## ENVELOPE SIZES

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## sizes for postcards



|  | Minimum | Maximum |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LENGTH | 5 in. | 6 in. |
| HEIGHT | 3.5 in. | 4.25 in. |
| THICKNESS | 0.007 in. | 0.016 in. |

Sizes for postcards:

- Rectangular
- At least $3.5^{\prime \prime}$ high $\times 5^{\prime \prime}$ long $\times 0.007^{\prime \prime}$ thick
- No more than $4.25^{\prime \prime}$ high $\times 6^{\prime \prime}$ long $\times 0.016^{\prime \prime}$ thick
- Pieces exceeding $4.25^{\prime \prime}$ high or $6^{\prime \prime}$ long are charged as letter rates


## Commercial Letters \& Postcards



For MLOCR Fastforward users, the name of the recipient must appea
in the OCR reader area.


Dark shaded area indicates "free
space" for non-address printing.
Light shaded area includes preferred clear zone to enhance readability.

commercial letters

To be eligible for mailing at the price of letters, a piece must be:

## Rectangular

- At least $3.5^{\prime \prime}$ high $\times 5^{\prime \prime}$ long $\times 0.007^{\prime \prime}$ thick
- No more than $6.125^{\prime \prime}$ high $\times 11.5^{\prime \prime}$ long $\times 0.25^{\prime \prime}$ thick - Pieces exceeding $4.25^{\prime \prime}$ high or $6^{\prime \prime}$ long must be at least $.009^{\prime \prime}$ thick - Aspect ratio (length divided by height) must be between 1.3 and 2.5, or piece is non-machinable - Letter size pieces exceeding 3.5 ounces are charged as flats

Maximum
Weight:

- First Class:
3.3 oz Non-Automation or
3.5 oz Automation
- Standard:
3.3 oz Non-Automation or 3.5 oz Automation


|  | Minimum | Maximum |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LENGTH | 11.5 in. | 15 in. |
| HEIGHT | 6.125 in. | 12 in. |
| THICKNESS | .25 in. | .75 in. |

"Flats" or "large envelopes" refer to large envelopes, newsletters, and magazines. Flats must:
Have one dimension that is greater than $6.125^{\prime \prime}$ high OR $11.5^{\prime \prime}$ long OR. $25^{\prime \prime}$ thick
Be no more than $12^{\prime \prime}$ high $\times 15^{\prime \prime}$ long $\times .75^{\prime \prime}$ thick
Pieces that exceed the flat size dimension are charged as parcels

- Flats that are not flexible, not rectangular and not uniform in thickness are charged as parcels - All Automation flats must bear barcodes - as currently required for automated letter
- Automation flats must have a POSTNET or Intelligent Mail barcode with a delivery point routing code

Maximum Weight:
First Class: Less than 13 ounces
Standard: Less than 16 ounces
large envelopes \& flats

## self-mailers

| self-mailers |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A folded self-mailer is formed of panels that are created when one or more unbound sheets of paper are folded together and sealed to make a letter-size mailpiece. The number of sheets in the mailpiece and the number of the times the sheets are folded determine the number of panels. Sheets that are bound by one or more staples are not considered folded self-mailers. |  |  |  | Self- <br> Mailers |
| - Each folded section of a sheet is a separate panel; both sides of the panel count as one and the same panel <br> -The final fold panel creates the back (non-address) side of mailpiece by folding from bottom to top, or lead to trail edge <br> -The final folded edge must be the bottom of a folded self-mailer unless prepared as an oblong <br> -The final folded edge of an oblong folded self-mailer must be the leading (right) edge |  |  |  | Tips |
| Height | Lengh | Thickness | Weight |  |
| min. of 3.5 in. | min. of 5 in. | min. of 0.007 in <br> $(0.009 \mathrm{in}$. if the height exceeds 4.25 in . or <br> if the length exceeds 6 in.) | max. 3 oz. |  |
| max. of 6 in. | max. of 10.5 in. | max. of 0.25 in. |  |  |
| - Rectangular, with four square corners and parallel opposite sides <br> - Maximum number of panels $=12$ for most designs <br> - Paper cover basis weight - Book grade (Text, Offset) <br> - 701b. min for 10z. mailpiece <br> - 801 lb . min over 10z. and up to $30 z$. <br> - Newsprint paper allowed on quarter-fold design only - 551 lb . minimum paper |  |  |  |  |
| - $1^{\prime \prime}$ tabs can be used on mailpieces weighing up to 1 oz. <br> - $1.5^{\prime \prime}$ tabs are required on mailpieces weighing over 1 oz. and up to $30 z$. <br> - Tabs may not be placed on the bottom of an oblong piece <br> To seal oblong pieces: <br> 1" from top $\rightarrow$ 1 "from bottom $\rightarrow$ $\square$ <br> -To seal quarter-fold pieces: <br> - Final folds must be on the lead and bottom edge of piece <br> -To seal bi-fold and tri-fold pieces: <br> - Final fold must be on the bottom of mail piece $\square$ © $\substack{\text { from } \\ \text { rop }}$ top $\square$ $\leftarrow 1^{\prime \prime}$ from edges $\square$ $\leftarrow 1^{\prime \prime}$ from top <br> - Folded self-mailers can no longer have an open bottom and therefore cannot have tabs on the bottom <br> - All folded self-mailers must have a minimum of two tabs, or three glue spots/lines, when tabs are used as the sealing method <br> -The requirement for all folded self-mailers and booklets is to use non-perforated tabs <br> - Paper basis weight requirements change based on mailpiece design and weight of mailpiece (basis weight increases when piece weight is over 10z.) from 70 lb . to 80 lb . |  |  |  | Sealing Guidelines |
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