

U.S. Postal Service STD-4C Specification Highlights

Effective October 5, 2006, all new designs approved for NEW CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR RENOVATION require U.S. Postal Service STD-4C compliant mailbox systems. The new USPS 4C Standard includes the following specifications:

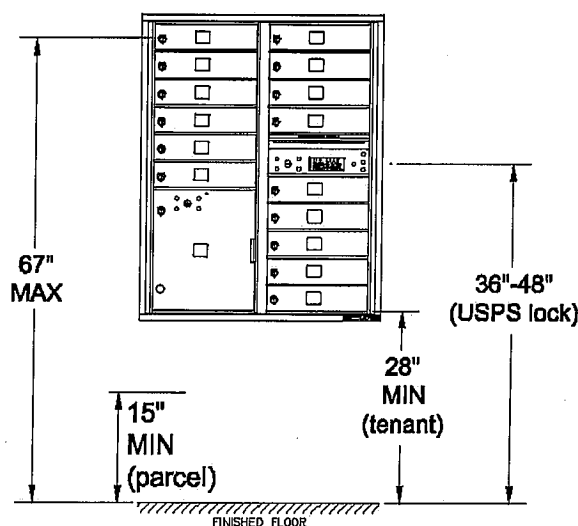
- A new compartment form factor minimum size requirement of 12"w x 15"d x 3"h.
- Eliminates the vertical form factor (5"w x 6"d x 15"h) design.
- Introduces a parcel locker requirement based on a 1:10 parcel locker to customer compartment ratio.
- Strengthens security requirements for the entire receptacle.
- Standardizes and improves tenant compartment lock design.
- Adds testing requirements to verify acceptability for either indoor or outdoor use.
- Introduces quality management systems provisions.
- Enhances design flexibility for concept, ergonomics, and materials.
- Meets Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.



IMPORTANT NOTE TO ARCHITECTS, SPECIFIERS, DESIGN LAYOUT PROFESSIONALS AND INSTALLERS -- Installation/Layout Instructions Specified in USPS Standard 4C -- pages 53821-53832* of the above referenced USPS 4C Standard "Notes" sections specify:

All 4C Units shall be designed such that they are in compliance with the following installation requirements:

- 1. At least one customer compartment shall be positioned less than 48 inches from the finished floor.***
- 2. No parcel locker compartment (interior bottom shelf) shall be positioned less than 15 inches from the finished floor.***
- 3. No patron (tenant) lock shall be located more than 67 inches above the finished floor.***
- 4. No customer compartment (interior bottom shelf) shall be positioned less than 28 inches from the finished floor.***
- 5. The USPS Arrow lock shall be located between 36 and 48 inches above the finished floor.***



ADA Compliance -- the USPS 4C Standard includes a requirement to meet Americans with Disabilities Act** (ADA) standards. (See pg. 53809*) The Americans with Disabilities Act section that covers clear space and reach dimensions is noted below for reference:

ADA Standards for Accessible Design, ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES Appendix A to Part 36 -- Standard for Accessible Design Section 4.2 Space Allowance and Reach Ranges

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/reg3a.html#Anchor-Appendix-52467>