DELIVERY COLOR CODES
FOR DESTINATION ENTRY STANDARD MAIL

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DNDC
Critical Entry Time: 16:00

DAY OF RECEIPT	COLOR CODE APPLIED	DELIVERY DAY
SAT	VIOLET	THU
SUN	YELLOW	FRI
MON	PINK	SAT
TUE	BLUE	MON
WED	BLUE	MON
THU	ORANGE	TUE
FRI	GREEN	WED

DSCF
Critical Entry Time: 16:00

DAY OF RECEIPT	COLOR CODE APPLIED	DELIVERY DAY
SAT	GREEN	WED
SUN	GREEN	WED
MON	VIOLET	THU
TUE	YELLOW	FRI
WED	PINK	SAT
THU	BLUE	MON
FRI	ORANGE	TUE

DDU
Critical Entry Time: 16:00

DAY OF RECEIPT	COLOR CODE APPLIED	DELIVERY DAY
SAT	ORANGE	TUE
SUN	N/A	N/A
MON	GREEN	WED
TUE	VIOLET	THU
WED	YELLOW	FRI
THU	PINK	SAT
FRI	BLUE	MON

Important points concerning color codes:

1. Color coding is an internal Postal Service procedure to ensure the timely processing, dispatch, and delivery of Standard Mail within established service standards.

2. If the Postal Service accepts a mailing before the posted critical entry time (CET) for that day, the day of receipt is designated as the arrival date.

3. If the Postal Service accepts a mailing after the posted CET for that day, the mailing will have an arrival day of the following applicable processing day.

4. Redirected mailings retain service standards associated with original destination entry point.

5. Holidays will not change the application of color codes. However, FAST appointment availability may differ on holidays.

6. Special procedures may apply to non-machinable, non-barcoded letters or flats mailed at saturation, high density, or basic carrier route with requested in-home dates drop shipped to a DDU or DSCF.

PLANNING GUIDELINES

STANDARD MAIL - DESTINATION ENTRY DROP SHIP

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Destination Entry	Service Standards (days to delivery)	Critical Entry Time (CET)	FAST appointment		Color Code	Deliver On
			After CET	Before CET		
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Monday	Tuesday	Blue	Monday
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Tuesday	Wednesday	Blue	Monday
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Wednesday	Thursday	Orange	Tuesday
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Thursday	Friday	Green	Wednesday
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Friday	Saturday	Violet	Thursday
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Saturday	Sunday	Yellow	Friday
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Sunday	Monday	Pink	Saturday
DSCF	4 days	16:00	Wednesday	Thursday	Blue	Monday
DSCF	4 days	16:00	Thursday	Friday	Orange	Tuesday
DSCF	4 days	16:00	Friday	Saturday	Green	Wednesday
DSCF	3 days	16:00	Saturday	Sunday	Green	Wednesday
DSCF	3 days	16:00	Sunday	Monday	Violet	Thursday
DSCF	3 days	16:00	Monday	Tuesday	Yellow	Friday
DSCF	3 days	16:00	Tuesday	Wednesday	Pink	Saturday
DDU	2 days	16:00	Thursday	Friday	Blue	Monday
DDU	2 days	16:00	Friday	Saturday	Orange	Tuesday
DDU	2 days	16:00	Saturday	Monday	Green	Wednesday
DDU	2 days	16:00	Monday	Tuesday	Violet	Thursday
DDU	2 days	16:00	Tuesday	Wednesday	Yellow	Friday
DDU	2 days	16:00	Wednesday	Thursday	Pink	Saturday

Important points concerning destination entry Standard Mail:

1. The service standards listed apply to the contiguous United States.
2. Drop shipments must arrive on time with a valid FAST appointment.
3. National critical entry time for palletized Standard Mail is 16:00 (4:00 p.m.), and 12:00 (Noon) for bedloaded shipments.
4. "Start-the-clock" Day Zero (Day-0) is the date when the clock starts for the purposes of service measurement.
5. Redirected mailings retain service standards associated with original destination entry point.
6. Facility operating hours and FAST's hours of drop shipment are locally determined. Check FAST for slot availability.
7. Holidays will not change the application of color codes. However, FAST appointment availability may differ on holidays.
8. Special procedures may apply to non-machinable, non-barcoded letters or flats mailed at saturation, high density, or basic carrier route with requested in-home dates drop shipped to a DDU or DSCF.

PLANNING GUIDELINES

PERIODICALS AND PACKAGE SERVICES - DESTINATION ENTRY DROP SHIP

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Mail Class (Market Dominant Products)	Destination Entry	Service Standards (days to delivery)	Critical Entry Time			FAST appointment		Delivery
						After CET	Before CET	
PERIODICALS	DNDC	2-3 days	FSS	Bundle Sort Required 3-Digit and Up Container	08:00	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday or Friday
				No Bundle Sort Required 5-Digit / Scheme Container	11:00			
			Non FSS	Bundle Sort Required 3-Digit and Up Container	11:00			
				No Bundle Sort Required 5-Digit / Scheme Container	14:00			
				No Bundle Sort Required Pure Carrier Route Pallet	17:00			
	DADC	1-2 days	FSS	Bundle Sort Required 3-Digit and Up Container	08:00	Thursday	Friday	Saturday or Monday
				No Bundle Sort Required 5-Digit / Scheme Container	11:00			
			Non FSS	Bundle Sort Required 3-Digit and Up Container	11:00			
				No Bundle Sort Required 5-Digit / Scheme Container	14:00			
				No Bundle Sort Required Pure Carrier Route Pallet	17:00			
	DSCF	1 day	FSS	Bundle Sort Required 3-Digit and Up Container	08:00	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
				No Bundle Sort Required 5-Digit / Scheme Container	11:00			
			Non FSS	Bundle Sort Required 3-Digit and Up Container	11:00			
				No Bundle Sort Required 5-Digit / Scheme Container	14:00			
				No Bundle Sort Required Pure Carrier Route Pallet	17:00			
	DDU	1 day	Non FSS	No Bundle Sort Required 5-Digit / Scheme Container	14:00	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				No Bundle Sort Required Pure Carrier Route Pallet	17:00			
Package Services (Standard Post, Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, and Library Mail)	DNDC	3 days	16:00			Wednesday	Thursday	Monday
	DSCF	2 days	16:00			Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
	DDU	1 day	16:00			Friday	Saturday	Monday

Important points concerning destination entry:
1. The service standards listed apply to the contiguous United States.
2. DNDC includes mailings delivered to an Auxiliary Service Center (ASF)
3. Drop shipments must arrive on time with a valid FAST appointment.
4. "Start-the-clock" Day Zero (Day-0) is the date when the clock starts for the purposes of service measurement.
5. Redirected mailings retain service standards associated with original destination entry point.
6. Facility operating hours and FAST's hours of drop shipment are locally determined. Check FAST for slot availability.
7. Color codes are administered by the Postal Service and pertain only to Standard Mail.

PLANNING GUIDELINES

STANDARD MAIL AND PERIODICALS - DESTINATION ENTRY
Drop Shipment Day to Delivery

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STANDARD MAIL
DESTINATION DROP SHIP AT DDU
Before 16:00

DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	TUESDAY
SUNDAY	N/A
MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
TUESDAY	THURSDAY
WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
THURSDAY	SATURDAY
FRIDAY	MONDAY

STANDARD MAIL
DESTINATION DROP SHIP AT DSCF
Before 16:00

DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	WEDNESDAY
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
MONDAY	THURSDAY
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
THURSDAY	MONDAY
FRIDAY	TUESDAY

STANDARD MAIL
DESTINATION DROP SHIP AT DNDC
Before 16:00

DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	THURSDAY
SUNDAY	FRIDAY
MONDAY	SATURDAY
TUESDAY	MONDAY
WEDNESDAY	MONDAY
THURSDAY	TUESDAY
FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY

PERIODICALS
ENTRY AT FSS LOCATION
DESTINATION ENTRY
BUNDLE SORT REQUIRED - 3-DIGIT AND UP CONTAINER
Before 08:00

DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	MONDAY
SUNDAY	MONDAY
MONDAY	TUESDAY
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FRIDAY	SATURDAY

PERIODICALS
ENTRY AT FSS LOCATION
DESTINATION ENTRY
NO BUNDLE SORT REQUIRED - 5-DIGIT/SCHEME CONTAINER
Before 11:00

DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	MONDAY
SUNDAY	MONDAY
MONDAY	TUESDAY
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FRIDAY	SATURDAY

PERIODICALS
ENTRY AT NON - FSS LOCATION
DESTINATION ENTRY
BUNDLE SORT REQUIRED - 3-DIGIT AND UP CONTAINER
Before 11:00

DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	MON, TUE, or WED
SUNDAY	MON, TUE, or WED
MONDAY	TUE, WED, or THU
TUESDAY	WED, THU, or FRI
WEDNESDAY	THU, FRI, or SAT
THURSDAY	FRI, SAT, or MON
FRIDAY	SAT or MON

PERIODICALS
ENTRY AT NON - FSS LOCATION
DESTINATION ENTRY
NO BUNDLE SORT REQUIRED - 5-DIGIT/SCHEME CONTAINER
Before 14:00

DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	MON, TUE, or WED
SUNDAY	MON, TUE, or WED
MONDAY	TUE, WED, or THU
TUESDAY	WED, THU, or FRI
WEDNESDAY	THU, FRI, or SAT
THURSDAY	FRI, SAT, or MON
FRIDAY	SAT or MON

PERIODICALS
ENTRY AT NON - FSS LOCATION
DESTINATION ENTRY
NO BUNDLE SORT REQUIRED - PURE CARRIER ROUTE PALLET
Before 17:00

DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	MON, TUE, or WED
SUNDAY	MON, TUE, or WED
MONDAY	TUE, WED, or THU
TUESDAY	WED, THU, or FRI
WEDNESDAY	THU, FRI, or SAT
THURSDAY	FRI, SAT, or MON
FRIDAY	SAT or MON

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