

WAC 204-24-050

All vehicles over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) shall carry a minimum of two extra chains for use in the event that road conditions require the use of more chains or in the event that chains in use are broken or otherwise made useless.

Approved chains for vehicles over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) shall have at least two side chains to which are attached sufficient cross chains of hardened metal so that at least one cross chain is in contact with the road surface at all times. Plastic chains shall not be allowed. The state patrol may approve other devices as chains if the devices are equivalent to regular chains in performance.

On the following routes all vehicles and combinations of vehicles over 10,000 gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) pounds shall carry sufficient tire chains to meet the requirements of this chapter from November 1 to April 1 of each year or at other times when chains are required for such vehicles:

- (i) I-90 - between North Bend (MP 32) and Ellensburg (MP 101).
- (ii) SR-97 - between (MP 145) and Junction SR-2.
- (iii) SR-2 - between Dryden (MP 108) and Index (MP 36).
- (iv) SR-12 - between Packwood (MP 135) and Naches (MP 187).
- (v) SR-97 - between the Columbia River (MP 0.00) and Toppenish (MP 59.00).
- (vi) SR-410 - from Enumclaw to Naches.
- (vii) SR-20 - between Tonasket (MP 262) and Kettle Falls (MP 342); and SR-20 between Newhalem (MP 120) and Winthrop (MP 192).
- (viii) SR-155 - between Omak (MP 79) and Nespelam (MP 45).
- (ix) SR-970 - between (MP 0) and (MP 10).
- (x) SR-14 - between Gibbons Creek (MP 18.00) and (MP 108.40) intersection of Cliffs Road.
- (xi) SR-542 - Mt. Baker highway between (MP 22.91) and (MP 57.26).

(xii) I-82 - between Ellensburg Exit 3 (MP 3.00) and Selah Exit 26 (MP 26.00).

Vehicles making local deliveries as indicated on bills of lading and not crossing the mountain pass are exempt from this requirement if operating outside of a chain required area.

The Washington state department of transportation or Washington state patrol may prohibit any vehicle from entering a chain/approved traction device control area when it is determined that the vehicle will experience difficulty in safely traveling the area.

OVERSIZE LOAD MOVEMENTS

Movement by permit on mountain passes is prohibited where any of the following signs are displayed:

Traction Tires Advised
Approved Traction Tires Recommended
Approved Traction Tires Required
Tire Chains Required