

UK Street/Postcode + DP + Counties "Flat File" Format Tables

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Table	Name	Records	Approx File Size
1. Postcode Master	PCST1112.TAB	1,751,988	140 Mb
2. Delivery Point Master	PCDP1112.TAB	29,977,039	580 Mb
3. Organisations	ORGS1112.TAB	1,418,597	50 Mb

POSTCODE MASTER TABLE

Postcode Id/Sequence	8	Link to DP Table))) Mixed case text) Upper case text)) from Royal Mail "Alias" files) L = Large User, S = Small User, s = Small User Duplicate entry No. of Addresses (Delivery Points)
Unit Postcode	8	
Thoroughfare Name 1	35	
Thoroughfare Name 2	35	
Locality Name 1	35	
Locality Name 2	35	
Post Town	25	
Former Postal County Name	20	
Traditional County Name	20	
Admin County/Area Name	30	
Country Code	1	
Postcode Type	1	
Delivery Point Count	3	
Total	256	

There are an average of approximately 15 individual addresses ("Delivery Points") for each Small User postcode.

An "s" type indicates that the unit postcode covers more than one Thoroughfare and therefore multiple records for the same postcode will be present. Please ensure your search/look-up facilities display all applicable records for these entries!

DELIVERY POINT MASTER TABLE

Postcode Id/Sequence	8	Y = Organisation)) Premise - Mixed Case Text)
Delivery Point Suffix Code	2	
Organisations Flag	1	
Sub-Building Name	30	
Building Name	50	
Building Number	4	
Total	95	

ORGANISATIONS

Postcode Id/Sequence	8	Upper Case Text Upper Case Text Only used on some Large User Postcodes
Delivery Point Suffix Code	2	
Organisation Name	60	
Organisation Dept Name	60	
PO Box	13	
Total	143	

Why do many postcodes show no Thoroughfare or Locality names?

Some Large user postcodes and ALL PO Box codes do not require Thoroughfare or Locality names for mail delivery purposes.

Why don't London postcodes show district names such as "Wimbledon" or "Soho"?

To optimise mail distribution efficiency PAF splits London into 8 distinct postal areas - N/NW/SW/SE/E/EC/W/WC and so district names are not required and are not present on PAF for the London area.