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 × 15″d × 3″h.
- Eliminates the vertical form factor (5″w × 6″d × 15″h) design.
- Introduces a parcel locker requirement based on a 1:5 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.

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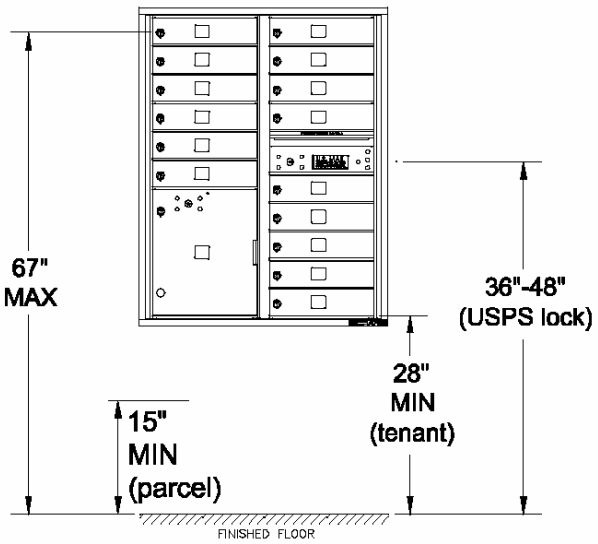
National Mailboxes *4C mailbox suites* are designed to meet or exceed the USPS specifications outlined above and in the *Federal Register/Vol. 69, No. 171/September 3, 2004/Rules and Regulations POSTAL SERVICE, 39 CFR Part 111, Standards Governing the Design of Wall-Mounted Centralized Mail Receptacles.

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

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