

A is for Apple - Acme Fast Freight - A120

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"A is for Apple" appeared on pages 185-188, *The Perfins Bulletin*, November/December 1996. The follow-up, "A is for Apple Revisited" was on pages 25-26 of the February 1997 issue. In the first article, John Lyding provided a number of corrections and additions for perfins that start with the letter "A". He extended the additions by providing two new locations for perfins pattern A120. Please note Joe Laura provided all of the covers for this article. Figure 1 is a photographically cropped illustration (note all illustrations in this article have been photographically cropped to permit their being shown on this pages) showing an Acme Fast Freight, Inc. February 15, 1961 mailing from P.O. Box, Rockford, IL.

ACME FAST FREIGHT, Inc.
P. O. BOX 185
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS



Figure 1 - Rockford, IL Usage

ACME FAST FREIGHT, Inc.
130 MECHANIC STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.



Figure 2 - Worcester, MA Usage

Much closer to my home is the November 6, 1937, posting from 130 Mechanic Street, Worcester, MA.

ACME FAST FREIGHT
COLUMBUS AVE.
SPRINGFIELD



Figure 3 - Springfield, MA Usage

Another Massachusetts usage, from Columbus Avenue and Emery Streets, Springfield 4, MA on August 20, 1953 is demonstrated by Figure 3.

Figure 4's corner card (shown on page 198) illustrates just how widespread the Acme Company became. The Santa Barbara, California usage CDS appears to show March 3, 1996; however, closer examination of the date slug discloses that it was inverted and the year was 1961.

ACME FAST FREIGHT, Inc.

P. O. BOX 1326
SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.



Figure 4 - Santa Barbara, CA Usage

To review, pattern A120 used by Acme Fast Freight is known from:

Location	Reported
Atlanta, GA	Appendix <i>Catalog</i>
Boston, MA	<i>Catalog US Perfins</i>
Cleveland, OH	TPB Nov/Dec 96
Hoboken, NJ	Appendix <i>Catalog</i>
Milwaukee, WI	A/C 1-82
New Haven, CT	TPB Nov/Dec 96
New York, NY	Appendix <i>Catalog</i>
Philadelphia, PA	Appendix <i>Catalog</i>
Phoenix, AZ	TPB Feb 97
Rockford, IL	This article
San Francisco, CA	Appendix <i>Catalog</i>
Santa Barbara, CA	This article
Springfield, MA	This article
Worcester, MA	This article

Full size photocopies were forwarded to John Randall, the US Catalog Editor, for his evaluation. John's reply was terse, welcome, and logical. "... a number of companies have used perfins from dozens to hundreds of different cities. This is also true of official perfins from State Governments, etc. There is no point in notating these after a while. In fact, as with pattern A120, I shall just note in the Appendix that this pattern was used from many different cities. Only in the case of a precancel will I specifically note a city other than that of the main office. This situation has previously been addressed for railroads."