

THE INTELLIGENT MAIL® BARCODE...

GAINING THE MOST FROM UPCOMING CHANGES

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Agenda

Gain insight on developing an enterprise IMb strategy for your organization

- Unleashing the Power
- Getting Started
- Planning ahead
- MIDs, CRIDs, and Business Customer Gateway
- Solutions and considerations
- January 2013 USPS Changes: rates, requirements

Key Dates for Intelligent Mail Don't run out of time

January 28, 2013

- Intelligent Mail barcode (IMb) required for automation letters and flats and Qualified Business Reply Mail (QBRM) price eligibility
- Individual piece IMb required on outbound and reply

January, 2014 proposed

- Full Service Intelligent Mail compliance
- Unique IMb for mailpieces and handling
- Electronic submission of postal documentation
- Electronic scheduling of drop shipments



Why Intelligent Mail™?

Reduce UAA Mail-

- OneCode ACS® and Full-Service ACS™ service
- Improve address database quality
- Avoid delayed mail

Reduce Postal Expenditures & Improve Deliverability

- Maximize incentives with Full-Service Intelligent
- Mail[®] barcode option

Track mail with end-to-end visibility

- IMb Tracing® service
 - Know when revenue-generating mailpieces have arrived (Outbound)
 - Maximize marketing resources!
 - Plan for call volumes
 - Know when customers have mailed payments (Inbound)
 - Improve operational efficiencies
 - Improve customer satisfaction



How will this benefit you?

Creating Visibility



Intelligent Mail® Barcode or Intelligent Mail® Package Barcode



Intelligent Mail ® Tray Barcode



Intelligent Mail®
Container
Barcode



Assigned Transportation





Intelligent Mail® Tray Barcode



Intelligent Mail®
Container
Barcode

Business Need



Understand Your Mailing Practices

- What you mail
 - Invoices, notices, marketing mail, catalogs, packages, etc.
 - Understand requirement impacts to letter, flat, automated, nonautomated, all mail classes and categories evaluated.
- How is your mail produced?
 - In-house, partially in-house, by service provider, etc.
 - Printing, finishing, mail preparation and sorting

Questions to Consider...

- What is best for your company? Do we have a plan?
- What are our Decision Factors?
- Will price difference justify the investment to start using the IMbTM or to switch from Basic to Full-Service to see an improved Return-on-Investment?
- In-House Mail How much will you be able to handle?

Database management for eDoc and uniqueness of data

Mailer ID assignments

IT and software updates

Print capabilities

Mailpieces, tray labels, container placards

MAIL OWNER - PROJECT TIMELINE **Evaluation Production &** Introduction Requirements Develop Design Pre-& Funding **Production Factory Testing Testing** 10 11 12 Project Business Production Mail Factory **Project** Solution Design Development **Approved** & Factory Introduction Case Close Complete Defined Complete for Initial **Funding** Testing Submit Evaluation Unit / Quality & Deploy-Factory Require-Production Vendor System / Factory ment Work Solution Release ments Integration Training Review Integration Finalized Commit Intake Testing Defined Full-Scope Document from finalized USPS® and Time & Cost updated, **Detailed Design** Install Code, User Vendor Requirements received, identifies submit Business Case, Finalized, Develop, Certification Testing, Impact Assessment, creates Time & Cost obtain authorization to Perform Pre-production Project Review / Close estimates, Project receives authorization to Testing, User proceed, obtain release proceed to next step. Team evaluates and commit, Document Acceptance, Quality and baselines internal / Vendor Solution Approach, Factory Testing. Train System & Feature Design, Freezes Requirement Changes and develops IT Support Vendor Product Factory personnel. Technical Requirement & Architecture Solution. Integration, as needed.



What are the Benefits of Intelligent Mail?

- IMb Basic Option
 - Continue to receive automation prices
 - Sets the foundation for Full-Service
 - IMb Tracing
 - Utilize Track My Mail
 - Presort Customers IntelliVIEW tracking
 - Offers OneCode ACS® at less cost than traditional ACS®

What are the Benefits of Intelligent Mail?

- Full-Service Option
 - E-Documentation (eDoc)
 - Electronic presentation of postage statements and supporting documentation
 - IMb Tracing
 - Option | Utilize TrackMyMail
 - Option | Presort Customers IntelliVIEW tracking
 - Feedback
 - Address Correction (ACS)
 - Start-the-Clock
 - Informed Visibility
 - Mailpiece, Tray and Container scans
 - Additional Discounts
 - \$0.003 additional discount for First-Class Mail® Full-Service postcard, letter and flat-size mailings
 - \$0.001 additional discount for Standard Mail[®], Periodicals, Bound Printed Matter Full-Service letter and flat-size mailings



Getting Started Know the Components, Options, and Process

- Physical Characteristics
- Components & Options
 - Basic vs. Full Service
 - Services
 - Address Correction Service (ACS) 3 options
 - IMB Tracing
- Process:
 - MID's, CRID's, Business Customer Gateway, TEM, eDoc...

USPS® Requires Intelligent Mail barcodes

- First-Class Mail® letters & flats
- Standard Mail® letters & flats
- Periodicals letters & flats
- Bound Printed Matter flats
- Reply Mail
- Parcels
- Trays, Sacks, & Tubs * Full Service
- Containers & Pallets * Full Service









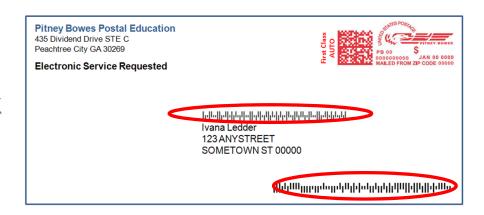
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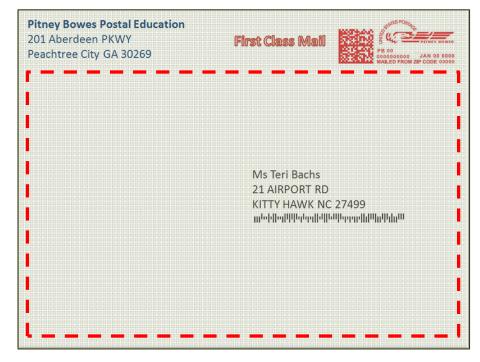
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- Above or below Address Block
- Lower right corner

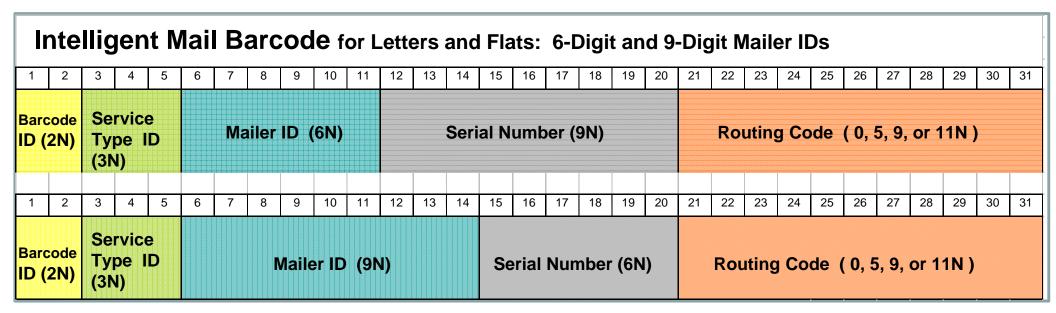
Flats

■ Minimum 1/8" from any edge





Barcode Basics





- 5 Fields
- 31-digit maximum
- 65 bars
- Does not require a check-digit (correction character) or frame bars

Intelligent Mail: Basic and Full-Service Programs **Full-Service** Basic Automation-prices for First-Class Mail®, Standard Mail® letters and \square flats Maximum Automation Price Discounts V Barcode includes delivery point information, MID, class of mail, and OEL information Requires unique ID's (unique for 45 days) for each mail piece, tray, and container Requires appointments through FAST® Requires electronic method to transmit a $\sqrt{}$ postage statement and mailing documentation Free start-the-clock information Free automated address correction notices

Tracking Benefits

Knowledge = Efficiency

Visibility sending out or receiving

Benefits

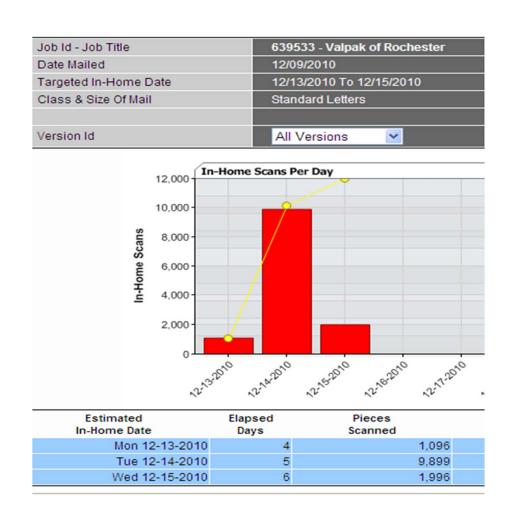
- Plan for timely delivery
- Understand regional differences
- Meet timing objectives
- Anticipate response needs
- Map out cash flow
- Schedule staff
- Better customer service (anticipating payments)



Data assembled by TrackMyMail

Postage Savings on Mailings

- Plan mailing dates, monitor delivery
- Compare service level delivery windows against postage to plan savings
- Reduce "Undeliverable as Addressed" (UAA) mail
- Continue automation discounts



Data assembled by TrackMyMail

elnduction Basics (Full Service required)

Electronic Documentation (eDoc)

Postal Wizard® system

Mail.dat (Mail.dat is a specification maintained and licensed for use by IDEAlliance)
Mail.XMLTM

eDoc identifies:

- Mail Owner and Mail Preparer
- Uniquie IM[™]BC on each piece
- Unique IMTMtray BC on each tray/sack showing pieces in tray or sack
- Unique IM™container BC on each container showing trays, sacks or mailpieces in/on the container

eDoc used for:

- Mail verification and acceptance
- Start the Clock
- Automation address correction (OneCode ACS® / Full-Service ACS® service)

eInduction Tools

Electronic Documentation (eDoc) continued...

Postal Wizard® system

Mail.dat (Mail.dat is a specification maintained and licensed for use by IDEAlliance)
Mail.XMLTM

Postal Wizard® system

- Intended for mailers who write or type postage statements rather than using use software to generate statements
- Can be used for Full-Service mailings < 10,000 pieces
- Additional mailing documentation not required

Mail.dat and Mail.XML™

- For mailings of any size
- Intended for mailers who use software to generate statements and have need to send large, complex mailings
- Electronic Mailing Info.
 transmitted from mailer to USPS

Reply Mail

All mailers should begin making plans to convert their Reply Mail to IMb.

- The Postal Service will continue to process all BRM, with or without an IMb.
- Permit Reply Mail and Qualified Business Reply Mail (QBRM) will be required to have an Intelligent Mail barcode.
- Consider implications for pre-printed stock!



Online IMb Artwork Offered by USPS

 USPS offers online artwork capabilities for *PostalOne!* users via the Automated Business Reply Mail (ABRM) tool at: https://www.usps.com/business/reply-mail-solutions.htm

The ABRM tool can provide artwork for letter and card-size pieces of domestic Reply Mail

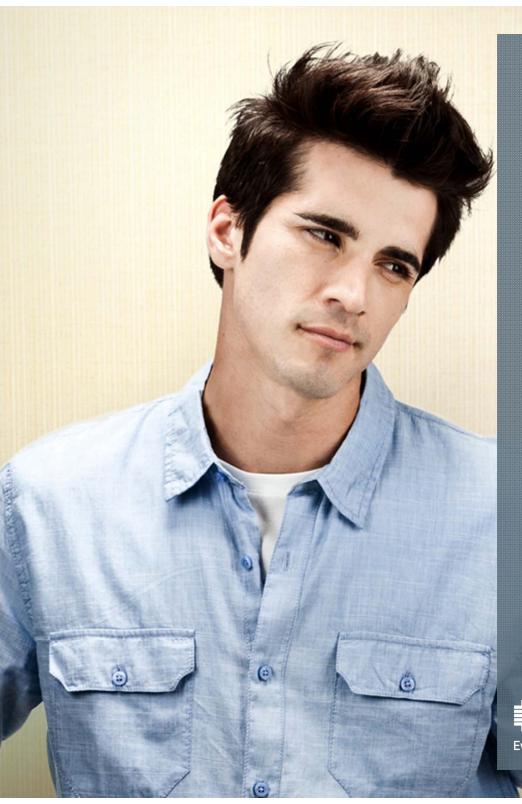
ABRM can be used to produce:

Courtesy Reply Mail (CRM)

Business Reply Mail (BRM)

Qualified Business Reply Mail (QBRM)

- Mailpiece Design Analysts may be able to assist with other artwork requests. Customers in need of Mailpiece Design assistance may contact the MDA Support Center by dialing 855-593-6093 or sending a request via email to mda@usps.gov
- Envelope Manager and Dazzle software used by USPS
 Available for purchase by contacting manufacturer at Endicia.com



WHAT SOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU?

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Building an IMb Program

- 1. Technology Decisions Drive Implementation
- 2. Requirements Drive Technology Decisions
- 3. Business Values Drive Requirements
- 4. Determine Business Values

We've Got You Covered!

- 1. If your company does not have IMb in place today. PB Enterprise Postal Consulting Services can work with you to design a strategy and roadmap to use IMb data to drive decisions.
- 2. OR, Outsourcers like PB Presort can apply the IMb to get you compliant.

Differentiated IMb Implementation Solutions

Composition

Document Composition Software

Applied to address block during composition

Post-Composition

Distributed Output Management Software

Applied to address block after composition

Pre-Production

Distributed Printing Management Software

Applied to address block in output management system

Post-Production

Hardware Based Sorters, Inserters

Generate, print and verify IMb on envelope; Piece-level tracking

Considerations:

- Printing environment must support new IMb graphic (drawn or fonts)
- Sequence # must be managed and associated with "keys" (full)
- For outsourced mail preparation, keys and sequence #s must be associated



Business Customer Gateway:

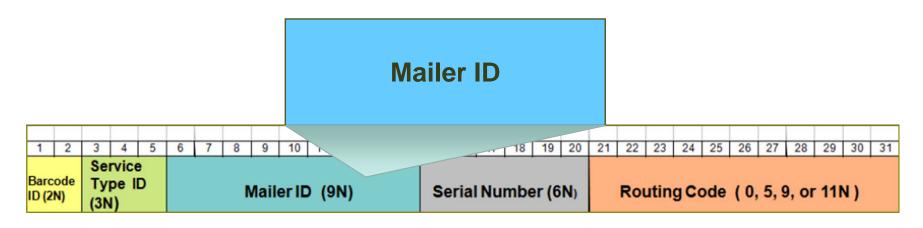
- MIDs
- CRIDs
- MTEOR

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Mailer ID (MID)

- 6 or 9 digit number used to identify the mail "owner"
- Mailers may have more than one, based on volume
 - Uniqueness for 45 days (Required for Full Service Option)
 - 9-digit number = uniqueness for 1 Million mailpieces
 - 6-digit number = uniqueness for 10 Million
- Must be included in the barcode and electronic documentation sent to the USPS®



Example of MID IMb

With a 6-digit MID, there are **9-digits** available for the Serial Number.



Intelligent Mail Barcode for Letters and Flats: 6-Digit and 9-Digit Mailer IDs																												
1 2	3 4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Barcode ID (2N)	Servi Type (3N			Ma	iler	ID (6N)				Ser	ial N	uml	ber (9N)				I	Rout	ing	Cod	e (0,	5, 9	or i	11N)		
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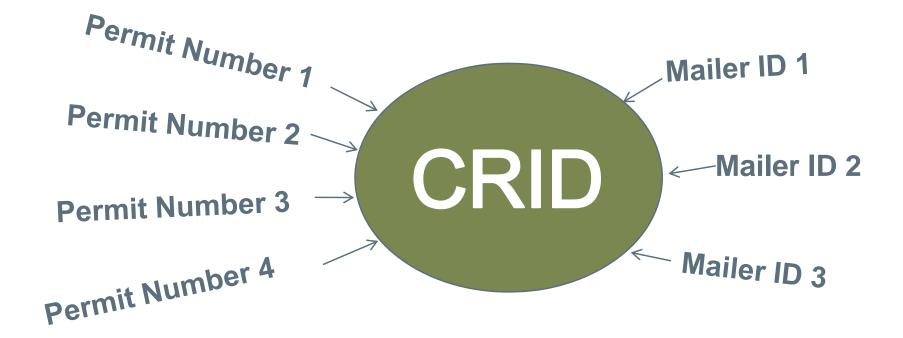
With a 9-digit MID, there are only **6- digits** available for the Serial Number.

Customer Registration ID (CRID)

- Unique identifier created by the USPS to identify a company at a business address location address
- Connects a company's information at a physical address across USPS ® applications. For example, a customer with one facility will have a single CRID. A customer with five different facilities will have five different CRIDs.
- Associates every Permit Number and Mailer ID issued (there may be multiple Permit Numbers or MIDs associated to a single CRID)
- Used to identify submitter of electronic documentation NOT included in barcode data

CRID Connections

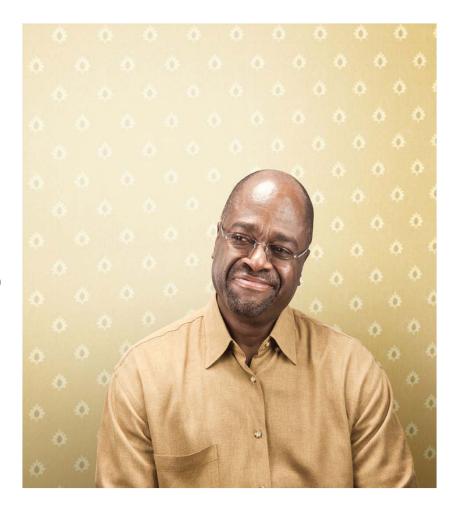
Permit Numbers and Mailer ID's are associated to a CRID



The CRID location is not necessarily that of the permit city/state or where a mailing is entered.

How Do I Get a MID or see my CRID?

- Go to http://gateway.usps.com
- Select the "Business Customer Gateway"
- Login or register as a new user
- Select the "Mailer ID" link under "Design & Prepare"
- Complete the online application to obtain your Mailer ID



What is MTEOR?

Mail Transport Equipment Ordering system

- A fast, reliable, and convenient way to order MTE online
- MTEOR standardizes the MTE ordering process and allows uses to:



Phase 1 launched September 5th with expanded access and enhancements through 2013

Tools and Resources

MTEOR Bulletins

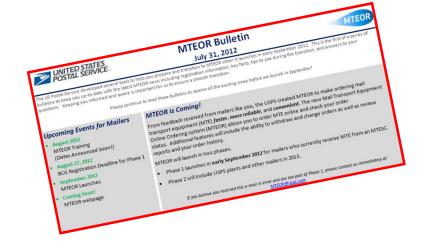
 Biweekly e-mails that inform Mailers of MTEOR activities and updates

RIBBS Webpage

- Registration Info
- How To Guides
- Printable Job Aids
- Frequently Asked Questions

Mailer Assistance

- Email MTEOR@usps.gov
- Help Desk 866-330-3404







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MORE UPCOMING CHANGES

RATE CHANGE SELF MAILERS

USPS Pricing Changes First-Class Mail First-Ounce Prices- Letters

1- Ounce Letter		Price Pe	er F	Piece	Change						
	C	Current		New	Ce	ents per Piece	Percent Change				
Single Piece	\$	0.45	\$	0.46	\$	0.01	2.2%				
Mixed AADC	\$	0.404	\$	0.405	\$	0.001	0.2%				
AADC	\$	0.374	\$	0.384	\$	0.01	2.7%				
3-Digit	\$	0.374	\$	0.384	\$	0.01	2.7%				
5-Digit	\$	0.35	\$	0.36	\$	0.01	2.9%				

USPS Pricing Changes First-Class Mail First-Ounce Prices- Flats

1- Ounce Letter	Price Pe	er Piece	Change		
	Current	New	Cents per Piece	Percent Change	
Single Piece	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.02	2.2%	
Mixed ADC	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.01	1.36%	
ADC	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.01	1.58%	
3-Digit	\$ 0.574	\$ 0.594	\$ 0.02	3.48%	
5-Digit	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.406	\$ 0.006	1.1%	

Standard Mail Letters- Carrier Route and Automation

3.3 oz or less	Carrier Route			Automation				
Entry Doint	Coturation	High Density	High	Carrier	5-Digit	3-Digit	A A D C	Mixed
Entry Point	Saturation	Plus	Density	Route	Scheme	Scheme	AADC	AADC
None	0.189	0.199	0.202	0.279	0.247	0.266	0.266	0.282
DNDC	0.156	0.166	0.169	0.246	0.214	0.233	0.233	0.249
DSCF	0.146	0.156	0.159	0.236	0.204	0.223	0.223	-
DDU	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
More than 3.3 ounces								
None	0.609	0.609	0.609	0.699	0.752	0.752	0.752	0.752
DNDC	0.448	0.448	0.448	0.538	0.591	0.591	0.591	0.591
DSCF	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.490	0.543	0.543	0.543	-
DDU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Per Pc	0.063	0.073	0.076	0.135	0.092	0.111	0.111	0.127



Extra Services

Certificate of Mailing	Propo	osed	Current	% Change	
Basic	\$	1.20	\$ 1.15	4.35%	
Firm Book Mailing	\$	0.44	\$ 0.44	0.00%	
Bulk: First 1,000 pcs	\$	7.05	\$ 6.70	5.22%	
Each add'l. 1,000 pcs	\$	0.85	\$ 0.80	6.25%	
Certified Mail	\$	3.10	\$ 2.95	5.08%	
Return Receipt					
Requested at time of Mailing					
Electronic	\$	1.25	\$ 1.15	8.70%	
Green Card	\$	2.55	\$ 2.35	8.51%	
Merchandise	\$	4.10	\$ 3.95	3.80%	
Requested after Mailing	\$	4.95	\$ 4.75	4.21%	

International - Summary

	International Shipping Services				
-	Global Express Guaranteed	9.60%			
-	Express Mail International	13.20%			
•	Priority Mail International	15.10%			
-	IPA	1.90%			
-	ISAL	4.40%			
-	Airmail M-bags	7.30%			
	First-Class Package Int'l	58.6% (recently moved from Market Dominant to			
		Competitive, and the substantial increase is to ensure			
		institutional cost coverage and to bring it inline with			
		the market place)			



NEW: First-Class Mail Global Forever Stamp. Mail letters anywhere in the world for \$1.10

2013 USPS Promotional Pricing

March-April 2013

Mobile Coupon/Click-to-Call:

Designed to increase the value of direct mail by highlighting the integration of mail with mobile technology. The promotion will encourage mailers to integrate hard-copy coupons in the mail with mobile-optimized platforms for redemption..



April-June 2013

Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion:

Designed to provide mailers with a financial benefit when their customers use CRM/BRM envelopes.



2013 USPS Promotional Pricing

August- September 2013

Product Samples:

Designed to provide mailers with an upfront postage discount on qualifying mail that contains product samples. The promotion is intended to raise awareness of the new "Simple Samples" pricing structure in Standard Mail.



Emerging Technology:

Designed to build on the successes of past mobile barcode promotions by promoting awareness of how innovative technology, such as Near-Field Communication, Augmented Reality, and Authentication, can be integrated with a direct mail strategy to enhance the value of direct mail.



Picture Permit.

Designed to promote the use of picture permit imprint indicia, so as to improve the mailpieces visibility and impact as a marketing tool.



2013 USPS Promotional Pricing

November- December 2013

Mobile Buy-it-Now:

This promotion will encourage mailers to adopt and invest in technologies that enhance how consumers interact and engage with mail, and demonstrate how direct mail can be a convenient method for consumers to do their holiday shopping.



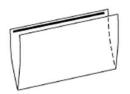
Effective January 5th, 2013

Folded mail piece changes:

- Number of tabs
- Size of tabs
- Position of folds and flaps
- Paper weight minimums
- Minimum and Maximum
- Dimensions change



- □ Fold style / orientation
 - Horizontal final fold at bottom edge to non-address side











- Vertical final fold on lead edge to non-address side
 - Oblong is a common name for this fold style







These are only representative illustrations of potential designs.

- Dimension
 - Height 3.5" to 6" max
 - Length 5" to 10.5" max
- Weight up to 3oz
- Paper cover basis weight Book grade (Text, Offset)
 - Basic Folded Self-Mailer design
 - 70lb min for 1oz mailpiece; 80lb over 1oz up to 3oz
 - Optional elements added
 - basis weight ranges from 80lb to 120lb
 - basis weight increases when piece weight is over 1oz
 - Newsprint paper allowed on quarter-fold design only
 - 55lb minimum paper, 1.5 inch tabs required

☐ Closure method - Glue (adhesive or cohesive)

Continuous Glue Line

1/8" W to within 1/4" of each edge



Glue Spots

3/8" diameter

3- 4 spots based on mailpiece design / wgt

Elongated Glue Lines

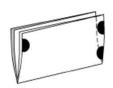
1/8" W x 1/2" L or 1/4" W x 1/2" L or 1/8" W x 1" L

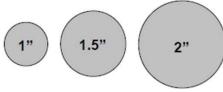
3- 4 lines based on mailpiece design / wgt

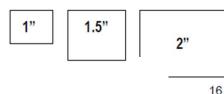
- ☐ Closure method Tabs (2 or 3 based on mailpiece design)
 - Placed either at Top or Lead / Trail
 - within 1" from adjacent edge(s)
 - lower lead edge tab ½" from bottom











Questions and Answers

Pitney Bowes can assist you in complying with and gaining the most savings from the new IMb rules.

For more information:

- Website: <u>www.pb.com/mailservices</u>
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