Commercial Parcels

Bound Printed Matter Irregular and Machinable Parcels



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Physical Standards

Minimum weight irregular parcels: none.

Minimum weight machinable parcels: 6 ounces (3.5 ounces for parcels prepared under 401.1.5.2).

(401) Maximum weight: 15 pounds.

For an overview of the physical standards for commercial parcels, see Quick Service Guide 401.

Prices and Fees (463.1.0)

For a complete listing of Bound Printed Matter prices — see Notice 123–Price List.

Presorted, Carrier Route, and destination BMC (DBMC) prices: separate per piece and per pound charges based on weight and zone. DSCF and DDU prices are not zoned. Destination entry discounts apply to mail prepared as prescribed by USPS and addressed for delivery within service area of destination BMC/ASF, SCF, or delivery unit (DDU) (466).

For barcoded discount (machinable parcels only), deduct \$0.03 per piece. Barcoded discount is not available for parcels mailed at DDU, DSCF, or carrier route prices (463.4.1d).

No annual mailing fee; however, there is an annual destination entry mailing fee of \$185.00.

Content (463.4.0)

Bound Printed Matter is typically catalogs, directories, books, and other printed material that weigh up to 15 pounds and meet specific eligibility standards in 463.3.0. Contents must:

- Consist of advertising, promotional, directory, or editorial material (or any combination of these).
- Be securely bound by permanent fastening.
- Consist of sheets of which at least 90% are imprinted by any process other than handwriting, typewriting with letters, characters, figures, or images (or any combination of these).
- Not have the nature of personal correspondence.
- Not be stationery (e.g., pads of blank printed forms).

Eligibility Standards (463.4.0) Eligible mailings must meet the following minimum pieces:

- 300 pieces for Presorted and Carrier Route.
- 50 pieces for barcoded.
- No minimum for nonpresorted.

Mailings of 300 or more pieces, sorted, and marked as described below. Machinable parcels (401.1.5) and nonmachinable parcels (401.1.6) may not be combined in the same mailing.

Each piece must include complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 Code. Return address required for pieces with ancillary service endorsement or extra services.

For Presorted prices, a certified process must be used at least once a year to ensure accuracy of 5-digit ZIP Codes.

For Carrier Route price, carrier route information must be updated using CASS-certified process within 90 days before mailing (463.4.0).

For barcoded discount, each piece must meet the standards for machinable parcels in 401.1.5. A minimum of 50 nonpresorted parcels are required to obtain the barcode discount.

Destination entry discounts apply to mail prepared as prescribed by USPS and addressed for delivery within service area of destination BMC/ASF, SCF, or delivery unit (DDU) (466.2.0).

Postage Payment and Documentation (464) Permit imprint (604.5.0).

Postage statement: PS Form 3605-R or approved facsimile.

Mail Preparation

Markings (402.2.0):

(465)

- Presorted price: "Bound Printed Matter" or "BPM" and either "Presorted" or "PRSRT."
- Carrier Route price: "Bound Printed Matter" or "BPM" and "Carrier Route Presort" or "CAR-RT SORT." Mark each piece in the postage area. For optional marking locations, see 302.3.2.

Pieces must be separated by zones when presented unless authorized under 705.2.0.

Enter and Deposit (466) Generally at the Post Office where permit is held.

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Bundling and Sacking Sequence for Irregular Parcels Less than 10 Pounds (465.5.2)

5-Digit/Scheme1

Bundles: Scheme bundles required for 5-digit ZIP Codes in L606. Required at 10 pieces or 10 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted. Maximum weight 20 pounds.²

Labels: Red Label 5 or optional endorsement line (OEL) (708.7.0).

3-Digit

Bundles: Required at 10 pieces or 10 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted. Maximum weight 20 pounds.

Labels: Green Label 3 or

OEL

ADC

Bundles: Required at 10 pieces or 10 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted. Maximum weight 20 pounds.

Labels: Pink Label A or

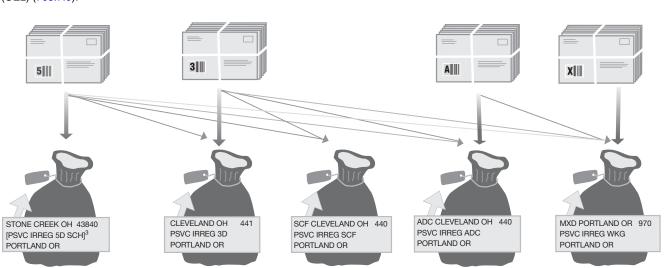
OEL.

Mixed ADC

Bundles: Required with no minimum. Maximum weight 20 pounds.

Labels: Tan Label X or

OEL.



5-Digit/Scheme¹

Sacks: Required, at 10 addressed pieces or 20 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.⁴

Labels: Line 1: For 5-digit scheme sacks, use L606, Column B. For 5-digit sacks, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail. Line 2: For 5-digit scheme sacks, use "PSVC IRREG 5D SCH." For 5-digit sacks, use "PSVC IRREG 5D."

3-Digit

Sacks: Required at 10 addressed pieces or 20 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use L002, Column A. For Line 2, use "PSVC IRREG 3D."

SCF

Sacks: Optional at 10 addressed pieces or 20 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use L005, Column B. For Line 2, use "PSVC IRREG SCF."

ADC

Sacks: Required at 10 addressed pieces or 20 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use L004, Column B. For Line 2, use "PSVC IRREG ADC."

Mixed ADC

Sacks: Required; no minimum.

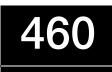
Labels: For Line 1, use "MXD" followed by the city, state, and ZIP Code of ADC serving 3-digit prefix for the entry post office as shown in L009, Column B. For Line 2, use "PSVC IRREG WKG."

Each bundle (except mixed ADC bundles) must contain at least two addressed pieces.

- 1. All possible 5-digit scheme bundles and 5-digit scheme sacks must be prepared before preparing 5-digit bundles and 5-digit sacks.
- 2. Bundling not required for irregular parcels in 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sacks meeting the minimum bundle size requirements if individually wrapped or enveloped. 5-digit bundles placed in 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sacks or prepared and entered at the DDU price may weigh a maximum of 40 pounds.
- 3. For 5-digit scheme sacks, use "PSVC IRREG 5D SCH." For 5-digit sacks, use "PSVC IRREG 5D."
- 4. Sacking not required for 5-digit bundles of irregular parcels when prepared and entered at DDU prices; these bundles may be bedloaded and weigh up to 40 pounds.

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Sacking Machinable Parcels Not Claiming DBMC Prices (465.5.4)



5-Digit/Scheme²

Sacks: Required; minimum 10 addressed pieces or 20 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.

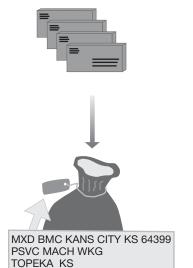
Labels: Line 1: For 5-digit scheme sacks, use L606, Column B. For 5-digit sacks, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail. Line 2: For 5-digit scheme sacks, use "PSVC MACH 5D SCH." For 5-digit sacks, use "PSVC MACH 5D."



ВМС

Sacks: Required; minimum 10 addressed pieces or 20 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use L601, Column B. For Line 2, use "PSVC MACH BMC."



Mixed BMC

Sacks: Required; no minimum.

Labels: For Line 1, "MXD" followed by the information in L601, Column B for the BMC serving the 3-digit ZIP Code prefix of the entry post office. For Line 2, use "PSVC MACH WKG."

For Bound Printed Matter machinable parcels claiming DBMC prices, see 465.5.5.

- 1. For 5-digit scheme sacks, use "PSVC MACH 5D SCH;" for 5-digit sacks, use "PSVC MACH 5D."
- 2. All possible 5-digit scheme bundles must be prepared before preparing 5-digit sacks.

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