

How to Read Bridge Posting Signs

Nebraska is required to follow the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) to determine what signs and silhouettes are allowed for bridge posting purposes.

The symbols shown below are the only vehicle silhouettes allowed on a posting sign.

WEIGHT LIMIT



Because every possible vehicle configuration cannot be represented on a sign, typical configurations are used to show easily recognizable vehicles. Special Hauling Vehicles (SHVs) fall under the top silhouette showing a straight Single Unit truck. The SHVs have 4 to 7 axles, which make interpretation of the sign essential for truck drivers and law enforcement.

The sign above represents that Single Unit Trucks (SUT), top truck at 30 Ton are only restricted for SU5, SU6 and SU7; NE Type 3S2, middle truck is restricted at 33 Ton; NE Type 3-3, bottom truck is not restricted. However, by law, all bridges are restricted at Nebraska legal load limits whether posted or not. See Nebraska Statute 60-6,294 for more information.

Signs apply to the gross vehicle weight irrelevant of how short the bridge may be.

To the right are examples of vehicles governed by a given silhouette and their legal max. load limits.



NE Type SUT (Single Unit Truck) 25 to 38.75 Ton Max.



NE Type 3 – 25 Ton



SU4 – 27 Ton



SU5 – 31 Ton



SU6 – 34.75 Ton



SU7 – 38.75 Ton



NE Type 3S2 – 37 Ton Max.



NE Type 3-3 – 43 Ton Max.

