

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

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Table	Name	Records	Approx File Size
1. Postcode Master	PCST0809.TAB	1,759,178	90 Mb
2. Delivery Point Master	PCDP0809.TAB	28,448,418	580 Mb
3. Organisations	ORGS0809.TAB	1,426,854	50 Mb

POSTCODE MASTER TABLE

Postcode Id/Sequence	8	Link to DP Table
Unit Postcode	8	
Thoroughfare Name 1	35)
Thoroughfare Name 2	35)
Locality Name 1	35) Mixed case text
Locality Name 2	35)
Post Town	25	Upper case text
Postcode Type	1	L = Large User, S = Small User, s = Small User Duplicate entry
Delivery Point Count	3	No. of Addresses (Delivery Points)
Total	185	

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

ORGANISATIONS

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