Part PAF Data Notes

Introduction

Part PAF contains the PAF data elements relating to a thoroughfare only – that is, not data relating to an individual building pr premise is included. All text on PAF products is held in upper case.

Field Description

Field Name	Type	Width
Thoroughfare	Text	255
Street	Text	255
Double Dependent Locality	Text	35
Dependent Locality	Text	35
Post Town	Text	30
Postcode	Text	8
Postcode Type	Text	1
Mailsort SSC	Text	5

Notes

Address Details

An address is composed of the following address elements.

Premise Elements

- Sub Building Name
- Building Name
- Building Number

Thoroughfare Elements

- Thoroughfare (name and descriptor)
- Street (name and descriptor)

Locality Elements

- Double Dependent Locality
- Dependent locality
- Post Town
- Postcode

Premise Elements

These elements are not included within Part PAF. If you require premise level elements then please contact us and ask for information on Full PAF.

Thoroughfare Elements

There may be no Thoroughfare information present for an address. This usually occurs in rural areas when the Locality information identifies the location of an address.

Thoroughfare cannot be present on it's own, there will always be Street data present when a Thoroughfare is present.

Locality Elements

A Locality is a geographic area. Currently PAF holds details of approximately 30,000 Localities in the UK.

A Locality consists of a Post Town, with Dependent Locality and Double Dependent Locality further defining the geographic area where required. The Post Town will always be present – all Localities have a Post Town. For some Localities this will be the only element present. A Double Dependent Locality can only be present where a Dependent Locality is present.

Postcode

Formerly a Postcode could contain between 1 and over 300 addresses. This is now restricted to a maximum of 100 although the average number of addresses per Postcode is 15.

There can be only one Locality per Postcode – all addresses in a Postcode have the same Locality.

Formerly a Postcode could cover addresses on up to 12 Thoroughfares (streets). This is now restricted to 1 although some existing Postcodes may contain more.

Postcode Type

Postcode Type is 'S' for small users and 'L' for large users.

Mailsort SSC

The Mailsort Standard Selection Code comprising of the 3 digit Residue Identifier and the 2 digit "Direct Within Residue Indicator".