



Fact Sheet Road Transportation Germany

Maximum allowable dimensions of the vehicle incl. cargo:

Height	4,00 meters
Width	2,55 meters (Temperature controlled unit 2,60 meters)
Length	16,50 meters

Maximum allowed weight of total combination (Incl. Container Weight):

Vehicles consisting of 5 axles	40,00 tons
Vehicles in intermodal or sea-land transportation*	44,00 tons

- *The exceptional maximum weight is only allowed in combination with sea- or intermodal transportation, the distance in a straight line to the nearest port or intermodal terminal can never be more than 150 km.*

As a rule of thumb please use 13 tons for the vehicle and chassis without the container, 2,5 tons for a empty 20' unit and 4 tons for a 40' unit.

Freight vehicles are banned on all German roads on all Sundays and on official holidays including but not limited to:

- January 1st
- Eastern
- Labour Day, May 1st
- Ascension Day
- October 3rd, Day of German re-union.
- Christmas, 25 and 26th of December

In some cases vehicles are banned during regional holidays as well, these vary per German state or region.

During the Holliday season starting July 1st until August 31st the ban is extended with Saturdays 07:00-20:00 on some of the motorways.

The ban of freight vehicles is applicable regardless whether the vehicle is loaded or empty.

The ban is applicable from 00:00 till 22:00.

Excluded from this restriction are:

- Vehicles in combined/intermodal transportation with a maximum distance over the road not exceeding 200 km.
- Vehicles in combined or sea-land transportation whereby the distance over land in a straight line does not exceed 150 km.
- Cargoes consisting of fresh perishable goods (frozen products are not included)
- Empty trajectories connected with the carrying of perishable goods.

Toll:

Germany works with the so called Maut system whereby trucks have to pay for the actual usage of the German motorways on a km basis. The cost per km depends on the environmental classification of the truck (EUR 1 - EUR 6)