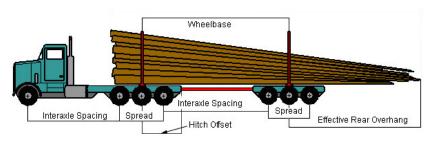


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Part 1 - Dimension Limits



DIMENSION	LIMIT		
Overall Length	Maximum 23.0 metres		
Overall Width	Maximum 2.6 metres		
Overall Height	Maximum 4.15 metres		
Truck			
Wheelbase	Minimum 6.6 metres		
Tridem Axle Spread	Maximum 2.8 metres		
Track Width	Minimum 2.5 metres / Maximum 2.6 metres		
Hitch Offset	Maximum 1.8 metres – if operating without a tridem drive equipment exemption permit		
	Maximum 3.6 metres - if operating with a tridem drive equipment exemption permit		
Pole Trailer			
Effective Rear Overhang	Maximum 4 metres		
Tridem Axle Spread	Minimum 2.4 metres / Maximum 2.5 metres		
Track Width	Minimum 2.5 metres / Maximum 2.6 metres		
Interaxle Spacings			
Single Steer to Tridem	Minimum 3.0 metres		
Tridem Axle to Tridem Axle	Minimum 5.5 metres		

A vehicle equipped with a tridem drive axle group is regulated by <u>Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight</u> Regulation AR315/2002 Section 1(xx).

"tridem axle group" means an axle group, on a trailer, consisting of any 3 consecutive axles of a vehicle where the axles are evenly spaced over a distance of not less than 2.4 metres and not greater than 3.7 metres, but does not include a lift axle in the down position or a single steer axle;

A tridem axle is only allowed on a trailer so the tridem axle group on a truck or truck tractor would be considered a quantum axle group. Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation AR315/2002 Section 1(jj)

"quantum axle group" means an axle group other than a single, tandem or tridem axle or axle group;

Maximum weight without a permit for a quantum axle is

- (i) 9100 kilograms for a quantum axle group consisting of 2 axles;
- (ii) 17 000 kilograms for a quantum axle group consisting of 3 or more axles with 12 or more tires;
- (iii) 15 000 kilograms for a quantum axle group consisting of 3 or more axles with fewer than 12 tires;

Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation AR315/2002 Section 9(1)(g)

A tridem drive permit exempts the vehicle from sections of Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation AR315/2002 and provides allowances for dimensions and weight and regulates the use of a tridem drive axle.

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"effective rear overhang" means the longitudinal distance from the turn centre of the rear axle group of a commercial vehicle to the rearmost point of

(i) the vehicle, or

(ii) the load on the vehicle,

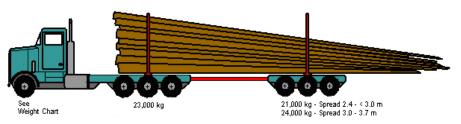
whichever is the greater distance;

as defined in Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation 315/2002, Section 1(p).

"hitch offset" means the longitudinal distance from the rear turn centre of a semi-trailer, truck or full trailer to the centre of the hitching mechanism provided for towing a trailer behind the semi-trailer, truck or full trailer as defined in Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation 315/2002, Section 1(v).

"trailer wheelbase" means the longitudinal distance from the centre of the kingpin on a semi-trailer, the centre of the turntable on a full trailer or the centre of the hitch device on a pony trailer, to the trailer turn centre;). as defined in Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation 315/2002, Section 1(ww).

Part 2 - Weight Limits



WEIGHT	LIMIT
Steering Axle (minimum tire size 305 mm)	Maximum 7300 kg Steering axle must have a minimum weight of 25% of the drive axle weight at all times
Tridem Drive Axle – Dual tires (minimum tire size 255 mm)	Maximum 23,000 kg * Carrier must have a valid tridem drive permit otherwise maximum allowable weight is 17,000 kg
Tridem Trailer Axles	
Duel tires with axle spread from 2.4 m to 2.5 m	Maximum 21,000 kg
Gross Vehicle Weight Limits	Cannot exceed the sum of the maximum regulated axle weights and is subject to minimum interaxle spacing.

A pole trailer is a pony trailer and limited to regulated dimensions and weights of a pony trailer as per Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation AR315/2002.

Note maximum axle spread and weights on tridem axle group.

Note: All axle weights are subject to minimum tire size. See STEERING AXLE Tire Weight Chart page 3 Maximum steering axle weight as per Commercial Dimension and Weight Regulation AR 315/2002

- 9(1) Subject to section 62 of the Act and section 12(1) of this Regulation, no person shall operate a commercial vehicle on a highway when
 - (a) the gross weight on a tire exceeds the smallest of the following:
 - (i) 3650 kilograms;
 - (ii) the capacity determined by multiplying the cross section dimension of the tire in millimetres, as determined by the manufacturer's width shown on the tire, by 10 kilograms;
 - (b) the gross weight on
 - (i) a steering axle exceeds
 - (A) in the case of a truck tractor, 5500 kilograms;
 - (B) in the case of a truck, bus, picker truck, bed, truck or winch truck, 7300 kilograms *

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STEERING AXLE Tire Weight Chart for Trucks

ALLOWABLE STEERING AXLE WEIGHTS		ALLOWABLE STEERING AXLE WEIGHTS		PICKER STEERING WEIGHTS WITH ANNUAL PERMIT		
Tire Size	Single Steer	Tire Size	Single Steer	Tire Size	Tire Size	Single Steer
(inches)	Maximum Weight (kg)	(mm)	Maximum Weight (kg)	(inches)	(mm)	Maximum Weight (kg)
210	5, 100	285	5, 700			
211	5, 600	305	6, 100			
212	6, 100	315	6, 300			
213	6, 600	335	6, 700			
214	7, 100	365	7, 300			
215	7, 300	385	7, 300	215	385	7,700
216	7, 300	425	7, 300	216	425	8,500
218	7, 300	445	7, 300	218	445	9,100

^{*} See log picker specifications for maximum GVW with configurations equipped with picker trucks.

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^{*} See picker specifications form to apply for a permit allowing steer axle weight to exceed 7,300 kg.

^{*} For picker trucks which have a multi-trip permit for the steering axle weight to exceed 7,300 kg, the permitted steering axle weight indicated on the permit shall apply. See copy of Attached Conditions.

^{*} The carrier must have a valid TAC permit and County/MD approval to travel on local roads. Otherwise, the regulated weight on local roads is limited to 17,000 kg for tridem axles and 53,500 kg GVW.