# Frank an envelope

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Let's now create your first piece of franked mail.

The display should be showing a screen similar to the illustration below. This is called the Home Screen.

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- Place your item of mail on the scale and the display will show the weight and date.
- You now need to select the Class of mail you require. Press the button alongside Class and select the carrier Royal Mail/An Post. Use the Page Up or **Page Down** buttons to scroll until the Class you wish to use is visible and then press the button alongside it to select it.
- Envelope Messaging prints alongside your frank. To select your preferred Envelope Message, press the button alongside Ad. Use the Page Up or Page **Down** buttons to scroll until the Envelope Message you wish to use is visible and then press the button alongside it to select it. (To ensure your Envelope Message prints automatically in future, see Pre-setting Options).
- Position the envelope against the registration wall and slide it to the right until the Franking Machine grasps it. The Franking Machine prints the digital meter stamp and ejects the envelope.



## **Problems?**

- Can't see the personalised Envelope Message you ordered? See Envelope Messaging
- Want to pre-set the franking machine to automatically print your preferred Envelope Message? See **Pre-setting Options**.
- Want to learn more about using your new franking machine? See Using your franking machine.

## **Data Capture**

Your DM300c/400c is a postal authority compliant system. At regular interval, it has to connect to the Pitney Bowes Data Centre to provide usage data to Royal Mail. The connection will normally happen in the background without you needing to do anything.

If the connection was not made due to your franking machine being turned off, or some other connection problem, the display says 'Data Upload Due'. To connect, select Connect Now.

If, for any reason, a connection has not been made within the 'grace' period allowed by Royal Mail or An Post, the display says 'Data Upload Required'. In this case, you **MUST** make a connection before your franking machine will allow you to continue processing mail.

## Envelope messaging

It can take up to about 10 days to create your personalised Envelope Message and if it's not available for download during the installation process, email envelopemessagingqueries@pb.com to see when it is going to be ready. When it is available, carry out a software update as described below to download it into your franking machine.

You can carry out a software update at any time, which automatically downloads any new Envelope Messaging or software updates allocated to your account. To do this:

### • Press Options.

- Use the Page Down button to scroll to Data Centre Options then press the button alongside it to select it. • Select Check for Updates.
- Your franking machine connects with the Pitney Bowes Data Centre and • indicates if any updates are available. Follow the prompts on the screen to start the download

If at any time you would like a new Envelope Message for your franking machine, just visit our website at **www.pitneybowes.co.uk/envelopemessaging** Alternatively, log-in to My Account and click on the Envelope Messaging link at the right hand side of the My Account home screen.

To make your franking machine automatically select your preferred Envelope Messaging when you frank mail, see 'Pre-setting options'.

## Pre-setting options

It's advisable to pre-set some options on your franking machine, as this could save time and possibly prevent errors later. Your franking machine has a 'Normal Preset' for your most used settings which will be set automatically every time the franking machine is turned on or woken from its 'sleep' mode. There are also 10 other 'Custom Presets' that can be recalled with a few button presses. We suggest that you pre-set options for Envelope Messaging and Carrier/Postal Class, but this is entirely up to you.

## Creating a preset

You don't have to program the values into the preset memory. Instead, the franking machine memory takes a "snapshot" of the current values on your franking machine. For example, if the machine is set up to print a certain Envelope Message and Second Class is selected, these will be used to define the preset.

If you require more information about presets, please refer to the Operating Guide supplied with your franking machine.

### To store your 'Normal Preset'...

To create the 'Normal Preset', ensure that the display shows the values that you would like to save, then follow the instructions below. • Press Options.

- Press Page Down and select Preset Options.
- Select Set Normal Preset.
- Select **OK** to store the preset.
- Press **Home** to return to the Home Screen ready for franking.

Your new 'Normal Preset' is now stored.

## To recall your 'Normal Preset' at any time...

Simply press the Normal Preset button.

# Using your franking machine

Now that you've installed your franking machine, you'll probably want to learn more about its many features.

An **Operating Guide** that covers all aspects of your franking machine is provided. This gives more detail of how your franking machine works, and how you can use it to process your post. In particular...



- Chapter 3 describes how to run mail and how to select your Envelope Messaging.
- Chapter 4 describes setting up the 'Normal Preset' so that your system automatically loads your 'standard' settings, including your preferred Envelope Messaging, etc.
- Chapter 7 describes how to fit the moistener.
- DM300M systems are supplied with the kit that allows use of INVIEW Postage Reporting. Documentation for using INVIEW is contained in Chapter 12 of the Operating Guide. Details of fitting the INVIEW kit to your franking machine are available on the web. Go to **www.europe.pb.com/docs** and enter the access code **9691**.

#### Ordering consumable supplies

Whether it's ink or envelopes for your franking machine, or the more day-to-day routine items like pens and pads to help you manage your office we're here to help. Thousands of our customers have found that we can provide excellent quality goods at very affordable prices, and backed by our fantastic quality guarantee you can't go far wrong.

To find out more about what we can offer just visit our online shop at www.pitneybowes.com. However, if you would like to speak to someone or have any queries about your consumable supplies, just give us a call on **08444 992992** (UK) or 01 4608744 (ROI).

- An online site where you can access most of the information to manage your business with Pitney Bowes:
- Display account information and invoices.
- Review the status of your orders and track their progress.
- Manage your contact and account information. • Access technical support.

To access My Account, go to **www.pbmyaccount.co.uk** and for your first visit only, register. To register, you will need your Account Number which can be found on a recent invoice or statement (not PurchasePower).

# Franking machine installation guide -DM300c/DM400c

## Read now BEFORE you unpack your equipment





Sometimes you might need a little help with the installation of your franking machine, here's a few of the more common problems and resolutions for them.

#### Problems connecting when using a LAN (network) connection

• Check that PC's on your network can access the internet. Check you have either the 10 or 100 indicator on the network adapter lit and the ACT indicator may flash. If no indicators are lit, check the network cable and network connection socket or router.

#### Problems connecting when using PC Meter Connect™

• Make sure the USB cable is connected between the franking machine and the PC.

• Check that your PC is running and has an internet connection.

#### You cannot meet the requirements of LAN or PC Meter Connect™ connection

If you do not have a LAN connection or an internet enabled PC available to allow your franking machine to connect to the Pitney Bowes Data Centre, please give us a call on 08444 992992 (UK) or 01 4608744 (ROI) to discuss other possible options.

#### Balance too low

You have tried to add more postage than you have available in your Postage by Phone account. Try again with a lower refill amount that is a multiple of  $\pm 50/ \pm 50$ (£50/€50, £100/€100, £150/€150, etc.).

#### Envelope messaging not available

See the Envelope Messaging section on the left.

You have tried to install your franking machine before Royal Mail/An Post have fully approved your licence. Please wait 24 hours and try the installation again.

You have tried to refill with an amount that is not a multiple of  $\pounds 50/\pounds 50$ . Please try again with an amount that is a multiple ( $\pounds$ 50/ $\pounds$ 50,  $\pounds$ 100/ $\pounds$ 100,  $\pounds$ 150/ $\pounds$ 150, etc.).

If you're still having trouble, then visit http://www.pitneybowes.com and select your country. Products > Meter/Mailing Systems > DM300c, DM400c and DM475 or give us a call on **08444 992992 (UK)** or 01 4608744 (ROI)



## **Continue reading below**

# Right, let's get your franking machine up and running quickly...

Let's first get together the things you will need:

- The box containing your new franking machine.
- A letter from Royal Mail or An Post titled 'Your Licence'.

If you have not received the letter from your postal authority, do not go any further with this installation. Please contact Royal Mail or An Post customer services. If they ask you for the franking machine serial number, it can be found on a label on the outside of the box.

If you have everything you need, check that the serial numbers on your box and the letter are identical. If they are, continue to work through this set-up. If not, call Pitney Bowes on 08444 992992 (UK) or 01 4608744 (ROI).

Installation requires contact with our Data Centre. Please only attempt installation during the opening hours of 8am to 8pm weekdays or 8am to 5pm weekends and public holidays.

If you have these items lets get your system up and running. Open this guide *fully* and follow **steps 1 - 10**.







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Here's a diagram and explanation of the items you should find in your box, if anything is missing give us a call on 08444 992992 (UK) or 01 4608744 (ROI). Depending on how you install your franking machine, you might not need all of these items.

If you have any problems during this installation, refer to 'Troubleshooting' D/Franking Machine □ Scale □ Stacker





🖵 USB Cable



Power Cord

Print Head (in plastic packaging)

Blue or Red Postage Meter Tape Strips Ink Cartridge



Network Adapte

Scale

**Connector Cover** 



🖵 LAN (network)

Cable

Moistener Sealing Solution



Package contains USB memory stick and other components

INVIEW Kit

# Decide where to site your system and how to connect it

#### Please **DO NOT** connect power until instructed.

Your franking machine has to connect to the Pitney Bowes Data Centre to add postage funds, get software updates, and carry out the required Royal Mail or An Post updates.

This connection is made via the internet using your LAN (network). This provides a constant connection for ease of use and trouble free communications.

#### LAN (Network) Connection



If you're unsure about the requirements for LAN connection or you are using a proxy server, nline I AN quide can help. Go to **www.europe.pb.com/docs** and enter download the guide.

Wireless networking is not covered in this document. If you wish to connect usingf Wi-Fi, please contact Pitney Bowes.

As a backup and only if you cannot provide a direct connection to your network, you can use the free Pitney Bowes PC Meter Connect™ (PCMC) software to connect via any PC with an internet connection.

PCMC Con If you have a PC Meter Co	nection (Internet connection via your PC) PC with an internet connection nearby, you can install the free Pitney Bowes Innect™ (PCMC) software and use the PC's internet connection.		
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Backup connecton method if LAN not possible.	Requires a PC with an active internet connection to be nearby and turned on. The PC must run Windows Vista or 7 and have Pitney Bowes PCMC software installed. PCMC is not available for Mac.		

If you cannot meet the requirements of either connection method, refer to Troubleshooting overleaf.

You must also ensure that the franking machine has a constant power supply and you have space around it to work.

3 Prepare Your Machine



3.1 Open ink access cover and remove tape and shipping material



3.3 Close feed deck by lifting it and rotating clearance lever anticlockwise.



3.2 Remove shipping foam and tapes.



3.4 Push the tape lever to the right and drop tapes into the slot. The printable side of the tape should be facing towards the right.



Follow the relevant section below for the connection method you've chosen:

### 4a. LAN (network) connection

Connect the franking machine to your network as shown below:



**WARNING:** Always plug the equipment into a properly grounded wall outlet. The socket outlet should be near the equipment and should be easily

accessible. Use the mains lead supplied with your equipment.

Plug the power cord into a convenient outlet and into the machine. Turn the power switch ON.

When power is turned on, you should see either the 10 or 100 indicator on the network adapter light and the ACT indicator may also flash. If none of the indicators light, check your router/network socket is working correctly before proceeding with **step 5**.

#### 4b. PCMC Connection (Internet connection via your PC)

Before you connect your franking machine to your PC, you need to install our **FREE PC Meter Connect<sup>™</sup> software**. To do this, you must have administrator rights on your PC which may require you to contact your IT department. Please note that the software is not Mac compatible.

To install, visit www.europe.pb.com/PCMeterConnect/setup.exe and choose the 'Run' option. Select 'English (United Kingdom)' as your installation language and follow the on-screen instructions. This process installs the software and tests your franking machine connection.

When complete, return to **step 5** of this guide to complete the franking machine installation.









# Connect to the outside world

# Install the print head and ink cartridge



5.1 When the display asks 5.2 Flip open the you to install the Print Head, open the top cover.





5.3 Remove the print head from its packaging and peel the tape strip from the print head. DO NOT touch the contacts on the print head.



5.4 Slide the print head pegs down into the grooves.



to the left until it clicks into position.

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to close.

position and click

5.7 Insert the cartridge. 5.8 Return the guard The ridges on the cartridge slide into the grooves.



guard.

5.5 Push the print head 5.6 Unwrap the ink cartridge making sure the tape is removed from the bottom of the



cartridge.

5.9 Close the top cover. The franking machine will now go through a setup cycle which takes up to 2 minutes.



You must now fit and configure the scale.

The system can operate with its integrated scale **OR** an external USB platform, but not with both. If you have purchased an external USB platform, install it as described in the right hand column and do not install the integrated platform which may have been supplied with your system.



Integrated Scale Position the scale as shown. Plug the connector on the scale into the matching connector on the franking machine.

When the display asks you to enter the scale location code, key in the correct scale code for your location from the map and select **OK**.



**External Platform** Connect the USB cable between the platform and the DM300c/400c as shown. Fit the scale connector cover.





# 8 Add postage funds

You need to add funds to your franking machine before you can use it.

### **Connect to the Pitney Bowes Data Centre**

The franking machine automatically connects with the Data Centre and, after a short delay, displays your account balance.

### Adding funds

You now need to add postage to your franking machine.

- Select **Refill Postage**.
- Enter the amount you wish to add and then select **OK**. This refill amount must be in increments of £50/€50.
- Confirm the amount to add by selecting Yes.
- The franking machine communicates with the Data Centre to add postage and • confirms when complete.
- The display asks if you would like a receipt. Select **Print Receipt** and press the **Tape** button to print your receipt on a tape strip.



**Good print** - no broken lines in the centre of the test print



#### Good quality – select **Yes**.

Poor guality – select **No**, the franking machine goes through another set-up cycle and when complete you should try the test print again. (If you have NO print, check that you have removed the tape from the print head at step 5.3).

### IMPORTANT

It is very important that the print from your franking machine is of a good quality. If you do not have a good quality print, Royal Mail may refuse or be unable to read the information automatically, this might result in a delay in delivering your post.

# Check for updates

Your franking machine now automatically checks for any new software, including any new Envelope Messages associated with your account.

If the display asks if you wish to install the updates, always select 'GET UPDATE NOW' or your franking machine will not complete its installation correctly. DO NOT switch the machine off during the update process.

The display shows the status of the update. When it shows 'System Update Complete', select **Return Home**. The display may also tell you when the next data upload is planned and/or whether daylight savings time has been set. These prompts are for information only, just select Continue or OK.

### Congratulations - your franking machine is now ready to use. Turn the page and follow Step 10 to frank your first piece of mail.

# 6 Carry out a test print

When prompted to make a test print select **Yes**, then press **Tape** to print a tape strip. The franking machine automatically begins printing.

Review the quality of the test print.





**Bad print** - broken lines in the centre of the test print