



Maximum Road Weight Limits

Fact Sheet





Australian road transport regulations allow for a maximum road weight limit of 42,500kg, which covers the combined weight of both the truck, trailer, container and cargo.

MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR ROAD TRANSPORT

	General Purpose 20ft (28m ³)	General Purpose 40ft (56m ³)	General Purpose 40ft HC (66m ³)
Standard Truck	26,270kg	24,800kg	24,530kg
Sideloader Truck	19,270kg	17,800kg	17,530kg

MAXIMUM LOADED WEIGHT OF CONTAINER FOR ROAD TRANSPORT

State	Maximum Gross Weight	Maximum Cargo Weight for 20ft GP	Maximum Cargo Weight for 40ft GP	Maximum Cargo Weight for 40ft HC
New South Wales	26.5 tonnes	24.3 tonnes	22.8 tonnes	22.5 tonnes
Victoria	26 tonnes	23.8 tonnes	22.3 tonnes	22.0 tonnes
Queensland	24 tonnes	21.8 tonnes	20.3 tonnes	20.0 tonnes
South Australia	24 tonnes	21.8 tonnes	20.3 tonnes	20.0 tonnes
Western Australia	24 tonnes	21.8 tonnes	20.3 tonnes	20.0 tonnes
Tasmania	24 tonnes	21.8 tonnes	26.3 tonnes	26.0 tonnes

Note: The maximum gross weight includes the weight of the container itself. The maximum cargo weight is calculated by subtracting the container's tare weight from the maximum gross weight.

MAXIMUM DIMENSIONS FOR ROAD TRANSPORT

4.3m Height	4.3 metres from the ground to the highest point (this includes the height of the trailer which is generally 0.7 metres). A maximum of 4.6 metres high applies on approved roads.
2.5m Width	Maximum width is 2.5 metres. Without a special permit, 6 inches on either side of the trailer is allowed to be transported. Applications for special permits for loads exceeding these limits are generally made through the RTA (Road Traffic Authority).



LOADS MUST BE MADE SECURE AND BE DISTRIBUTED EVENLY ACROSS THE CONTAINER!

If the distribution is not even, then the load may be considered overweight across the number of axels and steer drives.

