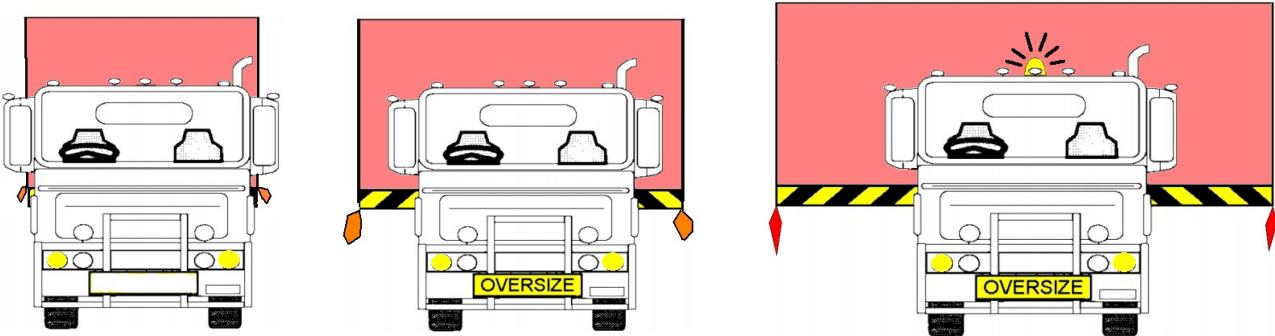


Meeting Oversize Vehicles

- * Reduce speed such as to be able to stop BEFORE reaching a marked Oversize Vehicle
- * Stay behind if the road is too narrow to overtake, they WILL pull over often
- * Find a secure REFUGE if the road is too narrow to cross paths
- * Oversize Vehicle's more than 3m wide show Flashing Yellow Lights, so expect to have to move to or beyond the hard road shoulder and STOP when crossing these
- * If there are marked Pilot or Escort Vehicles ahead YOU MUST not interpose your vehicle between them and the Oversize Vehicle they are escorting
- * If there are marked Pilot or Escort Vehicles approaching YOU MUST move such as to allow a clear path for them to cross
- * Subsidiary or Support Vehicles are not allowed between Pilots or the Oversize Vehicle they are travelling with. They carry extra personnel and equipment required to negotiate roadway hazards. Eg insulated props for low power lines or load spreading pads for railway crossings, etc
- * Subsidiary or Support Vehicles are not allowed to have banners or use flashing lights while moving. Often they will travel several km ahead to prepare the way
- * If you have a UHF radio use channel 40 to alert an Oversize Vehicle (or its Pilot) to your presence and/or request safe overtaking instructions
eg '[Pilot / Oversize] Vehicle [North / South / East / West] Bound, from [Caravan / RV] Rig [approaching / behind] you, copy?' Then, after acknowledgement 'Is it clear to [pass / overtake]?', etc. Always explicitly finish the contact eg 'Thank you [Pilot / Oversize] Vehicle and goodbye'
- * Contact on UHF 40, but move to another channel for a chat longer than a minute to allow other road users channel 40 access

Oversize Vehicles (without Pilots or Escorts)

Should be able to be crossed or overtaken with just a little extra care ...



A Little Oversize ...

Width <2.5m or Length >22m, but <25m

Fits within 'standard' lane width on straights, but may swing wider on curves

- >> 'OVERSIZE' Banner on rear of Vehicle <<
- >> Headlights On, Flags on projections << travels at normal road speeds

A Bit More Oversize ...

Width >2.5m but <3.0m or Length >25m

Bigger than 'standard' lane width, however extra width less than 1 hard road shoulder

- >> 'OVERSIZE' Banner on front and rear of Vehicle <<
- >> Headlights On, Flags on projections << usually moves a little slower

Moderately Oversize ...

Width >3.0m, or Length >25m up to 30m

Travelling on roads mostly wide enough (including shoulders) to avoid collision;
Crossing vehicles will need to move to hard road shoulder to allow passing space

- >> Yellow Flashing Lights visible in daytime <<
- >> 'OVERSIZE' Banner on front and rear of Vehicle <<
- >> Headlights On, Flags on projections << still moving reasonably fast

Pilot or Escort Vehicles accompany larger Oversize Vehicles where extra warning or explicit Control and Direction of crossing or overtaking traffic is required -

* Pilot Vehicle - carries preliminary warning signs and flashing lights to forewarn other vehicles of the imminent presence of a large Oversize Vehicle or a convoy of Oversize Vehicles.
Travels in front on roads with a single lane in each direction or on non divided dual lane roads. Travels at rear on divided roads
2 or more may be employed, one in front and one behind, etc where conditions are continually changing or extra warning is required.

* Escort Vehicle - transports a person authorized to direct traffic, usually a Police Officer. Often halts traffic at intersections to allow the Oversize Vehicles safe, unobstructed crossing without stopping.

Piloted Oversize Vehicles

Forewarned traffic MUST allow a clear path



Properly Oversize ...

Width >3.5m This is one and a half 'standard' lane widths
Expect to have to pull onto the hard road shoulder and STOP when crossing

- >> One Pilot Vehicle with Banner and Flashing Yellow Light(s) <<
- >> Banner front = 'OVERSIZE' and rear = 'OVERSIZE LOAD AHEAD' <<
- >> Pilot Headlights On << slows considerably whenever road width constricts

- >> Oversize Vehicle same as Middle Oversize <<

Lots Oversize ...

Width <4.5m Length <31m Overtaking is probably NOT possible
Expect to have to get well past the hard road shoulder and STOP when crossing

Greatly Oversize ...

Width >4.5m This is almost 2 'standard' lane widths. Route planning will determine the need for additional Pilots, Escort and Support.
Expect to have to get well past the hard road shoulder and STOP

- >> Escort Vehicle with Flashing Yellow or Red & Blue Lights <<
- >> Two Pilot Vehicles with Banners and Flashing Yellow Light(s) <<
- >> Pilot Headlights Flash Alternatively (Wig-Wag) << often slow

Extreme Oversize ...

Width >6.0m This is more than 2 'standard' lane widths and 2 hard shoulders
Expect to be directed past the hard road shoulder or most likely to a detour or to be held at a rest area, etc until the Oversize Vehicle group has passed

** At night all Oversize Vehicles must also show a Flashing Yellow Light above
Many night moves will be Agricultural Equipment moving between fields/farms.
Other Oversize Vehicle night movements must be fully Escorted/Piloted or require road closures so individual Oversize Vehicles will not normally travel at night

** Specialist vehicles such as cranes, heavy recovery, agricultural machinery, military devices, etc may have unusual protrusions and may not allow their operators to see out in all directions. Be especially cautious around such vehicles

Banner = slow, move to side, Flashing Yellow = get well clear, Wig Wag = leave roadway