

What the format?!

Why these formats drive direct mail success.

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Gundir P©stReminder

About Mike Gunderson

- I have been the President of Gundir (previously Gunderson Direct) for over 21 years and have been in the DM game for over 26 years.
- ✓ In my 21 years at Gundir, we have beat control packages over 80% of the time by at least a 15% lift.
- I recently created PostReminder, a direct response platform that allows prospects to set a reminder for your direct mail offer or event.



We make opening the mail a rewarding experience.

Gundir is one of the largest direct response-focused agencies in the United States.

- Founded in 2003
- Full-service direct mail agency based in the Bay Area, CA
- A Top Direct Marketing Agency as rated by Clutch, The Manifest, and Growth Marketing Pro, also a Inc. 5000 Fastest Growing Company













Why These Formats drive direct mail success



What to test?

Format	Offer		
4×6 Postcard	FREE (name i		
6×9 Postcard	BOGO		
6×11 Postcard	Gift Card (dig		
Self Mailer 6×18	Guide		
Self Mailer in Envelope	Trial period		
Invitation Pack	rinancial revi		
6×9 Letter Pack 8.5×14	Estimate/pro		
#10 Letter Pack 8.5×11	Money back		
#10 Letter Pack 8.5×14	Consultation		
#10 Check letter	Special rate		
Snap Pack (3 panel)	Waive set-up		
Catalog	Pre-approve		
Mini-catalog	\$\$ of a certai		
9×12 OE Flat	Extra service		
Dimensional	Discount ma		
Flat 9×12 flyer—cover stock	% Off		
	ROI calculate		
Format add ons + treatments	Sweepstake		
Insert	Stickers		
Tip-on Card	Tickets		
Brochure	White Paper		
Flier			
Dropnote	Offer attribu		
Sticker/label	Unique code		
Tchotchke	Promo code		
Sticky Note	Purl / Vanity u		
Booklet	Physical cou		

Extended/die-cut envelope Perf'd peel and reveal tab on OE

Interesting OE windows/reveals

Spot varnish

Raised Spot UV Foil Stamping Embossing

Spot UV

Scent

Messaging/Copy Brand name it) Savings mpetition/Compa rd (digital fullfillment) New to market **Product Details** al review From the president e/proposal From the sales rep back guarantee From the customer tation Descriptive Steps/process Instructional set-up fee proved Focus on offer certain amount Appeals Emotional ervice Affinity/partnership nt match Credibility Personalization lculator stakes/Contest Social proof Seasonal Celebrity affiliation Urgency Before/After ttribution Problem/Solution code Long form Short form code (Generic) anity url (landing page) Exclusivity hysical coupon/tip-on Fear Current events Reciprocity Authority Scarcity

Format

4x6 Postcard

6x9 Postcard

6x11Postcard Self Mailer 6x18 Self Mailer in Envelope Invitation Pack 6x9 Letter Pack 8.5x14 #10 Letter Pack 8.5x11 #10 Letter Pack 8.5x14

#10 Check letter Snap Pack (3 panel) Catalog Mini-catalog 9x12 OE Flat Dimensional

Flat 9x12 flyer—cover stock

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New Baby

Anniversary

Engaged

Empty nest

Transactional

Current events

High School Graduate

Parental

URL (generic/vanity/Purl) Phone (generic/vanity)

Response Channels

Indicia **Designed Indicia**

Multiple stamps Branded Stamp - First class

Postage type

Non-profit

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Pre-sort Standard

Pre-sort First Class

Postage indication

15 Days 1 Month 2 Months Quarterly

5 Days

10 Days

Remail OE text

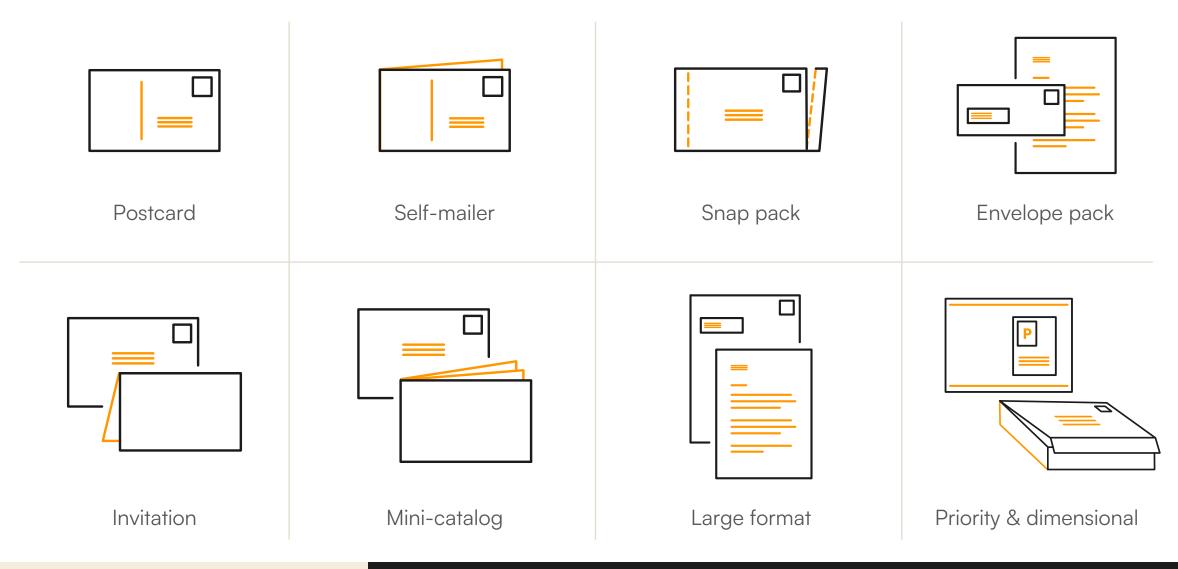
Remail Cadence

Second Notice **Final Notice** Offer Extended Deadline Extended Reminder Follow up

Attending college College graduate Birthday Age

Gundir

Formats we \forall to start with





Use size, shape, or texture to make your mail stand out. This triggers the Von Restorff Effect things that are different from their surroundings get noticed and remembered.

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Postcard

A postcard with a simple, easy-tounderstand message, impactful imagery, and a great offer can effectively drive response.

Pros: Low cost, easy to design, and easy to produce.

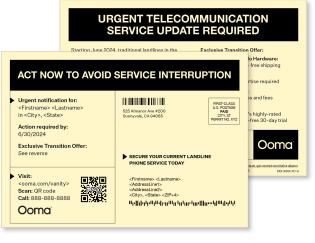
Cons: Less room to describe the product or service, can not contain private information.

Best for: Retail, real estate, announcements, and sale events.















Self-mailer

Self-mailers are single-piece mailers that are folded and sealed. They can be designed creatively to catch your prospects attention.

Pros: Cost-effective, engaging design potential, and more space for images and copy.

Cons: Susceptible to wear and tear and have space constraints.

Best for: New brand awareness, product launches, and sales promotions.















Stealth vs. promotional

Why use a stealth design?

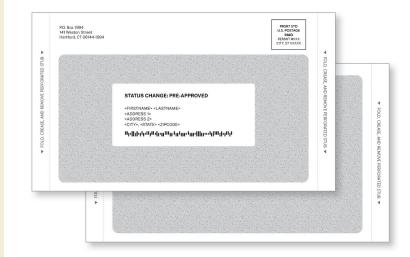
- Unknown brand or new
 to market service
- Highly commodifized product or service
- When it needs to get past the gatekeeper

Why use a promo design?

- Great offer and
 easy-to-understand CTA
- Well-known brand or service
- Highly transactional product
 or service













Snap pack

Snap packs are pressure-sealed mailers that include perf off sides. They are often used for official documents and urgent communications.

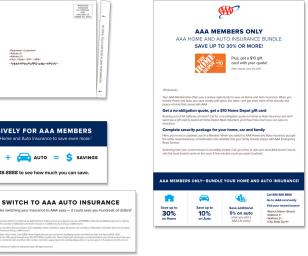
Pros: Secure and tamper proof, professional appearance, and the ability to include confidential information.

Cons: Less real estate to tell your story and stringent design specs.

Best for: Financial services, insurance offers, and official communications.











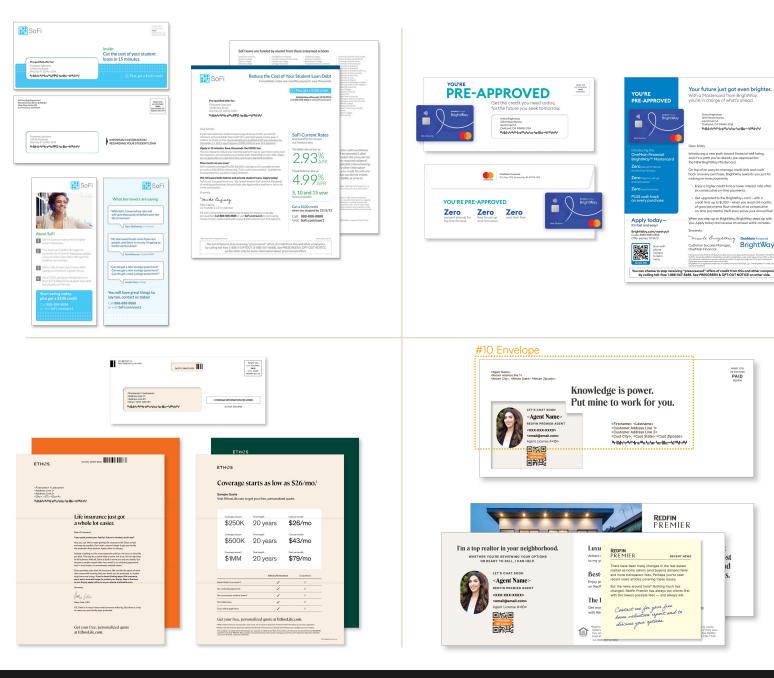
Envelope packages are traditional letters/fliers sent in envelopes. Stealth letters are more discreet, while promo letters are designed to attract attention.

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Pros: Personal and professional, can include multiple inserts, high engagement potential.

Cons: Higher cost and more preparation time to produce.

Best for: Personal communication, high-value offers, and detailed information.





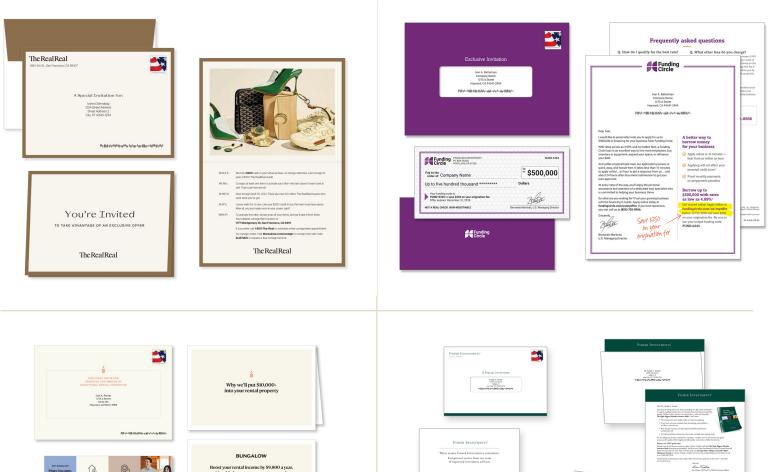
Invitation

Invitation mailers are designed to look like exclusive event invitations. They create a sense of importance and anticipation for the recipient.

Pros: High perceived value, personal touch, and are great for event marketing.

Cons: Higher cost, may require more intricate design and production.

Best for: Events, exclusive offers, and VIP experiences.











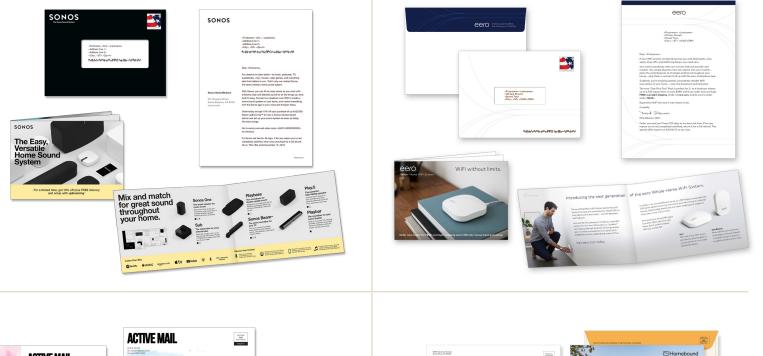
Mini-catalog

Mini-catalogs or Slimjim catalogs, are compact booklets, usually 8-24 pages. Gundir's are frequently mailed within an envelope and include a letter.

Pros: Distinct, thicker appearance and are great for product or service marketing.

Cons: More design intensive and higher production costs.

Best for: Seasonal promotions, storytelling and showcasing products.







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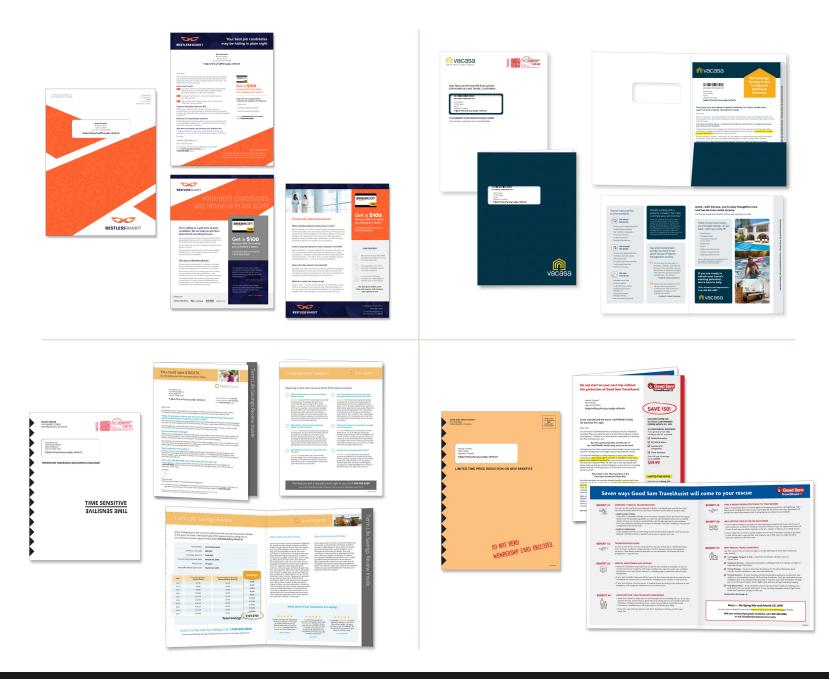
Large format

Large format packs utilize an oversized envelopes (9x12) that stand out in the mail. They provide ample space for content and can include multiple inserts.

Pros: High impact, more space for content, and they get noticed in the mail.

Cons: Higher postage cost and more expensive to produce.

Best for: B2B ABM initiation and more complex service or product offerings.







Priority & dimensional

Priority Mail, FedEx, and UPS mailers are faster shipping options that convey urgency.

Dimensional mailers are especially attention-grabbing and memorable with their unique shapes and interactive elements.

Pros: Fast delivery, high perceived importance, and nearly a 100% open rate.

Cons: More design intensive and higher postage and production costs.

Best for: Urgent communications, high-priority offers, enterprise and high-value clients.







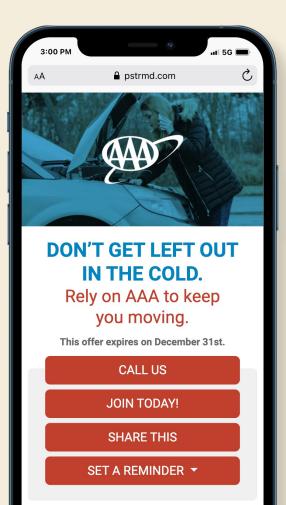
What The FOMO

There is no fear of missing out with our enhanced QR code technology — PostReminder



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PostReminder for direct mail



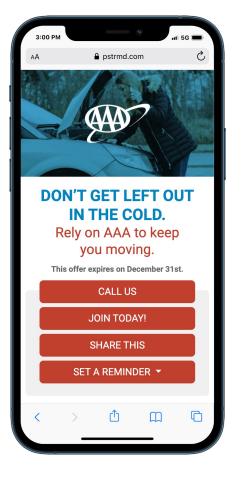
Your prospects won't miss out on your offer and you won't miss out on great prospects.

- With PostReminder, prospects can respond instantly, set a reminder, or share your offer with friends and family
- Your prospects will receive scheduled alerts to engage and encourage them to respond throughout your promotion
- You will receive detailed analytics to see how your mail performed and how your prospects engaged



How PostReminder works





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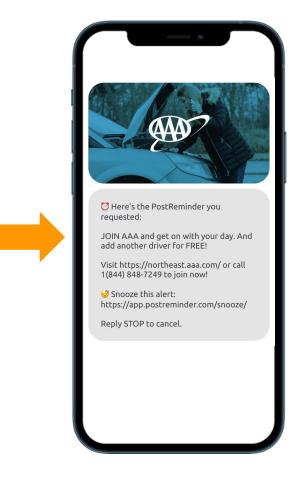
weeks

or even

months

go by

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