

Permissible Gross Loads for

Vehicles in Regular Operation¹

Based on weight formula

$$W = 500 \left[\frac{LN}{N-1} + 12N + 36 \right]$$

Distance in feet (L) between the extremes of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles

Maximum load in pounds carried on

any group of 2 or more consecutive axles²

	L	N=	Maximum load in pounds carried on any group of 2 or more consecutive axles ²																		
			2 AXLES	3 AXLES	4 AXLES	5 AXLES	6 AXLES	7 AXLES	8 AXLES	9 AXLES											
Tandem Axle Weight (see pages 3 & 4)	4.....		34,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	5.....		34,000
	6.....		34,000
	7.....		34,000
	8.....		34,000	34,000
	More than 8/less than 9		38,000	42,000
	9.....		39,000	42,500
	10.....		40,000	43,500
	11.....		44,000
	12.....		45,000	50,000
	13.....		45,500	50,500
	14.....		46,500	51,500
	15.....		47,000	52,000
	16.....		48,000*	52,500	58,000
	17.....		48,500	53,500	58,500
	18.....		49,500	54,000	59,000
19	Example	.....	50,000	54,500	60,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	(see page 7)	.....	51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21.....		.....	51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22.....		.....	52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23.....		.....	53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24.....		.....	54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500	74,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25.....		.....	54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000	74,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26.....		.....	55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500	75,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27.....		.....	56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000	75,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28.....		.....	57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000	76,500	82,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29.....		.....	57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500	77,000	82,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30.....		.....	58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000	77,500	83,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31.....		.....	59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500	78,000	83,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32.....		.....	60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000	78,500	84,500	90,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33.....		.....	.....	64,000	68,500	74,000	79,000	85,000	90,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34.....		.....	.....	64,500	69,000	74,500	80,000	85,500	91,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35.....		.....	.....	65,500	70,000	75,000	80,500	86,000	91,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36.....		.....	Exception (see page 9)	66,000	70,500	75,500	81,000	86,500	92,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37.....		.....	.....	66,500	71,000	76,000	81,500	87,000	93,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38.....		.....	.....	67,500	71,500	77,000	82,000	87,500	93,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39.....		.....	.....	68,000	72,000	77,500	82,500	88,500	94,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
40.....		.....	.....	68,500	73,000	78,000	83,500	89,000	94,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
41.....		.....	.....	69,500	73,500	78,500	84,000	89,500	95,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
42.....		.....	.....	70,000	74,000	79,000	84,500	90,000	95,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
43.....		.....	.....	70,500	75,000	80,000	85,000	90,500	96,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
44.....		.....	.....	71,500	75,500	80,500	85,500	91,000	96,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
45.....		.....	.....	72,000	76,000	81,000	86,000	91,500	97,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
46.....		.....	.....	72,500	76,500	81,500	87,000	92,500	98,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
47.....		.....	.....	73,500	77,500	82,000	87,500	93,000	98,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
48.....		.....	.....	74,000	78,000	83,000	88,000	93,500	99,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
49.....		.....	.....	74,500	78,500	83,500	88,500	94,000	99,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
50.....		.....	.....	75,500	79,000	84,000	89,000	94,500	100,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
51.....		.....	.....	76,000	80,000	84,500	89,500	95,000	100,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
52.....		.....	.....	76,500	80,500	85,000	90,500	95,500	101,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
53.....		.....	.....	77,500	81,000	86,000	91,000	96,500	101,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
54.....		.....	.....	78,000	81,500	86,500	91,500	97,000	102,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
55.....		.....	.....	78,500	82,500	87,000	92,000	97,500	102,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
56.....		.....	Interstate Gross Weight Limit (see page 2)	79,500	83,000	87,500	92,500	98,000	103,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
57.....		.....	.....	80,000	83,500	88,000	93,000	98,500	104,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
58.....		.....	.....	.....	84,000	89,000	94,000	99,000	104,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
59.....		.....	.....	.....	85,000	89,500	94,500	99,500	105,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
60.....		.....	.....	.....	85,500	90,000	95,000	100,500	105,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

¹The values in this table reflect FHWA's policy of rounding down when calculated weights fall exactly halfway between 500-pound increments. Because the Bridge Formula is designed to protect highway infrastructure, FHWA determined that this conservative policy is consistent with the statutory mandate.

²Fn. 2 The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) revises its guidance pamphlet *Bridge Formula Weights* (August 2006). Specifically, footnote 2 on page 6 of the guidance is superseded and replaced with the following: "Pursuant to 23 CFR 650.3 13, all bridges must be inspected, rated to safe load-carrying capacity, and if required, posted or restricted with respect to the maximum allowable weight."