

Instructions for the FedEx Package Test Application

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Test procedures

Customers with an active FedEx account can request complimentary package testing that simulates conditions experienced when shipping through our network. We offer ISTA-6-FEDEX-A for FedEx Express^a and FedEx Ground^a shipments; ISTA-6-FEDEX-B for FedEx Express^a Freight shipments; and ISTA 3B for FedEx Freight^a LTL shipments.



Submission guidelines

- Send no more than four packages.
- Include all packaging components and products in the exact configuration you'd send to a customer.
- Be sure that the information you provide on the application is accurate.
- We don't test packages that contain dangerous goods or hazardous materials, except for dry ice. While we can test packages with simulated hazardous materials (sand, water or dummy products), testing does not meet regulatory compliance or offer certification for shipping hazardous materials.
- After completing the application form, attach a copy to the exterior package via pouch or packing list, email the application to packagingservices@fedex.com and send your package to:
 - Attn: Testing FedEx Packaging Lab 789 Progress Road Collierville, TN 38017
- We'll contact you with results via email within 4–6 business days after we receive your package. Only one contact will receive the report for your company.



Preparing the test package

Get the most accurate test results by following the instructions below to ensure your small-parcel and freight shipments arrive to us undamaged. For all shipments, be sure to indicate which packaging components should be removed before testing.

Small-parcel testing

- Place your test package in an outer container as shown in the diagram below.
- For cushioning material, use foam, air-cellular cushioning, packing peanuts or other materials.



Freight testing

- To protect palletized freight shipments, band test packages onto an extra pallet and then overwrap with corrugated pads, angle boards or stretchwrap as shown in the diagram below.
- To protect non-palletized test shipments, send in an overbox or on a single pallet. (No diagram shown.)





Shipping costs

- Testing is complimentary*, but you'll cover the cost of shipping to us.
- If requested, we'll return your package free of charge* via FedEx Ground or FedEx Freight in North America, or for international customers, FedEx Express. Or we'll ship via the FedEx service of your choice at your expense.
- Return shipping for freight packages outside North America must be covered by the customer.
- Packages will be shipped back to a commercial address, not to a residential address.
- We reserve the right to consolidate small packages into one palletized return freight shipment.

*Some conditions apply for certain packages.



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Contact information

Company name FedEx account no. (9 digits) Country

Address City State/Province ZIP/Postal Code

Contact name Contact phone Contact email

Vendor approval program (if yes, provide name) Special instructions

What constitutes a failure for your company?

Alternate return address

Initial package test Retest (previous test number) Describe previous damages to your product.

Complimentary testing

Service: (test procedure)

FedEx Ground (ISTA 6-FedEx-A) Air Freight (ISTA 6-FedEx-B)

FedEx Express (ISTA 6-FedEx-A) LTL Freight (ISTA 3B)

This packaging is:

Current packaging Prototype packaging

Do you ship this product domestically or internationally?

Domestically Internationally (within own country) (multiple countries)

Product name or description

Model no. Approx. value (USD)

The package contains: (check all that apply)

Dry ice Gel packs or ice Electronics

Pharmaceuticals/medical devices

Simulated hazardous materials*

*Note: If you send hazardous materials, we will return or dispose of the packaging and contents at your expense.

I have placed my test package in an overbox/overpack for safe shipment. (see page 1 for info)

Yes (see below) No (test as received)

If yes, what outer packaging needs to be

removed prior to testing?

Pallet Stretchwrap/banding

Wooden crate Corrugated box/pad

I would like my sample(s) returned after test completion.

Yes No

Release & authorization

I release the product and packaging to FedEx for testing. I also release and agree to hold FedEx harmless for any damages or liability for loss of product or packaging submitted to the FedEx Packaging Lab. Federal, legal and regulatory requirements may prevent FedEx from returning certain commodities. For safety reasons, FedEx cannot return packaging that contains leaking products or broken glass.

I agree to the terms stated above.

Name Date

Fast forward your next step

Identifying your packaging issues is step one. Addressing the issues comes next. If you'd like, we can help speed up that process by connecting you with a third-party packaging supplier. Simply check this box, and we'll send the supplier your test package and results. They'll contact you with a packaging solution, no obligation required.*

To submit this form, print and sign it, save it to your desktop and attach it to an email addressed to **packagingservices@fedex.com** with your company name and inbound tracking number in the subject line.

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