

ORM-D Consumer Commodity Shipping



How we ship orders that include ORM-D Consumer Commodities.

Most ORM-D orders will be shipped via the United States Postal Service by parcel post mail (surface). At this time, ORM-D shipments are restricted to destinations in the United States. Since the U.S. Postal Service considers Priority Mail as air, ORM-D commodities cannot be shipped via Priority Mail. Please note that there is a lengthy delivery time for parcel post shipments to arrive.

When shipping to the 48 contiguous states and your shipment contains additional parts or accessories to be shipped with ORM-D consumer commodities, the entire shipment may be made via UPS Ground unless you request items to be shipped separately via a faster method. We will comply with your request; however, the ORM-D consumer commodities will then be shipped via parcel post.

Why do other companies ship ORM-D items by air and you do not?

In order to ship items considered to be hazardous materials by air, including ORM-D Consumer Commodity items, the shipper must be licensed as a hazardous materials shipper. Since we do not have the licensing required to do so, we will not ship by air. We are committed to the safety of our carriers and the public at large.

What does the ORM-D Designation Mean?

ORM-D material is a limited quantity of a hazardous material that presents a low risk of hazard during transportation due to its form, quantity, and packaging. The proper shipping name for all ORM-D material is "Consumer Commodity." Not every hazardous material permitted to be shipped as a limited quantity can qualify as an ORM-D material. The ORM-D category is recognized for use within the United States only. ORM-D materials cannot be sent in international mail. It is packaged in a form intended or suitable for retail sale. Often, the material may be mildly hazardous, but when combined with other hazardous substances, it may represent a significant risk. A simple example is a can of compressed air. Often when cans of compressed air are shipped by airplane, because of the reduced atmospheric pressure resulting from flying at high altitudes, the can of compressed air will explode. While an exploding can of compressed air may not present a significant danger in itself, it can pose a great danger if it explodes in proximity to other volatile products.

Will you ship ORM-D items to non-U.S. Destinations?

No. Since both the U.S.P.S. and UPS carry international shipments as airfreight, ORM-D items cannot be shipped outside of the U.S. at this time.