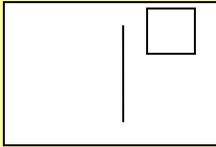
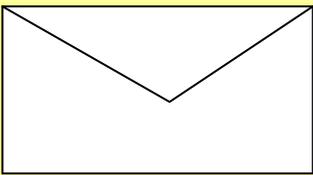
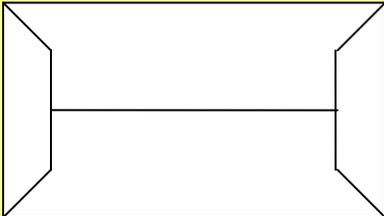
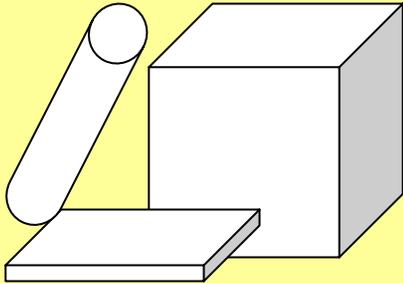


What Are You Mailing to an APO/FPO Address?

Knowing the shape of your mail helps you select the right service.

		Length	Height	Thickness
<p>Postcard *</p>  <p>Rectangular cardstock mailpiece not contained in an envelope</p>	Minimum	5 inches	3 - 1/2 inches	0.007 inches
	Maximum	6 inches	4 - 1/4 inches	1/4 inch
<p>Letter / Large Postcard</p>  <p>Small rectangular mailpiece no thicker than 1/4 inch</p>	Minimum	5 inches	3 - 1/2 inches	0.007 inches
	Maximum	11 - 1/2 inches	6 - 1/8 inches	1/4 inch
<p>Large Envelope / Flat **</p>  <p>Flat rectangular mailpiece no thicker than 3/4 inch</p>	Minimum	11 - 1/2 inches	6 - 1/8 inches	1/4 inch
	Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	3/4 inch
<p>Package</p>  <p>A three-dimensional mailpiece contained in a box, thick envelope, or tube, weighing up to 70 pounds</p>		<p>Length + girth (distance around the thickest part of the package):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can not exceed 108 inches. ✓ Can not exceed 130 inches with a surcharge (not available for Priority Mail). <p>Weight can not exceed 70 pounds.</p>		

* Any item smaller than the minimum postcard dimensions is not mailable. For postcards, length is the dimension parallel to the address. Postcards must be rectangular and be made of unfolded and uncreased paper or card stock.

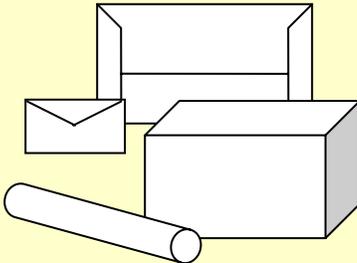
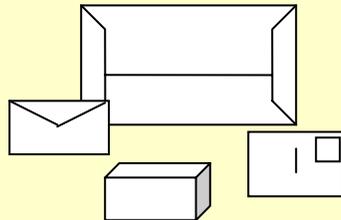
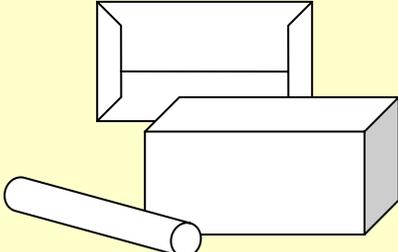
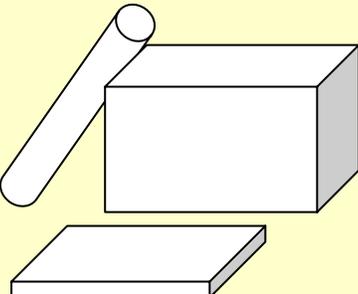
** Large envelopes/flats must exceed at least one of the letter-size maximums.

Choosing a Service for Mailing to APO/FPO Addresses...

Knowing cost and speed helps you select the right services

- ✓ how fast you want the mail to get there
- ✓ how much to spend

Shape + Speed + Cost = Service

Shape	+	Speed	+	Cost	=	Service
 <p>70 lbs or less 108 inches (length + girth)</p>				<p>\$\$\$ Based on weight & distance</p>		<p>Express Mail * * NOTE: not available to all ZIP Codes – please check with your local Post Office</p> <p>Letters, large or thick envelopes, tubes, and packages containing mailable items can be sent using Express Mail. This guaranteed service includes tracking and insurance up to \$100.</p>
 <p>13 oz or less</p>				<p>\$ Based on weight & distance</p>		<p>First-Class Mail</p> <p>Postcards, letters, large envelopes, and small packages can be sent using First-Class Mail. This service is typically used for personal and business correspondence and bills.</p>
 <p>70 lbs or less 108 inches (length + girth)</p>				<p>\$\$ Based on weight and distance if over 1 lb</p>		<p>Package Services: Priority Mail</p> <p>Large or thick envelopes, tubes, and packages containing mailable items can be sent using Priority Mail. This service is typically used to send documents, gifts, and merchandise. Free Priority Mail envelopes, boxes, and tubes are available at the Post Office.</p>
 <p>70 lbs or less 130 inches (length + girth)</p>				<p>\$ Based on weight and distance</p>		<p>Package Services: Parcel Post</p> <p>Small and large packages, thick envelopes, and tubes containing gifts and merchandise can be sent using Parcel Post. (Note: Parcel Post mail addressed to an APO/FPO weighing more than 15 lbs is transported via Surface transportation. Therefore, transit times could be as long as 60 days).</p>

Shape

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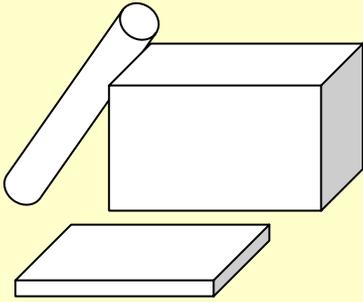
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Cost

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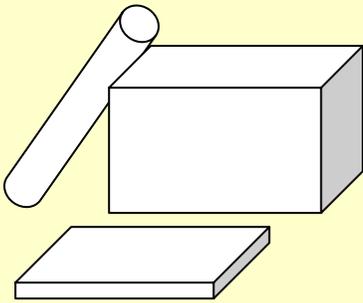
Service



30 lbs or less
60 inches (length + girth)

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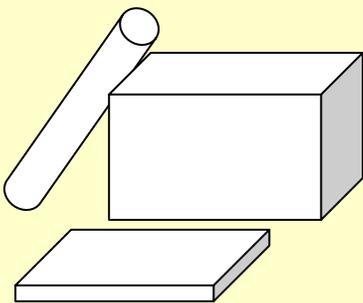
**Package Services:
 Parcel Airlift (PAL)**
 Space available air transportation of
 parcels. PAL is available for Parcel
 Post not exceeding 30



15 lbs or less
60 inches going to an MPO
 (length + girth)
130 inches coming from an MPO
 (length + girth)

\$
 Based on
 weight and
 distance

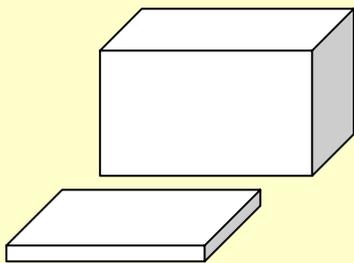
**Package Services:
 Space Available Mail (SAM)**



70 lbs or less
130 inches
 (combined length + girth)

\$
 Based on
 weight and
 content

**Package Services:
 Media Mail**
 Small and large packages, thick
 envelopes, and tubes can be sent
 using Media Mail. Contents are limited
 to books, film, manuscripts, sound
 recordings, video tapes, and computer
 media (such as CDs, DVDs, and
 diskettes). Sometimes called "Book
 Rate," Media Mail cannot contain
 advertising. Media Mail is less
 expensive than Parcel Post.



15 lbs or less

\$
 Based on
 weight,
 content, and
 distance

**Package Services:
 Bound Printed Matter**
 Small and large packages and thick
 envelopes can be sent using this
 service. Contents are limited to
 permanently bound sheets of directory,
 advertising, or editorial matter, such as
 catalogs or phone books. Bound
 Printed Matter is less expensive than
 Parcel Post.

Tips and Tools for Measuring

Use these guidelines to measure the shape and size of your mail.

NOTE

Once a piece of mail exceeds the maximum length, height, or thickness of one shape, it automatically gets classified as the next largest shape.

Postcards

- Size
 - Minimum: 5" long; 3-1/2" high
 - Maximum: 6" long ; 4-1/4" high

Letters

- Size
 - Minimum: 5" long; 3-1/2" high
 - Maximum: 11-1/2" long ; 6-1/8"
- Thickness
 - Letter minimum: 1/4" thick

Large Envelopes

- Size
 - Minimum: 11-1/2" long ; 6-1/8"
 - Maximum: 108" (length + girth) or 130" (length + girth)
Note: depending on the type of service being used
- Thickness
 - Letter minimum: 3/4" thick

Packages

The total size of the box = length + girth

- Length = longest side of the box
- Girth = measurement around the box

Unusual shapes and sizes

Sometimes a piece of mail requires additional postage because it is a certain shape or size that is difficult to process on mail sorting machines.

Make sure you're paying the correct postage:



1-800-610-8734



[Calculate Postage for Overseas Military Mail Online](#)

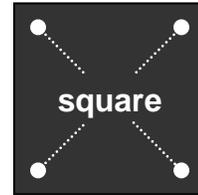


Local Post Office

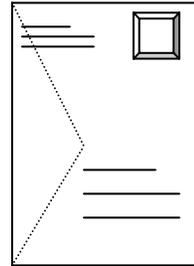
Examples of unusual shapes and sizes include:

- **Square Envelopes:** articles that are larger than:

- ✓ 34 inches long, or
- ✓ 17 inches wide, or
- ✓ 17 inches high



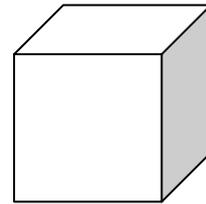
- Envelopes with address information written parallel to the shorter edge



- Packages weighing more than 35 pounds



- Books or printed material weighing more than 25 pounds



- Tubes and rolls

