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GOLD STANDARD LISTINGS GO FOR GOLD!

Getting your listings right can help you sell more of your inventory more frequently.

From descriptive titles to listing upgrades, there are many ways to make your listings stand out from the crowd.

Gold Standard listings are listings that have been optimised across the following 5 areas:



Follow our tips to make sure your listings are Gold Standard every time.

GOLD STANDARD LISTINGS TITLE

Your listing title is an advertisement for the item you're selling. It's one of the first things buyers will see when they're shopping on eBay.

Where to focus:

Title

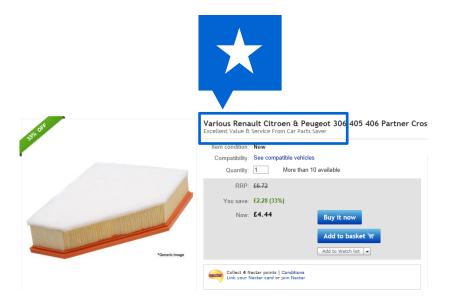
- Use up to 80 characters to be as descriptive as possible.
- Include details like brand name, size, colour, fabric, and whether the item is new or refurnished.
- Make sure to write a coherent, clear description and not a randomly ordered description. This is key for when it is presented on the Search Result Page.
- Avoid using words like 'unusual' or 'L@@K' and symbols such as '£' or '%'.
- · Avoid the over-use of capitals.

Specifics

- State exactly what your item is, using relevant key-words.
- Include dimensions like 5" x 8" or technical specs like 4GB where appropriate.
- Make sure you item specifics are placed within form fields.

Subtitle

- Use subtitles beneath your title to provide more information and capture the interest of buyers.
 - You can purchase the subtitle option if it's not included in your contract





GOLD STANDARD LISTINGS IMAGES

A picture is worth a thousand words. Now you can upload 12 pictures free for every listing to show buyers exactly what you're selling using eBay Picture Services. It's the only way to have your item pictures shown at the top of the item page and mobile-optimised.

Where to focus:

Quantity

 Upload a variety of images to each of your listings using eBay Picture Services. An eBay study showed on average that sellers who list with 2 pictures are 7% more likely to sell and are 3% more likely to sell with each additional picture added to a listing*.

Size

- Make sure your images have a minimum size of 500 pixels on the longest side.
- We recommend 1600 pixels on the longest side to make the most of our zoom and enlarge features.

Clean, multi-aspect views

- Use top-quality photos to showcase your item.
- Don't add text, logos, borders or overlaid images to your pictures**.
- Include detailed pictures taken from different angles and close-ups of the item.
- Use natural light if possible and a plain background to make your item stand out.
- · Make sure any flaws in your item are clearly shown.

Top quality images including close-ups are ideal for zoom and enlarge features.



Multiple views help show exactly what you're selling.



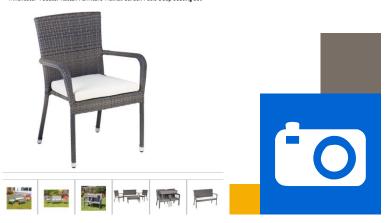








Winchester 4 Seater Rattan Furniture Walnut Garden Patio Deep Seating Set



*Based on an eBay.com study (July 2012) that reviewed 6.8 million listings which resulted in 4.5% more sales over this period. **Watermarks can be used for copyright purposes.

GOLD STANDARD LISTINGS FEATURES

To help maximise your sales opportunities, we recommend offering a range of services. We offer a variety of listing features to help you differentiate your listings and maximise your sales.

Where to focus:

eBay FAST & FREE

The eBay FAST & FREE icon lets buyers know when a specific listing offers free postage and will likely arrive within 3 business days. Converting listings to FAST & FREE increases listing conversion by an average 3%, with some sellers seeing an increase in sales of up to 14%*.

- Satisfy the <u>conditions</u>.
- Make sure the FAST & FREE logo appears on as many of your listings as possible.



Seller Marketing Engine

The Seller Marketing Engine allows you to launch retail campaigns to help increase basket size and revenue.

- Get extra exposure through this marketing tool contact your account manager if you need information.
- Run various <u>promotional campaigns</u> and update them regularly.





Strikethrough Pricing

This discount feature allows you to reduce the price of your item with strikethrough notation if it's been on sale for 28+ days. We'll highlight the amount buyers will save too.

• If you aren't already using this feature, contact your eBay account manager for approval to use it.



^{*}Based on test on ebay.co.uk Feb-Mar 2013, in which 40% of buyers were exposed to listings with the FAST & FREE logo. Individual seller results may vary.

GOLD STANDARD LISTINGS FEATURES (continued)

eBay Premium Service

Sellers who have met the account level Top Rated Seller requirements can open the door to eBay Premium Service on individual listings.

Listings that meet the new Premium Service listing requirements on average receive 85% more visibility than listings that don't*.

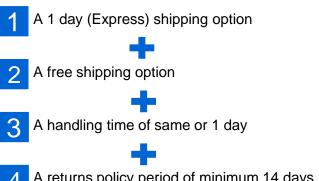
To reap the rewards of eBay Premium Service, in addition to addressing the Top Rated Seller requirements, sellers must meet the 4 requirements opposite for each listing they wish to qualify.



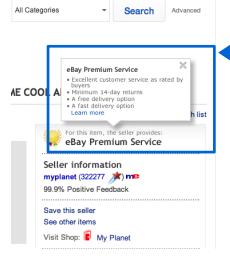
When sellers qualify for eBay Premium Service, they're rewarded with:

- Exclusive badging (as above)
- 15% discount on Final Value Fee (if applicable)
- Maximum visibility in search

To qualify for the benefits of eBay Premium Service, you'll need to offer the following 4 services:



A returns policy period of minimum 14 days







^{*}Based on an eBay study of listings carried out between January and June 2013

GOLD STANDARD LISTINGS LISTING

The item description is where you can let buyers know more about what you're selling. Gold Standard listings go the extra mile to make sure buyers get the most from the item description.

Where to focus:

Category

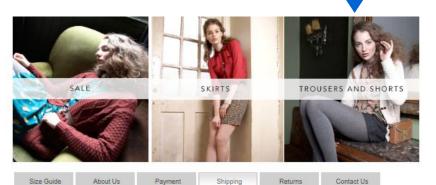
 Make sure you select the correct category to help make it easier for buyers to find your item.

Templates

Templates allow you to present your items more attractively, effectively and professionally.

- Make sure your templates are clean and easy to read.
- Use simple text (no Javascript or Flash), plain fonts and avoid HTML frames.
- · Use less than 1000 words.

Clean design can help buyers get the information they need fast



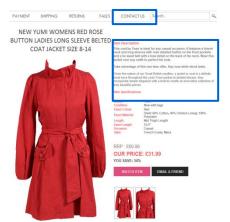
Item Specifics

Item specifics let you provide item details, such as brand, size, type, colour, and style. Business intelligence tools can help optimise your listings, pinpointing issues and increasing the chances of your items showing in search results.

- Make sure you include the recommended item specifics.
- · Use an eBay item specifics tool.

Description

- Make sure you include a complete, well-formatted description of your item.
- Use the description only to describe the item and not to repeat information already captured elsewhere.
- Avoid cross-selling promotions, advertisements and widgets in the description. Instead, use the Seller Marketing Engine to communicate these promotions.
- Don't include Flash or other code. It makes the pages slow and can compromise the display - particularly on mobile devices.





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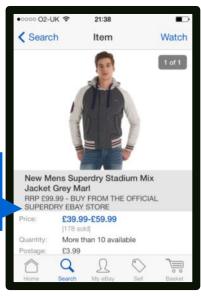
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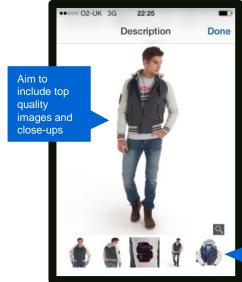
Mobile Optimisation

A third of all eBay purchases are now 'touched' by mobile as part of the shopper journey so we recommend you optimise your listings for mobile.

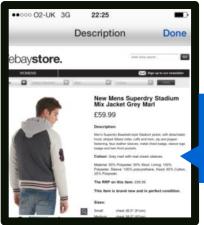
- Make sure your listings are clear with simple formatting.
- Check how your listings appear.
- Do not include HTML.

Include clear, simple and short descriptions





Multiple views help show exactly what you're selling.

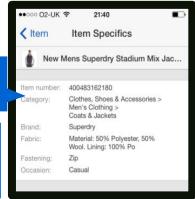


Make sure to include a complete, wellformatted description



Be clear and concise in your Item Specifics

Top quality images will benefit most from eBay's zoom features





GOLD STANDARD LISTINGS LISTING (continued)

Postage Rate

Specifying your postage rate is important – buyers want to know the total cost of the item before bidding or buying.

- If you post to multiple destinations, include a postage rate table, so buyers can see the costs relevant to them.
- Offer an expedited shipping option.
- Offer 1 day shipping with fair shipping costs.

Returns

Buyers are more comfortable shopping with sellers who offer returns, and from June 2014 a returns period of a minimum 14 days is required.

- State your returns policy clearly.
- Offer a returns period of more than 14 days.
- Ensure you are familiar with <u>Returns and the Law</u>.

Customer Service

By selling on eBay, you promise to deliver good service. For Gold Standard listings, you should deliver outstanding service.

- · Respond to enquiries politely and professionally within 1 day.
- Present clear contact information with a customer service number (with international dial code) instead of just email.
- Upload tracking information within 1 day.

Service Level Agreements (SLA)

Applying an SLA to the sale of your items reassures potential buyers and helps promote a track record of great customer service.

- Make sure your SLA is relevant and meaningful to buyers.
- Your SLA should be easy to understand and apply.
- · The SLA should be clearly stated near the contact details.

Multi-variation Listings

Instead of creating separate listings for a product with multiple options, multi-variation listings allow you to create a single multi-quantity fixed price listing that includes all variations of your product. This could be a T-shirt available in different sizes and different colours. You list only once instead of multiple times and pay fewer insertion fees.

- Introduce single multi-quantity fixed price listings.
- Make your most popular variation the most prominent.
- Use variation details and item specifics that buyers are likely to search for.
- Make the most of your pictures.
- Consider the listing duration and monitor your inventory.
- Use this feature only for variations on a product (eg. size and colour), not to collate different products in 1 listing.



GOLD STANDARD LISTINGS SELLING INTERNATIONALLY

When purchasing from international sellers, buyers expect the same great service and pricing they get from local sellers.

Where to focus:

Advanced international selling

Advanced selling means selling inventory on eBay's international sites - translating the listings and adding them directly on these sites. Acting like a local will help maximise your international sales.

 Create your listings on the local eBay site(s) such as ebay.de and enter them with translated text.





Cost

- Specify your postage costs. Buyers want to know the total cost of the item before bidding or buying.
- Charge reasonable postage rates. High postage costs will make your inventory less attractive, especially as your delivery times are likely to be longer.
- Choose a delivery option for the countries you post to.
 - To have an item show up on our Australian, Canadian, and U.S. sites, choose a delivery service and cost for these countries.
 - Selecting 'Worldwide' as your international 'post to' location will usually cover these countries. However, we recommend specifying delivery services and costs for each country individually to provide a better buying experience.

Shipping Options

 Offer your buyers a tracked shipping option as well as an economy option.



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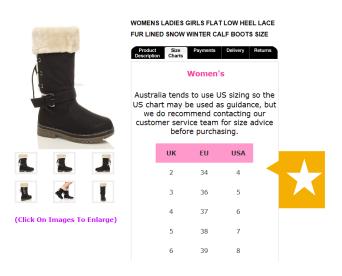
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Where to focus:

International Sizing Differences

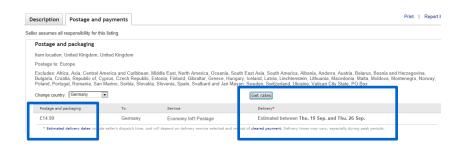
Size and weight metrics can differ across regions so make sure you present them clearly.

• Include an international sizing chart (as below) and multivariation sizing options (opposite).



Availability

 Confirm where you post to, postage services available and expected delivery times.









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| Section | Specific | Checklist 1 | * |
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| Title | Language | Have you used all available characters? | ✓ |
| | Specifics | Have you used relevant key words? | ✓ |
| | Subtitle | Have you included subtitles? | ✓ |
| Images | Quantity | Have you included several images? | → |
| | Size | Are all of your pictures larger than 500 pixels? | ✓ |
| | Clean | Are your images clean, without a background or border? | ✓ |
| Features | eBay FAST & FREE | Does your listing feature eBay FAST & FREE? | ✓ |
| | Seller Marketing Engine | Is there at least 1 strong Seller Marketing Engine offer? Are you updating your Seller Marketing Engine campaigns regularly? | ✓ |
| | Strikethrough Pricing | Are you using Strikethrough Pricing where possible? | ~ |
| | eBay Premium Service | If you're an account level Top Rated Seller, have you qualified for eBay Premium Service? | ~ |



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| Section | Specific | Checklist 2 | * |
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| Listing | Templates | Are your templates professional, clean and easy to read? Are you using simple text, plain fonts and no HTML frames? Have you used less than 1000 words? | ✓ |
| | Item Specifics | Have you included the recommended item specifics? Are you using a tool to optimise your listings? Have you placed items specifics within form fields? | ✓ |
| | Item Category | Make sure you have listed your item(s) in the correct category | ✓ |
| | Postage Rate | Have you included a postage rate table? Have you offered an expedited shipping option? Are you offering 1 day shipping with fair shipping costs? | ~ |
| | Returns | Have you offered a returns period of more than 14 days? | ✓ |
| | Customer Service | Is your contact information presented clearly? Have you included a phone number with international dialling code? Are you responding to enquiries politely and professionally within 1 day? Are you uploading tracking information within 1 day? | ~ |
| | Service Level Agreements | Is your Service Level Agreement clear and relevant? | ✓ |
| | Mobile Optimisation | Have you optimised and checked your listings for mobile? | ✓ |
| | Multi-variation | Have you created 1 multi-variation listing, rather than several separate ones? | ✓ |
| International Selling | Advanced Selling | Are you selling entering listings directly on local eBay sites, with translations? | ~ |
| | Cost | Is your international postage cost reasonable? | ~ |
| | Shipping Options | Have you offered a tracked option as well as an economy option? | ✓ |
| | International Sizing | Have you included an international sizing chart and multi-variation options? | ✓ |
| | Availability | Have you specified to which countries you post your items? Have you specified your delivery service and estimated delivery time? | ✓ |