

143 Prices and Eligibility

Overview

- [1.0 Description, Price, and Fees](#)
- [2.0 Content Standards for EDDM-Retail Flats](#)
- [3.0 Basic Standards for EDDM-Retail Flats](#)

1.0 Description, Price, and Fees

1.1 General Description of EDDM-Retail Service

Standard Mail flats with simplified addresses (under [602.3.0](#)) may be mailed under conditions in 140 as EDDM-Retail flats or as commercial mail under [340](#) and [602.3.0](#).

1.2 EDDM-Retail Flats Characteristics

EDDM-Retail flats must weigh no more than 3.3 ounces and must have a length greater than 10-1/2 inches long, or a height greater than 6-1/8 inches high, or a thickness greater than 1/4 inch thick. See [101.2.1](#) for general minimum dimensions. EDDM-Retail flats have the following maximum dimensions:

- a. The length (the longest dimension) must be a maximum of 15 inches.
- b. The height must be a maximum of 12 inches.
- c. The thickness must be a maximum of 0.75 inch.

1.3 Price

For price, see [Notice 123—Price List](#). Flats mailed under EDDM-Retail are not eligible for Nonprofit prices.

1.4 Fees and Services

There are no annual presort or mailing fees to mail pieces as EDDM-Retail. Ancillary service endorsements are not allowed on pieces mailed as EDDM-Retail flats.

2.0 Content Standards for EDDM-Retail Flats

2.1 Definition and Weight

EDDM-Retail flats are Standard Mail, and are generally subject to Standard Mail eligibility standards, with differences as described in [2.0](#) due to the use of simplified addresses. EDDM-Retail mailpieces consist of mailable matter that is neither mailed nor required to be mailed as First-Class Mail and that is not authorized to be mailed as Periodicals. All EDDM-Retail flats in a mailing must be of identical content, size, and weight and cannot weigh more than 3.3 ounces. Each piece must meet the physical standards for a flat under [101.2.0](#). See [101.2.1](#) for dimensions.

2.2 Personal Information

Personal information may not be included in an EDDM-Retail mailpiece.



143.2.3

2.3 Bills and Statements of Account

Mail containing bills or statements of account as defined in [333.2.2](#) may not be entered as EDDM-Retail mail.

2.4 Handwritten and Typewritten Matter

Mail containing handwritten or typewritten matter may not be entered as EDDM-Retail mail.

2.5 Attachments and Enclosures

EDDM-Retail mailpieces may not have First-Class Mail enclosures or attachments. An EDDM-Retail flat may bear a label, a sticker, or a release card eligible as Standard Mail matter, when affixed under [2.5](#) and [301.1.8.4](#). EDDM-Retail flats may bear repositionable notes under [705.23.0](#). EDDM-Retail flats also may bear other attachments eligible as Standard Mail matter if these additional conditions are met:

- a. The host piece must be at least .009 inch thick.
- b. The attachment is securely attached, not larger than the host piece, and does not extend beyond the host piece.
- c. Each piece in the mailing bears the attachment, and the attachment is of identical size, weight, and positioning on the host piece.
- d. The attachment does not interfere with processing or delivery. Folded or multipage attachments must be secured and sealed to prevent opening during handling.

2.6 Inspection of Contents

EDDM-Retail flats are not sealed against postal inspection.

3.0 Basic Standards for EDDM-Retail Flats

3.1 Basic Standards

EDDM-Retail flats must be part of a saturation flats mailing with all pieces bearing simplified addresses meeting the saturation and addressing standards in [602.3.0](#). Each mailing must consist of 200 or more pieces or 50 or more pounds of mail up to a maximum of 5000 pieces per day per 5-digit ZIP Code. As an exception to this minimum quantity, a mailing to all addresses in a 5-digit ZIP Code area may contain fewer than 200 pieces when there are fewer than 200 deliverable addresses in the entire ZIP Code service area to which the pieces are mailed. All pieces in a mailing must be entered at the designated Post Office servicing the routes and Post Office Box sections to which delivery is intended.

3.2 Forwarding and Return Service

No forwarding or return service is available for pieces mailed as EDDM-Retail.

3.3 Extra Services

No extra services are available with EDDM-Retail mailpieces.

3.4 Additional Standards for EDDM-Retail Flats

Each EDDM-Retail mailing is subject to postage payment standards in [144](#), preparation standards in [145](#), and deposit and entry standards in [146](#). EDDM-Retail flats are not subject to the ZIP Code accuracy or Move Update standards. Additional basic standards for Standard Mail flats in [343.3.0](#) apply to EDDM-Retail flats, unless stated otherwise in [140](#).

