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# Motor Carrier of Property Permit (MCPP)



# What is the MCPP?

- The MCPP is a permit to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) as defined in Section 34601(c) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC). It is not an authority to operate.
- The MCPP is issued and administered by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and enforced by the California Highway Patrol (CHP).
- Before an MCPP is issued, the DMV will verify that the motor carrier is in compliance with financial responsibility requirements specified in Sections 34630 through 34634 CVC and, if applicable, workers' compensation insurance, the Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Program, and the Employer Pull Notice Program.
- The CHP has the authority to recommend the DMV suspend a motor carrier's MCPP for safety related reasons or failing to enroll all drivers in the Employer Pull Notice Program (when applicable).



# Who is Subject to the MCPP?

- A motor carrier of property as defined in Section 34601(a) CVC operating any CMV as defined in Section 34601(c) CVC.
- Vehicles identified in Section 34601(c)(1) CVC include self-propelled vehicles listed in subdivisions (a), (b), (f), (g) and (k) of Section 34500 CVC, **and;**
- Any motortruck of two or more axles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of more than 10,000 pounds, **and;**
- **Any** other motor vehicle, regardless of type or size, used to transport property for compensation.
- The DMV MC 500M MCPP handbook defines a for-hire motor carrier of property as one who transports other persons' property for hire or compensation.



# MCPPP CMVs

- Section 34500(a) CVC – Truck tractor regardless of GVWR.
- Section 655 CVC defines a truck tractor as a motor vehicle (MV) designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load, other than the weight of the vehicle and the load so drawn.





# MCPPP CMVs

- Section 34500(b) CVC – 3-axle motortruck with a GVWR of more than 10,000 pounds.
- Section 410 CVC defines a motortruck as a MV designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.



# MCPPP CMVs

- Section 34500(f) CVC – A combination consisting of a motortruck and a semitrailer, trailer, pole dolly, or a pipe dolly that exceeds 40 feet in length.





# MCPPP CMVs

- Section 34500(g) CVC – A vehicle (regardless of type or size) transporting any amount of hazardous material.
- Section 353 CVC defines a hazardous material as any substance, material, or device posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety, or property during transportation, as defined by regulations adopted pursuant to Section 2402.7 CVC.



# MCPPP CMVs

- Section 34500(g) CVC – A vehicle (regardless of type or size) transporting any amount of hazardous material.





# MCPV CMVs

- Section 34500(k) CVC – An MV with a GVWR of more than 26,000 pounds or a MV of any GVWR towing a semitrailer, trailer, pole dolly, or pipe dolly with a GVWR of more than 10,000 pounds.



GVWR 33,000 pounds

Truck GVWR 9,800 pounds

Trailer GVWR 18,000 pounds



# MCPPP CMVs

- Any motortruck of two or more axles with a GVWR of more than 10,000 pounds.





# MCPV CMVs

- Any motortruck of two or more axles with a GVWR of more than 10,000 pounds.



A pickup truck is a motortruck.

MAXIMUM PAYLOAD (LBS.)							
	GVWR	Regular Cab		SuperCab		Crew Cab	
		Long box	Short box	Long box	Short box	Long box	
F-250 SRW 4x2	9,900	4,160	3,880	3,770	3,780	3,550	
	10,000	4,260	3,980	3,870	3,880	3,650	
	10,600	3,940	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	10,700	N/A	3,770	N/A	N/A	N/A	
F-250 SRW 4x4	10,800	N/A	N/A	3,740	3,750	3,520	
	9,900	3,720	3,450	3,360	3,370	3,110	
	10,000	3,820	3,550	3,460	3,470	3,210	
	10,800	3,720	3,460	3,310	3,320	3,040	
F-350 SRW 4x2	9,900	3,960	3,710	3,590	3,550	3,320	
	10,000	4,060	3,810	3,690	3,650	3,420	
	10,100	4,160	3,910	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	10,200	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,850	N/A	
	10,400	N/A	N/A	4,090	N/A	N/A	
	10,500	4,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	10,600	3,930	4,350	N/A	N/A	4,020	
	10,700	N/A	3,800	N/A	4,290	N/A	
	10,800	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,720	N/A	
	10,900	N/A	N/A	4,540	N/A	N/A	
	11,000	N/A	N/A	3,980	N/A	N/A	
	11,100	4,380	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,460	
	11,200	N/A	4,250	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11,300	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,160	N/A		
11,400	N/A	N/A	4,380	N/A	4,080		
11,500	N/A	N/A	4,420	N/A	4,120		
F-350 SRW 4x4	9,900	3,530	3,270	3,160	3,120	2,890	
	10,000	3,630	3,370	3,260	3,220	2,990	
	10,400	4,030	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	10,500	N/A	3,870	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	10,600	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,820	N/A	
	10,800	N/A	N/A	4,060	N/A	N/A	
10,900	4,470	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,890		
11,000	3,910	4,320	N/A	N/A	N/A		





# MCPV CMVs

- MCPV CMV Quiz. Is this vehicle defined as a CMV for MCPV purposes?



GVWR 22,000 pounds.

YES

Vehicles with a GVWR between 10,000, 000 and 26,000 pounds are identified in Section 4500(k) CVC. (Designed, they are defined as CMV for MCPV transportation of goods) do not meet the definition of a CMV for MCPV purposes.



# MCPP CMVs

- MCPP CMV Quiz. Is this vehicle defined as a CMV for MCPP purposes?



GVWR 22,000 pounds.

YES

Vehicles with a GVWR between 10,000 and 26,000 pounds identified in Section 4500(k) CVC. (Therefore, they are reclassified as CMV for MCPP transportation of goods) to meet the definition of a CMV for MCPP purposes.





# MCPP CMVs

- MCPP CMV Quiz. Is this vehicle defined as a CMV for MCPP purposes?

The prohibition based on GVWR of more than 10,000 pounds may be the operator's best defense. However, it is being used as a CMV for MCPP purposes, therefore it is defined as a CMV for MCPP purposes.

YES



# Exemptions to the MCPP

- Vehicles **NEVER** used commercially.
- Two-axle daily rental trucks with a GVWR of 26,000 pounds or less, when operated in noncommercial use.
  - Example: A two-axle daily rental truck used by a homeowner to move their own property, not related to a commercial enterprise.
- Vehicles identified in subdivision (f) of Section 34500 CVC, if the GVWR of the towing vehicle is 10,000 pounds or less.
- Section 34601 CVC excludes vehicles operated by household goods carriers regulated by the Public Utilities Commission from the definition of a CMV for MCPP purposes. However, this statute does not reflect the change in oversight of household movers occurring in 2018. Because of that change, this exemption is no longer applicable and household movers operating CMVs are statutorily required to comply with the MCPP requirement.



# Exemptions to the MCPP

- Vehicles exempt from registration fees, including:



- Historical vehicles described in Section 5004 CVC.
- Vehicles described in Section 5011 CVC that qualify for a special equipment identification plate pursuant to Section 5014 CVC.



- Governmental vehicles.



- Vehicles in compliance with requirements applicable to manufacturers, remanufacturers, transporters, distributors, and dealers and displaying the appropriate special license plate.



- A motor carrier engaged solely in interstate commerce.





# *Inter*state vs *Intra*state Commerce

## *Inter*state

## *Intra*state

- Trade, traffic, or transportation between a place within California and a place outside of California.
- Between two places in California through another state or place outside of the United States (U.S.).
- Between two places within California as part of trade, traffic, or transportation originating or terminating outside of California or the U.S.
  - \*Example: Transporting intermodal shipping containers to and from a port.
- Any carrier engaged in trade, traffic, or transportation not defined in interstate transportation.



# *Inter*state vs *Intra*state Commerce

## *Inter*state

- A motor carrier of property is considered to be engaged in *inter*state commerce immediately upon dispatch to transport *inter*state freight, or when the driver's intended route involves crossing state lines or national boundaries, whether the vehicle is loaded or empty.

## *Intra*state

- A motor carrier of property never engaged in *inter*state commerce is considered to be engaged in *intra*state commerce.
- A motor carrier of property engaged in *inter*state commerce remains in *inter*state commerce until transporting property in *intra*state commerce.



# MCPD Misconceptions

- Pickup trucks are not subject to the MCPD requirement.
  - Not all motortrucks are pickup trucks but a pickup truck is a motortruck. A pickup truck is defined as a CMV for MCPD purposes if the GVWR is more than 10,000 pounds.
- Agricultural vehicles defined in Section 34500.6 CVC are not subject to the MCPD requirement.
  - An agricultural vehicle is exempt from the Basic Inspection of Terminals requirement pursuant to Section 34501.12(a) CVC. However, an agricultural vehicle is subject to the MCPD requirement if it meets the definition of a CMV in Section 34601(c) CVC.



# MCPD Misconceptions

- The CMV must be transporting property before the MCPD requirement is applicable.
- Pursuant to Section 34620(a) CVC a motor carrier of property shall not operate a CMV upon a highway unless they hold a valid MCPD. This means an MCPD is required to operate the CMV upon a highway either laden or unladen.



# MCPPP Violation

- Operation of a CMV without a valid MCPPP is a misdemeanor violation.





# MCPPP Enforcement

- Enforcement of the MCPPP requirement may consist of the following:
  - Verbal warning
  - Warning letter
  - Citation
  - Vehicle impoundment
    - If the vehicle is impounded, Section 34660(d) CVC requires the following before the vehicle may be released:
      - Proof of current registration for the vehicle.
      - A currently valid driver license of the appropriate class.
      - An active MCPPP.



# Obtaining an MCPP

- **Step 1:** Obtain a United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) number issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The online application can be found at this Web site:

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/getting-started>

- **Step 2:** Obtain a California Carrier Identification (CA) number. Submit a CHP 362, Motor Carrier Profile, to a local CHP Motor Carrier Safety Unit located on page 3 of the application. Be sure to include your USDOT number on the application, as a CA number cannot be issued without this information. The CHP 362 can be found at this Web site:

<https://www.chp.ca.gov/Programs-Services/Programs/Commercial-Vehicle-Section>



# Obtaining an MCPP

- **Step 3:** Obtain a MCPP using the CA number issued by the CHP. Submit a DMV MC 706 M, Application for Motor Carrier Permit, to the DMV, Motor Carrier Permit Operations Unit. The requirements for the MCPP are explained on the application. The DMV MC 706 M and other information can be found at this Web site:

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov>

- The MCPP application may be found by typing “Motor Carrier” into the search field on the Web site and choose “Motor Carrier Permits” from the search results.
- Local DMV offices are not able to process information relating to MCPP.
- The California DMV, Motor Carrier Permit Operations Unit, processes applications for MCPP. Their contact number is (916) 657-8153.



# Questions?



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