

# Choosing the best mailbox for your needs – a quick guide

When choosing postboxes or mailboxes for home or business, there are many things to consider and a bewildering number and types and unit to choose from.

To save you time and help you through the selection maze, at Insight Security, we have evaluated hundreds of post boxes and come up with a shortlist of quality units that meet our high standards and value for money criteria, and which we are happy to supply.

All of the Mailboxes we offer are lockable to protect your mail against theft or tampering and those intended for outdoor use provide good protection against the weather. All of our units are highly rated and have received very positive customer feedback.

To avoid unnecessary confusion, we have intentionally limited the number of different postboxes we offer. We have however ensured that whatever your requirement, our range will include a model that's just right for your needs. The chart below indicates which attributes each model satisfies, here's the key to the chart and attributes.

## Colour & Finish

- BL = Black Mailboxes
- WH = White Mailboxes
- CL = Mailboxes available in a range of colour finishes
- SS = Stainless Steel Postbox

## Mail Capacity

- LC = Large Capacity for internal mail storage
- ED = Extra Deep format (over 145mm depth) - more mail storage
- SL = Slimline Design – less than 120mm protrusion from the wall
- CD = Compact Design – small format, ideal for use where space is limited

## Mail Deposit Slot Position

- TL = Top Load Mail Slot
- FL = Front Load Mail Slot
- RA = Rear Access Mail Slot – collects mail posted through your gate or perimeter fence into your mailbox.

## Other Attributes

- WM = Wall Mountable
- BP = Budget Price
- OU = Outdoor Use Design
- AA = Anti-arson protection option

Prod. Code	Product Name	Colour & Finish				Mail Capacity				Mail Slot Position			Other Attributes			
		BL	WH	CL	SS	LC	ED	SL	CD	TL	FL	RA	WM	BP	OU	AA
PB MB04	Grand	●	●			●	●			●			●		●	●
PB MB680	Nordic	●	●	●		●	●				●		●		●	
PB MB02	Elegance	●	●	●				●	●		●		●	●	●	
PB MB03	Contemporary	●	●			●		●		●		●	●	●	●	
PB MB3767	Oslo				●	●		●		●			●		●	
PB MB867	Amsterdam	●	●	●				●		●			●		●	
PB MB913	Comfort	●	●	●		●	●			●			●		●	
PB MB01	Classic	●	●	●							●		●	●	●	
PB MB1899	Venezia		●	●		●	●				●		●		●	
FR MPHGSB	Homeguard		●	●		●		●				●				●
FR MPSAX1	MailPro		●			●		●				●				●

Note: please visit the individual product pages on our website for full details of each postbox

See below / over, for more help.

## Here are a couple of thoughts that may help you to decide which of our Post boxes would best suit your needs and environment.

### How will you use the letterbox?

Most postboxes will accept general mail and small packets, but are not designed to accept parcels.

If you expect to receive magazines or larger type C4 size envelopes among your mail however, you probably need to consider a larger capacity mailbox. Schools and commercial organisations will almost certainly need to consider purchasing a large mailbox given the amount of mail they are likely to receive.

### Where will you position your postbox?

A wall mounted postbox is the most popular choice for domestic users, but as most wall mount letterboxes can also be post fixed to act as a free standing mailbox, their versatility makes them a safe choice for homeowners, businesses, schools, or in fact just about anyone.

If considering fixing an outside letterbox to your building wall, ensure that it won't protrude in a way that obstructs a pedestrian walkway. If that is an issue, one of the slimline models may offer a good solution.

Away from the building, you may want to install your postbox near the perimeter of your property, either as a free standing postbox or mounted on your garden wall or fence (if you do that, your postman will probably love you, especially if you have a long drive to walk up).

Another popular way to install your postbox at the edge of your property is to mount it on the inside of your gate or perimeter fence, so that your mail can be posted straight through a letter slot cut in your gate or fence and drop directly into your postbox.

To use your mailbox this way, you will need a mailbox with a rear access mailslot which will be positioned to align with the letter slot in your gate or fence. When you come to collect your mail, there is no need for you to go outside of your property, you simply walk up to the box mounted on the inside of your fence, unlock and open the mail retrieval door, take out your mail, then lock the box up again ready for your next delivery.

Installing a mailbox on, or by your gate or fence is one of the more popular rural mailbox ideas. Among other advantages of such positioning, is that it reduces the need for visitors to open your gate, which could lead to your dog or other pets escaping out onto dangerous roads outside.

### What colour do you need to blend in with your home or business décor?

Aesthetics is an important consideration when choosing post boxes and whilst black mailboxes are still the most popular choice, whether you are choosing mailboxes for residential or commercial premises you will probably want to consider one that will fit with your building style and décor.

Architect influenced décor of more modern buildings has led to the evolution of post boxes with colours to match, which is why we can now offer a midnight blue or anthracite grey mailbox amongst others.

As mentioned, black remains a favourite colour, but other traditional colours such as white, silver and green are also very popular, and of course a brushed stainless steel finish can look good in many environments.



#### Need more help or information?

the friendly Insight Security team would love to help. tel: **01273 475500** or check out our website <https://www.insight-security.com/postboxes-mailboxes-letterboxes>

