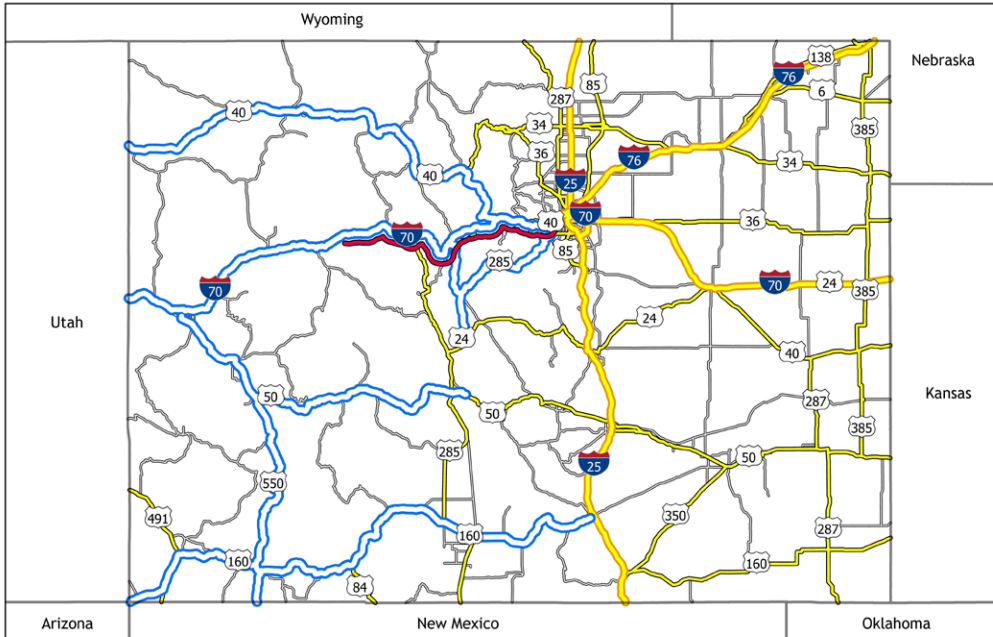


Colorado's "Must Carry" Law

As of Aug. 7, 2024, all CMV drivers must carry chains from Sept. 1 to May 31. This applies to vehicles with a gross combined weight rating of more than 16,000 lbs. used in commerce or as transport for at least 16 passengers (including the driver) on public highways.



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Senate Bill 24-100
Must Carry Chains Law
for Commercial Motor
Vehicles

Legend:
 State Boundaries
 Chain Law Routes
 Former Statute of Chain Law (I-70)
 Highways
 Interstates
 U.S. Highways
 State Highways

Scale: 0, 40, 80 Miles

- I-70 west of milepost ("MP") 259 (Morrison to Utah state border)
- Colorado Highway 9, MP 63 to MP 97 (Frisco to Fairplay)
- Route 40 west of MP 256 (Empire)
- US Route 50 west of MP 225 (Salida)
- US Route 160 west of MP 304 (Walsenburg)
- US Route 285 west of MP 250 (Morrison)
- US Route 550 from MP 0 to 130.

Fines include:

- \$50+ for not carrying
- \$500+ for not chaining up
- \$1000+ for blocking as a result of not chaining up

What Must be carried?

On the above state, federal and interstate highways, CMVs must always carry traction devices that fulfill Colorado's Chain Law. In the event of any inclement weather, the following requirements must be fulfilled when CDOT activates requirements.

Those required to chain 4 drive tires:



Straight Trucks: 4 tire chains, 4 AutoSocks, 4 tire cables 0.415 diameters or greater, auto chains, or sanders.



Single Drive Axle Combinations: 4 tire chains, 4 AutoSocks, auto chains, or sanders. **No cables are allowed.**



Tandem Drive Axle Combinations: 4 tire chains, 4 AutoSocks, 4 tire cables 0.415 diameter or greater, auto chains, or sanders. If chains are on the 2 outside tires of one drive axle, any tire cable may be used to cover 2 tires on the other drive axle. AutoSocks may be used to cover 2 tires on the other drive axle. **AutoSocks and tire cables cannot be used together.**

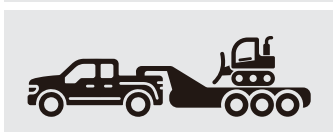


Auto Transporters: 4 tire chains, 4 AutoSocks, 4 tire cables 0.415 or greater, auto chains, or sanders. Do not use chains if use places hydraulic lines at risk of damage (alternative traction devices (ATDs) may be used to mitigate the risk). **Travel will be restricted if the vehicle is unable to chain.**

Those required to chain 2 drive tires:



Buses: 2 tire chains, 2 tire cables 0.415 diameters or greater, 2 AutoSocks, auto chains, or sanders.



Hot shot trucking: Traditional motor vehicles (such as pickup trucks) that are pulling trailers and meet the above-listed weight criteria must also carry chains. 2 tire chains for singles (to affix to rear tires). Exception: Duallies need 4 tire chains.

