

# Discount Parcels

## Bound Printed Matter Irregular and Machinable Parcels

# 460

Quick Service  
Guide

### Physical Standards (401)

Minimum weight irregular parcels: none.  
Minimum weight machinable parcels: 6 ounces.  
Maximum weight: 15 pounds.

For an overview of the physical standards for discount parcels, see [Quick Service Guide 401](#).

### Rates and Fees (463.1)

#### Presorted and Carrier Route Parcel Rates

	Zone						
	Local, 1 & 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Per Piece</b>							
Presorted	\$1.217	\$1.217	\$1.217	\$1.217	\$1.217	\$1.217	\$1.217
Carrier Route	1.112	1.112	1.112	1.112	1.112	1.112	1.112
<b>Per pound</b>	0.095	0.118	0.157	0.209	0.261	0.325	0.442

For destination entry rates, see [463.1.3](#).

Presorted, Carrier Route, and destination BMC (DBMC) rates: separate per piece and per pound charges based on weight and zone. DSCF and DDU rates 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) ([366](#)).

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 rates ([463.3.1c](#)).

No annual mailing fee; however, there is an annual destination entry-mailing fee of \$160.00.

### Content (463.2)

Bound Printed Matter is typically catalogs, directories, books, and other printed material that weigh up to 15 pounds and meet specific eligibility standards in [463.2](#). 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 (463.3)

Mailings of 300 or more pieces, sorted, and marked as described below. Machinable parcels ([401.1.5](#)) and irregular 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 rates, a certified process must be used at least once a year to ensure accuracy of 5-digit ZIP Codes.

For Carrier Route rate, carrier route information updated using CASS-certified process within 90 days before mailing ([463.4](#)).

For barcoded discount, each piece must meet the standards for machinable parcels in [401.1.5](#).

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](#)).

### Postage Payment and Documentation (464)

Meter ([604.4](#)) or permit imprint ([604.5](#)).

Postage statement: Form 3605-R or approved facsimile.

### Mail Preparation (465)

Rate markings ([402.2](#)):

- Presorted rate: "Bound Printed Matter" or "BPM" and either "Presorted" or "PRSRT."
- Carrier Route rate: "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 [302.2.2](#).

Pieces must be separated by zones when presented unless either the correct postage is affixed to each piece or authorized under [705.2](#).

### Enter and Deposit (466)

Presorted or Carrier Route and all meter or permit imprint mail, generally at post office where permit or license is held. For destination entry rates, see [466.2-466.5](#).

For the specific DMM standards applicable to this category of mail, consult the DMM sections referenced above and the general sections within each DMM module.

### Bundling and Sacking Sequences Irregular Parcels Less than 10 Pounds (465.5.2)

#### 5-Digit

**Bundles:** Required at 10 pieces or 10 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted. Maximum weight 20 pounds.<sup>1</sup>

**Labels:** Red Label 5 or optional endorsement line (OEL) (708.7).

#### 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

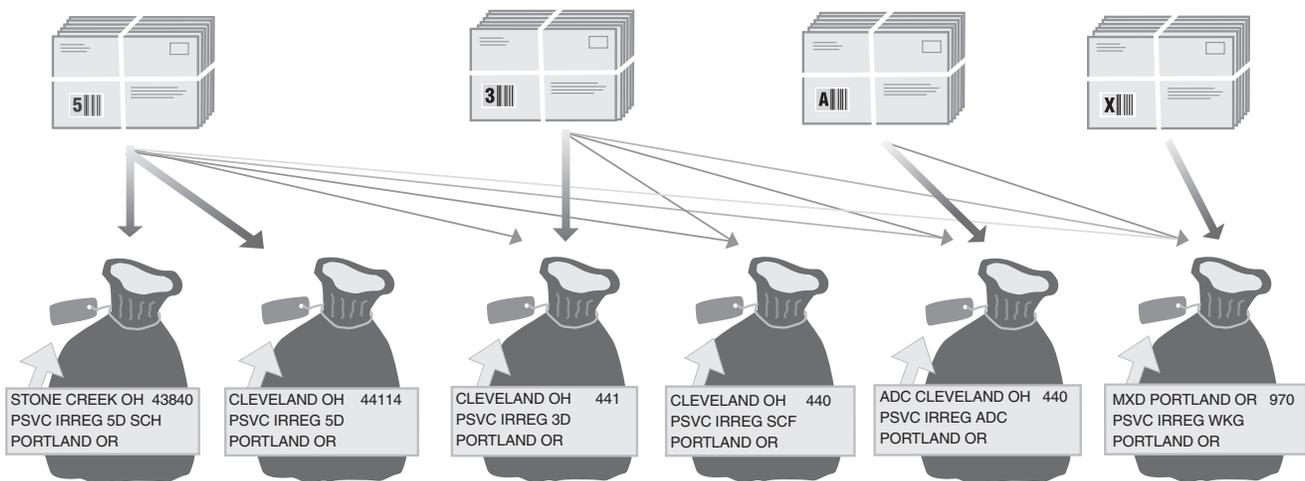
**Bundles:** Required at 10 pieces or 10 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted. Maximum weight 20 pounds.

**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 Scheme

**Sacks:** Optional at 10 addressed pieces or 20 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.<sup>2</sup>

**Labels:** For Line 1, use **L606**, Column B. For Line 2, use "PSVC IRREG 5D SCH."

#### 5-Digit

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

**Labels:** For Line 1, use city, state and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail. For Line 2, use "PSVC IRREG 3D."

#### 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 3-digit prefix for the entry post office as shown in **L004**, Column B. For Line 2, use "PSVC IRREG WKG."

1. 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 rate may weigh a maximum of 40 pounds.

2. Sacking not required for 5-digit bundles of irregular parcels when prepared and entered at DDU rates; these bundles may be bedloaded and weigh up to 40 pounds.

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

For sacking irregular parcels that weigh 10 pounds or more, see [465.5.3](#).

For palletizing irregular parcels, see [705.8.11.4](#).

### Sacking Machinable Parcels Not Claiming DBMC Rates (465.5.4)



#### 5-Digit Scheme

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

**Labels:** For Line 1, use [L606](#), Column B.



#### 5-Digit

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

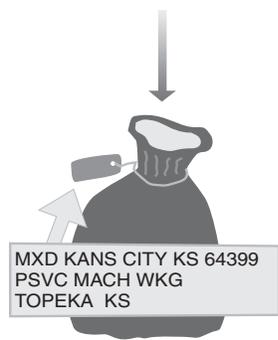
**Labels:** For Line 1, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail.



#### BMC

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

**Labels:** For Line 1, use [L601](#), Column B.



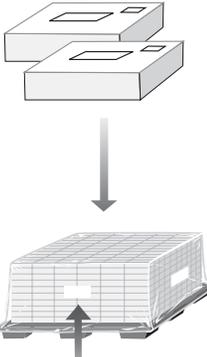
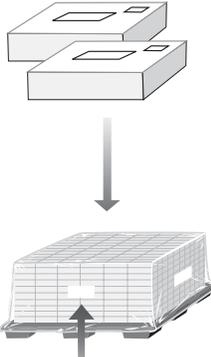
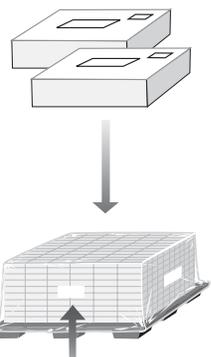
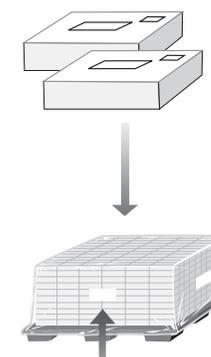
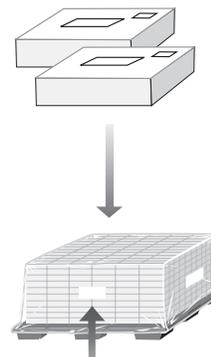
#### Mixed BMC

**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 Bound Printed Matter machinable parcels claiming DBMC rates, see [465.5.5](#).

### Palletizing Machinable Parcels (705.8.10.5)

5-Digit Scheme (Optional)	5-Digit (Required)	ASF (Optional)	BMC (Required)	Mixed BMC (Optional)
				
FALMOUTH VA 22403 PSVC MACH 5D SCH DETROIT MI	FAIRFAX VA 22033 PSVC MACH 5D DETROIT MI	ASF BUFFALO NY 140 PSVC MACH ASF DETROIT MI	BMC PITTSBURGH PA 15195 PSVC MACH BMC DETROIT MI	MXD BMC DETROIT MI 48399 PSVC MACH WKG DETROIT MI
<b>5-Digit Scheme</b>	<b>5-Digit</b>	<b>ASF</b>	<b>BMC</b>	<b>Mixed BMC</b>
Optional at 250 pounds.	Required at 500 pounds. Optional at 250 pounds.	Optional at 250 pounds. Allowed only for mail deposited at an ASF to claim DBMC rates.	Required at 500 pounds. Optional at 250 pounds.	Optional at 250 pounds.
<b>Labels:</b> For Line 1, use <a href="#">L606</a> , Column B. For Line 2, use "PSVC MACH 5D SCH."	<b>Labels:</b> For Line 1, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail. For Line 2, use "PSVC MACH 5D."	<b>Labels:</b> For Line 1, use <a href="#">L602</a> . For Line 2, use "PSVC MACH ASF."	<b>Labels:</b> For Line 1, use <a href="#">L601</a> . For Line 2, use "PSVC MACH BMC."	<b>Labels:</b> For Line 1, use MXD followed by <a href="#">L601</a> , Column B information for BMC serving the 3-digit ZIP Code prefix of the entry post office. For Line 2, use "PSVC MACH WKG."