



# Swedish Code of Statutes

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## Ordinance amending the Road Traffic Ordinance (1998:1276)

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The government hereby lays down that Chapter 4, Sections 20 and 20a of the Road Traffic Ordinance (1998:1276) shall read as set out below.

### Chapter 4

**Section 20<sup>1</sup>** When driven on the road, the following vehicles must not be driven at speeds exceeding the ones stated below.

Vehicles	Conditions	Speed, kilometres per hour
1. Heavy bus/coach	If everyone over three years old who is travelling on the bus has access to a seat fitted with a seat belt	100
2. Heavy bus/coach		90
3. Heavy truck	On a motorway or expressway	90
4. Heavy truck		80
5. Articulated bus	With more than one articulated section	60
6. Heavy off-road vehicle		50
7. Motorised machinery, class I		50
8. Tractor, b		50
9. Moped, class I		45

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<sup>1</sup> Most recent wording 2023:378.

10. Tractor consisting of a modified car 30

If additional vehicles have been coupled to a motor vehicle, to motorised machinery, class I, or to a heavy off-road vehicle, the vehicles on the road must not be driven at speeds higher than those specified below.

Vehicles	Conditions	Speed, kilometres per hour
1. Motor vehicle with a trailer	a. The trailer is fitted with effective brakes that can be operated from the motor vehicle's service brake,	80
	b. the trailer has a rigid drawbar and a total weight not exceeding 3.5 tonnes and is fitted with an overrun brake,	80
	c. the trailer has a maximum weight or, when the trailer is not loaded, a curb weight not exceeding half the curb weight of the motor vehicle, up to a limit of 750 kilograms,	80
	d. the trailer is coupled to a motorcycle	80
5. Vehicle with two trailers	The trailers are fitted with anti-lock brakes and consist of a dolly with attached semi-trailer where the dolly fifth wheel is mounted so as to be rotatable about a vertical axis through the coupling point	80
6. Vehicle pulling a vehicle with at least four wheels, one end of which is raised by a fixed suspension device on the vehicle so that at least one of the other wheels of the towed vehicle rolls on the road	The vehicle is specially adapted for salvaging and towing damaged vehicles and the weight of the road train does not exceed the total weight of the vehicle	80

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| 7. Motor vehicle with a trailer secured by the common load   | The trailer is fitted with effective brakes that can be operated from the motor vehicle's service brake, and the vehicles are specially adapted for the purpose and approved at the inspection prescribed for the road train | 50 |
| 8. Motorised machinery, class I, or heavy off-road vehicle with a trailer  | The trailer is fitted with effective brakes that can be operated from the towing vehicle's service brake   | 50 |
| 9. Motor vehicle, motorised machinery, class I, or heavy off-road vehicle with a trailer in cases other than 1, 4 or 5   | The trailer has a gross weight not exceeding the gross weight of the towing vehicle  | 40 |
| 10. Motor vehicle, motorised machinery, class I, or heavy off-road trailer with two trailers in cases other than 2   | The trailers are fitted with effective brakes that can be operated from the towing vehicle's service brake   | 40 |
| 11. Vehicle in cases other than 3, motorised machinery, class I, or heavy off-road vehicle pulling a vehicle with at least four wheels, one end of which is raised by a fixed suspension device on the towing vehicle or a special towing device so that at least one of the other wheels of the towed vehicle rolls on the road | The vehicle is specially adapted for salvaging and towing damaged vehicles   | 40 |

8a. Vehicle pulling a vehicle with at least four wheels, one end of which is raised by a fixed suspension device on the vehicle and the other wheels of the towed vehicle are raised on a special towing device with at least four wheels	The vehicle is specially adapted for salvaging and towing damaged vehicles	40
12. Motor vehicle, motorised machinery, class I, or heavy off-road vehicle with one or more vehicles in cases other than 1-8a		30

A vehicle with a dolly to which a semi-trailer is coupled may be driven at a speed not exceeding 80 kilometres per hour, even if the requirements in point 2 of the second paragraph are not met, if the dolly and the semi-trailer were registered and put into service before 1 January 1999, form part of a road train not exceeding 24.0 metres in length, and are fitted with effective brakes that can be operated from the car's service brake. However, a bus/coach with a coupled trailer intended for the carriage of passengers may be driven up to a maximum of 60 kilometres per hour, even if the requirements of points 1 or 2 of the second paragraph are met.

If a lower speed limit than that stated in the first to third paragraphs is stipulated for the road, that speed limit applies.

The Swedish Transport Agency may issue regulations to the effect that:

1. a vehicle with two trailers, also in cases other than those stated in point 2 of the second paragraph, may be driven at a speed exceeding 40 kilometres per hour, and

2. motorised machinery, class I, and a tractor, b, may be driven at a speed exceeding 50 kilometres per hour.

**Section 20a**<sup>2</sup> Notwithstanding Section 20, second paragraph, a vehicle that is part of a road train as referred to in Section 17f may be driven at a maximum speed of 80 kilometres per hour on

1. roads in accordance with regulations issued pursuant to Section 17f, and

2. single carriageways that are motorways, if the conditions in Section 17f and the requirements for construction and equipment in regulations issued pursuant to that section are met.

If a lower speed is stipulated for the road, that speed limit applies to the road train.

<sup>2</sup> Most recent wording 2024:438

This Ordinance shall enter into force on [X].

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