

**Physical Standards**  
(101.7.0) Maximum weight: 70 pounds.  
Maximum length and girth: 130 inches.

**Prices and Fees**  
(153.1.0) For a complete list of retail Standard Post prices, see [Notice 123–Price List](#).  
Prices are calculated based on weight and zone.

Standard Post Zones 1 through 4 up to 70 pounds is limited to shipments of mailable hazardous materials, live animals, or other items required by standard to be shipped by ground transportation only. Standard Post Zones 5 through 9 up to 70 pounds is available for all mailable items.

Standard Post is charged per pound or fraction thereof; any fraction of a pound is considered a whole pound.

*Oversized price:* pieces exceeding 108 inches but not more than 130 inches in combined length and girth are mailable at the Standard Post oversized price for the zone to which addressed, regardless of weight.

*Balloon price:* parcels that weigh less than 20 pounds but measuring more than 84 inches (but not exceeding 108 inches) in combined length and girth are charged the 20-pound price for the zone to which addressed.

**Content**  
(153.3.0) Standard Post is mailable matter that is neither mailed or required to be mailed as First-Class Mail nor entered as Periodicals (except as permitted or required by standard).

Generally used for shipping merchandise.

**Eligibility Standards**  
(153.2.0) Each piece must include a complete delivery and return address.  
Mailing items with no ancillary service endorsement obligates the mailer to pay any applicable forwarding and return postage charges at the single-piece price (507.1.5.4).

**Postage Payment**  
(154) Stamps (604.1.0) or Meter (604.4.0). Pieces with postage affixed must bear the correct postage.  
Precancelled stamps and permit imprint not permitted.

**Mail Preparation**  
(155) Marking: Pieces must be marked “Standard Post” (or “SP”) in the postage area (155.1.3).  
There are no presort, sacking, or labeling standards for retail Standard Post with the correct postage affixed.

**Enter and Deposit**  
(156) Deposit: Retail Standard Post entered at a retail window or acceptance unit designated by USPS. Standard Post weighing more than 13 ounces bearing only postage stamps may not be deposited into a collection box or other unattended location, but must be presented at a Post Office retail counter.

**Extra Services**  
(503) May use COD, USPS Tracking, insurance, return receipt for merchandise, Signature Confirmation, and special handling. Return receipt and restricted delivery are available for COD mail or mail insured for more than \$200.00.

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