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Bulletin 2 – Driveaway – Towaway

[Appendix A to Bulletin #2](#)

[Appendix B to Bulletin #2](#)

1. This bulletin refers to licensing of commercial vehicles which are driven, towed or transported temporarily on the highway in what is called a “driveaway-towaway” operation.
2. The licensing requirements, as shown in [Appendix “A”](#) attached, differ from the normal requirements as follows:
 - (b) In example #1, the actual weight of the vehicle is used and not 150% of it’s tare weight.
 - (c) In examples #3 and #7, which are similar to full trailer operation, the actual gross weight of the towing vehicle is used and not the 150% of the weight of the combination.
3. Vehicles in this type of operation are normally licensed with a Temporary Operation Permit, “D” Plate or Transporter Plate as shown in [Appendix “A”](#). However, if the towing vehicle is fully licensed under Section 6 (10) of the *Commercial Transport Act* it must be licensed to at least 150% of it’s tare weight.
4. A Transporter Plate is meant for use by a person who is regularly engaged in transporting vehicles which are not property of the Transporter Plate. Reference [Section 41](#) of the *Motor Vehicle Act*.
5. The use of “D” plates ([Section 38](#) of the *Motor Vehicle Act*) is not affected by Transporter Plates and Temporary Operation Permits (Division 4 of the *Commercial Transport Act Regulations*) may be obtained in the usual manner.
6. [Appendix “A”](#) illustrates various types of loads and is self-explanatory. If Transporter Plates or “D” plates are used, one plate must be displayed on any vehicle which is in direct contact with the road surface.
7. Truck-tractor/semi-trailer combination: According to MVB Circular 042/85 dated December 27, 1985, for Temporary Operation Permit purposes the truck tractor is not considered loaded when the trailer is empty.

The vehicle or vehicle combination depicted below may be temporarily licensed by three methods or any combination of these methods subject to compliance with the applicable statute.

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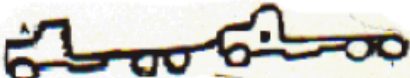

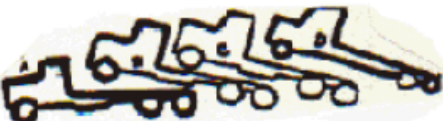
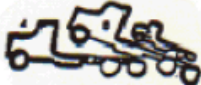
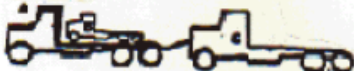
References:

TRANSPORTER LICENCE
 DEMONSTRATION LICENCE
 TEMPORARY OPERATION PERMIT


- MVA Section 41
 - MVA Section 38
 - CTA Regulations Division 4

Note: out of Province Units – see [Bulletin #12](#) regarding Non-resident Permits

TEMPORARY OPERATION PERMITS – Adjacent to each vehicle depiction are the types of permits to be issued (ie. Unloaded, loaded, trailer, etc.).

1.	Single Unit		TOP @ EQUIPPED WEIGHT OF A
2.	2-Way Full		LOADED TOP @ GVW (A+B)
3.	2-Way Tow Bar		UNLOADED TOP ON A & TOP ON B (TRAILER)
4.	2-Way Saddle Mount		LOADED TOP ON A @ GVW (A+B) & TOP ON B (TRAILER)
5.	4-Way Triple Saddle Mount		LOADED TOP ON A @ GVW (A+B+C+D) AND TOP'S ON B, C AND D (TRAILER)
6.	3-Way Full Saddle Mount		LOADED TOP ON A @ GVW (A+B+C) AND TOP ON B
7.	3-Way Tow Bar		LOADED TOP ON A @ GVW (A+B) AND TOP ON C (TRAILER)

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APPENDIX B TO BULLETIN #2

1. Piggyback units, at least one axle of which is in contact with the ground, are to be supplied with air via the power units supply emergency line.
2. If so equipped, the service brakes on every axle in contact with the ground are to be modulated via the power units service line. As required by Division 7.09(26) of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* when the brakes are applied, especially on the last towed units, the brakes after application need to be released quickly. If the brakes hang up by not releasing quickly it causes a very dangerous situation of delayed released wheels especially on slippery winter roads. This also applies to hydraulic brakes units activated by the air cylinder from the steering column/steering wheel.
3. If so equipped, the spring brakes of every axle in contact with the ground are to be applied or modulated on failure of the supply line, or via in-cab dash control(s).
4. The tail lamps, side marker lamps, turn signals, and brake lamps of front and rear piggyback units (at least one axle of which is in contact with the ground) are to be operational.
5. Tridem tractors (equipped with a single steering axle and tridem drive axle) or long wheelbase tractors may also be permitted under this Bulletin as tow vehicles, towed vehicles, or within the piggyback combination provided they are part of the consignment for delivery.
6. In addition to any fifth wheel or frame type saddle mount, each piggyback unit shall be secured by safety chains of equivalent strength as the saddle mount (typically two ½” grade 70 chains).

The safety chains shall be attached in such a manner that significant side-to-side motion will be prevented should the saddle mount bracket loosen, and only provide sufficient slack to allow normal articulation between the piggyback unit and towing unit. Safety chains are to be assembled using proper hooks, clevises, or pins.

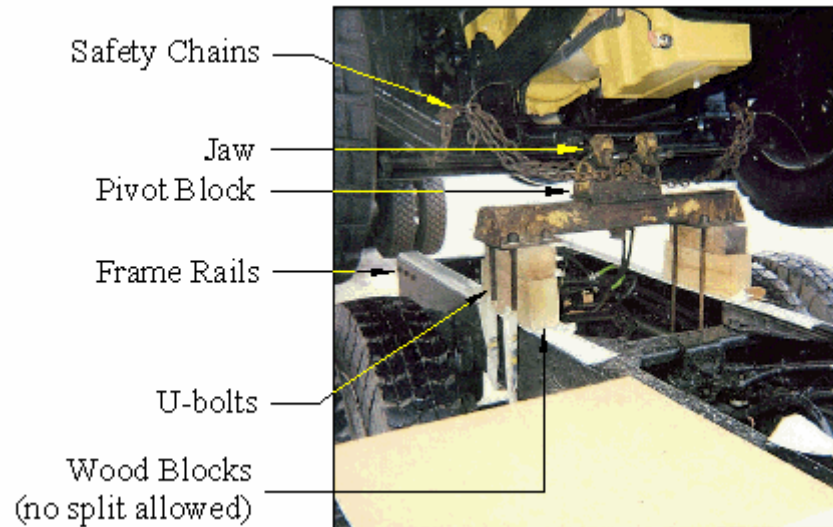
7. Where the second axle of a three axle piggybacked unit has been chained up by wrapping the chains over a hardwood post, the chains shall be prevented from slipping off the ends of the hardwood post. (This may be accomplished by driving a spike through one of the chain links to the post, or by strapping the chains to the post.)
8. Where wooden blocks are used to protect the frame rails from being crushed by saddle mounts secured to the frame rails by U-bolts, the wooden blocks shall not be split. Dunnage placed between the U-bolts and the frame to prevent the marking or scratching of the frame may be split but not to such an extent that the wood may work free.

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9. The combination of driveaway-towaway units must conform to the provisions of the Commercial Transport Regulations, in particular they must be within 23.0 metres in overall length and within the 18.0 metres kingpin to end of last vehicle.

Equipment requirements for other driveaway-towaway operations are to continue as per existing practices.

Acceptable Mounting Method for Saddle Mount Vehicle Combination



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- Jaw must be closed tightly on the cross-member and rated for the application.
- No slack in all mounting apparatus.

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