

Got Chains?

Winter is here and on the I-70 corridor through the Colorado mountains that means snow and ice-packed roadways. Because of these difficult highway conditions, Colorado law requires truckers to carry chains or other traction devices and to use them if the chain law is in place. Failure to comply could cost as much as \$1000.

So remember, before you set out and travel on I-70 through Colorado, make sure you've "GOT CHAINS" and use them!

What are the Peak Travel Times?

Saturdays: WB I-70 from 6am — 10am

Sundays: EB I-70 from 1pm — 8pm

Where is the most Congestion?

I-70 between Morrison (MP 259) and Vail (MP 170)



Additional Resources:

*511

CB Wizard

www.cotrip.org

www.cmca.com

Tire Chain Requirements

Colorado's CHAIN LAW REQUIRES Commercial Vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of 26,000lbs. or more to have 4 or more drive wheels covered with an appropriate traction device. (Except Busses)

Straight Trucks

Are allowed to use 4 tire cables as long as they are 0.415" in diameter or greater; 4 tire chains; 4 Autosocks; auto chains or sanders, covering 4 drive tires.

Single Drive Axle Combinations

Are allowed to use 4 tire chains; 4 Autosocks; auto chains or sanders covering 4 drive tires. NO CABLES ALLOWED!

Tandem Drive Axle Combinations

Are allowed to use 4 tire chains; 4 Autosocks; auto chains or sanders covering 4 drive tires.

*Tire Cables are allowed IF there are chains on the 2 outside tires of one of the drive axles, any type of tire cable may be used to cover the other 2 tires. Autosocks may also be used to cover the other 2 tires. Autosocks and tire cables CANNOT be used together.

Single Drive Axle Busses

Are Only Required to Cover 2 Tires.

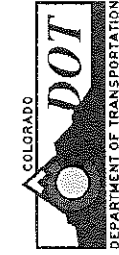
Are allowed to use 2 tire cables as long as they are 0.415" diameter or greater; 2 tire chains; 2 Autosocks; auto chain or sanders

Tandem Drive Axle Busses

Are Only Required to Cover 2 Tires

Are required to use 2 tire chains.

Autosocks or Tire cables may be used as additional traction.



Must I Carry Chains?

Commercial Vehicles operating on I-70 in either direction between mileposts 133 (Dotsero) and 259 (Morrison) from Sept. 1 to May 31, must carry sufficient chains at all times to be in compliance with the Colorado chain law.

I-70 Mountain Chain Stations

- EB I-70 Milepost 178 EB I-70 Milepost 183
- EB I-70 Milepost 184 EB I-70 Milepost 187
- EB I-70 Milepost 195 EB I-70 Milepost 203
- EB I-70 Milepost 205 EB I-70 Milepost 219
- EB I-70 Milepost 228 EB I-70 Milepost 241
- EB I-70 Milepost 251
- WB I-70 Milepost 263 WB I-70 Milepost 260
- WB I-70 Milepost 254 WB I-70 Milepost 228
- WB I-70 Milepost 223 WB I-70 Milepost 221
- WB I-70 Milepost 219 WB I-70 Milepost 213
- WB I-70 Milepost 197 WB I-70 Milepost 179

Penalties for Violating Chain Laws

Not chaining up when chain law is in effect \$500 fine plus \$157 surcharge

Not chaining up when chain law is in effect and subsequently blocking the highway \$1000 fine plus \$313 surcharge

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