

Oversized vehicle Permit Procedure:

Since the 1980s, New York City and the Department of Transportation have had laws that govern limitations upon dimensions and weights of vehicles. According to NYC Traffic Rules 4-15, when vehicles exceed the legal dimensions, permits must be obtained for vehicles that are transporting non-divisible loads. Divisible loads must be transported in legally sized vehicles. Any load being carried in an over-dimensional vehicle that cannot be broken down into smaller units and transported in a smaller legally-sized vehicle – e.g. Film Industry Lucy/Desi wagons, makeup trailers, dressing room trailers; and “greenroom” trailers – qualifies as a non-divisible load. Some customized trailers could be considered non-divisible loads; however, such trailers would have to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Over-dimensional vehicles carrying non-divisible loads must be permitted by NYCDOT (see below).

1. An oversized vehicle permit is required for any single vehicle exceeding 35’ length (bumper to bumper), 8’ width or 13’6” height and for tractor/trailer vehicles exceeding 55’ length, 8’ width or 13’6”. To apply for the permit visit: www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/permits/commperm.shtml
2. Productions are required to provide the NYC Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) with the following information:
 - The dates and times required for travel
 - The locations that the vehicles are expected to be used at during the production (including studio location and all filming locations).
3. To expedite the process applicants can set up an account with the NYCDOT. This online account will provide access to a web-based permitting system and a monthly billing cycle. One account could service multiple productions. If no account is opened, all permits must be paid for before they are issued and released unless an expeditor is used. A list of expeditors is available upon request.
4. For additional information kindly contact the NYC DOT. The following individuals are available to provide further assistance:
 - Kevin Lobat, 212-839-6335
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