

Speed, Size, Weight, Construction and Equipment of Motor Vehicles.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 194. 1912, sec. 149. 1916, ch. 687. 1918, ch. 85, sec. 149.
1920, ch. 506, sec. 149. 1927, ch. 520, sec. 194.

(1) General Provisions.

194. No person shall operate a motor vehicle of any kind, as defined in this sub-title, over any public highway of the State recklessly or at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the width, traffic and use of the highway, or so as to endanger the property and life or limb of any person, or without due regard to wear upon said highway, so as not unnecessarily or unreasonably to damage the same provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall apply to the owner or operator of any traction engine used exclusively for propelling agricultural or farming implements not designed for hauling purposes on account of its driving wheels being equipped with standard cleats.

(2) Speed of Solid Tire Motor Vehicles, and Size, Weight, Construction and Equipment of Motor Vehicles.

The maximum rate of speed for motor vehicles, equipped wholly or in part with solid tires, weighing six tons or less, shall be twenty-five miles per hour. The maximum rate of speed for motor vehicles, equipped wholly or in part with solid tires, weighing in excess of six tons, shall be twenty miles per hour. The weight of such motor vehicles shall be computed by adding the weight of the vehicle and the weight of its load. Whenever a trailer is attached to such vehicle, the weight thereof shall be computed by adding the combined weights of such vehicle and such trailer and the combined weights of the loads thereon; provided, however, that when the trailer is equipped with adequate brakes, the weight shall be computed by adding the weight of the vehicle and its load, or the weight of the trailer and its load, whichever is the heavier; and provided further that not more than one trailer shall be attached to a motor vehicle while operating along any highway of this State at a greater rate of speed than ten miles per hour. The maximum rate of speed of all traction or other iron tired engines, and motor vehicles or trailers equipped wholly or in part with iron tires shall be six miles an hour. No motor vehicle in excess of ninety-three inches in width, including the load thereon, except traction engines, shall be operated on any highway in this State, and no traction engine in excess of one hundred inches in width shall be operated on any such highway, nor shall any motor vehicle equipped with solid tires be so operated of which the total weight of vehicle and load per inch in width of each tire as such tires are rated by the tire manufacturers shall exceed six hundred and fifty pounds, without the special permission of the State Roads Commission in the case of a road under its jurisdiction, or the permission of the city authorities in the case of a city street, or the permission of the county authorities in the case of a county highway, nor shall any such vehicle be operated at any time on any such tires when the rubber thereon is less than one inch in thickness, nor where a uniform