

Shopping at BK1

Disclaimer:

This is a process and analysis that works for me, based on current information that I am aware of. You might find a better process, and that's cool. I use SEA and have never had a problem, but anything can happen, I suppose.

Assumptions:

average yaoi manga about 230 g

average yaoi anthology about 300 g (some up to 400 g)

Suggested Process:

1. Place everything you want in the shopping cart (it sucks to not find it again)
2. When finished, look at your shopping cart and how much your order weighs
3. Remove items carefully (see below for additional notes)
 - (a) try to work the total weight towards an optimum amount/total without exceeding it
 - (b) remove items to get a weight as close to the maximum allowed for that level

Notes:

Prices are in Yen

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BK1 <http://www.bk1.co.jp>

Exchange Rates <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>

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North American Shipping Rates

g up to	EMS ¥/100g	AIR ¥/100g	SAL ¥/100g	SEA ¥/100g	EMS ¥/100g	AIR ¥/100g	SAL ¥/100g	SEA ¥/100g
500	¥1,500	¥960	¥580	¥430	300	192	116	86
600	¥1,680	¥1,140	¥680		280	190	113	0
700	¥1,860	¥1,320	¥780		266	189	111	0
800	¥2,040	¥1,500	¥880		255	188	110	0
900	¥2,220	¥1,680	¥980		247	187	109	0
1000	¥2,400	¥1,860	¥1,080	¥770	240	186	108	77
1500	¥3,200	¥2,310	¥1,580		213	154	105	0
2000	¥4,000	¥2,760	¥2,080	¥1,080	200	138	104	54
2500	¥4,700	¥3,210	¥2,580		188	128	103	0
3000	¥5,400	¥3,660	¥3,080	¥1,620	180	122	103	54
3500	¥6,100	¥4,110	¥3,580		174	117	102	0
4000	¥6,800	¥4,560	¥4,080	¥2,160	170	114	102	54
4500	¥7,500	¥5,010	¥4,580		167	111	102	0
5000	¥8,200	¥5,460	¥5,080	¥2,700	164	109	102	54

from BK1 Website

primary deciding factor, price calculated per 100g

g up to	qty manga	EMS ¥/manga	AIR ¥/manga	SAL ¥/manga	SEA ¥/manga	EMS diff	AIR diff	SAL diff	SEA diff
500	2	¥690	¥442	¥267					
600	3	¥644	¥437	¥261		180	180	100	-430
700	3	¥611	¥434	¥256		180	180	100	0
800	3	¥587	¥431	¥253		180	180	100	0
900	4	¥567	¥429	¥250		180	180	100	0
1000	4	¥552	¥428	¥248	¥177	180	180	100	770
1500	7	¥491	¥354	¥242	¥0	800	450	500	-770
2000	9	¥460	¥317	¥239	¥124	800	450	500	1,080
2500	11	¥432	¥295	¥237	¥0	700	450	500	-1,080
3000	13	¥414	¥281	¥236	¥124	700	450	500	1,620
3500	15	¥401	¥270	¥235	¥0	700	450	500	-1,620
4000	17	¥391	¥262	¥235	¥124	700	450	500	2,160
4500	20	¥383	¥256	¥234	¥0	700	450	500	-2,160
5000	22	¥377	¥251	¥234	¥124	700	450	500	2,700

very rough estimate price per manga

secondary deciding factor, difference between weight levels

highlight = sweet spot / optimal purchase point

Summary Analysis:

EMS & AIR -- Firstly, the more you buy, the cheaper the shipping per book (hands down). However, taking into account jumps in shipping rates between weights, the sweet spot would be a shipment totaling between 900 g and 1000 g. That equates to approximately 4 books with a shipping rate of ¥2,400 and ¥1,860 respectively (for EMS and AIR). A secondary sweet spot for EMS is just under 2000 g and for AIR just under 5000 g.

SAL -- the most economical region is just under 1000 g and 5000 g with a shipping rate of ¥1,080 and ¥5,080 respectively. This will net you approximately 4 and 22 books respectively.

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European Shipping Rates

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