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State Regulations for Buses

Maryland

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State Overview

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Overview

Two of the agencies responsible for commercial vehicle safety in Maryland are the State Highway Administration and Maryland State Police. Parts 40, 382, 383, 387, 390-393, 395-399, and 1572 have been incorporated by reference, as amended, for intrastate operations in Maryland. This adoption is effective February 6, 2012.

The regulations apply to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds as well as to anyone transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding.

DOT Marking/Identification

Maryland has *not* adopted §390.21 of the Federal Regulations.

The company or trade name along with a U.S. DOT number, a Maryland issued DOT number, or the number issued by a Maryland agency must be displayed on both sides of the vehicle.

A new motor carrier must file a Motor Carrier Identification Report (Form MCIR-150) with Maryland before beginning intrastate operations in Maryland.

Maryland specific intrastate USDOT Numbers can be obtained free of charge by filing an application with the Maryland State Highway Administration, Motor Carrier Division (SHA/MCD). Applications are available at all Maryland Truck Weigh and Inspection Stations (TWIS), or can be obtained on line at the SHA website: <http://www.roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PageId=544>.

Carriers must update the information on the Form MCIR-150 every 2 years.

These intrastate marking and identification requirements apply to:

- Trucks registered > 10,000 lbs.
- Truck-tractors

Exceptions: All Maryland intrastate motor carriers are required to display a Maryland DOT number except:

- Vehicles already displaying a US DOT number;
- Vehicles registered as farm trucks and farm truck tractors;
- Vehicles registered as farm area vehicles;
- Trucks registered at 10,000 pounds capacity or less;
- Emergency vehicles;
- Vehicles used primarily to transport money or commercial paper; *
- Vehicles owned by the state or local government; and
- Vehicles within 15 days of their purchase.

*The term "commercial paper," for the purposes of vehicle identification, means, "money market security issued by large banks and corporations." Commercial paper does not include transporting newspapers, stationery, etc.

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Driver Qualification

Maryland has adopted Part 391 of the Federal Regulations with some modifications.

Part 391 applies to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds as well as to anyone transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding.

Exception: Part 391 does not apply to a farmer in the transportation of supplies or farm products within 150 air miles of the farm.

Exception: Sections 391.21, 391.23, and 391.31 of the Federal Regulations do not apply to drivers regularly employed by a carrier since before July 1, 1986, and do not transport hazardous materials requiring placarding.

Age	• 18-years old non-hazmat • 21-years old hazmat
Driver Qualification File	Same as federal
Motor Vehicle Records Request	Form DR-057 (individual record request) and Form DL-015 (multiple requests) may be used. A record may also be requested online. The forms and online requests may be accessed via the Motor Vehicle Administration website: https://mva.maryland.gov/Pages/driver-record-questions.aspx. The fee is: • \$9.00 for a non-certified record • \$12.00 for a certified record
Physical Qualification	Physical exam and certificate required A driver with a commercial driver's license not meeting the physical qualification requirements may qualify for a waiver from the Motor Vehicle Administration. <i>Grandfather Clause:</i> There is a "grandfather clause" which applies to a driver who was qualified prior to October 1, 2003, who has a physical or mental condition which would otherwise cause the driver to be disqualified. Under the "grandfather clause" the driver will remain qualified until October 1, 2023, as long as the driver remains physically qualified and his/her condition remains the same. Should his/her condition change the "grandfather clause" would no longer apply.

Engine Idling

Maryland's idling limits apply to a motor vehicle engine.

Exceptions: There are exceptions for:

- Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties over which the vehicle operator has no control;
- Operating heating and cooling and auxiliary equipment installed on the vehicle;
- Bringing the vehicle to the manufacturer's recommended operating temperature; and

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- When necessary to accomplish the intended use of the vehicle.

Maximum Idle Time	No more than 5 min. when vehicle not in motion
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Hours of Service

Maryland has adopted Part 395 of the Federal Regulations.

Part 395 applies to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds as well as to anyone transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding.

Exception: Hours of duty limits do not apply to intrastate drivers operating only within a 150-mile air radius of the driver's normal work reporting location if the driver returns to the work reporting location and is released within 16 consecutive hours. Of those 16 consecutive hours no more than 12 hours shall be dedicated to driving. The driver must then be given at least 8 consecutive hours off duty. This exception does not apply to drivers transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding.

Maximum on-duty limits under the exception are 70 hours in 7 consecutive days and, if operating vehicles every day, 80 hours in 8 consecutive days.

A record of duty status is not required unless the driver is on duty for more than 12 hours. In that case, the driver must maintain a record of duty status that accounts for all driving time during the first 12 hours and accounts for all time, in conformance with federal regulations, after that.

Load Securement

Maryland has adopted Part 393 of the Federal Regulations, including regulations dealing with projecting (§393.87) and shifting or falling (Part 393, Subpart I) loads.

Part 393 applies to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds as well as to anyone transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding.

Loose Loads	All vehicles must be so constructed or loaded to prevent any of the load from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping from the vehicle. Vehicles transporting loose materials, sand, gravel, dirt, etc. shall be loaded no less than six inches below the top of the sideboards, front, sides and rear; otherwise such loads shall be covered. Loads and coverings on loads must be securely fastened to prevent them from becoming loose, detached or otherwise a hazard.
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Operator Licensing

Class	Description
Class A	Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 pounds or more provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.
Class B	Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR.

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Class	Description
Class C	Any single vehicle, or combination of vehicles, that meets neither the definition of Class A nor that of Class B, but that either is: • Designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver; or • Used in the transportation of hazardous materials as defined in Sec. 383.5.

Speed Limits

Road Type	Speed Limit
Rural interstates	70 mph
Other highways	50 mph – 55 mph

Vehicle Accidents

Maryland has adopted §390.15 of the Federal Regulations, which includes accident record-keeping requirements.

Section 390.15 applies to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds as well as to anyone transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding.

Accident Reporting

Notification	Any driver involved in an accident must report the accident in writing when the accident results in: • Death or • Injury A written accident report by the driver is not required if: • Investigated and a report is filed by police, or • The driver is physically incapable of making the report. A report may instead be required of the owner of the vehicle. A report may also be required of the owner if the driver is unavailable or refuses to do the report.
Reporting Timeframe	15 days

Obtaining an Accident Report

Procedure	An official copy of an accident report may be obtained at the Maryland State Police Barrack that completed the report, ten days after the accident. A request may be made online at: https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Organization/Pages/SupportServicesBureau/CentralRecordsDivision.aspx A copy may be obtained in person at the Central Records Division.
Fee	\$4.00

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Vehicle Inspection & Maintenance

Maryland has adopted Part 396 of the Federal Regulations.

Part 396 applies to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds as well as to anyone transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding.

Periodic/Annual Inspections

Maryland has an inspection program for commercial motor vehicles > 10,000 lbs. as well as for certain other vehicles registered in Maryland.

Each vehicle must be inspected at least once every 12 months or at least every 25,000 miles, whichever comes first.

A truck-tractor that has been in operation for not more than five years from the vehicle's model year must be inspected once every 12 months or 35,000 miles, whichever comes first.

Dump trucks 18 years or older must be inspected once every 6 months or 12,500 miles, whichever comes first.

Records of the inspection are to be maintained for 2 years.

This inspection program is considered equivalent to the federal annual inspection requirement in Part 396.

Vehicle Parts & Accessories

Maryland has adopted Part 393 of the Federal Regulations.

Part 393 applies to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds as well as to anyone transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding.

First Aid Kit

No requirements

Mudflaps

A truck, trailer, or semitrailer must be equipped with metal protectors or substantial flexible flaps behind the rearmost wheels of the vehicle or combination of vehicles to prevent rocks, dirt, water, or other substances from being thrown to the rear and to minimize side spray.

Protectors or flaps must extend at least the width of the tires protected and have a ground clearance of not more than one-third of the horizontal distance from the bottom edge of the flap to the centerline of the axle (no closer than six inches from the ground when vehicle is loaded).

If fenders or body construction provide sufficient protection, no splashguards are needed

Studded Tires

No tire may have blocks, studs, flanges, cleats, spikes, or other protuberances of any material other than rubber projecting beyond the tread surface.

Exception: From November 1 through March 31, owners of vehicles registered in Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, or Washington County may use studded tires.

Tire Chains

Tire chains of reasonable size may be used on any vehicle when required for safety because of snow, ice, or other conditions tending to cause a vehicle to skid.

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Vehicle Size & Weight

Dimension	National Network	State and Other Supplemental Highways
Width:	8' 6" 8' Harbor Tunnel Thruway and Conowingo Dam	8' 6" 8' Harbor Tunnel Thruway and Conowingo Dam
Height:	13' 6"	13' 6"
Length:	National Network	On All Other
Bus	45'	40'
Straight Trucks	40'	40'
Straight truck and trailer	62'	62'
Tractor-semitrailer combinations	No limit	No limit
Semitrailer	53' see KPRA	48'
Tractor-twin-trailer combination	No limit	Not allowed
Trailers of twin-trailer combinations	28'	Not allowed
Boat-transporter combination	65'	N/S
Overhang limitations	3' front, 4' rear	
Auto-transporter	65'	N/S
Overhang limitations	3' front, 4' rear rearmost portion of the overhanging be flagged with an 18" square red or orange fluorescent flag.	
Stinger-steered auto-transporter	80'	Not allowed
Overhang limitations	4' front, 6' rear	
Saddlemount	97'	Not allowed
General overhang limitations	3' front, 6' rear	3' front, 6' rear
Kingpin to rear axle	41' to the center of the rear tandem axles. Requires "Wide Right Turn" signs on trailer.	NS
Length special limitations or restrictions	Length limits do not apply to vehicles or combinations carrying pilings, poles, or mill logs that do not exceed 75' in length, or crew or racing shells.	
Weight:	Interstate and Defense Highways	On All Other
Steer axle	Not to exceed sum rated	Not to exceed sum rated
Single axle	20,000 22,400 lb if 73,000 lb RGVM or less	20,000 22,400 lb if 73,000 lb RGVM or less
Tandem axle	34,000	34,000
Gross vehicle weight	80,000	80,000
Tolerances	None	Conditional operational tolerances for agricultural, harvest, and forest product operations.
APU allowance	550	550