



E600 Standard Mail

E630 Enhanced Carrier Route Rates

Summary E630 describes the eligibility standards for Standard Mail Enhanced Carrier Route mailings.

1.0 BASIC STANDARDS

All Pieces All pieces in an Enhanced Carrier Route or Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail mailing must:

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- a. Meet the basic standards for Standard Mail in [E610](#).
- b. Be part of a single mailing of at least 200 pieces or 50 pounds of pieces of Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail. Automation basic carrier route rate pieces are subject to a separate 200-piece or 50-pound minimum volume standard and may not be included in the same mailing as other Enhanced Carrier Route mail. Regular and Nonprofit mailings must meet separate minimum volumes.
- c. Be sorted to carrier routes, marked, and documented under [M045](#), [M620](#), or [M920](#), [M930](#), or [M940](#).
- d. Bear a delivery address that includes the correct ZIP Code, ZIP+4 code, or numeric equivalent to the delivery point barcode (DPBC) and that meets these address quality standards:
 - (1) The carrier route accuracy standard in [A030.3.0](#).
 - (2) If high density and saturation rate letter-size mail is prepared, the address matching and coding standards in [A800](#) and [A950](#).
 - (3) If an alternative addressing format is used, the additional standards in [A020](#).
 - (4) If flat-size pieces are prepared with detached address labels, the additional standards in [A060](#).
- e. Meet the applicable sequencing requirements in [2.0](#) through [4.0](#) and in [M050](#).

Maximum Size Enhanced Carrier Route rate mail may not be more than 11-3/4 inches high, 14 inches long, or 3/4-inch thick. *Exception:* Merchandise samples with detached address labels (DALs) may exceed these dimensions if the labels meet the standards in [A060](#).

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Preparation Preparation to qualify for any Enhanced Carrier Route rate is optional and need not be performed for all carrier routes in a 5-digit area. An Enhanced Carrier Route mailing may include pieces at basic, high density, and saturation Enhanced Carrier Route rates. Automation basic carrier route rate pieces must be prepared as a separate mailing (see [E640](#)).

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2.0 BASIC RATES

All Pieces All pieces mailed at basic rates must be prepared in walk sequence or in line-of-travel (LOT) sequence according to LOT schemes prescribed by the USPS (see [M050](#)).

2.1



- Letter-Size Pieces**
2.2 Basic rates apply to each piece sorted under [M045](#) or [M620](#) and in a full carrier route tray or in a carrier route bundle of 10 or more pieces placed in a 5-digit carrier routes or 3-digit carrier routes tray.
- Flat-Size Pieces**
2.3 Basic rates apply to each piece in a carrier route bundle of 10 or more pieces that is:
- Palletized under [M045](#), [M920](#), [M930](#), or [M940](#).
 - Placed in a carrier route sack containing at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces.
 - Placed in a merged 5-digit scheme, 5-digit scheme carrier routes, merged 5-digit, or 5-digit carrier routes sack.
- Irregular Parcels**
2.4 Basic rates apply to each piece in a carrier route sack or carton containing at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces, or in a 5-digit carrier routes sack or carton. DALs must be in carrier route bundles of 10 or more pieces and prepared under [A060](#).
- 3.0 HIGH DENSITY RATES**
- All Pieces**
3.1 All pieces mailed at high density rates must:
- Be prepared in walk sequence according to schemes prescribed by the USPS (see [M050](#)).
 - Meet the density requirement of at least 125 pieces for each carrier route. Multiple pieces per delivery address can count toward this density standard. Fewer pieces may be prepared for routes with fewer than 125 possible deliveries if a piece is addressed to every possible delivery on the route.
- Letter-Size Pieces**
3.2 High density rates apply to each piece that is automation-compatible according to [C810](#), has a delivery point barcode under [C840](#), and is in a full carrier route tray or in a carrier route bundle of 10 or more pieces placed in a 5-digit carrier routes or 3-digit carrier routes tray. Pieces that are not automation-compatible or are not barcoded are mailable at the high density nonletter rate. Pieces bearing a simplified address do not need to meet the standards in [C810](#) and are not required to have a delivery point barcode.
- Discount for Heavy Letters**
3.3 Pieces that otherwise qualify for the high density letter rate and weigh more than 3.3 ounces but not more than 3.5 ounces pay postage equal to the piece/pound rate and receive a discount equal to the high density nonletter piece rate (3.3 ounces or less) minus the high density letter piece rate (3.3 ounces or less). If claiming a destination entry rate, the discount is calculated using the corresponding rates.
- Flat-Size Pieces**
3.4 High density rates apply to each piece in a carrier route bundle of 10 or more pieces that is:
- Palletized under [M045](#), [M920](#), [M930](#), or [M940](#).
 - Placed in a carrier route sack containing at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces.
 - Placed in a merged 5-digit scheme, 5-digit scheme carrier routes, merged 5-digit, or 5-digit carrier routes sack.



Irregular Parcels
3.5 High density rates apply to each piece in a carrier route sack or carton containing at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces, or in a 5-digit carrier routes sack or carton. DALs must be in carrier route bundles of 10 or more pieces and prepared under [A060](#).

4.0 SATURATION RATES

All Pieces All pieces mailed at saturation rates must:

- 4.1
- a. Be prepared in walk sequence according to schemes prescribed by the USPS (see [M050](#)).
 - b. Meet the density requirement of at least 90% or more of the active residential addresses or 75% or more of the total number of active possible delivery addresses on each carrier route receiving this mail. Pieces bearing a simplified address must meet the coverage standards in [A020](#). Multiple pieces per delivery address do not count toward this density standard.

Letter-Size Pieces
4.2 Saturation rates apply to each piece that is automation-compatible according to [C810](#), has a delivery point barcode under [C840](#), and is in a full carrier route tray or in a carrier route bundle of 10 or more pieces placed in a 5-digit carrier routes or 3-digit carrier routes tray. Pieces that are not automation-compatible or are not barcoded are mailable at the saturation nonletter rate. Pieces bearing a simplified address do not need to meet the standards in [C810](#) and are not required to have a delivery point barcode to qualify for letter rates.

Discount for Heavy Letters
4.3 Pieces that otherwise qualify for the saturation letter rate and weigh more than 3.3 ounces but not more than 3.5 ounces pay postage equal to the piece/pound rate and receive a discount equal to the saturation nonletter piece rate (3.3 ounces or less) minus the saturation letter piece rate (3.3 ounces or less). If claiming a destination entry rate, the discount is calculated using the corresponding rates.

Flat-Size Pieces
4.4 Saturation rates apply to each piece in a carrier route bundle of 10 or more pieces that is:

- a. Palletized under [M045](#), [M920](#), [M930](#), or [M940](#).
- b. Placed in a carrier route sack containing at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces.
- c. Placed in a merged 5-digit scheme, 5-digit scheme carrier routes, merged 5-digit, or 5-digit carrier routes sack.

Irregular Parcels
4.5 Saturation rates apply to each piece in a carrier route sack or carton containing at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces, or in a 5-digit carrier routes sack or carton. DALs must be in carrier route bundles of 10 or more pieces and prepared under [A060](#).

5.0 RESIDUAL SHAPE SURCHARGE

Any Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail piece that is prepared as a parcel or is not letter-size or flat-size as defined in [C050](#) is subject to a residual shape surcharge.

