

Special Standards

Parcel Post—BMC and OBMC Presort

705c

Quick Service
Guide

Related QSG [450, Parcel Post](#)

Physical Standards (401)

Maximum weight: 70 pounds.
For an overview of the physical standards for discount parcels, see [Quick Service Guide 401](#).

Rates and Fees (453.1)

Inter-BMC machinable: Machinable parcels that originate in the service area of a BMC/ASF (or in Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico) and destinate outside that area.
Inter-BMC nonmachinable: Nonmachinable parcels that originate in the service area of a BMC/ASF (or in Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico) and destinate outside that area.
BMC Presort Discount: Deduct \$0.30 per piece from applicable Inter-BMC rate.
OBMC Presort Discount: Deduct \$1.23 per piece from applicable Inter-BMC rate.
Barcoded Discount: Deduct \$0.03 per piece. Applies only to machinable parcels as described below that bear a correct readable barcode under [708.5](#) for the ZIP Code of the delivery address.
Fees: There is no annual mailing fee for BMC Presort or OBMC Presort mail.

Content (453.2)

Small and large parcels typically containing gifts and merchandise can be sent using Parcel Post.

Eligibility Standards (453.3)

Must meet the requirements for Parcel Post and meet the basic standards in [453.2](#).
Minimum mailing: 50 pieces of Parcel Post. Pieces mailed at any Parcel Post rate may be counted toward the 50-piece minimum mailing quantity. Pieces must be sorted and marked as described below.

Postage Payment and Documentation (454)

Meter ([604.4](#)) or permit imprint ([604.5](#)).
May use COD, Delivery Confirmation, insured, merchandise return service, Signature Confirmation, and special handling. Return receipt and restricted delivery are available for COD mail or mail insured for more than \$50.
Documentation:
■ Postage statement: Form 3605-R or approved facsimile.
■ Supplemental documentation: additional documentation as required by postage payment system.

Mail Preparation (455.4)

Marking: "Parcel Post" (or "PP") must be printed on all pieces as part of or directly below or to the left of the permit imprint or meter stamp. For optional locations, see [402.2.2](#).
For an overview of pallet preparation and sortation, see [Quick Service Guide 705b](#).
Machinable Parcel Sortation: Sorted to BMCs under L601 in 69-inch pallet boxes with at least 52 inches of mail. One overflow pallet box permitted per BMC destination. Preparation in sacks, directly on pallets, or other containers not permitted. See reverse for pallet label.
Nonmachinable Parcel Sortation: Sorted to BMCs and ASFs under L605 directly on pallets with at least 42 inches of mail. Overflow pallets not permitted. Preparation in sacks, in pallet boxes, or other containers not permitted. See reverse for pallet label.
Sortation by zone: Pieces must be separated by zones when presented unless either the correct postage is affixed to each piece or the mailing is prepared under [455.4.1](#) or presented under a special postage payment system ([705.2](#) for manifest mailing system, [705.3](#) for optional procedure mailing system, or [705.4](#) for alternate mailing system).

Enter and Deposit

- BMC Presort: Must be entered at a postal facility other than a BMC ([455.4.2](#)).
- OBMC Presort: Must be entered at a BMC ([455.4.3](#)).
- Pickup service is not available.

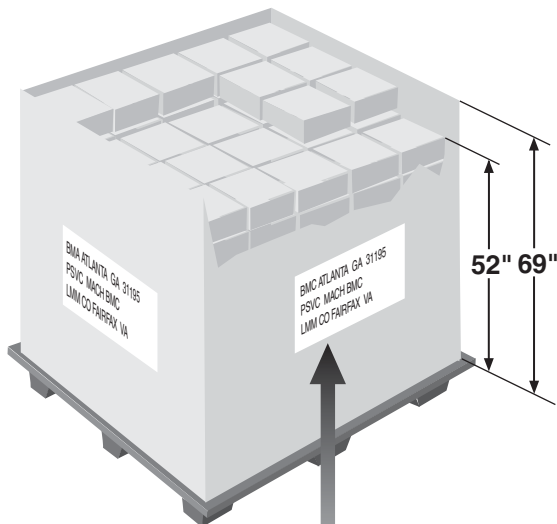
For the specific DMM standards applicable to this category of mail, consult the DMM sections referenced above and the general sections within each DMM module.

General The sortation for BMC Presort and OBMC Presort is the same. The sortation requirements for both rates are based on whether the pieces are machinable parcels or nonmachinable parcels as shown below.

OBMC Discount To qualify for the OBMC Presort discount the mailing must be entered at a BMC. Entry is not permitted at ASFs. Mail destined for ZIP Codes served by the entry BMC is eligible for DBMC rates and should be prepared, paid, and documented as DBMC rate mail.

Machinable Parcels

- Must be part of a mailing of 50 or more Parcel Post pieces.
- Must be sorted in 69-inch pallet boxes to BMCs using L601.
- Minimum of 52 inches of mail in each pallet box (not including the height of the pallet). The minimum must be met by the lowest point of mail on the top surface of parcels in the box (see "Pallet Measurements" on [QSG 705b](#)). Overflow pallet boxes are not permitted. Preparation in sacks, directly on pallets, or in other containers is not permitted.



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Nonmachinable Parcels

- Must be part of a mailing of 50 or more Parcel Post pieces.
- Must be sorted directly on pallets to BMCs and ASFs using L605.
- Minimum height of mail on pallet is 42 inches (not including the height of the pallet). The minimum must be met by using the lowest point of mail on the top surface of the pallet (see "Pallet Measurements" on [QSG 705b](#)). Overflow pallets are not allowed. Preparation in sacks, pallet boxes, or in other containers is not permitted.



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