

mailing are barcoded in the barcode clear zone.

c. Pieces weighing more than 3 ounces, up to the maximum weight for barcoded pieces permitted by C810, must bear a DPBC in the address block.

2.3 Printed on Mailpiece

Except as noted in 8.2 for 5-digit barcodes, if the barcode is printed directly on the lower right corner of the piece, the entire barcode must be inside the barcode read area defined by these limits:

a. Horizontally, the leftmost bar must be between $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches and $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches from the right edge of the mailpiece.

b. Vertically, the barcode must be positioned in the area between $\frac{3}{16}$ inch and $\frac{7}{16}$ inch from the bottom edge of the mailpiece; the bottom of the bars must be $\frac{1}{4}$ inch $\pm \frac{1}{16}$ inch from the bottom edge of the mailpiece.

2.4 Printed on Inserts

If the barcode is printed on an insert to appear through a window in the lower right corner of an envelope:

a. The envelope and window must meet the physical standards in 7.0.

b. The entire barcode must be inside the barcode clear zone (but need not be completely inside the barcode read area).

c. When the insert showing through the window is moved to any of its limits within the envelope, the entire barcode must remain in the barcode clear zone, and a clear space must be maintained that is at least $\frac{1}{8}$ inch between the barcode and the left and right edges of the window, at least $\frac{1}{25}$ inch between the barcode and the top edge of the window, and at least $\frac{3}{16}$ inch between the barcode and the bottom edge of the mailpiece.

2.5 Printed in Address Block

When the barcode is placed in the address block:

a. The barcode must be placed above the address line containing the recipient's name; below the city, state, and ZIP Code line; above or below the keyline information; or above or below the optional endorsement line.

b. The printing of the barcode anywhere between the address line containing the recipient's name and the city, state, and ZIP Code line is prohibited.

c. The minimum clearance between the barcode and any information line above or below it within the address block must be at least $\frac{1}{25}$ inch, and the separation between the barcode and top line or bottom line of the address block must not exceed $\frac{5}{8}$ inch.

d. If a window envelope is used, the clearance between the leftmost and

rightmost bars and any printing or window edge must be at least $\frac{1}{8}$ inch, and the clearance between the barcode and the top and bottom window edges must be at least $\frac{1}{25}$ inch. These clearances must be maintained during the insert's range of movement in the envelope. Address block windows on heavy letter mail (as defined in 2.2c) must be covered; such windows may be covered on other mail. Covers for address block windows are subject to 7.3.

e. If an address label is used, a clear space of at least $\frac{1}{8}$ inch must be left between the barcode and the left and right edges of the address label, and the clearance between the barcode and the top and bottom edges of the address label must be at least $\frac{1}{25}$ inch.

f. The rightmost bar must be at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the right edge of the mailpiece, and the leftmost bar must be less than $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the right edge of the mailpiece and at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the left edge of the mailpiece; the top of each bar must be less than 4 inches from the bottom edge of the mailpiece; and the bottom line of the address block, including the barcode, must be at least $\frac{5}{8}$ inch from the bottom of the mailpiece.

[Add new 3.0; renumber current 3.0 through 9.0 as 4.0 through 10.0, respectively, and revise as follows:]

3.0 BARCODE LOCATION—FLAT-SIZE MAIL

The barcode may be anywhere on the address side that is at least $\frac{1}{8}$ inch from any edge of the mailpiece. That portion of the surface of the piece on which the barcode is printed must meet the reflectance standards in 5.0. The address side may bear only one POSTNET-format barcode (i.e., the correct barcode for the delivery address on the mailpiece). Other mailer-applied non-POSTNET barcodes may appear on the address side if their format is not intelligible or not confusing to automated postal equipment. Address block barcodes are subject to the standards in 2.5a through 2.5f.

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5.0 REFLECTANCE

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5.4 Dark Fibers, Background Patterns

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c. The barcode clear zone on all nonbarcoded pieces in a letter-size barcoded mailing.

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8.0 USE OF ZIP+4 OR 5-DIGIT BARCODES

8.1 Automation Pieces

Subject to the eligibility standards for the rate claimed, pieces may bear ZIP+4 or 5-digit barcodes if they meet the standards in 3.0 through 7.0, except that:

a. ZIP+4 barcodes may not appear in the lower right corner on pieces in Nonprofit Standard Mail or Preferred Periodicals ZIP+4 rate mailings or Nonprofit Standard Mail or Preferred Periodicals Barcoded rate mailings of pieces with address block barcodes.

b. Five-digit or ZIP+4 barcodes may not appear on Automation First-Class or Automation Standard Mail letter-size pieces, or, except as permitted by the 85% rule, on Barcoded rate or automation-compatible Publications Service Periodicals letter-size pieces.

c. Five-digit barcodes may not appear either on Automation First-Class or Automation Standard Mail flat-size pieces or on Barcoded rate or automation-compatible Publications Service Periodicals flat-size pieces except as permitted by the 85% rule.

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D Deposit, Collection, and Delivery

D000 Basic Information

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D020 Plant Loads

[In 3.1, replace "second-, third-, and fourth-class mail" with "Periodicals and Standard Mail"; in 5.0, replace "Second-Class" with "Periodicals."]

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D041 Customer Mail Receptacles

[In 2.10, replace "second-class" with "Periodicals."]

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D072 Drop Shipment of Metered Mail

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4.0 OPTION 2: DEPOSIT AT ANOTHER POST OFFICE

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4.4 Markings

The drop shipment endorsement placed in the ad plate area may include the marking required by the standards for the rate claimed if that marking is placed directly below the drop ship endorsement. The marking may also be provided separately, not necessarily by meter ad plate, directly below the meter stamp or imprint, if it meets the relevant size and legibility standards.

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