

PARTS OF A SHIPPING LABEL

Symbols, barcodes, numbers, oh my! There is a lot of information packed onto a parcel shipping label, and although labels may look different from carrier to carrier, a majority of them will have these 8 elements shown below.

1. Origin and Destination Addresses:

In the top left corner, you'll find the "shipping from" address, while the middle section contains the "ship to" address. Additionally, the label displays the package's weight and the number of packages within the shipment.

2. The "Smart Label" with Icon:

Displayed as a square image with a target icon, the "smart label" routes packages efficiently as they travel through conveyor belts in shipping facilities.

3. Destination Details:

This section focuses on the package's destination. The first two letters indicate the state, while the first three numbers represent the initial digits of the zip code. The 9-06 code specifies an internal UPS region and district.

4. Carrier and Service Information:

This part indicates the carrier (e.g., UPS) and the specific service selected for shipping, such as "UPS GROUND," "UPS NEXT DAY AIR," or other available services.



5. Tracking Number:

Easily recognizable, the tracking number enables both the shipper and recipient to monitor the package's location throughout its journey.

6. Primary Barcode for Tracking:

The largest barcode on the label serves as the primary tracking identifier, scanned during package pickup, transit, and delivery.

7. Billing Option:

This area denotes the billing option chosen for the shipment, like "P/P" for pre-paid, "T/P" for third-party billing, or "F/C" for freight collect.

8. Reference Information:

The shipper can include relevant reference details about the package, such as item numbers, names, or category information.

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