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This newsletter is produced quarterly by the United States Stamp Society's - Dummy Stamps Study Group for your information and pleasure. We hope that the information included in this newsletter will be informative, useful and encourage your enjoyment of collecting dummy/test stamps. Our goal is to keep you up-to-date with the latest information available to our group. Questions, comments and articles proposed for publication should be directed to Terry R. Scott, Chairman of the United States Stamp Society's Dummy Stamps Study Group at terryrscott@comcast.net

New Paper ATM Sheetlets Listed in the 2020 Scott Specialized Catalogue

by Terry R. Scott & Michael O. Perry

The 2020 edition of the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers* was released in October, 2019. Several revisions were made to some of the existing listings and several new test stamp discoveries were listed for the first time.

One notable group of new listings are five paper Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) test panes that were used in the testing of ATMs. Many DSSG members will recognize there are several other paper sheetlets that are still not listed in the Scott Catalogue (they probably won't be in the foreseeable future either since they were intended for promotional use at trade or stamp shows, or at American Banking Industry conventions). The next issue of Dummy News and Views will illustrate and describe some of those unlisted "pseudo" dummy panes.

One paper ATM test sheetlet (TDB99a) has been listed in the Scott Catalog since 2006 because it had been confirmed to have been used when Avery Dennison was unable to provide TDB82a Liberty Torch self-adhesive ATM test panes. Sometime after 1996 National Cash Register Company (NCR) produced paper ATM test panes for use by vending machine technicians. That paper ATM test pane, TDB99a, shows the NCR emblem with the words "FOR ATM TESTING" above and below the NCR emblem.

Newly listed paper ATM test panes include TDB84Bc (a pane of 12 NCR/USPS stylized "Stars

and Stripes" dummy stamps), TDB84De (a pane of 12 NCR "American Flag" dummy stamps), and TD84Fg (a pane of 18 "Red Rose" dummy stamps).

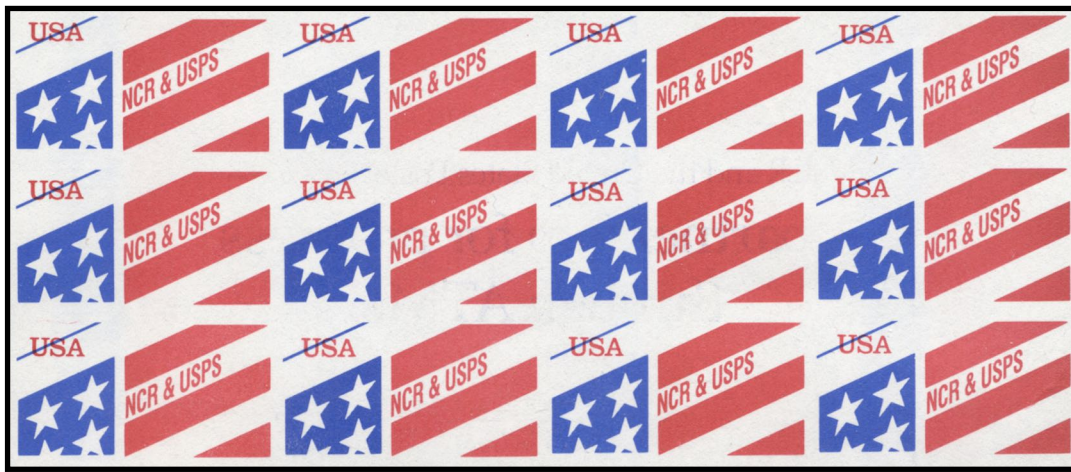
Two additional newly listed paper ATM test panes are TDB99Bc and TDB99De, each containing 18 "For Testing Purposes Only" (FTPO) dummy stamps. These two panes are similar, but have different printing in the simulated peel strips and are printed on different papers, one with a watermark.

Shown on the following page is the first paper ATM test pane that was added to the 2020 Scott Catalogue. It is listed as TDB84Bc and was used by technicians in setting up and testing NCR Automatic Teller Machines. This 12-stamp "NCR & USPS" ATM test pane resembles TDB83A; it is printed on a single layer of white untagged, ungummed copy paper and has no die-cutting. TDB84Bc was first reported before 1994.

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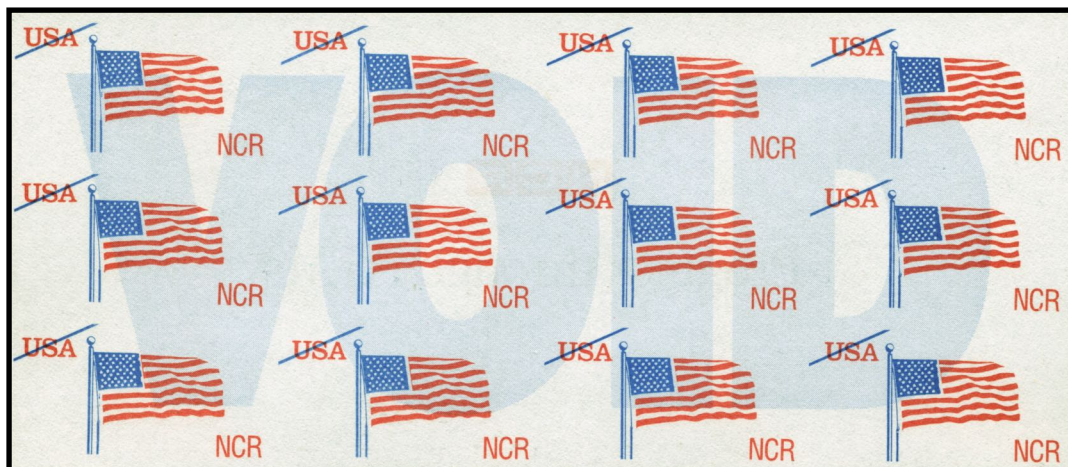
Scott TDB84Bc sheetlet



Scott TDB84Bc cover side

Shown below and on the following page is another paper ATM test pane that was added to the 2020 Scott Catalogue. It is listed as TDB84De and was used by technicians in setting up and testing NCR Automatic Teller Machines. This 12-stamp “NCR” ATM test pane is printed on a single layer of

untagged, ungummed white copy paper and has no die-cutting. Unlike TDB84Bc, this pane has a 1-7/8” (48 mm) tall word “VOID” printed across the pane to clearly show it was not a regular ATM pane that could be used for postage. TDB84De was first reported before 1994.



Scott TDB84De sheetlet

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Progress through ATMs

Scott TDB84De cover side

Shown below is another newly listed paper ATM test pane, Scott TDB84Fg, a pane of 18 definitive size Red Rose dummy stamps with a 1-1/2" (41 mm) tall "VOID" in the background. This pane is printed in red, green and black ink on a single layer of untagged, ungummed white copy paper and

has no die-cutting. The simulated center peel strip resembles the printing on Scott 2490a, the issued 29c Rose convertible booklet produced in 1993 by Sennett Security Products. However, rather than showing "S111" for the plate number (as found on Scott 2490a), the "S" was replaced by a "5" so the plate number looks like "5111". There is no printing on the back side.

The last two newly listed paper ATM test panes (TDB99Bc and TDB99De) are very similar. Both show the familiar For Testing Purposes Only (FTPO) dummy stamp design. TDB99Bc, shown at the left of the following page, was made for AutoTell Systems Inc., and was proposed between 1994 and 2000. That test pane is printed on a slick coated white paper, is untagged, ungummed and imperforate. TDB99De, shown at the right of the following page, was made for Wincor AutoTell Systems LLC, and is printed on uncoated gray watermarked paper that is untagged, ungummed and imperforate.

Sometime after December, 2000 (when Wincor purchased AutoTell), TDB99Dc was produced using a new paper. The gray paper, made by the Crane Paper Company using recycled U.S. paper currency, was introduced in 1993. A special "Dandy" roll was used at the end of the Fourdrinier section of Crane's paper machine to add a special "OLD PAPER" watermark to this paper. Each ream of Crane's "OLD MONEY" writing paper contained nearly \$15,000 worth of shredded bills. The grayish color is due to the black and green inks used to print U.S. currency. Initially, Crane removed the ink with a chemical de-inking process, and the special paper had a sea-green color.



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However, the de-inking process created a hazardous waste problem, so the de-inking step was eliminated, resulting in the gray paper. It seems possible that customer demand lagged for the gray paper, so perhaps Crane sold their remaining supply of "OLD MONEY" paper to Wincor to make the TDB99De gray paper ATM test panes.

The following is from a 1994 New York Times article about recycling shredded money: "The New York [Federal Reserve] Bank is negotiating with Crane & Company, which makes all of the paper used for printing United States money, to recycle some currency residue into

stationery and other paper products. Last year, Crane & Company, which is based in Dalton, Mass., began recycling shredded currency from the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland into sea-green stationery called -- no surprise -- "OLD MONEY".

The "OLD MONEY" paper was watermarked as such and some of the paper ATM sheetlets have been found with portions of this watermark. On the following page we illustrate examples of the "OLD MONEY" watermark found on both paper ATM sheetlets and paper test currency that were products of Wincor AutoTell LLC.



TDB99Bc AutoTell Systems
paper ATM Sheetlet.



TDB99De Wincor AutoTell LLC
paper ATM Sheetlet.

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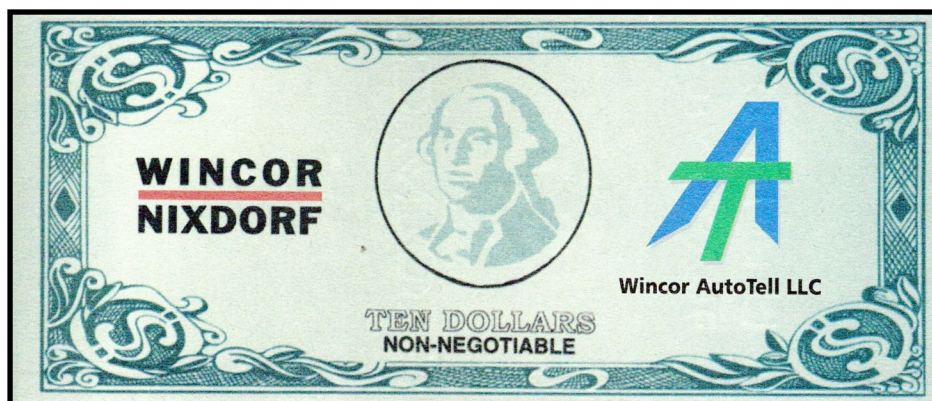
The top part of a TDB99De Wincor AutoTell LLC paper ATM sheetlet above and the Wincor AutoTell LLC paper test money showing the Crane Company watermark and recycle symbol below it and part of the “OLD MONEY” watermark. This watermark, or parts of it, can be found on some TDB99De paper ATM sheetlets.

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BY CRANE



OLD MONEY



Wincor AutoTell LLC TEN DOLLARS paper test money. (Reduced size)



The Wincor AutoTell LLC TEN DOLLARS paper test currency shown below has the Crane Company watermark and recycle symbol and part of the “OLD MONEY” watermark as seen on the Wincor AutoTell LLC paper ATM sheetlet above.

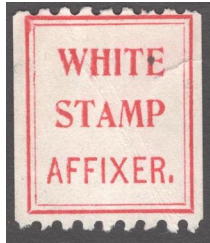
These test money notes were printed on the Crane sea-green “OLD MONEY” paper. This watermark, or parts of it, can be found on some Wincor AutoTell LLC TEN DOLLARS paper test currency. □

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New Test Stamps Listed in the 2019 Scott Specialized Catalogue

by Terry R. Scott

In addition to the newly listed paper ATM sheetlets shown in the above article, there were also revisions to some of the existing test stamp listings and several new test stamp discoveries were listed for the first time.



The first new addition to the Scott Specialized test stamps section was the listing of Scott TD27B, White Stamp Affixer coil. It is a vertical format coil and has gauge 8-1/2 horizontal perforations.



The next new listing is Scott TD54C Reliable Stamp-O-Matic Corporation coil. It is a horizontal format coil that is perforated 9-1/2 vertically.



Another new listing is Scott TD87H Multipost Sales Agency coil. It is a horizontal format coil that is perforated 10-1/2 vertically.

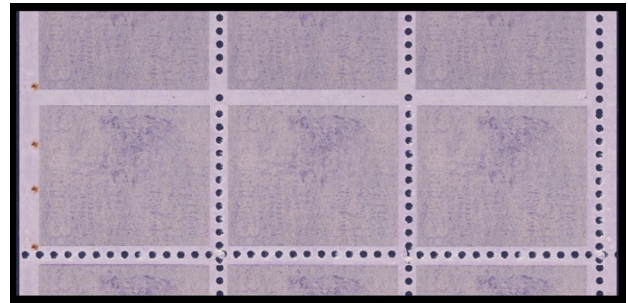


The existing listing for TD130 had a strip of 5 with number "2" added to the listing. The footnote was expanded to note that TD130 stamps have the large blue number spaced 21 stamps apart and that

there is a counting number on the reverse side of the stamp liner paper that is spaced 20 stamps apart.

In the Test Booklets: Panes & Covers section there were numerous changes made.

One important new listing was made for Scott TDB4C, an unsevered strip of five BC10 booklet covers with 4 strips of five #807a under-inked printers waste booklet panes within covers.



Above is a graphically cropped booklet pane of 6 from the above listed booklet. The strip of five booklets panes were unsevered within the booklet and because the BC10 booklet cover design is narrower than the 807a under-inked printers waste booklet panes, the panes are all miscut. Note the staples are at the left end of the pane.



A new listing for TDB16e was added, containing TDB16f panes.

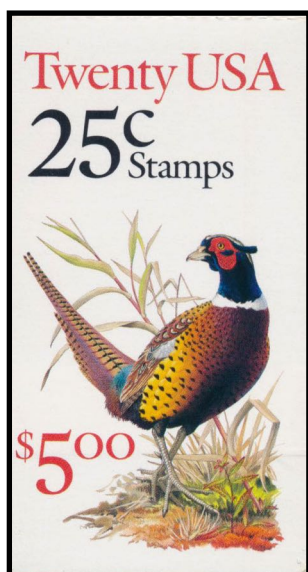
Another revision was the renaming (standardizing) of the color of the "DUMMY" rubber handstamps on the outside front covers of the TDB8, TDB11, TDB13, TDB14, TDB15, TDB16, TDB17 TDB18 and TDB19.

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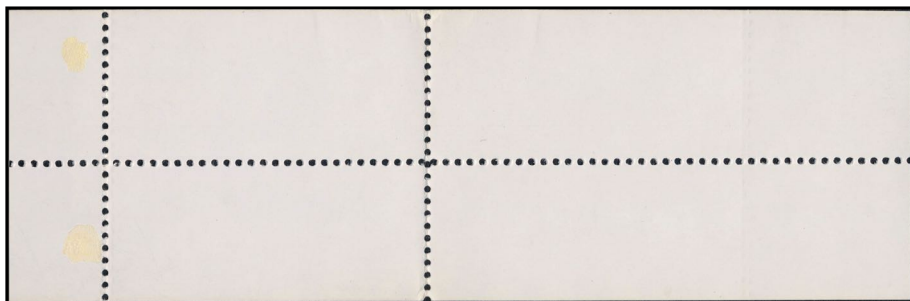
Three more new listings were added to the Test Booklets section. Minor revisions to listing for others were made to more correctly identify and describe correctly the items listed.



Scott TDB32A was one of the newly added test booklets. As can be seen, it has only the red cover printing whereas the TDB32 Flag Over Capital test booklet has both the red and blue full cover printing.



Scott TDB35A is another new listing. The covers are the regularly issued BC41 covers but the panes inside are blank and only partly perforated.

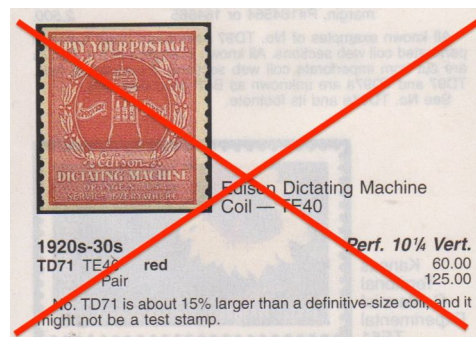


Above is an illustration of one of the booklet panes TDB35Ac from the TDB35A dummy booklet. The pane was folded at the right hand column of vertical perforations.

Another new dummy booklet listed is Scott TDB35C \$5 Jack London booklet covers. This is different from other Jack London dummy booklets as this uses the issued covers without the black number printed in the bottom right corner and it has the normal inside cover printing.



The TDB35C dummy booklet contains Scott TDP11 booklet panes of 10 stamps without printing.



One of the previous listings was deleted as it was determined that it was not a test stamp used for demonstration of any type of stamp equipment, but was created and used for advertising purposes only. Scott TD71 Edison Dictating Machine coil was deleted from listing in the 2020 Scott Specialized.

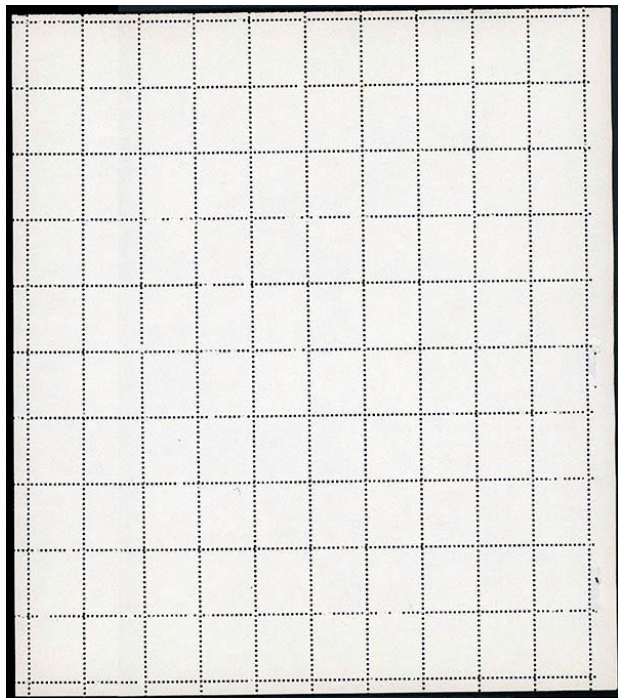
Several changes were made to listings and we encourage you to purchase a new 2020 *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers* to see for yourself what a marvelous job the Scott Publishing people, especially James Kloetzel, Editor Emeritus have done with the Test Stamp section of the catalogue. □


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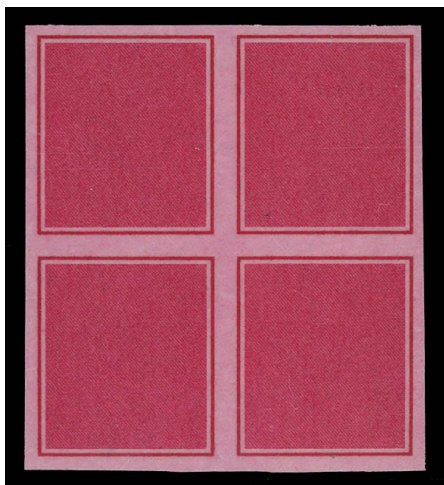
Recent Auctions of Interest to Dummy Stamp Collectors


by Terry R. Scott

On September 29, 2019 Michael Rogers Online, a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #5067 that contained the following test stamps. There is a Buyer's premium of 20% for this sale.



Lot 12275 ** Test Stamp, 1920's-50's, B.E.P. blank design, gum breaker ridges 5mm to 6.5mm apart (Scott TD84A), full pane of 100, Blank with no defacement markings., o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$1,250.00. Not sold.



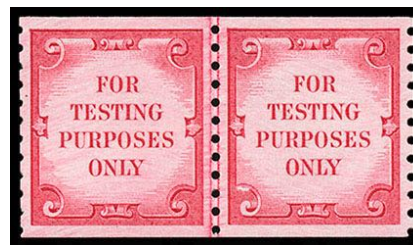
Lot 12276 ** Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design, carmine, imperf (Scott TD94A),

block of 4, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$450.00. Realized \$200.00.

On October 4-6 2019 Schuyler J. Rumsey Philatelic Auctions held Sale #88 that contained the following test stamps. There is a Buyer's premium of 15% for this sale.



Lot 1528 ** TD108 Test Stamp, 1970, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", carmine, untagged, dull gum (*Editor's note: All TD108 coils are tagged and have shiny gum*). Horizontal strip of 3, o.g., never hinged, choice centering, left pair with minor natural gum crease, otherwise Extremely Fine, a seldom offered key test stamp issue, with 2015 W. Weiss certificate. Photo. Scott No. TD108. \$2,850.00 for pair and single. Realized. \$250.00.



Lot 1529 ** TD108 Test Stamp, 1970, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", carmine, untagged, dull gum (*Editor note: All TD108 coils are tagged and have shiny gum*). Line pair, o.g., never hinged, exceptional centering, fresh and pristine, an Extremely Fine gem, a magnificent and extremely rare key test coil in line pair format, line pair listed yet unpriced in Scott (Scott cat \$1,900.00 for normal pair), with 2015 Weiss certificate. Photo. Scott No. TD108. Estimate \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00. Realized \$1,400.00.


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On October 9, 2019 2019.10.09 Vance Auctions Ltd. held Sale #340 that contained the following test stamps. There is no Buyer's premium for this sale.

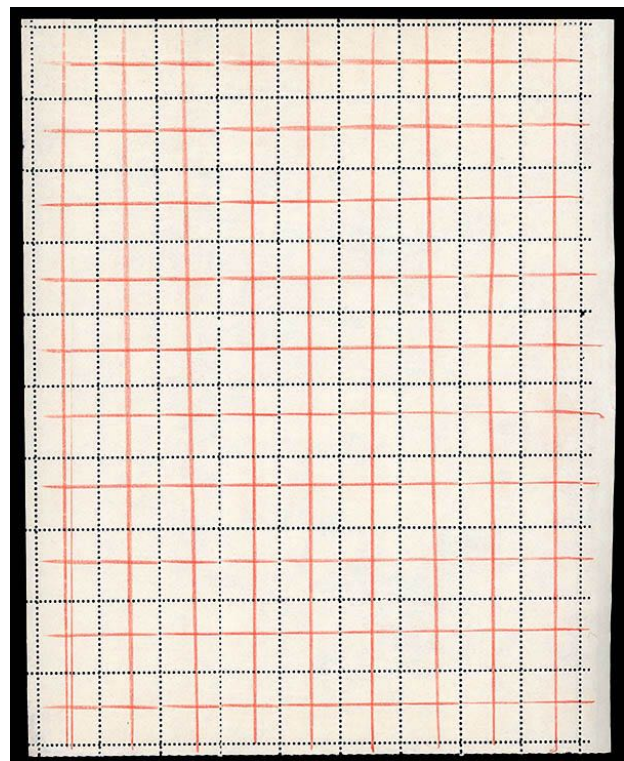


Lot 4707 * TDB92a, self-adhesive TEST Booklet Pane of 18, VF, NH. Photo. Cat. \$250.00. Not sold.

On October 13, 2019 2019.10.13 Michael Rogers Online, a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #5069 that contained the following test stamps. There is a Buyer's premium of 20% for this sale.

Lot 7306 **  TD84A Test Stamp, 1920's-50's, B.E.P. blank design, gum breaker ridges 5mm to 6.5mm apart (Scott TD84A), full pane of 100, Red defacement markings running N-S & E-W, o.g., mostly never hinged (small spots of gum disturbance), Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$1,250.00. Not sold. [See photo at top of right column.](#)

On November 3, 2019 Michael Rogers Online, a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #5072 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 20% Buyer's premium for this sale.



Lot 7473 ** Test Stamp, 1997, magenta serpentine die-cut "For Testing Purposes Only" booklet pane (Scott TDB92a), complete, unfolded pane of 18, with great color and centering, o.g., never hinged, F.-V.F. Photo. Scott \$2,500.00. (Editor note: The Scott Catalog value for this item is \$250.00, not \$2,500.00). Not sold.

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On November 10, 2019 Michael Rogers Online, a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #5073 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 20% Buyer's premium for this sale.



Lot 8262 ** Test Stamp, 1997, magenta serpentine die-cut "For Testing Purposes Only" booklet pane (Scott TDB92a), complete, unfolded pane of 18, with great color and centering, o.g., never hinged, F.-V.F. Photo. Scott \$2,500.00. (*Editor's note: The Scott Catalog value for this item is \$250.00*). Not sold.

On November 12-13, 2019 Cherrystone Auctions held Sale #1119 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% Buyer's premium for this sale.

In addition to these Eagle proofs being the design for the Scott 2595 self-adhesive ATM sheetlet the following die proofs have the same design as used on an ATM test sheetlet that is currently unlisted in the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers*.

Note that the die proof images have been greatly cropped to better show the stamp design.



Lot 250 Catalog #2595P, United States Modern Issues, 1992 Eagle and Shield only, die proof in brown, die sunk on large card, v.f. Photo. Est. \$450.00. Not sold.



Lot 251 Catalog #2595P, United States Modern Issues, 1992 Eagle only, die proof in black, die sunk on large card, v.f. Photo. Est. \$450.00. Not sold.



Lot 252 Catalog #2595P, United States Modern Issues, 1992 Eagle only, die proof in black, v.f. Photo Est. \$450.00. Not sold.

The Scott unlisted paper ATM test pane with the same Eagle design is illustrated at the top of Page 11.

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Shown above is the “stamp” side of a single layer heavy white card stock Eagle & Shield sheetlet. It is similar to the issued similar to the 29c Eagle & Shield sheetlet (Scott 2597a) ATM Sheetlet but does not have the “S1111” plate number that is printed in the peel tab in the center of the sheetlet. The word “VOID” (in dark blue ink) is printed vertically through each stamp image. There is no printing on the back side.



On November 13, 2019 Downeast Stamps held Sale #323 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 12% Buyer's premium for this sale.



Lot 853 ** TD85, 1950's blank, Test Stamp, left margin single, OG, NH, VF. Photo. Est. \$50.00. Realized \$20.00.



Lot 854 ** TD107, black, strip of three with purple horizontal rejection smear across stamps, (Ed. note: These are defacement lines applied to the Scott TD107b stamps to deter use as stamps) VF, OG, NH. Photo. Est. \$15.00. Realized \$12.00.



Lot 855 ** TDB89e, dark blue, For ATM Testing, pane of 18, XF, OG NH. Photo. Est. \$250.00. Realized \$70.00.



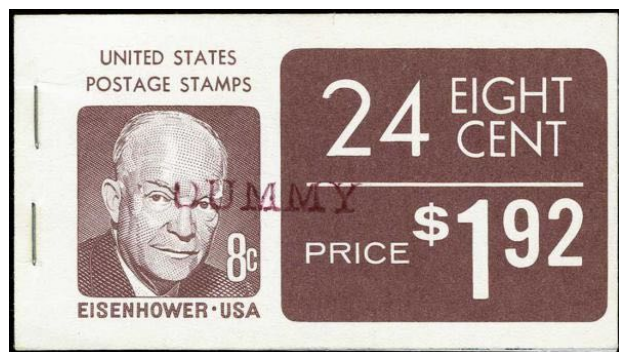
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On November 13-14, 2019 H.R. Harmer GPN, Inc. held Sale #3027 that contained the following test stamps. There is an 18% Buyer's premium for this sale.



Lot 1476 1990 Batelle Institute Complete Packet with Multiple U.S. Test Stamps, unlisted (as of press date) packet of stamps and test instructions for evaluation of the adhesive used on postage stamps (there is a mint pair of the 1c Margaret Mitchell issue included for reference to existing stamps), Very fine; see American Philatelist March 2016 page 264 for expanded details. Photos. Est. \$1,500.00. Realized \$1,600.00.

(Editor's note: The images for this sale are too numerous to show so we will only show a single of one of the Seal test stamps. There were two horizontal strips of 5 of the Seal test stamps in this lot, one strip had Type E gum, the other had Type F gum.) The items that are in this lot were written about, and illustrated in a wonderful article in the March 2016 American Philatelist Magazine - "Creating Seat Belts for Stamps, New Test Items About Stamp Sandwich Emerge" - By Wayne Youngblood. We suggest you read it.)



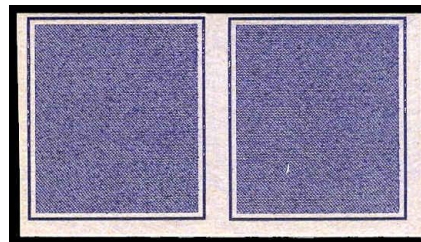
Lot 1477 ** TDB19a, 1971 \$1.92 Eisenhower Test Booklet with "DUMMY" handstamp, complete booklet with three panes "For Testing Purposes Only" issue (Scott TBD13a - all miscut), Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$400.00. Realized \$300.00.

On November 15, 2019 Michael E. Aldrich Auctions held Sale #98 that contained the

following test stamps. There is a Buyer's premium of 15% for this sale.



Lot 2091 * (TD90), ST/4, unused, VF, Photo. Cat. \$90.00. Not sold.



Lot 2092 * (TD95a), H. PR, Imperforate, XLH, sharp color, fresh and F-VF, Photo. Cat. 50.00. Not sold.



Lot 2093 ** (TD109), PR, NH, sharp color, fresh and VF, Photo. Cat. 80.00. Not sold.

On November 15-16, 2019 Dutch Country Auctions / The Stamp Center held Sale #325 that contained the following test stamps. There is a Buyer's premium of 15% for this sale.

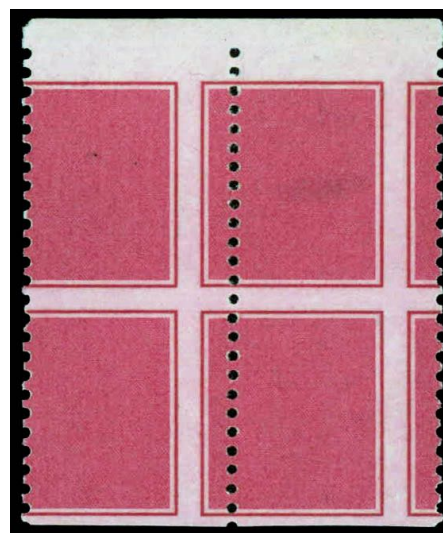
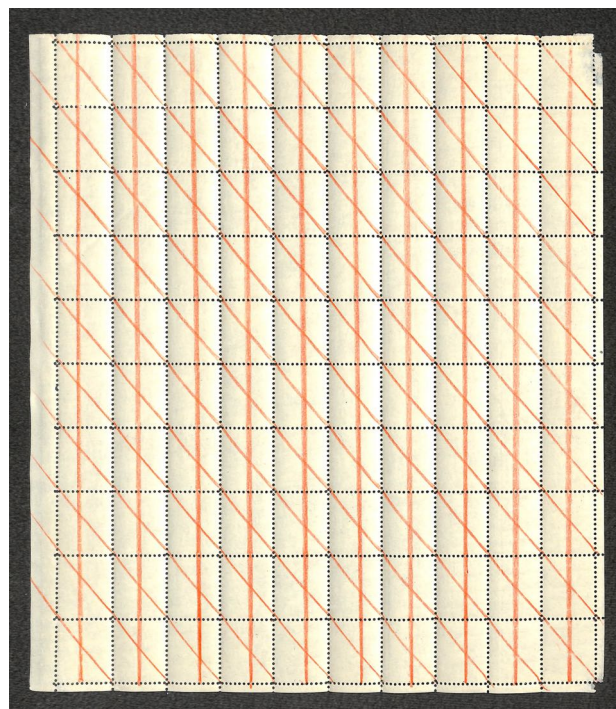
Lot 1815 TEST STAMPS Collection couple (100 test stamps (US, Canada, Switzerland) & instruction stamps & covers (GB, S Africa, Japan, France); including US TD17 (not valued in Scott), TD65 pair, TD111 several line pairs (\$30 each in Scott), TD116, TDB9, TDB12a; also Mailomat card, CVP31 w/o value, Postal Presort, Inc stamps, bklt & cover, React stamp booklets & covers; also photocopies of catalog listings, articles and price lists; minor dup esp. coil strips, gen. F-VF+ No photo. Est. \$400.00 - \$500.00. Not sold.

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On November 27, 2019 Vance Auctions Ltd. held Sale #341 that contained the following test stamps. There is no Buyer's premium for this sale.




Lot 4859 ** TDB92a, Self adhesive TEST Booklet Pane of 18. VF, NH. Photo. Cat. \$250.00. Not sold.



On December 1, 2019 Michael Rogers Online, a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #5076 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 10% Buyer's premium for this sale.

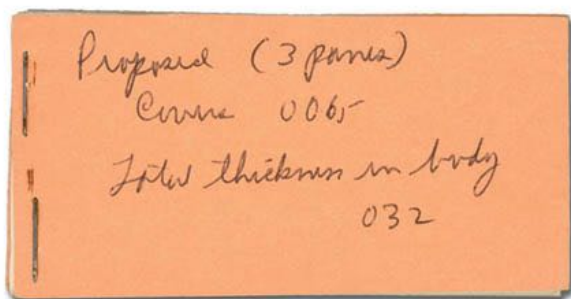
Lot 7183 **/ *  TD84A Test Stamp, 1920's -1950's, B.E.P. blank design, gum breaker ridges 5mm to 6.5mm apart (Scott TD84A), full pane of 100, Red defacement markings running N-S & NW-SE., o.g., mostly never hinged (offset on gum); UR & LR thins & small selvage missing. Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$1,250.00. Realized \$325.00.

See the image of Lot 7183 at the top of the right column on this page.

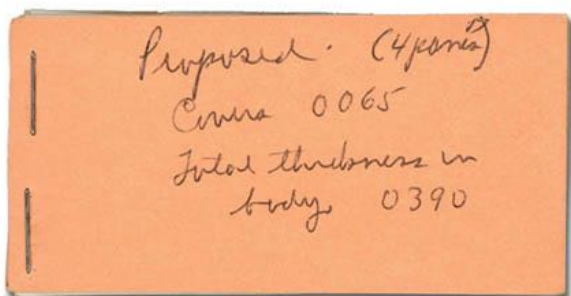
Lot 7184 **  TD97 var Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, carmine (Scott TD97 var), block of 4 made up of two unseparated pairs with mis-registered perfs, unusual freak item, o.g., never hinged, except top right stamp thinned, Fine. Photo. Estimate \$200.00. Realized \$180.00.

On December 3-5, 2019 Daniel F. Kellerher Auctions, LLC held Sale #731 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 20% Buyer's premium for this sale.

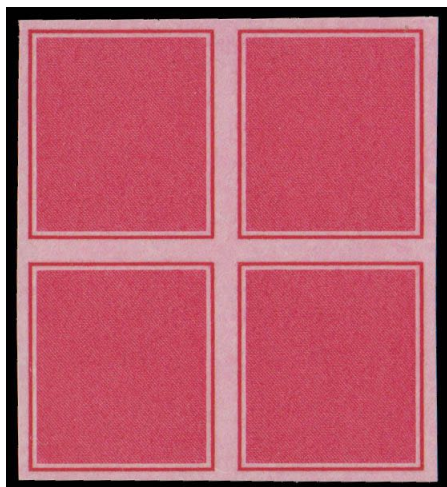
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Lot 2185 BK ** Unlisted Test Stamp, 1950s, booklet with blank "stamps" (Scott unlisted), three panes of six "stamps" (with gum breakers) with interleaving between, stapled into orange card covers, the front cover inscribed in pen "Proposed (3 panes) / Covers .0065/Total thickness in body/.032", o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, an unusual item worthy of research. Photo. Estimate \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00. Realized \$750.00.



Lot 2186 BK ** Unlisted Test Stamp, 1950s, booklet with blank "stamps" (Scott unlisted), four panes of six "stamps" (with gum breakers) with interleaving between, stapled into orange card covers, the front cover inscribed in pen "Proposed (4 panes)/Covers .0065/Total thickness in/body .0390", o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, an interesting item of postal production. Photo. Estimate \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00. Realized \$750.00.



Lot 2187 **  TD94A Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. rotary press framed rectangle, carmine, imperf (Scott TD94A), o.g., never hinged, bright and fresh with large margins, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$450.00. Realized \$160.00



Lot 2189 ** TDB92a Test Stamp, 1997, magenta serpentine die-cut "For Testing Purposes Only" booklet pane (Scott TDB92a), complete unfolded pane of 18, o.g., never hinged, with great color and centering, Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$2,500.00. (Editor's note: The Scott catalogue value is \$250.00, not \$2,500.00). Not sold.

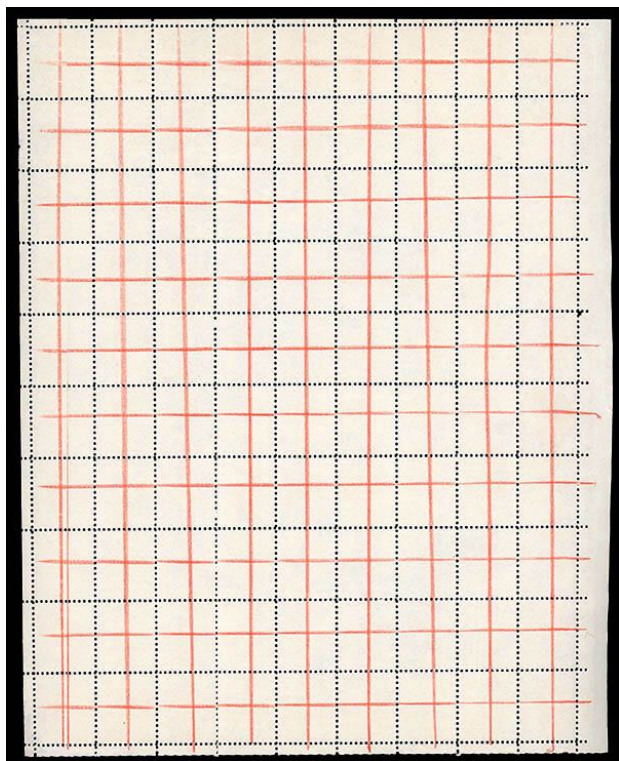
On December 4, 2019 Eastern Auctions Ltd. held an auction that contained the following test stamps. There is no Buyer's premium for this sale.




Lot 1218 * USA Test Stamps - "For Testing Purposes Only" coil strips (3 strips of 4, one strip of 3 and one coil pair) One strip of 4 is a line pair and one strip of 4 has horizontal purple lines. F-VF pebble gum, NH. Photo Ex. Est. \$125.00. Not sold.

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On December 8, Michael Rogers Online, a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #5077 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 20% Buyer's premium for this sale.



Lot 9368 **/*  Test Stamp, 1920's- 1950's, B.E.P. blank design, gum breaker ridges 5mm to 6.5mm apart (Scott TD84A), full pane of 100, Red defacement markings running N-S & E-W, o.g., mostly never hinged (small spots of gum disturbance), Very Fine. Scott \$1,250.00. Realized \$510.00.



On December 11-13, 2019 Michael E. Aldrich Auctions held Sale #99 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% Buyer's premium for this sale.



Lot 1015 * (TD115) Blue Flag, H. Pair, self-stick with backing, Very Fine, quite scarce and undervalued in our opinion. Photo. Cat. Val. \$600.00. Realized \$1,100.00.



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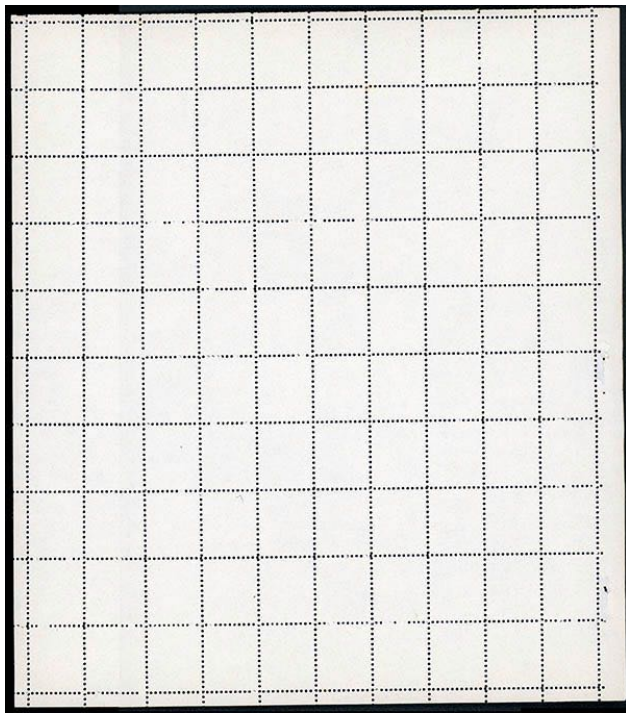



Illustration for Lots 11078 and 11079

Lot 11078 ** TDB92a Test Stamp, 1997, magenta serpentine die-cut "For Testing Purposes Only" booklet pane (Scott TDB92a), complete, unfolded pane of 18, with great color and centering, o.g., never hinged, F.-V.F. Photo. Scott \$2,500.00. *(Editor's note: The Scott catalogue value is \$250.00, not \$2,500.00).* Withdrawn.

Lot 11079 ** TDB92a Test Stamp, 1997, magenta serpentine die-cut "For Testing Purposes Only" (Scott TDB92a), complete, unfolded booklet pane of 18, o.g., never hinged, with great color and centering, F.-V.F. Photo. Scott \$2,500.00. *(Editor's note: The Scott catalogue value is \$250.00 not \$2,500.00).* Withdrawn.

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Lot 11080 **  TD84A Test Stamp, 1920's-50's, B.E.P. blank design, gum breaker ridges 5mm to 6.5mm apart (Scott TD84A), full pane of 100, Blank with no defacement markings., o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$1,250.00. Not sold.



Proposed Future DSSG Projects


Dummy Booklets Guide

You may have noticed a change in the title of the project that Mike Perry and I have been working on. At the WESTPEX 2019 stamp show in San Francisco, California Mike and I met several times to discuss and to show both Roger Brody and Nick Lombardi the latest draft of a project that was previously known as the updating of *Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets*.

After several discussions, Roger decided that it would be in the best interest of the *United States Stamp Society* to make this project an actual published book. In making it a book, it was also decided that the title would be changed to *Dummy Booklets Guide*. Needless to say that Mike and I were very pleased at this decision and are working to make it the best possible publication on this interesting subject of dummy stamp books.

The last update by Earl McAfee, Dummy Booklets Study Group Chairman, was in 1998.

Since then there have been many new discoveries. Many of them have been written up in articles in *The United States Specialist*. Now the time has come to document and illustrate them in a new *Dummy Booklets Guide*.

I ask all of you to join Mike Perry and myself in this project as we are not able to do it all, nor would you want us to do it all. It is a Dummy Stamps Study Group project and all members have a chance, and are greatly encouraged, to provide their input. Any information on new items or any items not listed in the previous 1998 edition of *Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets* would be appreciated. While we believe we have most everything necessary to complete this book to include currently known dummy booklets, we may be missing important information that you can provide. This publication will be in full color. 

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Requests for Articles for The United States Specialist

Martin Kent Miller, the new Editor of *The United States Specialist*, is always looking for articles of interest for inclusion in our society's monthly publication. The type of articles Martin needs most are the shorter ones, one or two-page articles. If you are considering writing an article for *The United States Specialist*, please contact him for instructions. If the article is regarding dummy stamps, I would appreciate knowing

about it also. Many members of the DSSG have written articles on dummy stamps and other stamps for this publication. It is rewarding and other USSS members benefit greatly from the information that is published in *The United States Specialist*.

Martin can be reached by e-mail at: editor@usstamps.org □

The Other Projects

There are several other projects currently being worked on by various members of the DSSG. They are as follows:

- Compiling a complete and comprehensive list of dummy test stamp roll sizes, box and roll labels. There are many different styles of labels sometimes found on the same test stamps. This is especially true of Bureau of Engraving and Printing products
- Compiling a complete and comprehensive record of auction appearances and prices realized for test stamps
- Compiling a complete and comprehensive listing of references for test stamps
- Compiling a complete and comprehensive list of plate numbers printed on test stamps and the frequency in which they appear and the frequency of joint lines on test coils when they appear. □

This issue and all past issues of the Dummy Stamps Study Group Newsletter - Dummy News and Views may be found at:

<http://www.usstamps.org/dssg.html>