



RICA 2025 Marketing Panel



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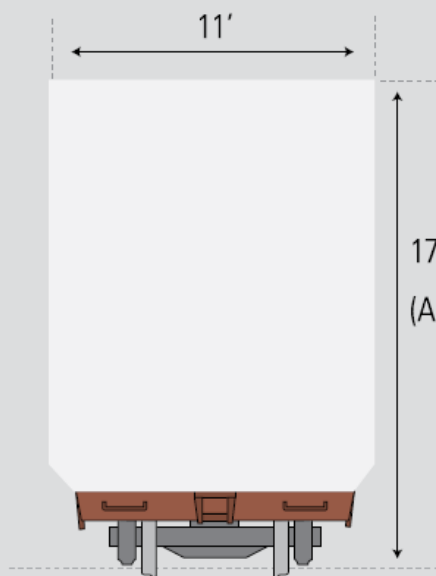
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Shipping Oversized Loads with BNSF

1. Measure It

(8+ weeks before shipment)

Determine if your shipment is an oversized load according to BNSF by using the following criteria:



Height more than 17' above top of rail
Width more than 11' at any point



Load extends beyond end sills of car

Oversize Weights:

286,000 lbs. on a 4 axle car

480,000 lbs. on an 8 axle car

12-axle or greater cars may require clearance, as they typically need empty buffer cars for weight distribution.

NOTE: These specifications apply to BNSF only; other rail carriers may have different definitions of oversized loads.



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2. Price It

(8+ weeks before shipment)

Via our Get A Freight Rate Tool on the BNSF customer portal (if < 13'2" wide and < 500k lbs.) or email Bobby and Jason for larger loads not in tariff.

3. Clear It

(8+ weeks before shipment)

Via our Hi-Wide Dimensional Clearance Request Form on the BNSF customer portal. \$2,000 fee but this is refundable if you ship your load on us within 18 months.

4. Secure It

(4+ weeks before shipment)

Email opentoploads@bnsf.com with your securement plan for us to ensure that your oversized load is properly secured to safely traverse our network.

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5. Request Cars

(2+ weeks before shipment)

Via the Dimensional Equipment Approval Required Form (HD cars) or the Railcar Equipment Request Form (non-HD cars) on the BNSF customer portal.

6. Load It

(2 days before shipment)

Per your approved securement plan and the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.

7. Get Inspected

(2 days before shipment)

Email high.wide@BNSF.com (at least one week in advance) with requested inspection date, location, railcars, and on-site contact. Include inspections@bnsflogistics.com for shipments with 8 axles or more



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8. Submit Instructions

(2 days before shipment)

Via the Shipping Instructions on the BNSF customer portal. You will need your proposal number and must select a special handling condition of "Extreme Dimension".

9. Ship It!



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