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Overview

USPS **Priority Mail** provides:

- Expected delivery in 1, 2, or 3 business days
- USPS Tracking™
- Insurance coverage of \$50 or \$100 included
- Various postage payment options
- Free package pickup and Hold For Pickup options
- Free expedited packaging supplies available for
 - o letters
 - o flat rate
 - o parcels (packages)

*Note: Certain PM FRBs can be used for either Domestic or International shipments.







Service Eligibility

- All mailable contents except certain hazardous materials (see Pub 52)
- Weight not to exceed 70 lbs
- Combined length and girth is less than 108 inches
- Regional Rate Boxes maximum weight*:
 - Box A 15 pounds
 - Box B 20 pounds
 - \circ Box C 25 pounds
- Drop off shipments through a:
 - Post Office
 - USPS collection box
 - Package Pickup or Pickup on Demand

Note: Regional Rate Boxes above maximum weight, or unable to be closed along normal folds will be charged Priority Mail single piece rate.











Change	Description
New Zone 9	 For Freely Associated States (FAS) Separate zone to align price with cost of transportation
Commercial Plus Pricing	 Lowered account annual volume threshold to 50K Regional Rate Box available Cubic Prices Cubic Soft Pack
"Expected Delivery Day" - Displayed on internal <u>non-</u> guaranteed products	 Expected Delivery day displayed on label to provide customers with a service standards
Value Added Options	 USPS currently has Negotiated Service Agreements (NSA) that meet IMpb requirements for: Same Day Next Day Extended Coverage



Priority Mail Expected Delivery



Acceptance Times - <u>Times may vary</u>, but items must be presented by cut-off times to meet 1, 2 or 3 day expected delivery commitment. To locate your cutoff times please visit <u>https://tools.usps.com/</u>



 Delivery Times - Items are delivered to an addressee within the expected delivery time of 1, 2 or 3 business days depending on ZIP Code pairs



 Hold For Pickup – Parcel available for pick up by the addressee at the destination facility for up to 15 days





Prices Charged Per Piece

 Except for Flat Rate envelopes and boxes (see "Flat Rate Pricing"), Priority Mail postage is charged for each addressed piece according to its weight and zone.

Three Pricing Options:

- Retail
- Commercial Base Pricing (CBP)
- Commercial Plus Pricing (CPP)





http://pe.usps.gov/text/dmm300/Notice123.htm

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Price List				UPDAT	ED
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Priority Mail Express™	2	Global Express Guaranteed	30		58-59
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Letters ¹	(Stamped)	Large Envelo	opes (Flats) ²	Parc	els ³
Weight Not Over (ounces)		Weight Not Over (ounces)		Weight Not Over (ounces)	
1	\$0.49	1	\$0.98	1	\$2.54
2	0.71	2	1.20	2	2.54
3	0.93	3	1.42	3	2.54
3.54	1.15	4	1.64	4	2.74
		Б	1.86	6	2.94
Letters ¹	(Metered)	6	2.08	6	3.14
1	\$0.485	7	2.30	7	3.34
2	0.705	8	2.52	8	3.54
3	0.925	9	2.74	9	3.74
3.54	1.145	10	2.96	10	3.94
		11	3.18	11	4.14
		12	3.40	12	4.34
Postcard ⁵	\$0.35	13	3.62	13	4,54

EDDM - Retail [®]	
Flats up to 3.3 oz.	\$0.183
Semi-Postal Stamps	

1. Letters that meet one or more of the nonmachinable characteristics in DMM 101.1.2 are subject to the \$0.22 nonmachinable surcharge. 2. Large envelope-sized pieces that are rigid, nonrectangular, or not uniformly thick pay parcel prices.

For keys and identification devices, add \$0.85. If more than 13 ounces, see Priority Mail (footnote #4) on page 3.

4. For weights over 3.5 ounces, see Large Envelopes prices.

The card price applies to each single or double postcard when originally mailed; reply half of double postcard must be designed for reply mail purposes only.

6. EDDM-Retail: Standard Mail EDDM Flats accepted at retail (see DMM 140).

See page (69) for postcard, letter, large envelope, and parcel dimensions.

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Prices Charged Per Piece (Retail)

- Items are charged the 1.0 pound price for weights up to 1.0 pound (i.e. If a piece weighs 0.25 pound, the weight (postage) increment is 1.0 pound).
- Items mailed in USPS-produced Priority Mail Flat Rate packaging is charged one flat price regardless of weight (up to 70 pounds) or domestic destination. Only USPS-produced Flat Rate packaging is eligible for the Priority Mail Flat Rate price.
- Retail Priority Mail postage may be paid by adhesive stamps (DMM 604.1.0) or postage meter (DMM 604.4.0).





- The Postal Service offers Commercial Base Pricing and Commercial Plus Pricing for customers who ship Priority Mail through approved methods.
- Commercial Plus prices are available to customers whose cumulative account volume exceeds a combined total of:
 - 5,000 letter-size and flat-size pieces (including Flat Rate Envelopes, but not the Padded Flat Rate Envelope) or
 - 50,000 total pieces in the previous calendar year (except Priority Mail Open and Distribute)
 - Must have a customer commitment agreement USPS (New Priority Mail customers see 1.3.2)
- These mailpieces are identified with the markings "Commercial Base" or "Commercial Plus" on the shipping label.



	Commercial Base	Commercial Plus
Commercial Plus Pricing Agreement	None Required	✓ (5,000 ltr/flat/FRE or CM or 50,000 pieces (except PMOD) or 50,000 for CPP Cubic, or 600 PMOD annually.
PC Postage	\checkmark	\checkmark
Permit Imprint	\checkmark	\checkmark
Merchandise Return Service Permit Holders	✓	✓
IBI Meter w/electronic data	\checkmark	\checkmark
Click-N-Ship	\checkmark	
IMpb Required	✓	✓
IMpb non-compliance fee	✓	✓
Sealed against inspection	\checkmark	\checkmark
Pickup Services	✓	\checkmark



Priority Mail Commercial Plus Cubic Pricing

- Prices are not based on weight, but are charged per cubic measurement of the mailpiece and zone
- Each mailpiece must measure .50 cubic foot or less, weigh 20 pounds or less, and the longest dimension may not exceed 18 inches
- May not be rolls or tubes
- There are two different methods for determining the cubic tier:
 - Rectangular and Nonrectangular Parcels
 - Soft Pack and Padded Envelopes

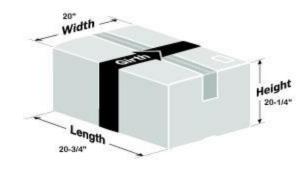




Determining Priority Mail Dimensional Weight

Priority Mail dimensional weight for rectangular shaped parcels to zones 5–9.

1. Measure the length, width, and height in inches. Round off each measurement to the nearest whole inch: (length = 21, height = 20, and width = 20)



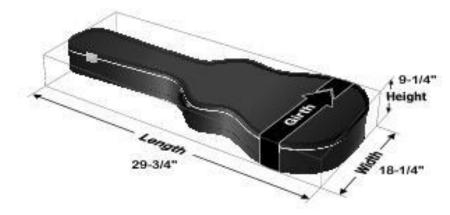
- 2. Multiply length x height x width: $(21 \times 20 \times 20) = 8,400$ cubic inches.
- 3. If the result exceeds 1,728 cubic inches, divide the result by 194 and round up to the next whole number to determine dimensional weight in pounds:(8,400/194 = 43.29) 43.29 rounded up to the next pound is 44.
- 4. The price is based on the actual weight or dimensional weight, whichever is greater. In this example the dimensional weight for this rectangular package to zones 5–9 is 44 pounds.



Priority Mail Dimensional Weight (Non rectangular Parcels to Zones 5-9)

Priority Mail dimensional weight for nonrectangular shaped parcels to zones 5–9.

1. Measure the length, width, and height in inches at their extreme dimensions. Round off each measurement to the nearest whole inch: (length = 30, height = 9, and width = 18)



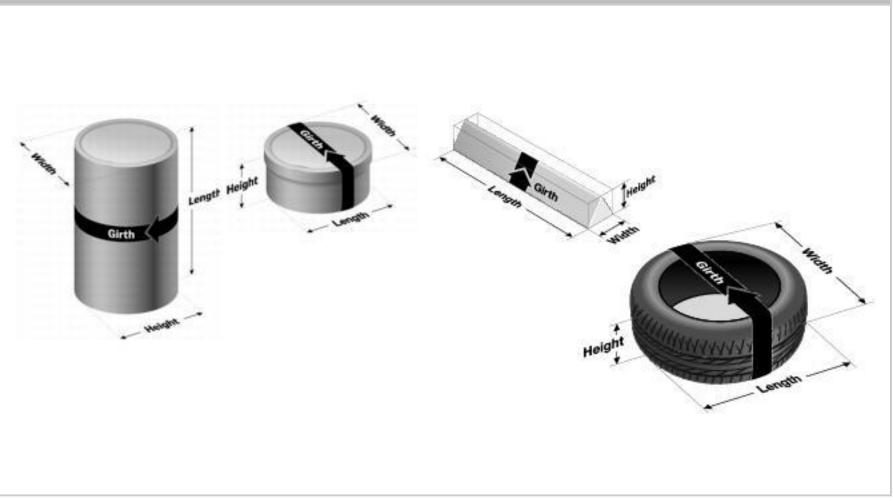
- 2. Multiply length x height x width: $(30 \times 9 \times 18) = 4,860$ cubic inches.
- 3. Multiply the result by an adjustment factor of 0.785: $4,860 \times 0.785 = 3,815.1$ cubic inches.
- 4. If the final result exceeds 1,728 cubic inches, divide the result by 194 and round up to the next whole number to determine the dimensional weight in pounds: (3,815.1/194 = 19.66) 19.66 rounded up to the next pound is 20.
- 5. The price is based on the actual weight or dimensional weight, whichever is greater.
- 6. If the dimensional weight exceeds 70 pounds, the package pays the 70 pound price.

In this example the dimensional weight for this nonrectangular package to zones 5–9 is 20 pounds.

¹Round off (e.g., 20.5 rounded off to the next whole number is 21, and 20.4 rounded off is 20), ²Round up (e.g., rounding up either 44.2 or 44.8 to the next whole pound is 45).



Additional Examples of Non Rectangular Measurement





Priority Mail: Flat Rate Overview

Envelope Type	Dimensions	What's it great for?	Packaging
Flat Rate Envelope	12 1/2" x 9 1/2"	Letters Documents Manuscripts	
<u>Gift Card Flat Rate</u> <u>Envelope</u>	10" x 7"	Oversized Greeting Cards Gift Cards	PRIORITY * MAIL * MARKS BURGER
<u>Window Flat Rate</u> <u>Envelope</u>	10" x 5"	Pre Addressed Envelopes	PRIORITY MARYONALE
<u>Small Flat Rate</u> <u>Envelope</u>	10" x 6"	Small Documents Passports	PRIORITY NATURE 21 Autor
<u>Padded Flat Rate</u> <u>Envelope</u>	12 1/2" x 9 1/2"	Clothing Books Boxed Jewelry	
<u>Legal Flat Rate</u> <u>Envelope</u>	15" x 9 1/2"	Legal Documents	



The Postal Service has an option for a Priority Mail Window Flat Rate Envelope for Commercial customers



- EP14W measures:

 12 ½ x 91/2 inches
- Same size as the regular Priority Mail Flat Rate Envelope
- Available for Commercial and PC Postage customers <u>only</u> through the Postal Store at USPS.com
- Target audience:
 - o financial institutions
 - mortgage companies
 - other businesses that can easily insert full-page documents so that address and IMpb is visible thru the window



Priority Mail: Flat Rate Overview

Вох Туре	Dimensions	What's it great for?	Packaging
Small Flat Rate Box	Outside: 8 11/16" x 5 7/16" x 1 3/4" Inside: 8 5/8" x 5 3/8" x 1 5/8"	Brochures Small Electronics	
<u>Medium Flat Rate</u> <u>Box 1</u> (Top Loading)	Outside: 11 1/4" x 8 3/4" x 6" Inside: 11" x 8 1/2" x 5 1/2"	Office Supplies Shoes	
<u>Medium Flat Rate</u> <u>Box 2</u> (Side Loading)	Outside: 14" x 12" x 3 1/2" Inside: 13 5/8" x 11 7/8" x 3 3/8"	Office Supplies Shoes	PRIORITY • MAIL •
Large Flat Rate Box	Outside: 12 1/4" x 12 1/4" x 6" Inside: 12" x 12" x 5 1/2"	Laptop Computers Gifts, etc.	PROPTY *K4: PRIORITY *KAI:*
APO/FPO/DPO Flat Rate Box	Outside: 12 1/4" x 12 1/4" x 6" Inside: 12" x 12" x 5 1/2"	Sending Gifts To the troops	Riary Main PPIORITY MAIL - MAIL -
Large Flat Rate Board (Game Box)	Outside: 24 1/16" x 11 7/8" x 3 1/8" Inside: 23 11/16" x 11 3/4" x 3"	Board Games	
<u>Prepaid Forever®</u> <u>Priority Mail Flat</u> <u>Rate Packaging</u>	Various Sizes Available	Various Options	Proper Prody date Termination of the interview of the in



Priority Mail Military Option

<u>Military</u>

- Under the Priority Mail Military Service (PMMS) agreement, mail addressed to Military personnel or sent by Military personnel (see DMM <u>137.561</u>) is delivered to the recipient within a 2 or 3 day expected delivery.
- The Postal Service also offers a \$2.00 "military discount" when Priority Mail packages are sent to an APO/FPO ZIP Code.
- The discount is applied automatically based on the APO/FPO address when either a flat rate, non flat rate, or special military boxes are used





Addressing Boxes: Do not send mail addressed to "Military Mail" or "any soldier" or "any sailor" or "any service member," or any other formulation that does not name a specific individual.

Such mailpieces will be rejected and returned to the sender.



Priority Mail: Regional Rate Box Overview

Envelope Type	Dimensions	Maximum Weight	Packaging
<u>Regional Rate Box</u> <u>A1</u>	10-1/8"x7-1/8"x5"	15 pounds	PRIORITY ******
<u>Regional Rate Box</u> <u>A2</u>	11-1/16"x2-1/2"x13-1/16	15 pounds	PRIORITY * MAIL *
<u>Regional Rate Box</u> <u>B1</u>	12-1/4"x10-1/2"x5-1/2 "	20 pounds	REGISTION OF REF.
<u>Regional Rate Box</u> <u>B2</u>	14-1/2"x3"x16-1/4"	20 pounds	PRIORITY • MAIL •
<u>Regional Rate Box</u> <u>C</u>	15"x12"x12"	25 pounds	PRIORITY • MALL *

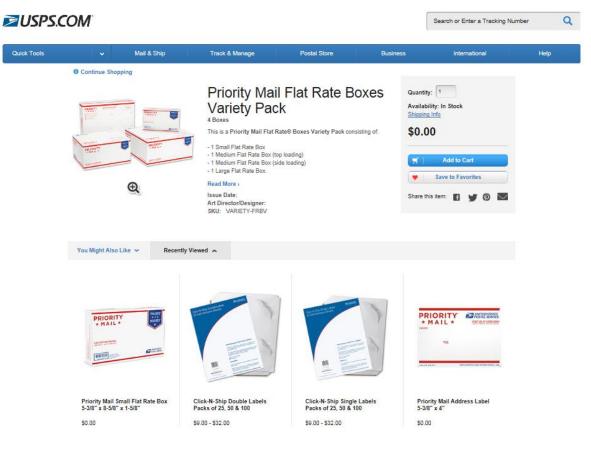


- The Priority Mail Regional Rate Box is a product intended for mailers shipping to regional destinations.
- Customers must use USPS-produced Priority Mail Regional Rate Boxes.
- The Regional Rate Box marking appears on the box, along with the brand Priority Mail logo.





- 1. Use your browser to navigate to <u>https://store.usps.com/store</u>.
- 2. From the tool bar menu select "Postal Store".
- 3. Under the drop down menu select "Shipping Supplies", then choose Priority Mail in the options bar on the right side.
- 4. Then, select the specific type of packaging.

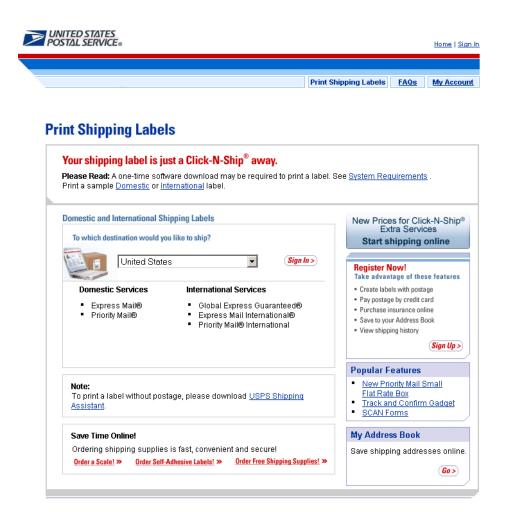




Click-N-Ship

Features & Benefits

- Allows customers to create pre-paid shipping labels on ordinary printer paper.
- The labels include delivery confirmation numbers to track date and time of delivery or attempted delivery.
- Deposit in a USPS collection box, bringing it to a post office, giving it to their regular mail carrier, or request a pickup.





Click-N-Ship

How to use Click-N-Ship



Click-N-Ship Video (Link)

*URL: https://youtu.be/j6C1QhShVA0



Preparing	Priority Mail
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	Step 1	Place item in PM Packaging provided by USPS or your own packaging
	Step 2	Ensure Proper sealing of packaging including Flat Rate packaging
	Step 3	Affix Priority Mail Shipping Label
	Step 4	Inspect Label to ensure tape is not applied over the barcode
Sectional Center or National Area Sectional Center or Large City PotOffice Image: City PotOffice	Step 5	ZIP Code Determination
	Step 6	Complete PS Form 3877- Firm Mailing Book (Only in the case of 3 or more PM packages) for one receipt







- Hold For Pickup may be added to Priority Mail without any additional extra services and the use of an IMpb with the appropriate Service Type Code.
- Service not available at USPS Retail locations.





Extra Services Available

1. Registered Mail

2. Certified Mail

- 3. Insurance up to \$5,000
- 4. Certificate of Mailing/Bulk

5. Return Receipt

- 6. Return Receipt for Merchandise
- 7. USPS Signature Services
- 8. Collect on Delivery
- 9. Special Handling Fragile





USPS offers a variety of flexible pickup service solutions for Priority Mail.

Package Pickup

Customers can schedule package pickup at USPS.com up to one year in advance. Packages are picked up on the next or scheduled delivery day by carrier. No charge is assessed for Package Pickup when the mail is picked up during the carrier's line of travel.

Pickup On Demand

Allows customers to set up a one time, weekly, or daily pickup time at their location within a two hour pickup window for a fee. Dates, times, and payments may all be entered at USPS.com. Customers can schedule pickups up to one year in advance.

Collection Service

This service usually refers to prepaid mail deposited in a collection box. However, it is also considered collection service when customers hand their outgoing, prepaid mail to a USPS carrier or other designated employee that is performing normal delivery and collection duties.

No Fee Pickup

Requires a signed No Fee Pickup Service Agreement (PS Form 5543) between the customer and the Postal Service for weekly recurring pickups meeting the minimum volume threshold of the seven qualified items per pickup.



- Priority Mail Open and Distribute is designed to maximize the speed of domestic mailings while minimizing costs.
- PMOD will expedite any class or subclass of mail between the acceptance unit and domestic postal facilities.
- Designed exclusively for all classes of mail commingled into an approved container.

Features & Benefits

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- Postage paid is based on weight of the contents of the container, rather than volume.
- Using the Priority Mail network expedites shipments to be distributed at their final destination.

Current Offering	Eligible Mail Class	Label Types
Priority Mail VIII VIII VIII VIII VIII VIII VIII VII	All mail classes are eligible to be consolidated and shipped Priority Mail.	 Tag 161/Tag 161 eVS Label 161PB Tag 190/ Tag 190 eVS Tag 190S/Tag 190S eVS Label 190PB



Premium Forwarding Servic	es ®
(Commercial Customers)	

Allows customers to:

- ✓ Consolidate mail received from multiple PO Boxes and/or street addresses into a single shipment for delivery to an alternate address via Priority Mail Express or Priority Mail
- Enroll on-line and schedule forwarding request via Business Customer Gateway (BCG)
- ✓ Track all shipments
- Receive e-mail notifications on expected delivery dates and number of shipments

Delivery Instructions (Retail Mail recipients)

Allows mail recipients to :

- ✓ To electronically authorize USPS, to leave a packages at
 - · a specific location
 - hold at Post Office
 - a neighbor
 - a new domestic destination
- ✓ Enroll on usps.com/ BCG (Commercial customer)
- Request for mailpieces that are insured for less than \$500, do not require a signature have an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb)

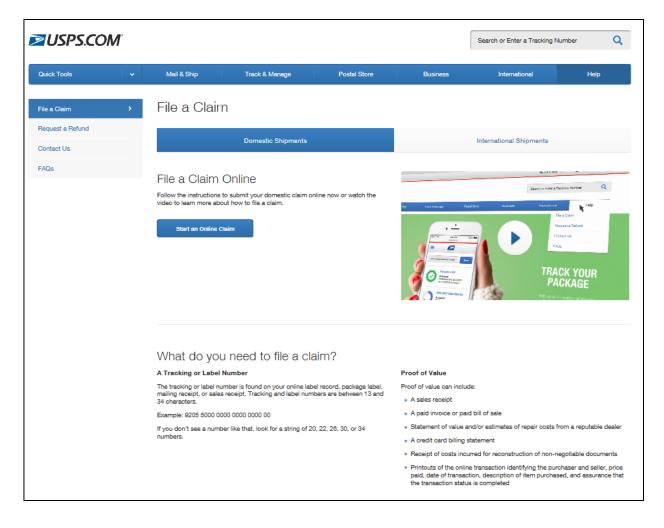
Package Intercept (Retail & Commercial Customers)

Allows customers to:

- ✓ Redirect domestic items back to the sender's address, Post Office[™] location as a Hold For Pickup, or to a different domestic address (APO, DPO and FPO addresses are excluded.)
- ✓ Redirect all mail classes of packages, letters, and flats with a USPS tracking or extra services barcode and (excludes Standard Mail[®] or Periodicals)
- ✓ Enroll on usps.com/ BCG (Commercial customer)



Insurance Claims may be filed online at USPS.com





Claims Video

How to file a Domestic Claim with USPS



Domestic Claims Video (Link)

*URL: https://youtu.be/uB5Bt674-Xc



Resources

Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) <u>http://pe.usps.gov/text/dmm300/505.htm</u>

Electronic Verification Service (eVS) Business and Technical Guide https://ribbs.usps.gov/evs/documents/tech_guides/pubs/Pub205.PDF

Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) information page on RIBBS https://ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm?page=intellmailpackage

Notice 123, Price List

http://pe.usps.gov/text/dmm300/Notice123.htm

Publication 199, Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail_package/documents/tech_guides/PUB199IMPBImpGuide.pdf

Parcel Labeling Guide

https://ribbs.usps.gov/barcode_cert/documents/tech_guides/ParcelLabelingGuide.pdf

PS Forms available on USPS.com

http://about.usps.com/forms/all-forms.htm

Pub 97, Priority Mail Manifest Mailing Guide

https://ribbs.usps.gov/mac/documents/tech_guides/pubs/Pub97.pdf





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