

Commonly Encountered Mercury

Visual	Description of Item	Mailability of Item
	<p>Liquid mercury — Often encountered in a wide range of volumes. Reasons for sending include uses for gold reclamation/refinement, preparation of dental amalgams, and element collections.</p>	<p>Domestic Ground – Prohibited Domestic Air – Prohibited International – Prohibited Prohibited as per Section 348.21e</p>
	<p>Mercury barometer — These devices often contain significant amounts of mercury that are not well contained. They have been responsible for several leaks. (Note: Fully digital versions are mailable without restrictions.)</p>	<p>Domestic Ground – Prohibited Domestic Air – Prohibited International – Prohibited Prohibited as per Section 348.21e</p>
	<p>Mercury thermometer — These items may contain significant amounts of mercury in breakable containment (glass). (Modern versions (i.e. digital and those using red liquid, which is alcohol to which red coloring has been added) are mailable without restrictions.)</p>	<p>Domestic Ground – Prohibited Domestic Air – Prohibited International – Prohibited Prohibited as per Section 348.21e</p>
	<p>Mercury sphygmomanometer (blood pressure gauge) — These devices may contain significant amounts of mercury in breakable containment (glass). (Note: Fully digital versions are mailable without restrictions.)</p>	<p>Domestic Ground – Prohibited Domestic Air – Prohibited International – Prohibited Prohibited as per Section 348.21e</p>
	<p>Mercury switch - May exist in a small enough size to get below the 100 mg. limit; however, this would be the exception rather than the rule. If you can see the mercury, it is not mailable.</p>	<p>Domestic Ground – Prohibited Domestic Air – Prohibited International – Prohibited Prohibited as per Section 348.21e, may encounter some that adhere to Section 348.22g</p>
	<p>Mercury relay — May exist in a small enough size to get below the 100 mg. limit; however, this would be the exception rather than the rule. If you can see the mercury, it is not mailable.</p>	<p>Domestic Ground – Prohibited Domestic Air – Prohibited International – Prohibited Prohibited as per Section 348.21e, may encounter some that adhere to Section 348.22g.</p>
	<p>Compact fluorescent lamps — These items contain small amounts of mercury vapor. If broken, there will be no visible mercury and the vapors will readily disperse.</p>	<p>Domestic Ground – Mailable Domestic Air – Mailable International – Prohibited Mailable as per Section 348.22g. See also Packaging Instruction 8C.</p>