

**UK Street/Postcode "Flat File" Format Table**

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Table	Name	Records	Approx File Size
1. Postcode Master	PCST1006.CSV	1,755,764	100 Mb

POSTCODE MASTER TABLE	
Unit Postcode	8
Thoroughfare Name 1	35
Thoroughfare Name 2	35
Locality Name 1	35
Locality Name 2	35
Post Town	25
Postcode Type	1
Delivery Point Count	3
Total	177

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 ) Mixed case text  
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 Upper case text  
 L = Large User, S = Small User, s = Small User Duplicate entry  
 No. of Addresses (Delivery Points)

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!

*Why are county names not included?*

Postal county names were removed from the main PAF database in December 2000 and are no longer required for mail delivery.

*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.