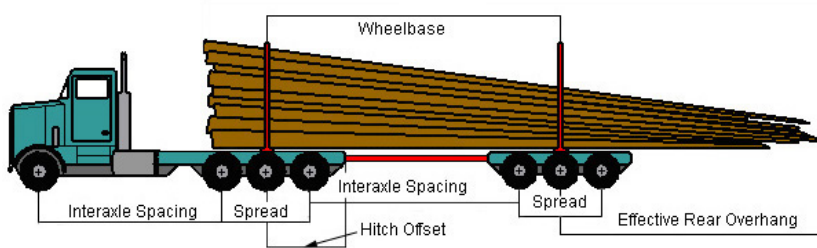


# Tridem Drive – Tridem Pole Trailer Regulation Summary

## Part 1 – Dimension Limits



### DIMENSION LIMIT

Overall Length	Maximum 23.0 metres
Overall Width	Maximum 2.6 metres
Overall Height	Maximum 4.15 metres
<b>Truck</b>	
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 <b>without</b> a tridem drive equipment exemption permit Maximum 3.6 metres - if operating <b>with</b> a tridem drive equipment exemption permit
<b>Pole Trailer</b>	
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
<b>Interaxle Spacings</b>	
Single Steer to Tridem	Minimum 3.0 metres
Tridem Axle to Tridem Axle	Minimum 5.5 metres

## Definitions as per [Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation AR315/2002](#)

### Effective rear overhang

The longitudinal distance from the turn centre of the rear axle group of a commercial vehicle to the rearmost point of:

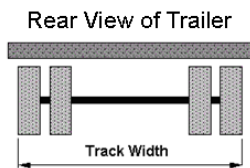
- (i) the vehicle, or
- (ii) the load on the vehicle,  
whichever is the greater distance

### Kingpin setback

The longitudinal distance from the centre of the kingpin to the front of the semi-trailer or the load, whichever is further forward, excluding any auxiliary equipment attached to the front of the semitrailer that is not designed for the transportation of goods.

### Track Width

The overall width of an axle measured from the outside of the outside tire located on one side of the vehicle to the outside of the outside tire located on that axle on the other side of the vehicle at any point above the lowest point of the rim



### Trailer Wheelbase

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.

### Tridem axle group

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.

### Tridem drive axle group

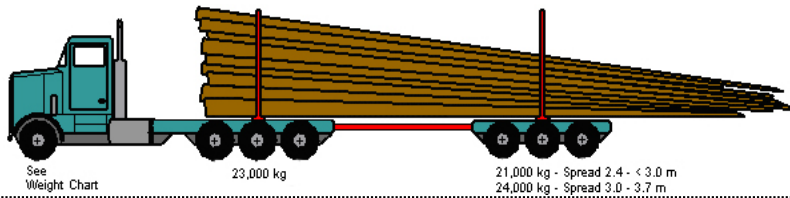
A driving axle group n axle group, on a truck or truck tractor, consisting of 3 driving axles:

- (i) equally spaced
- (ii) with a track width of between 2.5 metres and 2.6 metres,
- (iii) on a common suspension designed to equalize the weight between the axles,
- (iv) with a minimum of 12 tires, and,
- (v) with all tires of the same size and a minimum width of 255 millimetres, as determined by the manufacturer's width shown on the tire, but does not include a lift axle or a self steering axle

### Truck Tractor Wheelbase

The longitudinal distance from the centre of the steering axle or twin steer axle group located on a truck tractor to the turn centre

# Part 2 – Weight Limits



## WEIGHT LIMITS

Steering Axle (minimum tire size 305 mm)	Maximum 7300 kg <b>Steering axle must have a minimum weight of 25% of the drive axle weight at all times</b>
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
<b>Tridem Trailer Axles</b>	
Dual 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.

**Note:** All axle weights are subject to minimum tire size. (Chart below)

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) 3,650 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, 5,500 kilograms;
    - (B) in the case of a truck, bus, picker truck, bed, truck or winch truck, 7,300 kilograms.

## 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