

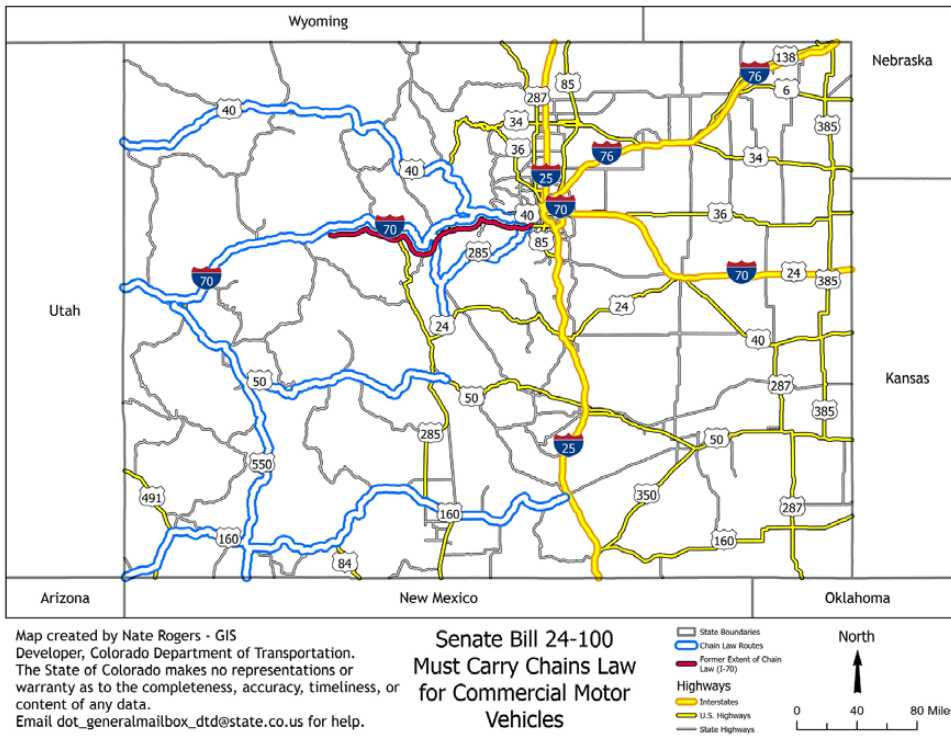
Colorado Chain Up Tips

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES



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 manufacturer GVWR or GCWR of at least 16,001 lbs. used in commerce or as transport for at least 16 passengers (including the driver) on public highways.



- 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:

- \$100+ \$32 surcharge for not carrying Sept. - May
- \$500 + \$78 surcharge for not chaining up when Chain Law is in effect
- \$1,000 + \$156 surcharge for causing a road closure as a result of not chaining up

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

What Must be carried?

On the above state, federal and interstate highways, CMV's must carry traction devices that fulfill Colorado's Must Carry Chain Law. In the event of any inclement weather, the following requirements must be installed onto the tires of the vehicle when CDOT activates CMV Chain Law.

Those required to chain 4 drive tires:



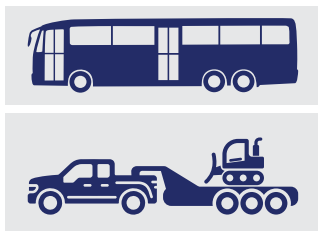
Straight Trucks: 4 tire chains, 4 AutoSocks, a combination of 2 tire chains and 2 tire cables 0.415 diameters or greater, auto chains, or sanders.

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, a combination of 2 tire chains and 2 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, a combination of 2 tire chains and 2 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, a combination of 2 tire chains and 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.

