

Sec. 178.1. Wide-Base Single Tires.

- (a) The following shall apply where wide-base single tires are used in the operation of any vehicle or combination of vehicles:
 - (1) The maximum load for a wide-base single tire on a steering axle shall not exceed 600 pounds per inch of tire section width. The maximum load for a wide-base single tire on any other axle shall not exceed 575 pounds per inch of tire section width;
 - (2) No wide-base single tire shall exceed the load designated by the manufacturer; and
 - (3) The maximum tire inflation pressures shall be as designated by the manufacturer.
- (b) The provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) shall apply to all wide-based single tires purchased after July 1, 1993.
- (c) Any conviction or forfeiture of bail or bond for any violation of this section shall not be construed as a moving traffic violation for the purpose of K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto. (K.S.A. 8-1742b)

Sec. 179. Spilling Loads on Highways Prohibited.

- (a) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom, except that:
 - (1) This section shall not prohibit the necessary spreading of any substance in highway maintenance or construction operations; and
 - (2) (A) Subsections (a) and (c) shall not apply to:
 - (i) trailers or semitrailers when hauling livestock if such trailers or semitrailers are properly equipped with a cleanout trap and such trap is operated in a closed position unless material is intentionally spilled when the trap is in a closed position; or
 - (ii) trucks, trailers or semitrailers when hauling agricultural forage commodities intrastate from the place of production to a market or place of storage or from a place of storage to a place of use. The provisions of this clause shall not apply to trucks, trailers or semitrailers hauling:

- (a) Hay bales; or
- (b) other packaged or bundled forage commodities.

(B) Paragraph (2)(A)(i) shall not apply to trailers or semitrailers used for hauling livestock when livestock are not being hauled in such trailers or semitrailers.

- (b) All trailers or semitrailers used for hauling livestock shall be cleaned out periodically.
- (c) No person shall operate on any highway any vehicle with any load unless such load and any covering thereon is securely fastened so as to prevent the covering or load from becoming loose, detached or in any manner a hazard to other users of the highway. (K.S.A. 8-1906)

Sec. 180. Trailers and Towed Vehicles; Drawbar Connections and Safety Hitch.

- (a) When one vehicle is towing another, the drawbar, tow bar or other connections shall be of sufficient strength to pull, stop and hold all weight towed thereby, and so designed, constructed and installed as to insure that any vehicle or motor vehicle towed on a level, smooth, paved surface will follow in the path of the towing vehicle when it is moving in a straight line. In addition to the drawbar connections between any two such vehicles, there shall be provided an adequate safety hitch.
- (b) When one vehicle is towing another and the connection consists of a chain, rope or cable, there shall be displayed upon such connection a white flag or cloth not less than 12 inches square.
- (c) Motor vehicles in transit may be transported in combination by means of tow bar, saddle-mount or full-mount mechanisms, utilizing the motive power of one of the motor vehicles in such combination, except that not more than two vehicles in any such combination of motor vehicles in transit may be connected by means of a tow bar mechanism. Whenever motor vehicles are transported as authorized in this subsection, such motor vehicles shall be connected securely in combination in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of transportation, and any combination of such motor vehicles shall comply with the limitations prescribed by K.S.A. 8-1904, and amendments thereto.