

New York State Department of
Transportation
Central Permit Office
50 Wolf Road, 1st Floor
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NOTICE
Special Hauling OS / OW Permits

Subject: Escorts for Self-Propelled Cranes

Code: SHN 11-01

Date: May 10, 2011

Supercedes: n/a

DISTRIBUTION:

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GENERAL:

- Background:
There has been confusion on when escorts are required for self-propelled cranes, and what types of escorts are required. Policy has been developed over the years, but it not currently listed on one place.
- Purpose:
To clarify escort requirements for self-propelled cranes.

POLICY:

- A non-Certified escort is required if any of the below apply:
 1. Width is greater than 11'-0"
 2. Length is greater than 55'-0"
 3. Height is greater than 13'-6"
 4. A front or rear overhang greater than 15'-0"
 5. Maximum speed of 40 MPH on Interstate Highways
 6. Maximum speed of 30 MPH on non-Interstate Highways
 7. If permit requires any 5 MPH speed restrictions on non-Interstate Highways
- A Certified Escort is required if any of the below apply:
 1. A front or rear overhang that exceeds 50'-0"
 2. Vehicle exceeds pavement lane width by greater than 2'-0"
 3. Opposite direction traffic must be controlled to allow for crane movement
 4. Road closure necessary due to highway geometry
- A police escort is required if any of the below apply:
 1. If permit requires any 5 MPH speed restrictions on Interstate Highways or other controlled access highways with speed limits over 55 MPH. Permits with 5 MPH speed restrictions on these highways will not be approved unless there are no suitable alternative routes.
- Effective Date – 5/10/2011