

# California

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## Federal Election Deadlines

	Presidential Primary June 7, 2016	State Primary June 7, 2016	General Election November 8, 2016
Registration	Return by Mail: Postmarked by May 23, 2016 Return by Fax: Received by May 23, 2016	Return by Mail: Postmarked by May 23, 2016 Return by Fax: Received by May 23, 2016	Return by Mail: Postmarked by October 24, 2016 Return by Fax: Received by October 24, 2016
Ballot Request	Received by May 31, 2016	Received by May 31, 2016	Received by November 1, 2016
Ballot Return	Return by Mail: Postmarked by* June 7, 2016 Return by Fax: Received by June 7, 2016	Return by Mail: Postmarked by* June 7, 2016 Return by Fax: Received by June 7, 2016	Return by Mail: Postmarked by* November 8, 2016 Return by Fax: Received by November 8, 2016

\*Ballot Return: Ballots must be received by the 3rd day after the election, excluding holidays.

Please mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the recommended mailing dates section in Chapter 1 for details.

## Important information

What is UOCAVA?	The <i>Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act</i> is commonly referred to as <i>UOCAVA</i> . <i>UOCAVA</i> citizens are U.S. citizens who are active members of the Uniformed Services, the Merchant Marine, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, their eligible family members and other U.S. citizens residing outside the United States. The law provides the legal basis for absentee voting requirements for federal offices.
What is the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)?	The FPCA (federal form SF 76) allows <i>UOCAVA</i> citizens to register to vote and request an absentee ballot. This form is also used to update your contact information.
What is the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)?	The FWAB (federal form SF 186) serves as an emergency backup ballot for <i>UOCAVA</i> citizens. If you do not receive your absentee ballot from your State in time to return it to your election official to participate in the election, use the FWAB.
What is the DoD Electronic Transmission Service (ETS)?	The DoD ETS allows you to <b>email or fax</b> your election materials toll-free. To <b>email</b> your election materials using ETS, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or online at <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a> and email to <a href="mailto:ETS@FVAP.gov">ETS@FVAP.gov</a> . To <b>fax</b> your election materials using ETS, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or online at <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a> and fax to: (703) 693-5527, DSN

	223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found in the Appendix of the Voting Assistance Guide or online at <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a> .
What is the Prepaid Mail Label 11- DoD?	<i>Overseas Uniformed Service members</i> can use this label for general election absentee ballots. It provides free express mail service to your election official for general election absentee ballots. You can request to have a Prepaid Mail Label 11-DoD applied to your absentee ballot at Military Postal Office locations (APO/FPO). A portion of the label is kept by you for tracking your absentee ballot through the U.S. postal service.
What is a primary election?	A primary election is an election held before the general election to determine the candidates that can be placed on the general election ballot.
I am an American citizen, but I have never lived in the U.S., can I vote in this State?	A U.S. citizen who has never resided in the U.S. and has a parent or legal guardian that was last domiciled in California is eligible to vote in California as long as he or she has not registered or voted in another State.
I am a National Guardsman activated on State orders; does my State afford me UOCAVA privileges?	Yes.
How can I check the status of my ballot?	You can check the status of your absentee ballot here: <a href="http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/">www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/</a>
Does my State have any online tools?	You can see if your State has any online tools available here: <a href="http://www.fvap.gov/california">http://www.fvap.gov/california</a>

## Registering and requesting your absentee ballot

Under federal law, the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for a minimum of all federal elections in the current calendar year. Be sure to complete a new FPCA each year and every time your address changes.

### Complete the following blocks of the FPCA

Block 1	Select the category that best describes you.	requesting an absentee ballot for other primary elections or general elections.
Block 2	Voters who do not provide a political party affiliation can vote in a presidential primary election if the political party allows it, more information about this can be found at <a href="http://www.sos.ca.gov">http://www.sos.ca.gov</a> . Political party affiliation is not required if	Block 3 Enter your current name (Last, First). If you are registered under a different name, provide this information in the previous name area.
		Block 4 Your date of birth is required.
		You must provide <b>either</b> a State issued ID number <b>or</b> the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have either of these numbers you must enter in Block 9: "I do not have a social security number or State issued ID number."
		Block 5 Your contact information is recommended so your election official can contact you if they need additional information from you in order to accept your FPCA. If you

	want to receive your absentee ballot by email/online or fax, you must provide your email address or fax number.
Block 6	You can receive your absentee ballot by mail, email/online or fax. Rank your preferred method of receiving your absentee ballot.
Block 7	Enter the complete street address of your voting residence. You cannot use a post office box mailing address. If your address is a rural route, use Block 9 to describe the location of your voting residence.
Block 8	Enter your current mailing address, even if you are requesting your ballot by email/online or fax. If you want your election materials sent to a different address or have a forwarding address, use Block 9 to provide this information.
Block 9	Provide any information that may assist your election official in accepting this form. You can use this space to designate particular elections or the period you wish to receive ballots.
Affirmation	Sign and date. No witness signature required.

## How and where to submit your FPCA

If you are using the FPCA to **register to vote**, you **must mail or fax** the form. Addresses can be found in the "Local Election Offices" section or online at FVAP.gov.

If you are already registered and are using the FPCA to **request** an absentee ballot, you can **mail, email or fax** your signed form to your election official. Contact information can be found in the "Local Election Offices" section or online at FVAP.gov.

**Mail your FPCA:** Once your FPCA is complete, mail your FPCA directly to your election official.

**E-Mail your FPCA:** Scan the signed FPCA into your computer. Be sure to also include the Electronic Transmission Sheet. Email this package directly to your election official. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service (ETS) to email your FPCA. Information about ETS can be found in the "Important Information" section or online at

FVAP.gov.

**Fax your FPCA:** Fax your FPCA directly to your election official. Be sure to also include the Electronic Transmission Sheet. You may use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service (ETS) to fax your FPCA toll-free. Instructions for ETS are in the "Important Information" section or online at FVAP.gov.

To find out the status of your FPCA, contact your election official. Your election official will contact you if your FPCA is not accepted.

## Voting your ballot

Once you receive your absentee ballot from your State it must be returned according to the deadlines and requirements in the "Federal Election Deadlines" chart. For special federal elections, visit FVAP.gov for specific deadlines.

You can submit the State absentee ballot by **mail** or **fax** (*fax only if you are a Uniformed Service member or eligible family member overseas*). Contact information can be found in the "Local Election Offices" section. You may use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service (ETS) to fax your ballot. *Overseas Uniformed Service members* can request to have the Prepaid Mail Label 11-DoD applied to the general election ballot. Additional information about this label can be found in the "Important Information" section.

## Haven't received your ballot? Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

The FWAB can be used to register to vote. If you are using the FWAB to register to vote, it **must** be received by the registration deadline listed in the "Federal Election Deadlines" chart.

You can use the FWAB to vote in federal, State and local elections, including ballot measures.

## Complete the following blocks of the FWAB's voter declaration/affirmation

Block 1	Check this box if you would like to register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot.
Block 2	Select the category that best describes you.

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Block 3	Enter your current name (Last, First). If you are registered under a different name, provide this information in the previous name area.
Block 4	Your date of birth is required.  You must provide <b>either</b> a State issued ID number <b>or</b> the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have either of these numbers you must enter in Block 9: "I do not have a social security number or State issued ID number."
Block 5	Your contact information is recommended so your election official can contact you if they need additional information from you to accept your FWAB.
Block 6	Voters who do not provide a political party affiliation can vote in a presidential primary election if the political party allows it, more information about this can be found at <a href="http://www.sos.ca.gov">http://www.sos.ca.gov</a> . Political party affiliation is not required if requesting an absentee ballot for other primary elections or general elections.
Block 7	Enter the complete street address of your voting residence. You cannot use a post office box mailing address. If your address is a rural route, use Block 9 to describe the location of your voting residence.
Block 8	Enter your current mailing address, even if you are requesting your ballot by email/online or fax. If you want your election materials sent to a different address or have a forwarding address, use Block 9 for this information.
Block 9	Provide any information that may assist the election official in accepting this form. You can use this space to designate particular elections or the period you wish to receive ballots, as well as the method in which you would like to receive your ballot.
Affirmation	Sign and date. No witness signature

required.

### Vote your FWAB

To vote, write in the candidate's name for each office. You are not required to make a selection for each and every contest.

### How and where to submit your FWAB

You can submit the FWAB by **mail** or **fax** (*fax only if you are a Uniformed Service member or eligible family member overseas*). Contact information can be found in the "Local Election Offices" section or online at FVAP.gov.

**Mail your FWAB:** Once your FWAB is complete, fold and place it in the security envelope and seal the envelope. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and do not write on the security envelope. Insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/ Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail your FWAB directly to your election official. *Overseas Uniformed Service members* can request to have the Prepaid Mail Label 11-DoD applied to the general election ballot. Additional information about this label can be found in the "Important Information" section or online at FVAP.gov.

**Fax your FWAB:** (*only if you are a Uniformed Service member or eligible family member overseas*). Fax your FWAB directly to your election official. Be sure to include your ballot, signed Voter Declaration/Affirmation and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. You may use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service (ETS) to fax your FWAB toll-free. Instructions for ETS are in the "Important Information" section or online at FVAP.gov.

See the "Federal Election Deadlines" chart for the deadline for submitting the FWAB. If you receive the State absentee ballot after transmitting your voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the State absentee ballot. If both are received by the deadline, only the State absentee ballot will be counted.

### Local election offices for county

County	Mailing Address
Alameda	Alameda Registrar of Voters 1225 Fallon St, Rm G1 Oakland, CA 94612-4229 Phone: (510) 272-6973 Fax: (510) 272-6982 Email: <a href="mailto:lolita.francisco@acgov.org">lolita.francisco@acgov.org</a>

County	Mailing Address
<b>Alpine</b>	Alpine County Clerk, Registrar of Voters P.O. Box 158 Markleeville, CA 96120-0158 Phone: (530) 694-2281 Fax: (530) 694-2491 Email: bhoward@alpinecountycal.gov
<b>Amador</b>	Amador Registrar of Voters 810 Court St Jackson, CA 95642-2132 Phone: (209) 223-6465 Fax: (209) 223-6467 Email: elections@amadorgov.org
<b>Butte</b>	Butte County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 155 Nelson Ave Oroville, CA 95965 Phone: (530) 538-7762 Fax: (530) 538-6853 Email: elections@buttecounty.net
<b>Calaveras</b>	Calaveras County Clerk, Elections Department 891 Mountain Ranch Rd San Andreas, CA 95249-9713 Phone: (209) 754-6375 Fax: (209) 754-6733 Email: rglanville@co.calaveras.ca.us
<b>Colusa</b>	Colusa County Clerk-Elections Department 546 Jay St, Ste 200 Colusa, CA 95932-2400 Phone: (877) 458-0501 Fax: (530) 458-0512 Email: csu@countyofcolusa.org
<b>Contra Costa</b>	Contra Costa County Clerk - Elections Department P.O. Box 271 Martinez, CA 94553-0027 Phone: (925) 335-7800 Fax: (925) 335-7843 Email: voter.services@vote.cccounty.us
<b>Del Norte</b>	Del Norte County Clerk-Recorder-Elections 981 H St, Rm 160 Crescent City, CA 95531-3457 Phone: (707) 464-7216 Fax: (707) 465-0321 Email: tgill@co.del-norte.ca.us
<b>El Dorado</b>	El Dorado Registrar of Voters P.O. Box 678001 Placerville, CA 95667-4100 Phone: (530) 621-7480 Fax: (530) 626-5514 Email: edced@edcgov.us
<b>Fresno</b>	Fresno County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 2221 Kern St Fresno, CA 93721-2613 Phone: (559) 600-8683 Fax: (559) 488-3279 Email: vnajera@co.fresno.ca.us
<b>Glenn</b>	Glenn County Clerk-Elections 516 W Sycamore St, Fl 2 Willows, CA 95988-2740 Phone: (530) 934-6414 Fax: (530) 934-6571 Email: dlagrande@countyofglenn.net
<b>Humboldt</b>	Humboldt County Office of Elections and Voter Registration 3033 H St, Rm 20 Eureka, CA 95501-4409 Phone: (707) 445-7481 Fax: (707) 445-7204 Email: humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us

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<b>Imperial</b>	Imperial County Clerk, Courthouse 940 W. Main St, Ste 206 El Centro, CA 92243-2839 Phone: (442) 265-1060 Fax: (442) 265-1062 Email: janehurtado@co.imperial.ca.us
<b>Inyo</b>	Inyo County Clerk-Elections P.O. Drawer F Independence, CA 93526-0606 Phone: (760) 878-0224 Fax: (760) 878-1805 Email: kfoote@inyocounty.us
<b>Kern</b>	Kern County Clerk - Elections Office 1115 Truxtun Ave Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639 Phone: (661) 868-3590 Fax: (661) 868-3768 Email: elections@co.kern.ca.us
<b>Kings</b>	Kings County Elections Dept., Govt. Center 1400 W Lacey Blvd Hanford, CA 93230-5997 Phone: (559) 582-3211 Fax: (559) 585-8453 Email: rachellesimass@co.kings.ca.us
<b>Lake</b>	Registrar of Voters, County of Lake 255 N Forbes St Lakeport, CA 95453-4747 Phone: (707) 263-2372 Fax: (707) 263-2742 Email: diane.fridley@lakecountycal.gov
<b>Lassen</b>	Lassen County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 220 S Lassen St, Ste 5 Susanville, CA 96130-4343 Phone: (530) 251-8217 Fax: (530) 257-3480 Email: lcclerk@co.lassen.ca.us
<b>Los Angeles</b>	Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder County Clerk P.O. Box 1024 Norwalk, CA 90651-1024 Phone: (562) 466-1323 Fax: (562) 864-2394 (562) 462-3035 Email: militaryoverseasav@rrcc.lacounty.gov
<b>Madera</b>	Madera County Clerk-Elections 200 W. 4th St Madera, CA 93637-3548 Phone: (559) 675-7720 Fax: (559) 675-7870 Email: ssibley@co.madera.ca.gov
<b>Marin</b>	Marin County Registrar of Voters P.O. Box E San Rafael, CA 94913-3904 Phone: (415) 473-6441 Fax: (415) 473-4244 (415) 473-6447 Email: dbelben@marincounty.org
<b>Mariposa</b>	Mariposa County Clerk, Registrar of Voters P.O. Box 247 Mariposa, CA 95338-0247 Phone: (209) 966-2007 Fax: (209) 966-6496 Email: cprogner@mariposacounty.org
<b>Mendocino</b>	Mendocino County Clerk-Elections 501 Low Gap Rd, Rm 1020 Ukiah, CA 95482-3738 Phone: (707) 234-6819 Fax: (707) 463-4257 Email: bartolok@co.mendocino.ca.us

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<b>Merced</b>	Merced County Registrar of Voters 2222 M St, Rm 14 Merced, CA 95340-3729 Phone: (209) 385-7541 Fax: (209) 385-7387 Email: smachado@co.merced.ca.us
<b>Modoc</b>	Modoc County Clerk-Elections 108 E Modoc St Alturas, CA 96101-4020 Phone: (530) 233-6201 Fax: (530) 233-6205 Email: darcyllocken@co.modoc.ca.us
<b>Mono</b>	Mono County Clerk-Elections P.O. Box 237 Bridgeport, CA 93517 Phone: (760) 932-5537 Fax: (760) 932-5531 Email: bmusil@mono.ca.gov
<b>Monterey</b>	Monterey County Elections P.O. Box 4400 Salinas, CA 93912 Phone: (831) 796-1499 Fax: (831) 755-5485 Email: elections@co.monterey.ca.us
<b>Napa</b>	Napa County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 900 Coombs St, Ste 256 Napa, CA 94559 Phone: (707) 299-1470 Fax: (707) 253-4390 Email: elections@co.napa.ca.us
<b>Nevada</b>	Nevada County Clerk/Recorder- Elections 950 Maidu Ave, Ste 250 Nevada City, CA 95959-8600 Phone: (530) 470-2740 Fax: (530) 265-9829 Email: sandy.sjoberg@co.nevada.ca.us
<b>Orange</b>	Orange County Registrar of Voters P.O. Box 11298 Santa Ana, CA 92711 Phone: (714) 567-7560 Fax: (714) 567-5100 Email: jessica.castaneda@rov.ocgov.com
<b>Placer</b>	Placer County Office of Elections P.O. Box 5278 Auburn, CA 95604-2640 Phone: (530) 886-5650 Fax: (530) 886-5688 Email: vote@placer.ca.gov
<b>Plumas</b>	Plumas County Clerk - Elections 520 Main St, Rm 102 Quincy, CA 95971-9366 Phone: (530) 283-6256 Fax: (530) 283-6155 Email: marcydemartile@countyofplumas.com
<b>Riverside</b>	Riverside County Registrar of Voters 2724 Gateway Dr Riverside, CA 92507-0918 Phone: (951) 486-7200 Fax: (951) 486-7272 Email: rovweb@co.riverside.ca.us
<b>Sacramento</b>	Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections 7000 65th St, Ste A Sacramento, CA 95823-2315 Phone: (916) 875-6451 Fax: (916) 876-5597 Email: militaryandoverseas@saccounty.net

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<b>San Benito</b>	San Benito County Clerk, Court House 440 Fifth St, Rm 206 Hollister, CA 95023-3843 Phone: (831) 636-4016 Fax: (831) 636-2939 Email: fdiaz@cosb.us
<b>San Bernardino</b>	San Bernardino Registrar of Voters 777 E Rialto Ave San Bernardino, CA 92415-0770 Phone: (909) 387-8300 Fax: (909) 386-8388 Email: mailballots@sbcountyelections.com
<b>San Diego</b>	San Diego Registrar of Voters P.O. Box 85656 San Diego, CA 92186-5656 Phone: (858) 505-7319 Fax: (858) 505-7294 Email: Carolyn.Twichel@sdcounty.ca.gov
<b>San Francisco</b>	San Francisco Elections, Voter Services Division 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl, Rm 48 San Francisco, CA 94102-4608 Phone: (415) 554-4411 Fax: (415) 554-4372 Email: Demetri.Chames@sfgov.org
<b>San Joaquin</b>	San Joaquin Registrar of Voters P.O. Box 810 Stockton, CA 95201 Phone: (209) 468-2890 Fax: (209) 468-9534 Email: tvang@sjgov.org
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Elections 1055 Monterey St, Rm D120 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-1003 Phone: (805) 781-5228 Fax: (805) 781-1111 Email: elections@co.slo.ca.us
<b>San Mateo</b>	San Mateo County Registration and Elections Division 40 Tower Rd San Mateo, CA 94402-4098 Phone: (650) 312-5222 Fax: (650) 312-5348 Email: registrar@smcare.org
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	Santa Barbara County Clerk-Elections, P.O. Box 61510 Santa Barbara, CA 93160-1510 Phone: (805) 568-2200 Fax: (805) 568-2209 Email: arichey@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
<b>Santa Clara</b>	Santa Clara Registrar of Voters P.O. Box 49003 San Jose, CA 95161-9003 Phone: (408) 299-8640 Fax: (408) 293-6002 Email: votebymail@rov.sccgov.org
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	Santa Cruz County Clerk - Elections 701 Ocean St, Rm 210 Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4076 Phone: (831) 454-2405 Fax: (831) 454-2445 Email: john.beck@santacruzcounty.us
<b>Shasta</b>	Shasta County Clerk-Elections P.O. Box 990880 Redding, CA 96099-0880 Phone: (530) 225-5730 Fax: (530) 225-5454 Email: tgiovanni@co.shasta.ca.us

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<b>Sierra</b>	Sierra County Clerk-Recorders Office P.O. Drawer D Downieville, CA 95936-0398 Phone: (530) 289-3295 Fax: (530) 289-2830 Email: clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov	<b>Yolo</b>	Yolo County Elections Department P.O. Box 1820 Woodland, CA 95776-1820 Phone: (530) 666-8133 Fax: (530) 666-8123 Email: cntyclrk@yoloelections.org
<b>Siskiyou</b>	Siskiyou County Clerk-Elections 510 N Main St. Yreka, CA 96097-9910 Phone: (530) 842-8084 Fax: (530) 841-4110 Email: colleen@sisqvotes.org	<b>Yuba</b>	Yuba County Clerk 915 8th St, Ste 107 Marysville, CA 95901-5273 Phone: (530) 749-7855 Fax: (530) 749-7854 Email: elections@co.yuba.ca.us
<b>Solano</b>	Solano Registrar of Voters 675 Texas St, Ste 2600 Fairfield, CA 94533-6338 Phone: (707) 784-6675 Fax: (707) 784-6678 Email: cmcooper@solanocounty.com		
<b>Sonoma</b>	Sonoma County Clerk, Registrar of Voters P.O. Box 11485 Santa Rosa, CA 95406-1485 Phone: (707) 565-6800 Fax: (707) 565-6843 Email: debbie.justice@sonoma-county.org		
<b>Stanislaus</b>	Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters 1021 I St, Ste 101 Modesto, CA 95354-2331 Phone: (209) 525-5201 Fax: (209) 525-5803 Email: voteinfo@stancounty.com		
<b>Sutter</b>	Sutter County Clerk-Elections 1435 Veterans Memorial Cir Yuba City, CA 95993-3011 Phone: (530) 822-7122 Fax: (530) 822-7587 Email: webmaster@co.sutter.ca.us		
<b>Tehama</b>	Tehama County Clerk-Elections P.O. Box 250 Red Bluff, CA 96080-0250 Phone: (530) 527-8190 Fax: (530) 527-1140 Email: mparkinson@co.tehama.ca.us		
<b>Trinity</b>	Trinity County Clerk - Elections P.O. Box 1215 Weaverville, CA 96093-1215 Phone: (530) 623-1220 Fax: (530) 623-8398 Email: elections@trinitycounty.org		
<b>Tulare</b>	Tulare County Registrar of Voters 5951 S. Mooney Blvd Visalia, CA 93277-9394 Phone: (559) 624-7300 Fax: (559) 737-4498 Email: mcypert@co.tulare.ca.us		
<b>Tuolumne</b>	Tuolumne County Clerk - Elections 2 S Green St Sonora, CA 95370-4696 Phone: (209) 533-5570 Fax: (209) 694-8931 Email: dbautista@co.tuolumne.ca.us		
<b>Ventura</b>	Ventura County Clerk-Elections 800 S Victoria Ave, L 1200 Ventura, CA 93009-1200 Phone: (805) 654-2734 Fax: (805) 648-9200 Email: VenturaVoterRegistration@ventura.org		

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