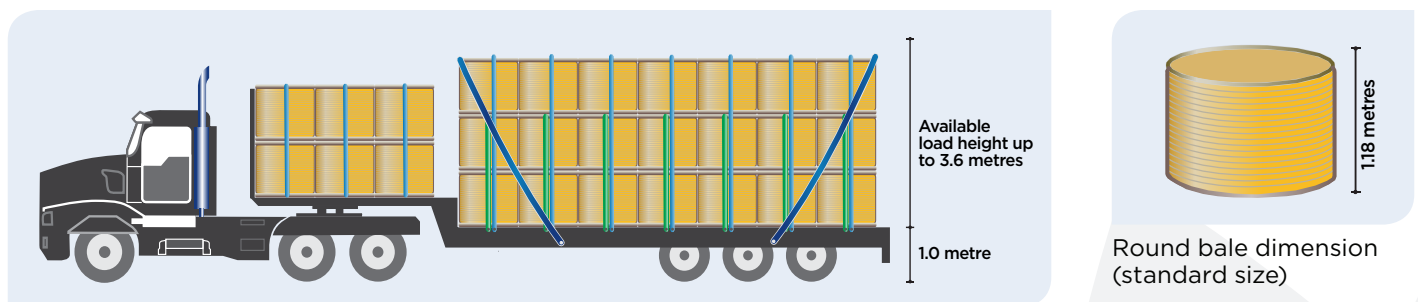


Transporting round baled hay an operators guide

This guide explains how to optimise your load while transporting three round hay bales stacked end to end and the technique to stabilise your load through the use of load restraints.

Carrying three round hay bales stacked end to end

Baled hay, rectangular and round bales, can be transported under the access options found in the table overleaf. This fact sheet deals in detail with safely and compliantly loading and transporting three round hay bales stacked end to end.



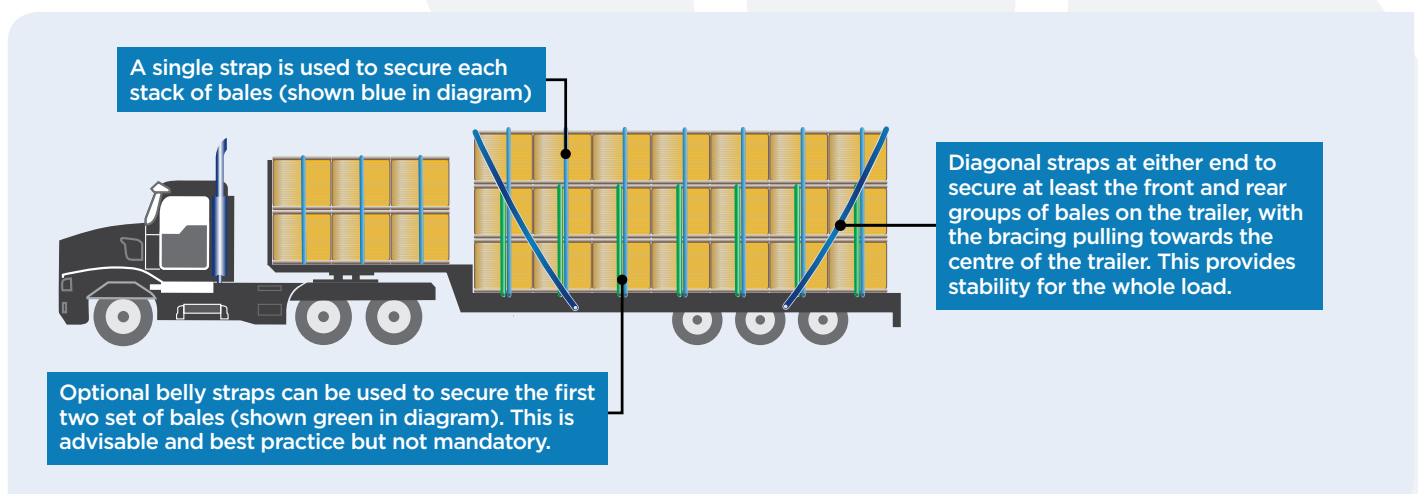
The load configuration in the diagram above is within legal requirements under the NSW Class 3 Drought Assistance Dimension Exemption Notice 2018 if:

- the trailer is a low loader with a deck height of one metre or less from the ground to the deck floor
- the round hay bale height is standard dimensions of 4ft or 1.18 metre from end to end
- the vehicle height, including load, does not exceed 4.6 metres high
- the vehicle travels only on roads approved for the vehicle type and 4.6 metre access.

The diagram and load configuration is applicable to semi-trailers and B-Doubles when towing low loader trailers and complies with the conditions above and the travel conditions within the notice.

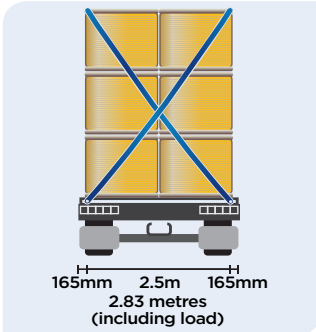
Restraining your load

When carrying three round hay bales stacked end to end on a semi-trailer or B-Double towing a low loader trailer this restraint method must be followed in order to stabilise your load.



Important

Operators must have confidence in the deck height of your low loader trailer as well as the dimensions of the bales you are carrying. There are non-standard size bales and deck heights, so for each trip you need to check before you travel. Enforcement action could occur for vehicles exceeding 4.6 metres high. If your load is higher than 4.6 metres, but less than 4.7m high, please contact us on 1800 952 292 to discuss access to the approved 4.6m network under a Class 3 permit.



Load widths

A rigid truck, semi-trailer, low loader or B-Double that is constructed up to 2.5 metres wide, must when loaded with hay, not exceed 2.83 metres wide including the load. The load must not extend more than 165mm from either side of the vehicle.

Note - typically hay loading practices do not exceed 2.7 metres wide including the load, however additional width to 2.83 metres has been permitted under the NSW Class 3 Drought Assistance Dimension Exemption Notice 2018 in recognition of lower quality hay loads deforming under load restraint.

Access options available

Vehicle Type	General access			NSW Class 3 Baled Commodities Dimension Exemption Notice			NSW Class 3 Drought Assistance Dimension Exemption Notice 2018 (Available from Wednesday 15 August 2018)		
	Width	Height	Travel Conditions	Width	Height	Travel Conditions	Width	Height	Travel Conditions
Rigid truck up to 12.5m	2.5m	4.3m	Unrestricted access unless signposted otherwise	2.7m	4.6m	General access with some travel and route conditions. Travel above 4.3m high permitted on approved 4.6m routes only.	2.83m	4.6m	General access with some travel and route conditions. Travel above 4.3m high permitted on approved 4.6m routes only.
Articulated truck up to 19m	2.5m	4.3m	Unrestricted access unless signposted otherwise	2.7m	4.6m	General access with some travel and route conditions. Travel above 4.3m high permitted on approved 4.6m routes only.	2.83m	4.6m	General access with some travel and route conditions. Travel above 4.3m high permitted on approved 4.6m routes only.
Truck and Dog/Pig trailer up to 19m	2.5m	4.3m	Unrestricted access unless signposted otherwise	2.6m	4.6m	General access with some travel and route conditions. Travel above 4.3m high permitted on approved 4.6m routes only.	-	-	No access permitted
B-Double up to 26m	-	-	No access permitted	2.7m	4.6m	Access to approved vehicle network only with some travel conditions. Travel above 4.3m high permitted on approved 4.6m routes only.	2.83m	4.6m	Access to approved vehicle network only with some travel conditions. Travel above 4.3m high permitted on approved 4.6m routes only.
Road Train* (A-Double only) up to 36.5m	-	-	No access permitted	2.6m	4.6m	Access to approved vehicle network only with some travel conditions. Travel above 4.3m high permitted on approved 4.6m routes only.	-	-	No access permitted
Modular B-Triple*, B-Triple an AB-Triple up to 36.5m	-	-	No access permitted	-	-	No access permitted	-	-	No access permitted

* for expanded Road Train access apply for a 'Drought' permit through the NHVR application portal: www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/nhvr-portal. Or contact 1800 952 292 for assistance.



If you need help understanding the information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450** and ask them to call us on **1800 952 292**

We are here to help:

Contact a member of our team:

- ☎ 1800 952 292 (toll free number)
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