

# MOVING SPECIAL EQUIPMENT



## THE CHALLENGE

A manufacturing customer contacted ICAT for help in the transportation of an oversized laser saw from Plainville, CT to Arlington, TX—a 1,678-mile trek. The specialized shipment had several requirements, including the need for a crane to load and unload the equipment. The laser saw had a time-definite delivery, a high amount of insurance, and required permits due to its wide body. To make this an even more complex project, it could only be transported during daylight hours.

With shipments like this, companies can choose to go through the manufacturer to manage the logistics and transportation. However, in this case, given the high level of planning and detailed attention it required from start to finish, this company went to ICAT to ensure on-time and successful execution of the move.

## THE SOLUTION

After a referral from a past relationship with ICAT, the manufacturing company discussed the project with the ICAT team, and felt they possessed the expertise and background in specialized and oversized shipments—as well as the connections and resources—to move the shipment. ICAT's team hit the ground running to develop an innovative plan to meet the customer's unique needs.

Since timeframe, insurance, and permit processes were factors in the transport of the laser saw, ICAT created a customized, flexible plan to facilitate all the necessary activities. Through their relationship with a broker, ICAT secured \$258,500 in insurance for the shipment, and leveraged its local connections to locate a qualified driver with the appropriate licenses and designations to handle the move. Special equipment and a GPS tracker were also installed so the location of the laser saw was known at all times.

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## THE RESULTS

Once all necessary preparations were completed, the teams were set to proceed with the move. Throughout the process, the communication between the two companies and the driver was instrumental to the successful completion of the move within the required timeframe.

The communication process was particularly valuable in the case of an initial half-day delay that arose due to on-the-road inspection requirements by the Department of Transportation. Due to the structure in place to enable real-time communication and GPS tracking between ICAT Logistics, the customer, and the driver, the shipment made up for lost time and met the initial delivery timeline.

With the operations team's exceptional knowledge and experience with these types of specialized shipments, there were no unforeseen or additional costs throughout the process, and the laser saw was successfully installed at the client's facility.

