

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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the following table corresponding to the distance in feet between the extreme axles of the group, measured longitudinally to the nearest foot:

Maximum load in pounds carried on any Group of Axles

Distance in feet between the extremes of any group of axles	3 axle vehicles	4 axle vehicles with adequate brakes on the wheels of all axles	5 or more axle vehicles with adequate brakes on the wheels of all axles
4 to 7	32,000		
8	32,610		
9	33,580		
10	34,550		
11	35,510		
12	36,470		
13	37,420		
14	38,360	45,900	
15	39,300	46,750	
16	40,230	47,600	
17	41,160	48,450	
18	42,080	49,300	51,100
19	42,990	50,150	52,050
20	43,900	51,000	53,000
21	44,800	51,850	53,950
22	45,700	52,700	54,900
23	46,590	53,550	55,850
24	47,470	54,400	56,800
25	48,350	55,250	57,750
26	49,220	56,100	58,700
27	50,090	56,950	59,650
28	50,950	57,800	60,600
29	51,800	58,650	61,550
30		59,500	62,500
31		60,350	63,450
32		61,200	64,400
33		62,050	65,350
34			66,300
35			67,250
36			68,200
37			69,150
38			70,100
39			70,550

provided, that no vehicle other than trucks hauling construction materials shall have a gross weight imparted to any road surface of more than 22,000 pounds on any one axle, and no vehicle having 2 or more axles less than 8 feet apart shall be operated, or caused to be operated, with more than 18,000 pounds imparted to the road surface from either axle or 32,000 pounds from both axles; provided further that no vehicle shall be so operated, or caused to be operated,

when the load imparted to the road surface is greater than 600 pounds per inch width tire, manufacturer's rating; except that 3-axle trucks with brakes on the wheels of all axles hauling forest products may be operated for a gross weight of 48,000 pounds with a distance between the extreme axles of not less than 18 feet, and except further that 3-axle trucks with 2 rear axles driven and with brakes on wheels of all axles, hauling forest products may be operated upon the payment of an additional license fee of \$75 during the months of December, January and February at 15% in excess of the maximum gross weight permitted and that tractor-trailer combinations hauling forest products may be operated upon the payment of an additional license fee of \$75 during the months of December, January and February at 15% in excess of the maximum gross and axle weights permitted, not, however, permitting, validating or in any way applying to the use of the Interstate System as defined in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 by vehicles with weights carried on any one axle, tandem axle weights or overall gross weight or with width in excess of the applicable maximum weights or maximum widths permitted by the provisions of section 108 (j) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 and except that 3-axle trucks with brakes on the wheels of all axles hauling construction materials may be operated for a gross weight of 55,000 pounds with a distance between the extreme axles of not less than 16 feet provided that said gross weight of 55,000 pounds is not in excess of weight recommended by manufacturer as safe with minimum of 38,000 pound rated tandem axles with 11.00 tires and except that in special cases, special permits for the transportation of individual shipments in loads of greater gross weights may be granted by the State Highway Commission or such appropriate commission or officials as is duly authorized elsewhere in this chapter. All trucks with 4 or more axles shall have adequate brakes on the wheels of all axles.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 94, amended. The first sentence of section 94 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'No motor vehicle or trailer which, with or without load, is wider than 96 inches over all shall be operated upon any way or bridge; except that motor vehicles or trailers hauling firewood, pulpwood, logs or bolts may be operated on any way or bridge if the width of the load does not exceed 102 inches and motor vehicles hauling construction material may be operated on any way or bridge if its tire and axle width does not exceed 100 inches; provided, however, that a. A strip 3 inches thick shall extend along the sides of the platform securely fastened to the platform of the vehicle or trailer in order that the load shall pitch to the center of said vehicle or trailer; and provided further, that each. **Each** vehicle or trailer shall carry a solid-boarded tailboard or 5 stakes evenly spaced of sufficient strength to maintain the weight of the load, and such load at no place along its length shall be higher than the tailboard or stakes.'