What Can I Do If My Adafruit Order Has Not Arrived?

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Locating Your Package

Here's a handy guide for how to locate your package and the steps to take if your package is late or does not arrive.

Track A Package

You should have been sent a tracking number with your shipping confirmation mail. If you cannot locate the tracking number you can look it up by checking your order status. (Click here for directions on checking your order status.) (https://adafru.it/dEl)

Once you locate your order, click on the tracking number under "Status" to track the package. The link will direct you to the shipping carrier's tracking system.

The tracking numbers will look different depending on the shipping method you chose. Below is the tracking number format for each shipping method.

UPS - 1Z71EY##########

USPS Domestic - 9#################

USPS First Classs International - LN########US

USPS Priority Express International - EC########US

DHL Express - 159#######

What If My Order Is Taking Longer Than The Estimated Shipping Time?

First check the Adafruit shipping info (https://adafru.it/dEm) page for estimated shipping times to see if your package is late. If it is taking longer than the longest estimated date, click on the shipping method relating to your package below for the
next steps!

- **USPS Domestic** [https://adafru.it/dEB](https://adafru.it/dEB)

- **UPS Domestic** [https://adafru.it/dED](https://adafru.it/dED)

- **USPS International** [https://adafru.it/dEC](https://adafru.it/dEC)

- **DHL Express Worldwide** [https://adafru.it/Cdh](https://adafru.it/Cdh)

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**Adafruit UPS Domestic**

If you chose UPS as your shipping method please check your tracking number [https://adafru.it/dFp](https://adafru.it/dFp) for the latest updates about your order.

If the order is past due, there is no scheduled delivery date, or the tracking information lists an exception or note that the package has stopped moving on to its destination, please contact customer support [https://adafru.it/dB4](https://adafru.it/dB4) and we will file a trace.
USPS Domestic is traditionally cheaper, but does not provide detailed tracking. If you select USPS as a shipping option you can either choose First Class or Priority. Below is the difference between these two shipping options.

Please note that we no longer offer USPS to some regions due to difficulties delivering reliably to customers there.

- **USPS Domestic First Class** packages are un-trackable. Once it has been sent it's pretty much outside of our control. There is no way to track packages! There may be delivery confirmation with 1st class, but it's not the same as tracking! It is also not a time-guaranteed service. First class mail can take up to 2 weeks. First class mail is low cost and used at your own risk. We only permit it for orders under $200. Insurance is automatically calculated and added to your order. Lost package claims may be filed between 45 and 90 days after shipment. USPS has experienced many slow downs and delays - [here's an overview](https://adafruit.it/dGv) of what we've seen for some customers.

- **Priority Mail** has delivery confirmation (which is not tracking, but will let you know when the package has been delivered) Insurance is automatically calculated and added to your order. Priority mail can take up to 3-5 business days once shipped.
About Delivery Confirmation

Delivery Confirmation is a semi-tracking system by the USPS. A package will usually be scanned a couple times on its way to you. Sometimes it is not scanned at all. If you notice that a package does not have a scan but we have emailed you that it shipped, don't worry! Unlike UPS/FedEx, it's not unusual for a package to make it all the way to you without a scan until it is actually delivered.

What Do I Do If My Package Is Late?

If your order does not arrive by the above mentioned time, please contact the USPS directly through your local post office to inquire about the status of your package.

Often times, your package is at your local post office waiting for you. Look for a 'pink slip' indicating your package is at the post office. You may need to bring that slip and/or identification to pick up the package.

If they are unable to assist you, please contact Adafruit Customer Support (https://adafruit.us/118).

Adafruit USPS International Orders

First Class International

First class international is untrackable. Once it's been sent it's out of our control. There is no way to track it and there is no proof of delivery or shipment. (That's why
it’s so low cost!). It also doesn't have expedited brokerage, which means packages can "sit in customs" for up to 4-6 weeks. Although this is rare it does happen. Packages are sometimes not delivered at all (1% of cases), so this method is to be used at your own risk! However, it is generally fairly dependable, arriving with a week or two 95% of the time. Insurance is automatically calculated and added to your order. Lost package claims may be filed between 45 and 90 days after shipment. It is not a recommended service and only permitted for orders under $300.

All packages out of NYC go through the sorting station in Jamaica, NY - a suburb of NYC. This is not the same as Jamaica the country! If you see Jamaica on your tracking page it doesn't mean it is in the Carribean, rather that it has gone to the main international sorting station and is on its way to you.

What Do I Do If It's Late?

If it is past 90 days and your First Class package has not arrived please contact your local post office and customs agency to see if your package has arrived and you haven't been notified. Often times, your post office has the package and wants you to pay the import tariffs before it hands it over.

Priority Mail Express (EMS)

Priority Mail Express International service service comes with tracking and is insured. It is more expensive but has expedited brokerage which means your package will zip through customs and has the added protection of $100 free insurance coverage. Additional insurance, if necessary, is automatically calculated and added to your order. We've rarely had an express package lost (although sometimes it will be returned if the destination address is wrong), and it is recommended for international packages.

There is basic tracking available with EMS packages but it is not unusual for there to be only a few scans on it's way to you!

All packages out of NYC go through the sorting station in Jamaica, NY - a suburb of NYC. This is not the same as Jamaica the country! If you see Jamaica on your tracking page it doesn't mean it is in the Carribean, rather that it has gone to the main international sorting station and is on its way to you.
What Do I Do If It's Late?

If you have not received your International Priority Express package within 5 business days, please contact your local post office and customs agency to see if your package has arrived there and you haven’t been notified.

Often times, your post office has the package and wants you to pay the import tariffs before it hands it over.

If you are still unable to locate your order, please contact Adafruit Customer Support (https://adafruit.it/dNL).

Adafruit DHL Express Worldwide

If you chose DHL Express Worldwide as your shipping method please check your tracking number (https://adafruit.it/dFp) for the latest updates about your order.

If the order is past due, there is no scheduled delivery date, or the tracking information lists an exception or note that the package has stopped moving on to its destination, please contact customer support (https://adafruit.it/dB4) and we will file a trace.

What To Expect When You Choose USPS As A Shipping Method