\$895
81-100	\$900	\$995
101-254	\$1,000	\$1,095



Portable Building Single-Trip Permits

Transport portable buildings and compatible cargo

This is a single-trip permit for the transportation of portable buildings and portable building compatible cargo when exceeding Texas legal size limits. Single-trip permits may only be used for one movement, during the times specified on the permit, from a specific point of origin to a specific destination.

To qualify for the portable building single-trip permit, the vehicle and load must be no greater than 14 feet high and 80 feet long. Vehicles and/or loads exceeding these dimensions require a general single-trip permit.

Fee:

\$15 per trip



Quarterly Hubometer Permits

Drive or transport hubometer-equipped fixed-load machinery and cranes

Mileage based fees

Valid for 91 days

TxDMV issues quarterly hubometer permits for the following vehicle types:

- Self-propelled oil well servicing units
- Self-propelled mobile cranes
- Self-propelled concrete pumps
- Trailer-mounted oil well servicing units
- Coiled tubing units
- Swabbing units
- Self-propelled bundle extractors

Units operating under this permit may not exceed:

- Maximum width – 12'
- Maximum height – 14'6"
- Maximum length – 95'
- Maximum weight: °
 - 30,000 pounds per axle based upon results of weight analysis
 - 850 pounds per inch of tire width for non-steerable units
 - 950 pounds per inch of tire width for steerable units

This permit expires 91 days from the "movement to begin" date.

Fee:

\$31 minimum fee based on the number of miles permitted to travel and the size and weight of the vehicle and load. Customer is asked to call TxDMV for final fee.

Mileage	X	Highway Use	X	Total Rate	X	Indirect Cost	=	Permit Fee
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Mileage traveled is based on the routed number of miles

Highway use factor is 0.6 for single-trip mileage permits [TAC §§219.42\(d\)\(2\)\(A\) and 219.62\(d\)\(2\)\(A\)](#).

Total rate per mile is determined by the combined mileage rates outlined in [TAC §§219.42 and 219.62](#)



Ready-Mixed Concrete Truck Permit

Trucks operating on three axles

Travel on state-maintained and county roads in select counties

Valid for one year

The permit allows ready-mixed concrete trucks and concrete pump trucks to exceed single and tandem axle weight allowances listed in TRC §622.012(a) by 10 percent if the gross weight does not exceed 69,000 pounds - maximum single-axle weight of 25,300 pounds and tandem-axle weight of 50,600 pounds. The permit holder may travel on any Texas road except the Interstate Highway System. Travel is allowed on state, municipal or county roads, including county roads that are load-zoned less than 69,000 pounds, in counties specified on the permit. Trucks may not cross a load-posted bridge when exceeding the posted capacity.

Counties and municipalities may not require an additional permit, fee, or license for operation of a permitted truck.

Fee:

\$1,000 annual permit



Rig-Up Truck/Unladen Lift Permit

Truck equipped with a winch and gin poles

Annual Permit

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the movement of rig-up trucks on state-maintained roads. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the “movement to begin” date.

Units operating under this permit may not exceed:

Height – Legal

Length – Legal

Weight – 25,000 pounds or 850 pounds per inch of tire width on the steer axle(s), whichever is less. All other axles must be legal weight

Prior to permit issuance, must have \$10,000 permit bond on file with TxDMV

Prior to permit issuance, a carrier must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

Fee:

The permit is \$52 annually



Self-Propelled Off Road Equipment

Drive off-road equipment on state roadways
 Single, continuous movement from Point A to Point B

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the movement of rig-up trucks on state-maintained roads. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the “movement to begin” date.

Self-propelled off road equipment operating under this permit must meet the following requirements:

Weight per inch of tire width does not exceed 650 pounds

Weight per axle does not exceed 45,000 pounds

All wheels have a minimum rim diameter of 25 inches

Minimum spacing between axles, measured from center of axle to center of axle, is not less than 12 feet

Note: Equipment moving under this permit may not travel on controlled access highways.

Prior to permit issuance, you must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

Fees:

Annual permit fee is \$60

In addition to the permit fee, a highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds.

Highway maintenance fees are listed in the table:

Gross Weight in Pounds	Highway Maintenance Fee	Permit Fee	Total Fee
80,000-120,000	\$150	\$60	\$210
120,001 – 160,000	\$225	\$60	\$285
160,001 – 200,000	\$300	\$60	\$360
200,001 – above*	\$375	\$60	\$435

*Vehicles and loads with a combined gross vehicle weight exceeding 200,000 pounds must have at least 95 feet of total axle spacing. A vehicle supervision fee will be charged, in addition to the permit fee and highway maintenance fee, for loads exceeding 200,000 pounds.



Super Heavy

Non-divisible load

Gross weight may exceed 254,300 lbs. or 200,000 lbs. with less than 95 feet of axle spacing

May exceed maximum permit weights on axle or axle group

The single-trip super heavy permit is for the movement of non-divisible vehicles and/or loads that exceed 254,300 pounds total gross weight, the maximum permit weights on any axle or axle group or between 200,001 pounds and 254,300 pounds with less than 95 feet of axle spacing.

Single-trip permits may only be used for one movement, during the times specified on the permit, from a specific point of origin to a specific destination.

Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (MCR) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR).

Fees:

The permit fee is \$60.

In addition to the permit fee, a \$375 highway maintenance fee and the applicable vehicle supervision fee are required. Vehicle supervision fees are listed in the table below.

Item	Fee
Bridge analysis performed by a state (TxDOT)	\$500
Additional identical permit loads ordered within	\$35
No bridges crossed on route	\$100



Temporary Registration

**Temporary movement of vehicles without proper registration
Document carried in cab of vehicle, not a paper display tag
72-hour, 144-hour or one-trip**

Temporary vehicle registration allows temporary movement of a vehicle under specific circumstances, including:

- The vehicle is not registered
- The vehicle is properly registered in an IRP state without Texas listed
- The vehicle is registered in a state that does not have a reciprocity agreement with Texas
- The vehicle is registered in a state that has a prorated agreement with Texas, but does not have a prorated sticker or registration cab card for Texas
- To increase weight, if the vehicle is not registered for its maximum allowable weight

Three types of temporary registration permits are available to motor carriers: 72-hour, 144-hour and one-trip. One-trip temporary registration is only available to unladen vehicles with a route that either begins or ends in Texas. This permit only allows the vehicle to travel from a single origin to a single destination point and is valid for 15 days. Prior to issuance of temporary registration, the operator must have either proof of Motor Carrier Registration, Certificate of Accord from their insurance company, or if they are a Texas resident, submit an insurance card.

Eligibility for One-Trip Temporary Registration

- Passenger cars carrying passengers and property, or a pulling travel trailer
- Travel trailers
- Truck or truck-tractor in combination with an unladen semitrailer (both vehicles in the combination require temporary registration)
- Truck with a mounted camper unit
- Charter bus from another state or country (may carry property and passengers)
- Mobile offices that are completely gutted or empty of furniture

Not Eligible for One-Trip Temporary Registration

- Manufactured housing
- Texas-based charter buses carrying passengers and property
- Any laden vehicle, meaning truck, trailer, etc.
- Fixed load vehicle, regardless of whether the vehicle is of the conventional or unconventional type
- Mobile offices, mobile laboratories and mobile bunkhouses (must have full registration or purchase 72-/144-hour temporary registration)

Fees:

The permit fee is \$60.

In addition to the permit fee, a \$375 highway maintenance fee and the applicable vehicle supervision fee are required.

Vehicle supervision fees are listed in table:

Item	Fee
Bridge analysis performed by a state (TxDOT)	\$500
Additional identical permit loads ordered within 30	\$35
No bridges crossed on route	\$100



Annual Timber Permit

Transport unrefined timber, wood chips or woody biomass
Travel on state-maintained and county roads in select counties
Valid for one year

The permit allows a truck to carry up to 44,000 pounds on a tandem axle provided the gross weight of the vehicle/vehicle combination does not exceed 84,000 pounds. Permit holders may travel on county roads and state-maintained roadways, excluding the Interstate Highway System, in timber counties selected on the permit application. This includes county roads that are load-zoned less than 69,000 pounds. Trucks may not cross a load-posted bridge when exceeding the posted capacity.

Prior to issuance of the timber permit, carrier must have a timber permit bond in the amount of \$15,000 or an original (not electronic copy) irrevocable letter of credit on file with the TxDMV.

At least two business days prior to movement, the permit holder must electronically notify TxDOT and affected counties of the address or geographical area that the carrier intends to operate, including the name or number of each county or state road and the dates or duration of movement. Electronic notification will be made through the TxDMV website.

Fee:

\$1,500 annual permit



Utility Pole

Transport poles required for electrical power transmission and line distribution

Night movement for emergencies

Valid for one year

This permit is used exclusively for the transportation of poles required for the maintenance of electric power transmission and distribution of lines. The maximum vehicle dimensions may be up to 75' long and may not exceed other Texas legal size and weight limits.

Prior to being issued a permit, the carrier must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (MCR) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have TxDMV MCR or UCR, the carrier must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

Fee:

\$120 fee annually



Vehicle Specific Envelope Permit

Non-divisible loads

Valid for one year

TxDMV issues an annual envelope permit for the movement of non-divisible vehicles and loads exceeding Texas legal size and weight limits that fall within specific envelope dimensions and weight. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the "movement to begin" date.

Oversize and/or overweight equipment operating under this permit may not exceed 12' width, 14' height, 110' length, and 120,000 lbs. gross weight:

Prior to issuance of the timber permit, carrier must have a timber permit bond in the amount of \$15,000 or an original (not electronic copy) irrevocable letter of credit on file with the TxDMV.

Fee:

\$4,000 annual permit



Water Well Drilling Machinery & Equipment Permits

Self-propelled or mounted machinery used exclusively for drilling water wells
Valid for one year

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the movement of water well drilling machinery and related equipment that cannot be reasonably dismantled. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the "movement to begin" date.

Prior to issuance of the timber permit, carrier must have a timber permit bond in the amount of \$15,000 or an original (not electronic copy) irrevocable letter of credit on file with the TxDMV.

Oversize or overweight water well drilling machinery and equipment operating under this permit may not exceed:

Maximum Width - 16'

Maximum Height - 14'6"

Maximum Length - 110'

Maximum Weight - maximum allowable permit weights

Note: Machinery and equipment moving under this permit may only travel on the state highway system.

Fee:

\$270 annual permit

In addition to the permit fee, a highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds. Highway maintenance fees are listed in the table.

Gross Weight in Pounds	Highway Maintenance Fee	Permit Fee	Total Fee
80,001 - 120,000	\$150	\$270	\$420
120,001 - 160,000	\$225	\$270	\$495
160,001 - 200,000	\$300	\$270	\$570
200,001 - above*	\$375	\$270	\$645

*Vehicles and loads with a combined gross vehicle weight exceeding 200,000 pounds must have at least 95 feet of total axle spacing. A vehicle supervision fee will be charged, in addition to the permit fee and highway maintenance fee, for loads exceeding 200,000 pounds.



Well Service Unit Annual Permits

Transport legal size and weight units
Must have Texas "P" (Permit) plate
Valid for one year

This is an annual permit for the movement of oil well servicing units that do not exceed legal size and weight limits and are registered with a Texas "permit" plate. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the "movement to begin" date.

Units operating under this permit may not exceed 650 pounds per inch of tire width on the front axle.

Fee:

\$52 per axle annual permit