



A few words about our shipping charges: UPDATED July 15, 2026

The return of FedEx shipping to our website!

After almost a year of struggling to stabilize our shipping rates and making them as affordable as we can, we have FedEx shipping BACK and are no longer using UPS. (We're still also using USPS)

This is very good news for larger shipments in the U.S. (more than 7 pounds total) and especially good news for foreign shipments (outside the U.S.). Depending on the size of the shipment and shipping method, costs are now 20-60% lower.

It's good news but be aware, the increases are still constant: 2-3 times a year for USPS, with other shippers usually following suit.

And because of tariffs and customs, we still can no longer ship the most recent issue [and a gift issue] to NEW subscribers outside the U.S. Once you subscribe, your subscription will begin with the next available issue. For example, if you sign up for a new subscription in July, the first issue you will receive will be the September – October issue. Subscription issues are mailed from the printer and are thus considered “periodicals” and are *not supposed* to be subject to customs charges to the subscriber (although we're getting some reports of tariffs being charged). All other back issues or books ordered from the website are subject to the customs charges of the country they are shipped to.

But, please note, we are now also including a FREE DIGITAL VERSION OF A GIFT ISSUE AND THE MOST RECENT ISSUE when you sign up for a new paper subscription for outside the U.S. We know that not everyone likes or uses digital, but we are providing this extra bonus for those that want to take advantage of these free issues before their new paper issue arrives in the mail.

Please know that **OUR SHIPPING CHARGES TO YOU ARE THE COMMERCIAL RATES WE ARE CHARGED** by our fulfillment center in Tucson, AZ, USA to ship our books and back issues to you— we do not add anything to these charges.

Also, our handling fee (currently just \$7) covers what our fulfillment center charges us to pull and pack your order. It also covers the cost for the packing materials: the box, bubble wrap and any corner protectors [for books]. **WE DO NOT ADD ANYTHING TO THIS FEE.**

Shipping charges are based on the total weight of the item(s) and where the item(s) is(are) being shipped. A phone number is required, especially for International Delivery in case there are charges for customs or taxes. **We cannot be responsible for customs or taxes because every country is different.**

The only way to avoid shipping charges is to purchase items digitally. Almost all of our back issues [and a couple of our books] are available digitally. For more information on these, go to MineralogicalRecord.com/all-digital-issues.