

# Recognised Loading Control Method #1 Using a Weighbridge

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The following is a recognised loading control method under the Accredited Mass Management Scheme.

Having your vehicle's individual axle groups weighed on a weighbridge prior to departure is one of the simplest and most reliable loading control methods.

It gives assurance to the driver that their vehicle is loaded within the allowable mass limits of their permit and enables them to easily record this information as part of their trip records.

It also ensures the driver can easily detect any overloads and rectify them prior to departure.



Some weighbridges have multiple decks allowing the vehicle's axle groups to be weighed simultaneously and software systems that provide the driver with printed dockets showing these weights.

Other single deck weighbridges that have suitably level approaches may determine axle group weights using the roll-on, roll-off method and these cumulative weights can be manually recorded by the driver.

If the weighbridge you are using is listed as an AMMS Approved Weighbridge, it will be listed on our website.

These weighbridges will be able to weigh your individual axle groups and provide you with axle group weights, i.e. through a weigh docket or a display allowing the driver to record axle group weights, which you need to keep as part of your trip records.

**'An AMMS Approved Weighbridge will provide you with individual axle group weights which can be included in your trip records.'**

The ongoing calibration or certification of an AMMS Approved Weighbridge remains the responsibility of the weighbridge owner/operator.

To ensure you meet your audit requirements you will need to keep your trip records, including axle group weights, and identify the particular AMMS Approved Weighbridge you are using.

If the weighbridge you are using is able to weigh individual axle groups, but is not listed as an AMMS Approved Weighbridge, the only additional requirement is for you to ensure you have the current calibration and certification documentation for the weighbridge as part of your records.

If a weighbridge cannot determine axle group weights, this weighbridge cannot be used as the sole method of loading control. Another loading control method capable of ensuring accurate weight distribution across axle groups will need to be adopted. Other recognised loading control methods are available on the Accreditation Forms, Module Standards and Guidelines page of our website at [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au)

