WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §17c-17-9

§17C-17-9. Gross weight of vehicles and loads for the national system of interstate and defense highways.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee or borrower of a vehicle or combination of vehicles to operate on any national system of interstate and defense highways such vehicle or combination of vehicles with a gross weight in excess of the gross weight for which such vehicle or combination of vehicles is registered or in excess of any weight limitation set forth in this chapter, whether such limitation be specifically stated in this chapter or set by express authority granted in this chapter.

(b) Subject to the limit upon the weight imposed upon the highway through any one axle as set forth in section eight of this article, or the limit imposed upon the highway through any tandem-axle as set forth in section eight-a of this article, the total gross weight with load imposed upon the highway by any one group of two or more consecutive axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed the gross weight given for the respective distance between the first and last axle of the total group of axles measured longitudinally to the nearest foot as set forth in the following table:

Distance in feet between the extremes of any groups of two or more consecutive	Maximum load in pounds carried on any group of two or more consecutive axles				
axles	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles
4	34000				
5	34000				
6	34000				
7	34000				
8	34000	34000			
9	39000	42500			
10	40000	43500			
11		44000			
12		45000	50000		
13		45500	50500		
14		46500	51500		
15		47000	52000		
16		48000	52500	58000	

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17	48500	53500	58500	
18	49500	54000	59000	
19	50000	54500	60000	
20	51000	55500	60500	66000
21	51500	56000	61000	66500
22	52500	56500	61500	67000
23	53000	57500	62500	68000
24	54000	58000	63000	68500
25	54500	58500	63500	69000
26	55500	59500	64000	69500
27	56000	60000	65000	70000
28	57000	60500	65500	71000
29	57500	61500	66000	71500
30	58500	62000	66500	72000
31	59000	62500	67500	72500
32	60000	63500	68000	73000
33		64000	68500	74000
34		64500	69000	74500
35		65500	70000	75000
36		66000	70500	75500
37		66500	71000	76000
38		67500	72000	77000
39		68000	72500	77500
40		68500	73000	78000
41		69500	73500	78500
42		70000	74000	79000
43		70500	75000	80000
44		71500	75500	80500
45		72000	76000	81000
46		72500	76500	81500
47		73500	77500	82000
48		74000	78000	83000
49		74500	78500	83500
50		75500	79000	84000
51		76000	80000	84500
52		76500	80500	85000
53		77500	81000	86000
54		78000	81500	86500

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55	78500	82500	87000
56	79500	83000	87500
57	80000	83500	88000
58		84000	89000
59		85000	89500
60		85500	90000

Provided, That no vehicle or combination of vehicles shall have a gross weight, including the load, in excess of sixty-five thousand pounds, except that the maximum gross weight of vehicles operating on the national system of interstate and defense highways and any highway providing reasonable access to and from terminals and facilities for food, fuel, repairs and rest within the state shall not be in excess of eighty thousand pounds and except as otherwise provided in this article. Notwithstanding the limits prescribed in this subsection, two consecutive sets of tandem-axles may carry a gross load of thirty-four thousand pounds each providing the overall distance between the first and last axles of such consecutive sets of tandem-axles is thirty-six feet or more: Provided, however, That the limits prescribed in this subsection shall not prohibit the operation of any vehicle or combination of vehicles of a type which could be lawfully operated in accordance with gross vehicle weights in effect on January 1, 1975: Provided further, That no maximum weight in excess of or in conflict with any weight limitations prescribed by or pursuant to any act of Congress shall be permitted on the national system of interstate and defense highways.

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