## Automated Business Reply Mail

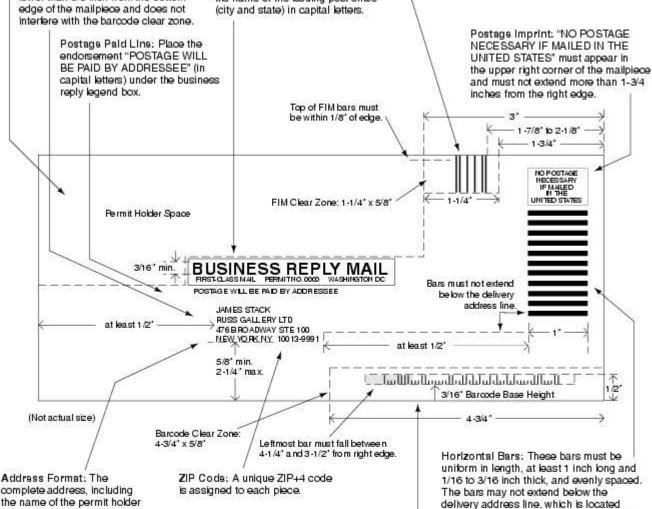


Permit Holder Space: May contain information such as return address, logos, distribution codes, and form numbers.

Company Logo: For barcoded pieces, a company logo is permitted in the address block if it is placed no lower than 5/8 inch from the bottom edge of the mail piece and does not interfere with the barcode clear zone.

Business Reply Legend: The words "BUSINESS REPLY MAIL" are required above the address in capital (uppercase) letters. Immediately below, place the words "FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO." followed by the permit number and the name of the issuing post office (city and state) in capital letters.

Facing Identification Mark (FIM): A FIM pattern (specifically FIM B without barcode or FIM C with barcode) is required on all BRM postcards and letter-size mailpieces. The FIM clear zone must contain no printed matter other than the FIM pattern. FIM bars must be between 1/2 and 3/4 inch high and 0.03125 inch (1/32 inch) (± 0.008 inch) wide.



Before printing, submit proofs of BRM samples to your local post office for advice and approval. Take advantage of this service—it could save you money. Qualified Business Reply Mail pieces must be approved by the USPS before printing. Barcode Location: The POSTNET or Intelligent Mail barcode may be located here or in the address block. The barcode must be a ZIP+4 barcode (delivery point barcodes are not permitted). This area must be free of any printing other than the barcode. A free camera-ready barcode positive may be obtained from your local post office.

state, and ZIP Code.

Dimensions: Between 3-1/2 by 5 inches and 6-1/8 by 11-1/2 inches. To qualify for the card price, cards must be between 3-1/2 by 5 inches and 4-1/4 by 6 inches and between 0.007 and 0.016 inch thick. Larger card sizes are mailable, but they are charged at First-Class Mail letter price.

(company or individual), must

be printed on the mailpiece.

Barcoded pieces measuring more than 4-1/4 inches high or 6 inches long must be at least 0.009 inch thick.

- Additional standards apply to QBRM pieces (507.9.3).
- A surcharge is assessed for nonmachinable letters (101.1.2).

Ink/Paper Colors and Type Styles: Not all colors of paper and/or ink and type styles are compatible with automated equipment. Contact your local post office for guidance.

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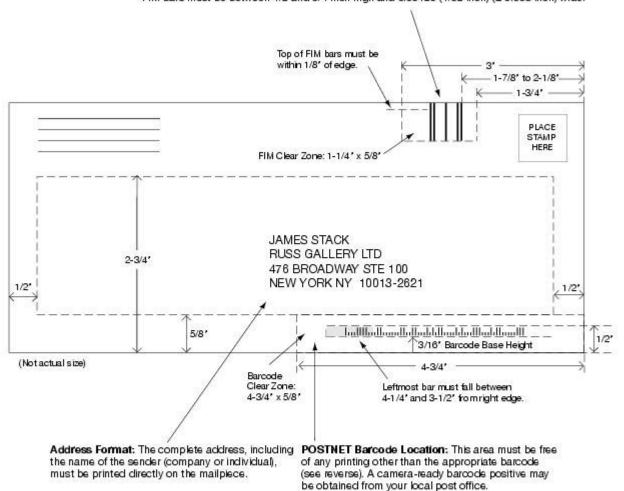
All letter-size reply cards and envelopes (Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, and meter reply mail) provided as enclosures in automa: First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and Standard Mail must meet the standards in 201.3.15.

## Courtesy Reply Mail



Facing Identification Mark (FIM): Use FIM A on all courtesy reply mail postcards and letter-size mailpieces with the appropriate POSTNET barcode. This permits computerized cancellation equipment to align, postmark, and direct the mailpiece properly.

FIM Location: The FIM clear zone must contain no printed matter other than the FIM A pattern. FIM bars must be between 1/2 and 3/4 inch high and 0.03125 (1/32 inch) (± 0.008 inch) wide.



Dimensions: Between 3-1/2 by 5 inches and 6-1/8 by 11-1/2 inches. To qualify for the card price, cards must be between 3-1/2 by 5 inches and 4-1/4 by 6 inches. Larger postcard sizes are mallable, but they are charged at the regular First-Class Mail letter price. Postcard thickness must be between 0.007 and 0.016 inch.

- If letter mail is more than 4-1/4 inches high or more than 6 inches long, it must be at least 0.009 inch thick.
- A surcharge is assessed for nonmachinable letter-size mailpieces (101.1.2).

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