

CHAPTER 20
ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

Authority

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See: 27 N.J.R. 4140(a), 28 N.J.R. 272(a).

Executive Order No. 66(1978) Expiration Date

Chapter 20, Enforcement Service, expires on December 13, 2000.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 20, Enforcement Service, was filed and became effective prior to September 1, 1969.

1970 Revisions: Subchapter 26, Self-Inspection of Certain Classes of Motor Vehicles, was adopted as new rules by R.1970 d.132, effective November 2, 1970. See: 2 N.J.R. 85(d), 2 N.J.R. 101(d).

1971 Revisions: Subchapter 27 was adopted as new rules by R.1971 d.86, effective June 1, 1971. See: 3 N.J.R. 84(a), 3 N.J.R. 136(d). Subchapter 28, Inspection of New Motor Vehicles, was adopted as new rules by R.1971 d.144, effective October 1, 1971. See: 3 N.J.R. 112(a), 3 N.J.R. 181(a). Amendments to Subchapter 28 became effective December 10, 1971 as R.1971 d.222. See: 3 N.J.R. 226(a), 4 N.J.R. 10(a).

1972 Revisions: Subchapter 29, Mobile Inspection Unit, was adopted as new rules by R.1972 d.106, effective June 1, 1972. See: 4 N.J.R. 105(b), 4 N.J.R. 165(b). Subchapter 13 was amended by R.1972 d.107, effective July 1, 1972. See: 4 N.J.R. 105(a), 4 N.J.R. 165(c). Subchapter 30, Supplemental Inspection of School Buses, was adopted as new rules by R.1972 d.154, effective August 7, 1972. See: 4 N.J.R. 163(a), 4 N.J.R. 223(b). Subchapter 31, Alcohol-Countermeasures Regulations, was adopted as new rules by R.1972 d.255, effective December 15, 1972. See: 4 N.J.R. 273(a), 5 N.J.R. 18(c).

1975 Revisions: Amendments to Subchapter 28 became effective July 1, 1975 as R.1975 d.174. See: 7 N.J.R. 233(c), 7 N.J.R. 343(b). Subchapter 32, Motor Vehicle Reinspection Centers, was adopted as new rules by R.1975 d.333, effective November 3, 1975. See: 7 N.J.R. 433(b), 7 N.J.R. 570(c). Subchapter 33, Enforcement Service: Standards and Procedures To Be Used By Licensed Reinspection Centers, was adopted as new rules by R.1975 d.334, effective November 3, 1975. See: 7 N.J.R. 469(d), 7 N.J.R. 570(d).

1976 Revisions: Subchapter 34, Identifying Marks, was adopted as new rules by R.1976 d.302, effective September 24, 1976. See: 8 N.J.R. 400(b), 8 N.J.R. 532(a).

1977 Revisions: Subchapter 35, Inspection of State-Owned Vehicles by the Central Motor Pool, was adopted as new rules by R.1977 d.480, effective December 21, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 486(b), 10 N.J.R. 71(c).

1978 Revisions: Subchapter 27 was amended by R.1978 d.66, effective February 22, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 17(b), 10 N.J.R. 122(a). Subchapter 10, Automatic Vehicle Identification Systems, was amended by R.1978 d.381, effective October 26, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 403(b), 10 N.J.R. 557(b).

1979 Revisions: Subchapter 31 was amended by R.1979 d.4, effective January 8, 1979. See: 10 N.J.R. 508(a), 11 N.J.R. 78(b).

1980 Revisions: Subchapter 28 was amended by R.1980 d.345, effective August 5, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 280(c), 12 N.J.R. 551(c).

1981 Revisions: Subchapter 25, Safety Glazing Material; Other Equipment, was amended by R.1981 d.15, effective January 16, 1981. See: 12 N.J.R. 606(b), 13 N.J.R. 143(d). Subchapter 36, Special National Guard Plates, was adopted as new rules by R.1981 d.31, effective January 28, 1981. See: 12 N.J.R. 427(a), 13 N.J.R. 150(e).

1983 Revisions: Subchapter 31 was amended by R.1983 d.19, effective February 7, 1983. See: 14 N.J.R. 1195(a), 15 N.J.R. 156(b).

1984 Revisions: Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 31, Alcohol-Countermeasures Regulations, was readopted as R.1984 d.7, effective January 4, 1984, with amendments effective February 6, 1984. See: 15 N.J.R. 1923(a), 16 N.J.R. 247(b). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 33, Enforcement Service: Standards and Procedures To Be Used By Licensed Reinspection Centers, was readopted as R.1984 d.173, effective April 25, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 503(a), 16 N.J.R. 1280(d). Subchapter 36 was amended by R.1984 d.319, effective August 6, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 1188(a), 16 N.J.R. 2142(a). Subchapter 12, Accident Prevention Clinic, was adopted as new rules by R.1984 d.492, effective October 16, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 2347(a), 16 N.J.R. 3054(b). Subchapter 28 was amended by R.1984 d.622, effective January 21, 1985 (operative July 1, 1985). See: 16 N.J.R. 2500(a), 17 N.J.R. 203(a).

1985 Revisions: Subchapter 38, Dimensional Standards for Automobile Transporters, was adopted as new rules by R.1985 d.23, effective February 4, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 3176(a), 17 N.J.R. 313(b). Subchapter 37, Standards for Motor Vehicles with Modified Chassis Height, was adopted as new rules by R.1985 d.100, effective March 4, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 2501(a), 17 N.J.R. 603(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 28, Inspection of New Motor Vehicles, was adopted as new rules by R.1985 d.379, effective June 27, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 1059(a), 17 N.J.R. 1901(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 36, Special National Guard Plates, was readopted as R.1985 d.678, effective December 18, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 2602(a), 18 N.J.R. 203(a).

1986 Revisions: Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 25, Safety Glazing Material; Other Equipment, expired on January 16, 1986 and new rules on the same subject were adopted as R.1986 d.80, effective April 7, 1986. See: 18 N.J.R. 47(a), 18 N.J.R. 703(a).

1988 Revisions: Subchapter 39 was adopted as new rules by R.1988 d.537, effective November 7, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 2033(a), 20 N.J.R. 2788(a).

1989 Revisions: Pursuant to P.L. 1984, c.243 (N.J.S.A. 26:2B-9.1), the Bureau of Alcohol Countermeasures was transferred to the Department of Health and Subchapter 31, Alcohol-Countermeasures Regulations, was recodified to N.J.A.C. 8:66-1. See: 21 N.J.R. 70(a). Subchapter 1, Enforcement Officer, was repealed by R.1989 d.518, effective October 2, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 1500(b), 21 N.J.R. 3176(a). Subchapter 3, Identification Lights, was repealed and new rules on the same subject were adopted at N.J.A.C. 13:24-5, Blue Emergency Warning Lights, by R.1989 d.542, effective October 16, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 2460(a), 21 N.J.R. 3299(c).

1990 Revisions: Subchapter 40, Reflectorized Registration Plates, was adopted as new rules by R.1990 d.322, effective June 18, 1990. See: 22 N.J.R. 1230(b), 22 N.J.R. 1940(b). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 10, Automatic Vehicle Identification Systems, was readopted as R.1990 d.491, effective October 1, 1990. See: 22 N.J.R. 2133(a), 22 N.J.R. 3151(b).

1991 Revisions: Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 20, Enforcement Service, was readopted as R.1991 d.20, effective December 13, 1990. See: 22 N.J.R. 3307(a), 23 N.J.R. 207(b). Subchapter 31, Private Inspection Center Licensing, was adopted as new rules by R.1991 d.253, effective May 6, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 387(a), 23 N.J.R. 1417(b).

1992 Revisions: Subchapter 41, Persian Gulf War Commemorative License Plates, was adopted as new rules by R.1992 d.20, effective January 6, 1992. See: 23 N.J.R. 2916(a), 24 N.J.R. 108(a). Subchapter 42, Purple Heart Emblems on License Plates, was adopted as new rules by R.1992 d.168, effective April 6, 1992. See: 24 N.J.R. 219(a), 24 N.J.R. 1365(a).

1995 Revisions: Subchapter 43, Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program; Subchapter 44, Private Inspection Facility Licensing; and Subchapter 45, Motor Vehicle Emission Repair Facility Registration, were adopted as emergency new rules by R.1995 d.410, effective June 29, 1995 (expires August 28, 1995). See: 27 N.J.R. 2777(a). The concurrent proposal of Subchapters 43, 44 and 45 was adopted as R.1995 d.528, effective August 28, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 2777(a), 27 N.J.R. 3820(a). Subchapter 31, Private Inspection Center Licensing, was repealed by R.1995 d.664, effective December 18, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 3911(a), 27 N.J.R. 5033(a).

1996 Revisions: Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 20 was readopted as R.1996 d.28, effective December 13, 1995. As part of R.1996 d.28, Subchapter 2, Vehicle Construction; Subchapter 8, Motor Vehicles Transporting Flammable Liquids; Subchapter 11, School Bus Warning Lamps; Subchapter 16, Concrete Ready-Mix Transit Vehicles; Subchapter 18, Flashing Warning Signals; Subchapter 19, Seat Belts; Subchapter 20, New Tires; Subchapter 21, Retread Tires; Subchapter 23, Fastening Loads on Commercial Flat Bed Vehicles; and Subchapter 41, Persian Gulf War Commemorative License Plates, were repealed effective January 16, 1996. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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Any power steering device installed in a motor vehicle, offered for sale, sold or registered in the State of New Jersey, shall be of a type which will permit the continued use of the power steering mechanism under manual control in the event of the failure of the power unit.

13:20-4.2 Equipment approval

(a) All power steering equipment on motor vehicles offered for sale, sold or registered in the State of New Jersey, must be approved by the Director.

(b) A certificate of approval will be issued on presentation of satisfactory evidence that the equipment is of a type which can be used manually in the event of failure of the power unit. (Affidavits or statements from new car manufacturers to the above effect will be acceptable.)

SUBCHAPTER 5. MANUAL DOOR EQUIPMENT**13:20-5.1 Purpose**

The provisions of this Subchapter are promulgated for the purpose of preventing the entrapment of persons in motor vehicles.

13:20-5.2 Manual opening of doors

All vehicles registered in New Jersey must be equipped with some means of opening the doors manually from within the vehicle and vehicles must be equipped with outside door handles or equivalent devices.

13:20-5.3 Exceptions

This Subchapter shall not apply to vehicles used for the transportation of persons in the custody of law enforcement officers; provided, however, that in such cases, in addition to the driver, there is on duty in the vehicle at least one other person capable of opening the doors in the event of accident.

SUBCHAPTER 6. MUFFLER DEVICES**13:20-6.1 Prohibitory muffler devices**

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:3-43, the use upon any motor vehicle of a straight exhaust pipe, or a muffler or mufflers lacking interior baffle plates or other effective muffling devices is expressly prohibited.

SUBCHAPTER 7. VEHICLE INSPECTION**13:20-7.1 Adjustments, corrections or repairs**

If inspections as required by N.J.S.A. 39:8-1 disclose the necessity of adjustments, corrections or repairs, it shall be incumbent upon the owner or lessee of such vehicle to have such adjustments, corrections or repairs made and to present the vehicle for reinspection no later than the last day of the calendar month following the calendar month in which the vehicle was due for inspection, except as otherwise provided at N.J.A.C. 13:20-7.2. However, if an on-road inspection required by N.J.S.A. 39:8-2 discloses the necessity of adjustments, corrections or repairs, it shall be incumbent upon the owner or lessee of such vehicle to have such adjustments, corrections or repairs made and to present the vehicle for reinspection within 30 days of the date of the on-road inspection rejection, except as otherwise provided at N.J.A.C. 13:20-7.2.

As amended, R.1974 d.28, eff. February 1, 1974.

See: 6 N.J.R. 119(b).

As amended, R.1975 d.335, eff. November 3, 1975.

See: 7 N.J.R. 470(a), 7 N.J.R. 571(a)

Amended by R.1996 d.28, effective January 16, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4140(a), 28 N.J.R. 272(a).

13:20-7.2 Immediate repairs

When the nature of the defects found is such as in the judgment of the inspecting authority to require immediate repairs, such repairs shall be made within 48 hours.

13:20-7.3 (Reserved)**13:20-7.4 Inspection period of passenger vehicles**

The expiration of the windshield inspection sticker of each passenger vehicle shall be the last day of the month in which the vehicle registration expires. Each such vehicle shall be presented for inspection after registration has been renewed and prior to the expiration date shown on the windshield inspection sticker.

As amended, R.1982 d.364, eff. October 1, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 918(a), 14 N.J.R. 1162(e).

Original filed as an emergency adoption (R.1982 d.267) on August 2, 1982. Readopted as R.1982 d.364. Deleted old text and added new text concerning "odd-even" inspection.

As amended, R.1983 d.294, eff. July 7, 1983.

See: 15 N.J.R. 1261(a).

Filed as emergency adoption on July 7, 1983. Repealed old odd-even system of motor vehicle inspection declared invalid by the Federal court and adopted prior rule.

As amended, R.1984 d.83, eff. April 12, 1984.

See: 15 N.J.R. 1261(a), 16 N.J.R. 738(a).

13:20-7.5 Temporary authorization certificate; form

(a) When a person registers a motor vehicle for the first time in New Jersey, whether new or used, and when a vehicle, new or used, is registered by a particular owner for the first time, the motor vehicle agent will issue to the registered owner a temporary authorization certificate.

(b) This certificate will be approximately postcard size, on postcard stock, and suitable for installing in the vehicle behind the windshield.

(c) It will read as follows:

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

INSPECTION
NOTICE

LICENSE PLATE NO.	MAKE OF VEHICLE
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THIS VEHICLE MUST BE INSPECTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF

DISPLAY THIS NOTICE IN LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF WINDSHIELD

RPSL 6-17788-0

By: _____ Agent

13:20-7.6 Inspection period

(a) The motor vehicle agent will fill in the registration number, the date on which the validation ends and will stamp his facsimile signature.

(b) The agent will then advise the owner that he must report for inspection within 14 days from the date of registration.

(c) Upon reporting for inspection, the validation certificate will be collected by the examiner at the inspection

station and the proper sticker will be affixed to the windshield of the vehicle; provided, however, that the vehicle passes all New Jersey inspection requirements.

13:20-7.7 Initial passenger vehicle inspection procedure

(a) When a passenger vehicle, registered for the first time, is presented for the initial inspection, the following procedures will apply:

SUBCHAPTER 35. INSPECTION OF STATE-OWNED VEHICLES BY THE CENTRAL MOTOR POOL

13:20-35.1 Application of subchapter

This subchapter shall apply to motor vehicles owned by the State of New Jersey which are subject to the control of the central motor pool in the Department of the Treasury for service, maintenance and release to government employees for use in the performance of governmental functions.

13:20-35.2 Inspection by the central motor pool

Motor vehicles within the purview of this subchapter shall be examined and inspected in accordance with the provisions of chapter 8 of the motor vehicle laws by the central motor pool in the Department of the Treasury.

13:20-35.3 Inspection standards and frequency

Motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment inspected in accordance with this subchapter shall comply with any laws and regulations providing vehicle equipment standards and/or specifying frequency of inspections.

13:20-35.4 Inspection decal

Whenever a motor vehicle inspected in accordance with this subchapter is determined to comply satisfactorily with vehicle equipment standards provided by law and regulation, the central motor pool shall affix upon the windshield of such vehicle the decal prescribed by the Director of Motor Vehicles as indicative of compliance with the inspection laws.

13:20-35.5 Facilities

Facilities used by the central motor pool in performing inspections of motor vehicles hereunder shall be equipped with the machinery necessary for inspecting all vehicle equipment standards provided by law and regulation.

13:20-35.6 Instruction of mechanics

The central motor pool shall instruct mechanics who are to perform inspections under this subchapter of vehicle equipment standards provided by law and regulation.

13:20-35.7 Certification

A mechanic performing an inspection under this subchapter shall certify to the director that he has inspected the motor vehicle in accordance with the vehicle equipment standards established by law and regulation.

SUBCHAPTER 36. SPECIAL NATIONAL GUARD PLATES

13:20-36.1 Application; certification; fees

(a) Application for special National Guard plates may be made by any person who is an active member of the New

Jersey National Guard or former active member who has been honorably separated under normal conditions from the New Jersey National Guard.

(b) An application for special National Guard plates must be obtained from the Commander of the National Guard Unit of which the applicant is an active member, or retired members may obtain an application from the New Jersey Department of Defense.

1. The Commander shall certify that the applicant is an active or separated member of the New Jersey National Guard.

2. The Commander shall forward the completed application together with the fee established in this section to the Division's Special Plate Unit.

3. The Special Plate Unit shall notify the Department of Defense when the special National Guard plates are issued to an applicant.

(c) A fee of \$15.00 for each set of plates shall be paid at the time of application for special National Guard plates. A fee of \$11.00 shall be paid for replacement of lost, stolen or obliterated special National Guard plates.

As amended, R.1984 d.319, eff. August 6, 1984.

See: 16 N.J.R. 1188(a), 16 N.J.R. 2142(a).

Section substantially amended.

Amended by R.1996 d.28, effective January 16, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4140(a), 28 N.J.R. 272(a).

In (a) eliminated limitation of two sets of plates per Guard member, and in (c) increased the fee for replacement plates.

13:20-36.2 Surrender of special plates

(a) Whenever the holder of special National Guard plates ceases to be an active member of the New Jersey National Guard for reasons other than honorable separation or for honorable separation under abnormal conditions, he shall obtain replacement plates from the Division of Motor Vehicles, within five days of his separation from the New Jersey National Guard and he shall then surrender the National Guard plates to the Department of Defense.

1. The Department of Defense shall forward the surrendered plates to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

2. If the special National Guard plates are not surrendered to the Department of Defense within five days from the date the holder of special plates ceases to be an active member of the New Jersey National Guard, the Department of Defense shall notify the Division of Motor Vehicles of the holder's failure to surrender the special plates.

As amended, R.1984 d.319, eff. August 6, 1984.

See: 16 N.J.R. 1188(a), 16 N.J.R. 2142(a).

(a) added: "for reasons other . . . abnormal conditions".

SUBCHAPTER 37. STANDARDS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES WITH MODIFIED CHASSIS HEIGHT

13:20-37.1 Modification of height of motor vehicle restricted; approval of the director

(a) No person shall operate on any highway of this State any motor vehicle whose height has been altered, modified or changed by elevating or lowering the chassis or body from the manufacturer's specifications by use of "shackle lift kits" for leaf springs or by use of lift kits for coil springs or blocks or any other device without the prior written approval of the director.

13:20-37.2 Requirements for motor vehicle approval

(a) To be approved, a vehicle shall meet the following standards:

1. The suspension system shall consist of the basic elements originally provided by the manufacturer and be geometrically arranged in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. No suspension system component shall be replaced unless the replacement component meets or exceeds the quality and performance standards established by the vehicle manufacturer. The vehicle shall have a suspension system that allows movement between the unsprung axles and wheels and the chassis body and shall be equipped with a shock-absorbing device at each wheel location. The suspension system shall be capable of providing a minimum relative motion of plus and minus two inches. When any corner of the vehicle is depressed and released, the damping device shall stop vertical body motion within two cycles. The use of spacer blocks between the front axle and leaf springs is prohibited.

2. The steering wheel shall move not less than two turns nor more than six turns, and shall remain unobstructed when turning from stop to stop. The number of turns to right stop shall be equal to the number of turns to left stop. A tolerance of one-quarter turn is permitted.

3. Headlights shall be no lower than 22 inches nor higher than 54 inches from the ground to the center line of the lamp. Taillights shall be no lower than 15 inches nor more than 72 inches from the ground to the center line of the lamp. All lighting equipment must meet the standards of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

4. License plates shall be no lower than 12 inches nor higher than 48 inches from the ground. N.J.S.A. 39:3-33.

5. Brake lines and hoses shall conform to 49 C.F.R. 571.106 and shall be protected from excessive heat and vibration and be installed so as to prevent chafing.

6. Where the vehicle was originally equipped by the manufacturer with bumpers, all bumpers must be securely mounted, extend across the full width of the vehicle and be horizontal load bearing bumpers attached to the vehicle frame to effectively transfer impact when engaged. Bumpers shall not have sharp edges or dangerous configurations. Bumpers shall be mounted to be no lower than 16 inches from the ground to the bottom of the bumper.

7. All tires on the same axle or on axles less than six feet apart shall be of the same tire size with respect to diameter and width. Each tire shall have a load carrying capacity specified by the tire manufacturer in excess of the intended maximum axle load divided by the number of tires on the axle. Each front tire shall measure a minimum of 60 percent of the tread width of the rear tires. Tires shall have a minimum four inch vertical clearance and two inch horizontal clearance so as not to rub on the chassis, body, suspension or other part of the vehicle while being operated.

8. Fenders shall extend the full width of the tires or the vehicle must be equipped with suitable metal protectors or substantial flexible flaps so as to prevent the throwing of dirt, water or other debris on following vehicles. The metal protectors or flexible flaps shall be of such standard type or design and installed in such manner as shall be approved by the director and shall conform substantially to any requirement of the Interstate Commerce Commission governing similar subject matter.

9. Fuel tanks which have become exposed as a result of raising the vehicle shall be protected against damage from collision by some means of encasement.

10. All moving parts or exhaust system components which have become exposed as a result of raising the vehicle shall be shielded to prevent injury to persons making contact with these parts.

11. Any ballast material used for the purpose of adding weight to the vehicle must be permanently attached to the vehicle structure. No liquid or loose ballast is permitted.

12. Release of the steering wheel while the vehicle is in a sharp turn at a speed of between five to ten miles per hour will result in a distinct tendency for the vehicle to increase its turning radius.

13. The weight distribution between the two sides of an empty vehicle on level ground shall not exceed 45 percent/55 percent.

Amended by R.1996 d.28, effective January 16, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4140(a), 28 N.J.R. 272(a).

In (a)3 increased the minimum height of headlights.

13:20-37.3 Standards for vehicles with modified height

(a) If a motor vehicle has been raised more than four inches beyond the manufacturer's specifications, it must be tested to verify that it can withstand the lateral standard established by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

(b) For testing passenger or utility type vehicles the standard is 1.1 gravitational force or more.

(c) For testing pickup trucks the standard is 1.1 gravitational force or more.

(d) Vehicles that have not been raised more than four inches may be approved provided they comply with the standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:20-37.2.

13:20-37.4 Testing

Tests shall be conducted by the Division of Motor Vehicles at sites to be designated by the Director using the procedures and equation set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:20-37.5.

13:20-37.5 Procedure for testing modified vehicles

(a) The track width of the front and rear axles shall be measured from the centers of the tread of the outermost tires on the same axle. The front track width shall be added to the rear track width and the sum shall be divided by two to give the average track width.

(b) The side to side weight distribution shall be calculated with the vehicle empty on level ground. The distribution shall not exceed 45 percent/55 percent as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:20-37.2.

(c) One side of the vehicle should be raised to a static relative angle of 15 degrees a $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees from horizontal.

(d) The weight of the vehicle shall be measured on the unraised side.

(e) The maximum permissible weight on the unraised side is 62.4 percent of the total vehicle weight multiplied by twice the unraised side's weight percentage as determined in (b) above.

13:20-37.6 Certificate of approval

The Director may issue a certificate of approval upon the motor vehicle's compliance with the requirements set forth in this subchapter.

13:20-37.7 Denied or revocation of approval

Upon notice and an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and the Uniform Administrative Rules of Practice, N.J.A.C. 1:1-1 et seq., the Director shall deny any application for a certificate of approval or revoke or suspend any certificate of approval issued under this subchapter for any failure to comply with or failure to continuously remain in compliance with any of the standards or requirements set forth in this subchapter.

SUBCHAPTER 38. DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS FOR AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTERS

13:20-38.1 Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to conform the rules of this State to the national policy governing truck size as set forth in the Federal "Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982," Pub.L. 97-424 (49 App. U.S.C. § 2311), as amended, and the regulations promulgated pursuant to that Federal law by establishing dimensional standards for automobile transporters that are in compliance with Federal standards contained in 23 C.F.R. § 658.13, revised as of February 1, 1991. The purpose of this subchapter is also to facilitate interstate commerce on the National Network of highways that can safely and efficiently accommodate the automobile transporters authorized by the "Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982."

Repeal and New Rule, R.1993 d.380, effective August 2, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1342(a), 25 N.J.R. 3504(a).

Section was "Vehicle combination lengths."

13:20-38.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Automobile transporter" means any vehicle combination designed and used specifically for the transport of assembled (capable of being driven) highway vehicles.

"Fullmount" means a smaller vehicle mounted completely on the frame of either the first or last vehicle in a saddle-mount combination.

"Saddlemount combination" means a combination of vehicles in which a truck or truck tractor tows one or more trucks or truck tractors, each connected by a saddle to the frame or fifth wheel of the vehicle in front of it. The saddle is a mechanism that connects the front axle of the towed vehicle to the frame or fifth wheel of the vehicle in front and functions like a fifth wheel kingpin connection. When two vehicles are towed in this manner the combination is called a double saddlemount combination. When three vehicles are towed in this manner, the combination is called a triple saddlemount combination.

"Stinger-steered combination" means an automobile transporter consisting of a truck tractor semitrailer wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame located behind and below the rearmost axle of the power unit.

"Traditional automobile transporter" means an automobile transporter wherein the fifth wheel is located on the frame of the truck tractor over the rear axle(s) of said truck tractor.

Repeal and New Rule, R.1993 d.380, effective August 2, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1342(a), 25 N.J.R. 3504(a).

Section was "Load overhang automobile transporters."

New Rule, R.1993 d.380, effective August 2, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 1342(a), 25 N.J.R. 3504(a).

13:20-38.3 Vehicle combination lengths; traditional automobile transporters; stinger-steered combination

(a) A traditional automobile transporter when operated on the highways of this State shall not exceed 65 feet in overall length, excluding the load.

(b) An automobile transporter consisting of a stinger-steered combination when operated on the highways of this State shall not exceed 75 feet in overall length, excluding the load.

Repeal and New Rule, R.1993 d.380, effective August 2, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 1342(a), 25 N.J.R. 3504(a).
Section was "Number of vehicles; overall length."

13:20-38.4 Automobile transporter; load overhang

(a) Automobile transporters when operated on the highways of this State may have a load overhang of no more than three feet to the front and/or no more than four feet to the rear.

(b) Automobile transporters shall be exempt from the overhang standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:18-8.1.

New Rule, R.1993 d.380, effective August 2, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 1342(a), 25 N.J.R. 3504(a).

13:20-38.5 Drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combinations; drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combinations; overall length

(a) Drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combinations when operated on the highways of this State shall not exceed 75 feet in overall length.

(b) Drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combinations when operated on the highways of this State shall not exceed 75 feet in overall length.

New Rule, R.1993 d.380, effective August 2, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 1342(a), 25 N.J.R. 3504(a).

13:20-38.6 Application of Department of Transportation standards for 102-inch standard trucks to automobile transporters

Automobile transporters, drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combinations and drive-away saddlemount with fullmount transporter combinations having an overall length of the combination of vehicles, including load, or contents or any part or portion thereof, which exceed 62 feet shall be subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 16:32-3.2 (General provisions), N.J.A.C. 16:32-3.3 (Through routes for 102-inch standard trucks), and N.J.A.C. 16:32-3.4 (Access from through routes), as amended, which have been adopted by the Commissioner of Transportation.

SUBCHAPTER 39. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

13:20-39.1 Purpose

(a) N.J.S.A. 39:3-27.35 et seq. provides for the issuance of special motor vehicle registration plates to members of non-profit community, alumni or service organizations in this State which have been approved by the Director. This subchapter establishes the following:

1. Standards and procedures by which an organization may request approval to have special motor vehicle registration plates prepared for its members who desire to apply for them;
2. Procedures regarding the certification of membership in good standing by an organization;
3. Standards and procedures by which an organization shall submit proof of its status as a non-profit organization to the Division;
4. Procedures by which an organization shall appoint an organization liaison who will act as a coordinator between the organization and the Division with regard to special motor vehicle registration plates;
5. Procedures by which an organization shall submit the organization's proposed special motor vehicle registration plate design to the Division for review and approval;
6. Standards and procedures which an approved organization must adhere to in order for its members in good standing to be able to apply for the organization's special motor vehicle registration plates;
7. Fees to be charged by the Division for special motor vehicle registration plates; and
8. Grounds upon which the Division may refuse to issue special motor vehicle registration plates to an individual, and the circumstances under which the Division may suspend or revoke such special plates.

Amended by R.1994 d.175, effective April 4, 1994.
See: 26 N.J.R. 331(a), 26 N.J.R. 1516(a).

13:20-39.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: