

What's the deal with the seal?



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Self-Seal

- No moisture required
- No taping necessary
- 1 year shelf life

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Lick-n-Stick

- Requires moisture or taping
- More printing options available as they run through equipment
- Longer shelf life

Lick & Stick Envelopes: This is the traditional & most common way of sealing envelopes by using a water soluble gum. Once the layer of adhesive on the flap is moistened and pressed, the envelope is sealed. The gum is water soluble and biodegradable.

These types of envelopes are the only ones which can be used in an automatic mailing machine, where the machine inserts the document and seals the envelope.

Self-Seal Envelopes: Have a strip of latex on the flap which can be pressed after inserting the document and sealed. It is an easy way of sealing the envelope. It also includes a pressure sensitive strip applied to top and bottom flaps.

On the flap of self-seal envelopes you may find security slits. These slits will cause the flap to rip if the seal has been tampered with. The latex strip on these envelopes have a shelf life of only 12 months.