

Transporting Houses and Prefabricated Buildings

The dimension limits for transporting houses and prefabricated buildings have been set to facilitate the safe movement of dwellings and structures across the network.



Prime mover and semi-trailer combination towing a prefabricated building

This information sheet sets out the maximum dimensions and mass limits, access and operating conditions for a vehicle combination transporting houses and prefabricated buildings.

What is the mass limit?

The maximum mass limit for the combination is 43.0 tonnes including the steer axle concession.

What are the dimension limits?

Annual permits are available for vehicles transporting one indivisible house or prefabricated building up to the laden vehicle dimension limits in the following tables.

Table 1 Dimension limits

Dimension	Maximum limits (m)
Width	5.0
Height	5.0
Length	30.0
Trailer Deck Height	1.2

The dimensions shown in Table 1 include external fittings, such as guttering, plumbing, lighting, verandas, bay windows and eaves.

Table 2 Maximum rear overhang

Length of vehicle (m)		Max rear overhang (m)
Over	Up to and including	
-	25.0	5.5
25.0	26.0	6.4
26.0	27.0	6.7
27.0	28.0	7.0
28.0	29.0	7.3
29.0	30.0	7.6

What access can I get?

The vehicle combination can access all approved or conditionally approved arterial roads on the [Oversize & Overmass network map](#). Access to other roads will require consent from the relevant road manager (such as local government or the Port).

What are the Load Restraint Requirements?

Houses and prefabricated dwellings must be transported in such a way that the restraint system used complies with the load restraint performance standards. These standards are listed in the [Load Restraint Guide](#) published by the [National Transport Commission](#).

What operating conditions apply?

- The entire length of the building must be supported by the trailer or the trailer extension beams.
- Windows must be secured to withstand transportation forces.
- No part of the underframe or cross member support can protrude laterally more than 50mm for the outside wall of the house or prefabricated structure directly above it.
- A laden vehicle combination that is longer than 26 metres or wider than 3.5 metres must comply with the [pilot and escort chart on the website](#).

Travel Time Restrictions

Travel is allowed during the time described in Table 3.

Table 3 Time of day travel restrictions

Road or Area	Day	Not wider than 3.1m or longer than 22.0m	Not wider than 3.5m or longer than 26.0m	Wider than 3.5m or longer than 26.0m
Melbourne & Geelong urban areas, other than a major road	Monday - Saturday	At all times	9:00am - 4:00pm 12:00 midnight - 6:00am	
	Sunday & public holiday	At all times	12:00 midnight - 4:00pm	
Major Road	Any day	At all times	6:00am - 4:00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No travel the day before a holiday period; and No travel the last day of a holiday period 	
Rural Area	Any day	At all times	Sunrise - sunset	
Freeway	Any day			Except for the day of a holiday period

What is a Major Road?

See the list below.

- Bass Highway
- Calder Highway and Freeman Highway between Digger's Rest and Bendigo
- Goulburn Valley Highway
- Great Alpine Road
- Maroondah Highway outside the Melbourne Urban Area
- Maroondah Link Highway
- Mclvor Highway
- Melba Highway and Warburton Highway
- Midland Highway between Gheringhap and Sebastopol
- Midland Highway between the Calder Highway and Mansfield
- Midland Link Highway
- Northern Highway between Wallen and Heathcote
- Peninsula Freeway
- Princes Highway between Traralgon and NSW Border
- Princes Highway between Waurn Ponds and SA Border
- South Gippsland Highway and Freeway outside the Melbourne Urban Area
- Western Highway between Burrumbeet to SA Border

What if I exceed the dimension limits?

Access will be considered on a case by case basis. Operators will be required to provide VicRoads with the following:

- A clear explanation as to why the house or prefabricated building cannot be reduced to the dimensions noted in Table 1 and Table 2.
- A detailed assessment of the route (route survey) highlighting all turns with swept path drawings and noting all pinch points on the route and how the operator intends to mitigate them. (Please note that the eaves must be removed for a load that exceeds 5.5 metres).

How do I apply for a permit?

To obtain a permit to transport prefabricated buildings please submit your Class 1 permit application via the [NHVR website](#).

For more information:

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