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## Nevada Traction Device Requirements



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# Nevada Chain Requirements

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NRS 484.643 requires the use of chains or snow tires on motor vehicles driven on any street or highway under icy or snowy conditions when the highway is marked or posted with signs requiring the use of chains or snow tires.

NRS 484.6432 requires operators of all vehicles of more than 10,000 pounds (GVW) to install chains when chains or snow tire requirements are in effect.

Vehicles over 10,000 pounds (GVW) are permitted in chain control areas when equipped with chains or Automatic Traction Devices (MTD) on drive

axles. Trailer axles must be chained as indicated.

Studded snow tires are permitted between October 1 and April 30. However, retractable studded snow tires (NRS 484.6425) may be used at any time but only with the studs retracted between May 1 – September 30.

Snow tires have special tread to enhance traction and bear a permanent sidewall label consisting of the words “mud and snow” or an abbreviation using a combination of the letters “M” and “S”. Minimum tread depth for mud and snow tires is 3/16”. Trucks with cable-type chains are legal in Nevada. However, these trucks may be restricted at times due to local conditions.

The Nevada Department of Transportation and the Nevada Highway Patrol reserve the right to prohibit any vehicle from entering a chain control area when it is determined the vehicle will experience difficulty in safely traveling the area.

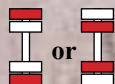


## LEGEND

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|  | Driving axle   |  | Non-driving axle   |
|  | Wheel with chains or MTD                                     |  | Wheel with no chains                                     |
|  | Drive axle must be chained                                   |  | Chains on trailers may be staggered front and back       |
|  | May require chains on all drive wheels if conditions warrant |  | Only 1 axle is necessary to be chained inside or outside |

## NOTES

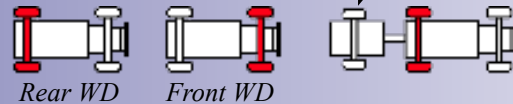
- All vehicles, including four wheel drive vehicles, that are towing trailers must have chains on one drive axle.
- Trailers with brakes must have chains on the braking axle.
- Front wheel drive vehicles must have chains on front (drive) axle.
- On any semi-trailer, only one set of chains is required regardless of number of axles.
- Chains are not required on tag axle.



Acceptable on either axle of semi-trailers.

## AUTOS/PICKUPS

If brakes are required on trailer it must be chained also.



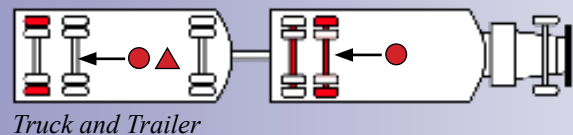
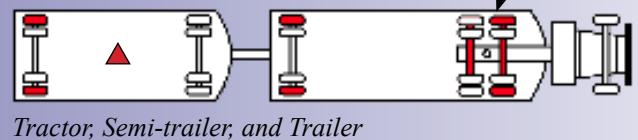
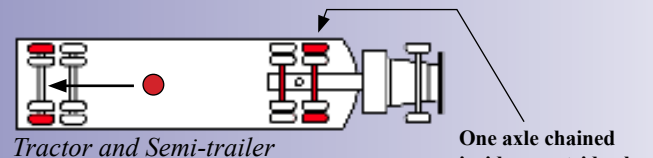
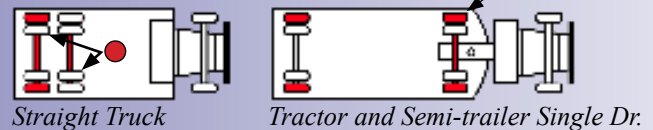
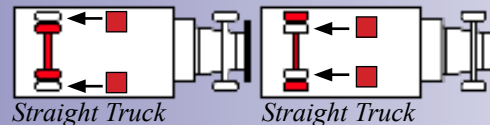
## BUSES/RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Articulated buses must also chain outside wheels of last axle.



Outside wheels or both ok.

## TRUCKS



The following truck may be restricted when chains are required:

