

# OPTIONAL RULE: SIMPLIFIED ENCUMBRANCE

## SIMPLIFIED CARRYING CAPACITY

Your carrying capacity is equivalent to your Strength ability score. If you are carrying more weight than your carrying capacity you are **encumbered**. If you are carrying more weight than twice your carrying capacity you are **heavily encumbered**.

## SIZE & SIMPLIFIED CARRYING CAPACITY

Tiny creatures halve their Strength ability score to determine their carrying capacity. Large creatures double their Strength ability score to determine their carrying capacity. The DM may rule that sizes below tiny have further reduced carrying capacities and sizes above large have further increased carrying capacities.

## ENCUMBERED AND HEAVILY

### ENCUMBERED

While you are encumbered your movement speed is halved and you have disadvantage on all ability checks, attack rolls, and saving throws that use Strength or Dexterity. While you are heavily encumbered your movement speed is further reduced to 0 and you fail all ability checks, attack rolls, and saving throws that use Strength or Dexterity.

## SIMPLIFIED WEIGHT

In the Simplified Encumbrance optional rule, weight is abstracted to reduce the difficulty of tracking inventory. Refer to the charts below for objects found in the *Player's Handbook* and their simplified weight.

### ARMOR

Equipment	Weight
Light Armor	1
Medium Armor Except Half-Plate	2
Half-Plate, Ring Mail, Chain Mail	3
Splint & Plate	4
Shield	1

### WEAPONS

Equipment	Weight
Dagger, Sling, Dart, Whip, Blowgun, Net	1/2
Greatclub, Glaive, Greataxe, Greatsword, Halberd, Maul, Pike, Heavy Crossbow	2
Everything else	1

### TOOLS

Equipment	Weight
Alchemist's Supplies, Brewer's Supplies, Carpenter's tools, Cook's utensils, Smiths' tools, Tinker's tools, Dulcimer	1
Everything else	1/2

### ADVENTURING GEAR

Equipment	Weight
Barrel	4
Burglar's Pack, Dungeoneer's Pack, Explorer's Pack	3
Chest, Hunting Trap, Ladder, Portable Ram, Two-Person Tent, Entertainer's Pack	2
Climber's Kit, Sledge Hammer, Manacles, Miner's Pick, Iron Pot, Hempen Rope, Diplomat's Pack, Priest's Pack, Scholar's Pack	1
Everything else	1/2

Use the following chart as a guideline when determining the simplified weight of other objects.

Normal Weight	Simplified Weight
0 to 5 lbs	1/2
6 to 10 lbs	1
11 to 30 lbs	2
30 to 45 lbs	3
Every 15 lbs beyond that	+1 per fraction of additional 15 lbs

**Optional Rule: Simplified Encumbrance by Benjamin Huffman**  
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