



Caltrans Proposal Response

Subject: Max. Chart Weight for Fixed Loads Vehicles section 305.2.1

Date: June 17, 2009

Policy: WG 12 062804-001

I. Change current policy

Current policy TPPM 2002-02

This policy was implemented to revise TPM 305.2.6

Industry Proposed Revision:

We are requesting that Fixed Load Vehicles in the Transportation Permit Manual be changed to authorize maximum Green or Purple chart weight per their respective axle weights. Like hauled loads, if the fixed load vehicle exceeds permitted axle weights, corresponding overweight citations are applicable.

The Department's Response:

Fixed load vehicles are allowed scale weight plus 700 pounds (which is permit weight) or 102% of scale weight, whichever is greater, rounded off to the nearest 100 pounds, but not to exceed chart weight.

The Department requires that at the time of inspection the unit be reduced to its primary equipment single function, and that the units not carry any nonessential components. This is a core principle of the extralegal load permit program. The unit shall comply with TPM 305.2.1. in part, "reasonable reducible loads or for portions of loads which are not necessary to perform a primary and singular task at the job site." The unit's reducibility shall comply with CVC 320.5 "extralegal load." The unit's operators are responsible for the unit to be traveling at the weights authorized on the inspection report.

The Department has a reasonable process for inspecting fixed loads as stated in TPPM 2002-02. The Department offers an avenue of making equipment exceptions on case by case basis within our current policies. At this time, the Department sees no issue with its current policy. The Department is open to continued dialog with the industry.

The Department will continue its current practice.