

Tables 390 and 395 Equivalent Single Axle Load Factors

Equivalent Single Axle Load (ESAL) tables are used to calculate pavement loadings (rigid and flexible types) to produce a common parameter for design and planning purposes.

ESAL factors used in RMS were derived through a composite of data obtained from AASHTO guidelines and test data collected from historical Loadometer Surveys. Data obtained through WIM equipment is under review at this time and will be considered in development of future ESAL factors. The AASHTO Mechanistic Empirical Design Guide (MEPDG) has incorporated improved methods of determining loading effects of traffic termed axle-load spectra. In the future, these new methods will supersede the use of ESAL factors.

2021 ESAL factors for rigid pavements are shown by Traffic Pattern Group (TPG) and vehicle classification in **Table 390**, below.

RIGID ESAL FACTORS										
CLASS	TPG 1	TPG 2	TPG 3	TPG 4	TPG 5	TPG 6	TPG 7	TPG 8	TPG 9	TPG 10
BUS	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240
2 AXLE SIX TIRE	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240
3 AXLE SINGLE UNIT	1.150	1.150	1.150	1.150	1.150	1.150	1.150	1.150	1.150	1.150
4 AXLE SINGLE UNIT	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000
3 AXLE WITH TRAILER	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600
3 AXLE MULTI-AXLE TRAILER	1.590	1.590	1.590	1.590	1.590	1.590	1.590	1.590	1.590	1.590
6 AXLE SINGLE TRAILER	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421
5 AXLE MULTI TRAILER	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400
6 AXLE MULTI TRAILER	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421
7 AXLE MULTI TRAILER	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421	1.421

2021 ESAL factors for flexible pavements are shown by Traffic Pattern Group (TPG) and vehicle classification in **Table 395**, below.

FLEXIBLE ESAL FACTORS										
CLASS	TPG 1	TPG 2	TPG 3	TPG 4	TPG 5	TPG 6	TPG 7	TPG 8	TPG 9	TPG 10
BUS	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240
2 AXLE SIX TIRE	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240
3 AXLE SINGLE UNIT	0.820	0.820	0.820	0.820	0.820	0.820	0.820	0.820	0.820	0.820
4 AXLE SINGLE UNIT	4.500	4.500	4.500	4.500	4.500	4.500	4.500	4.500	4.500	4.500
3 AXLE WITH TRAILER	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440
3 AXLE MULTI-AXLE TRAILER	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
6 AXLE SINGLE TRAILER	0.750	0.750	0.750	0.750	0.750	0.750	0.750	0.750	0.750	0.750
5 AXLE MULTI TRAILER	2.330	2.330	2.330	2.330	2.330	2.330	2.330	2.330	2.330	2.330
6 AXLE MULTI TRAILER	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276
7 AXLE MULTI TRAILER	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276	1.276