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Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Sixty-fourth Newsletter

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

A Different Newsletter - This Time Only

by Michael O. Perry and Terry R. Scott

Typically in the Summer edition of this newsletter we report on the annual meeting with Mr. James. Kloetzel, Editor Emeritus of the Scott Catalogues, that we have had for many years at the annual WESTPEX Stamp Show in San Francisco.

As you are aware, last year this show and many others were cancelled due to the Covid outbreak. The show is usually held the last weekend of April and because of Covid this year it did not take place then but was rescheduled for

July 30 through August 1st. Because of the new dates, Jim was not able to make the stamp show due to finalizing the updates and corrections for the 2022 *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers* as well as other catalogues he works on.

We are taking this opportunity to present the auction results from a recent auction that contained some major United States test stamps. The Fall 2021 edition of this newsletter will resume the "normal" articles and auction results.

This newsletter will be strictly devoted to the Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC Sale - 758.

While many of the lots in this auction had several illustrations, we decided to not include them all in this newsletter to keep the overall size manageable. Also, many illustrations will be reduced in size for this newsletter. The full sale can be found at the Stamp Auction Network website <https://stampauctionnetwork.com/V/y758149.cfm> if you want to view the lots that do not have all of the illustrations included in this newsletter and there the illustrations are in full size. *Editor notes herein are shown in blue font italicized.*

On July 13 - 16, 2021 Daniel F. Kellerher Auctions, LLC. held Sale #758 that contained the following amazing selection of test stamps. There is a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 1774 * **Test Stamps & Booklets, Small Miscellaneous Balance**, three exhibit pages containing pairs of TD79-82, strips of 6 of TD119-120, a number strip of TD119, and two ATM panes of TCB99a, Very Fine, ex Undersander / L. Weiss. Three photos. Scott \$266.00. Realized \$150.00.

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Electric Vendors, Inc., of Minneapolis, Minn. developed a line of vending machines called Stampmaster starting in the 1930s. At first, tests were conducted with actual stamps. Then, Stampmaster developed its own dummy stamps, perf 10½, shown below. Finally, dummy stamps were made available by Post Office Department.



Blank white paper coils also used, possibly after Pitney Bowes acquired Stampmaster:



Photo of Kenneth C. Zeigle, President of Electric Vendors, and assistant "getting ready to research" Stampmaster machine. Note BEP-supplied dummy stamps coming out of machine.



Security printers of U.S. stamps besides BEP produced coil test stamps. These are by Stamp Venturers, a contractor to United States Postal Service. Distributed at World Columbian Stamp Expo, Chicago, 1992.



Photogravure, Perf 10 Gummed



Photogravure, Roulette 975 Gummed



Back numbering demonstration; 299 back-numbered stamps issued.

Coils of 100, paper wrapper as shown, with coil rolls in "sticks" of 13 rolls.



Block from parts of two adjacent rolls; scored between rolls in a stick

One photo from Lot 1774 is not shown here.

Lot 1775 * **Dummy Booklet, 1997, Two promotional ATM format booklets**, one promoting the soon-to-be-released *self-adhesive Federal Duck Stamp* in ATM format (this was a 2-side promotional piece with no actual stamps); the second, with 18 stamp-like images overprinted with black lines, produced for and distributed at PACIFIC '97, Very Fine, ex L. Weiss. Two photos. Estimate \$150.00 - \$200.00. Realized \$110.00. (Ed. Note: As the lot description clearly states, these were promotional items given away at PACIFIC '97 and are not classified as "test stamps".)

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Federal Duck Stamp ATM pane, on self-adhesive backing.

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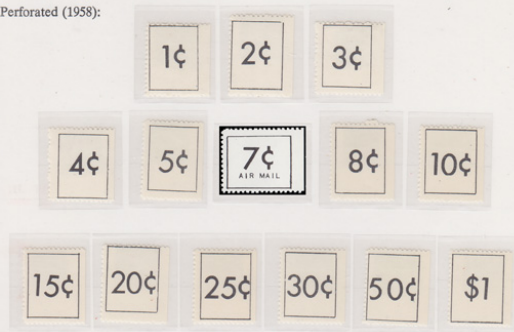
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Lot 1776 * **Test Stamp, 1958, U.S. Army Test stamps for training military postal clerks, complete set of 20**, 14 values from 1¢ to \$1 in black - including a 7¢ "Air Mail" - perf 12½ and gummed (lightly hinged), and six from 1¢ to 8¢ - the 8¢ for "Air Mail" - each in a different color, roulette 6 and gummed (never hinged), Very Fine. A very rare set., ex L. Weiss. Two photos. Estimate \$400.00 - \$600.00. Realized \$425.00. (Ed. Note: These are not "test stamps" they are as described - "training stamps".)

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Prepared for training military postal clerks.

Perforated (1958):



Rouletted (1962):



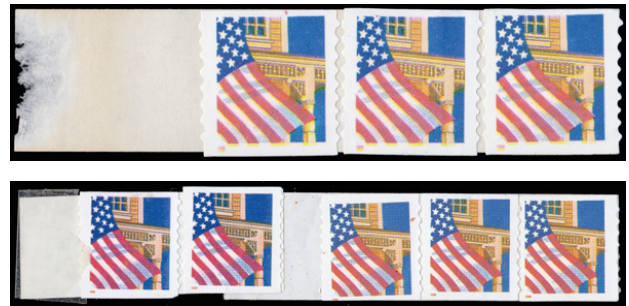
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Lot 1777 * Test Stamp, 1910's-1920's, \$1 Service and Inspection Charge, required by Chicago Board of Underwriters, perf 12 vertically, Scott-unlisted, o.g., previously hinged; small scuff at bottom, Very Fine. Photo. Estimate \$150.00 - \$200.00. Realized \$100.00. *(Ed. Note: This is not a "test stamps" it is a form of tax stamp.)*



Lot 1778 * **Flag Over Porch Dummy Coil**, USPS/Walmart promotion, three strips of 3 and a pair, Fine to Very Fine, ex Undersander. "These un-denominated dummy coils were reproductions of the self-adhesive 32¢ Flag Over Porch stamps and were distributed by Walmart retail stores on Daffy Duck Day, April 17, 1999, a promotion by the U.S. Postal Service in partnership with Warner Bros. and Walmart. The stamps were sold in strips

of three in small refrigerator magnets in the shape of USPS Mail boxes (meant to be coil stamp dispensers). The mail boxes had one of three stamps pictured on the side: the 33¢ Daffy Duck (issued the previous day), the 32¢ Bugs Bunny, or the 32¢ Sylvester & Tweety. The stamps and the mailboxes were manufactured in China, and though appearing to be self-adhesive, cannot be removed from the backing paper without significantly being damaged." Two photos. Estimate \$150.00 - \$200.00. Realized \$140.00. *(Ed. Note: As stated above in the auction firm's description, these are publicity stamps rather than "test stamps".)*




Lot 1779 S  **Test Stamp, 1940s, Security Banknote Co., 20(c) Plane over Lake, imperf**, detailed engraved scene, "SPECIMEN" in bottom label, three blocks of 4: deep red, deep orange and red brown, ungummed, Extremely Fine. Two photos. Estimate \$150.00 - \$200.00. Realized \$225.00. *(Ed. Note: These are not "test stamps" they are as described - "Specimens".)*




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Lot 1780 *  **Test Booklet, 1970s, Avery-Dennison, Eagle self-adhesive test booklet**, an exploded stapled booklet consisting of a single pane of 8 and two blank, thin card covers, 92 x 50 mm, Very Fine. *Unlisted. Said to be one of only three panes known. Photo. Estimate \$750.00 - \$1,000.00. Realized \$800.00. (Ed. Note: These are not recognized as 'test stamps' at this time - their provenance is not documented.)*

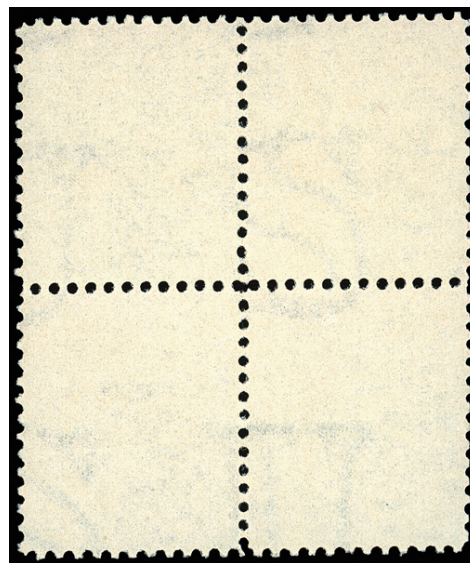


Lot 1781 (*)  **Test Stamp, ca. 1880s, American Bank Note Co.(?), 3(c) Liberty Head "Experiment"**, upper left sheet margin block of 10, bright blue on stamp paper, perf 12, without gum, Very Fine. *A rare multiple, ex L. Weiss. Two photos. Estimate \$200.00 - \$300.00. Realized \$170.00. (Ed. Note: These are not "test stamps" they have been documented as demonstrations of printing quality.)*



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Lot 1782 **  **TD11 Test Stamp, 1907, Blank Design Type, double line watermark (Scott TD11), block of 4, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$300.00. Realized \$130.00. (Ed. Note: These are vertical format stamps as shown below - the photo in the catalog was rotated 90 degrees.)**



Lot 1783 (*) **TD23 Test Stamp, 1910, Hamilton design, offset, coil, deep red, perf 10½ horizontally (Scott TD23), pair, without gum, Fine to Very Fine. Scott says, "Pairs invariably have one row of perfs cutting slightly into the design and are valued thus", ex Undersander. Two photos. Scott \$800.00. Realized \$350.00.**

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Lot 1784 ** TD27 Test Stamp, 1909-10, Simplex Stamp Affixer, red (Scott TD27), pair, o.g., never hinged; light gum wrinkles, Fine. Photo. Scott \$1,000.00 as singles. Realized \$350.00.

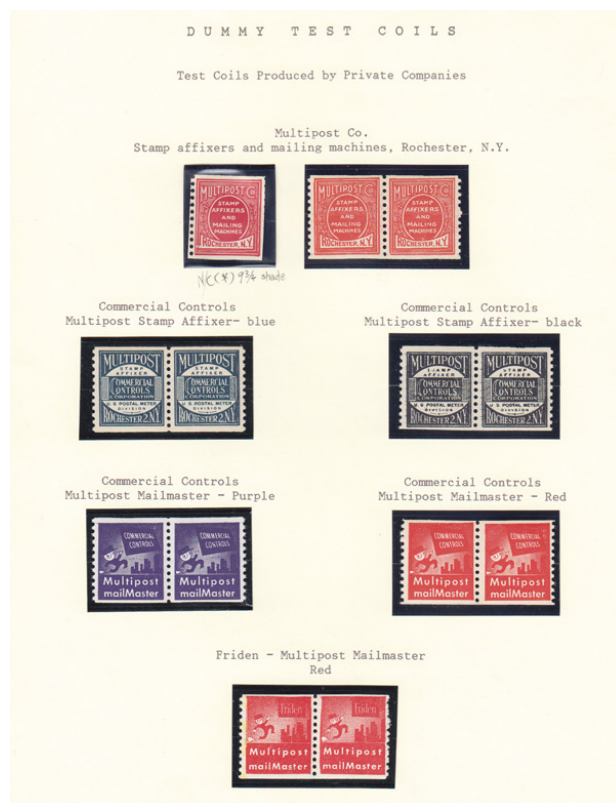


Lot 1785 ** TD34 Test Stamp, 1910's, Standard Stamp Affixer (Somerville) coil, green, alternating perf $8\frac{1}{4}$ and $8\frac{1}{2}$ vert. (Scott TD34), strip of 5, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, Ex-L. Weiss. Photo. Scott \$85.00+. Realized \$130.00.



Lot 1786 ** TD37 // TD93 Test Stamp, 1910-49, Multipost Co. coils, group of 14 items (Scott TD37//TD93), mostly pairs or strips of 3 including at least one pair of TD37, TD37B (perf $11\frac{3}{4}$ unpriced by Scott!) and TD88-93, plus 3x

TD88 on a cover; all on two Exhibition pages, o.g., never hinged, Fine to Very Fine, ex Undersander, L. Weiss. Two photos. Scott \$420.00+. Realized \$350.00.



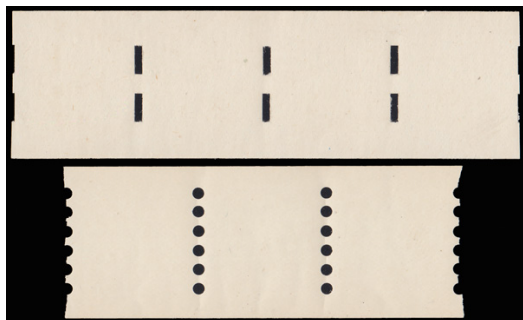
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Lot 1787 */o TD40 Test Stamp, 1911-13, Extensive Mfg. Co. coil, carmine & black, perf $10\frac{1}{4}$ vertically (Scott TD40), small group: a mint strip of 3, a "used" single with a partial Dec 1916 c.d.s., and a mint pair in brown & black instead of carmine & black, mint strip and pair are o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Unlisted in brown & black, Ex-L. Weiss. Photo. Scott \$220.00++. Realized \$375.00.



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Lot 1788 ** TD46, TD47 **Test Stamp, 1910-27, blank horizontal coils, Schermack type III & Mailometer type I perforations (Scott TD46, TD47)**, strip of 4 of the Schermack, strip of 3 of the Mailometer, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, on an Exhibition page with a #TD45 strip of 4 (lightly hinged, light crease) and a #TD45A pair (never hinged). *Very rare; #TD46 is unpriced by Scott, #TD47 is \$300 as singles*, ex L. Weiss. Two photos. Estimate \$750.00 - \$1,000.00. Realized \$600.00.



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Lot 1789 (*) TD51 **Test Stamp, 1912, Bruckmann A.G. (Washington design), brown (Scott TD51)**, horizontal pair with wide sheet margin at the right, ungummed, Very Fine. *Only 372 stamps are known in private hands*, Ex-Undersander. Photo. Scott \$200.00+. Realized \$180.00.



Lot 1790 (*)  TD51 **Test Stamp, 1912, Bruckmann A.G. (Washington design), brown (Scott TD51)**, block of 24 with full side selvage, ungummed; torn irregularly across bottom, vertical crease through 4th column, otherwise Very Fine. *Only 372 stamps are known in private hands*, ex L. Weiss. Two photos. Scott \$2,700.00 as blocks of 4. Realized \$900.00.



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Lot 1791  TD58 **Test Stamp, 1922, Mail-O-Meter coil, red, perf 10¼ vertically (Scott TD58)**, affixed (upside down) on a small promotional piece published by Mail-O-Meter distributor, the Office Device Company of Philadelphia, Very Fine. Two photos. Estimate \$150.00 - \$200.00. Realized \$150.00.



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Lot 1792 ** TD59 **Test Stamp, 1922, Mail-o-meter coil, red, perf 10½ vertically (Scott TD59)**, pair, o.g., never hinged, in bright color as bold as the company's boast; paper Post Office fresh with sound perforations; small tear at bottom of left stamp, the right stamp completely sound, Fine to Very Fine appearance, unpriced in Scott (listed with a dash). Photo. Estimate \$500.00 - \$750.00. Realized \$425.00. *(Ed. Note: These is not Scott TD59 it is TD60A.)*



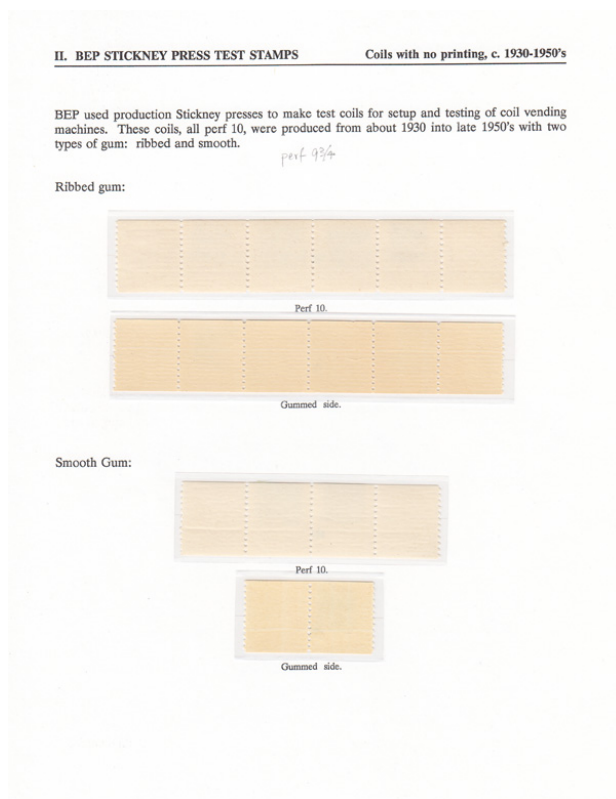
Lot 1793 ** TD60A **Test Stamp, 1922, Mail-O-Meter ("10,000 Envelopes Per Hour") coil, red (Scott TD60A)**, pair, o.g., never hinged, a bold claim in even bolder color, beautifully offset by the immaculate paper; fresh and sound, Fine to Very Fine, unpriced in Scott, with 2021 P.S.A.G. certificate. Two photos. Estimate \$750.00 - \$1,000.00. Realized \$650.00.




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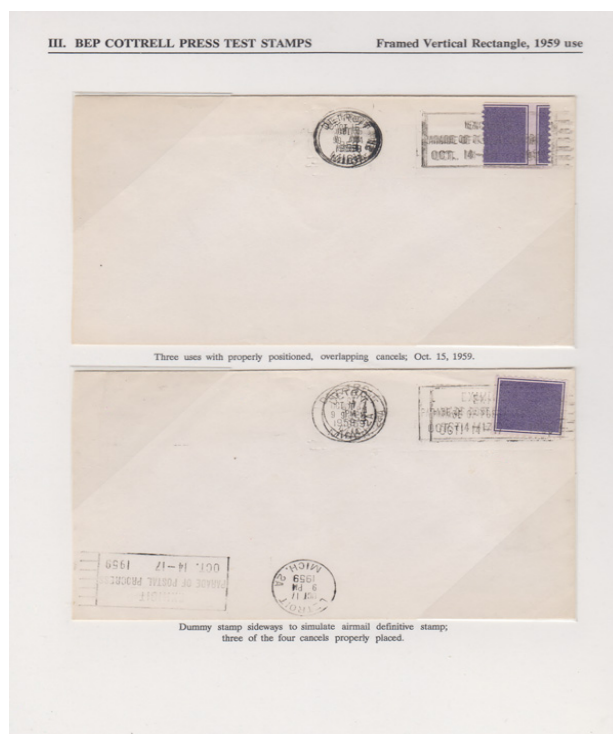
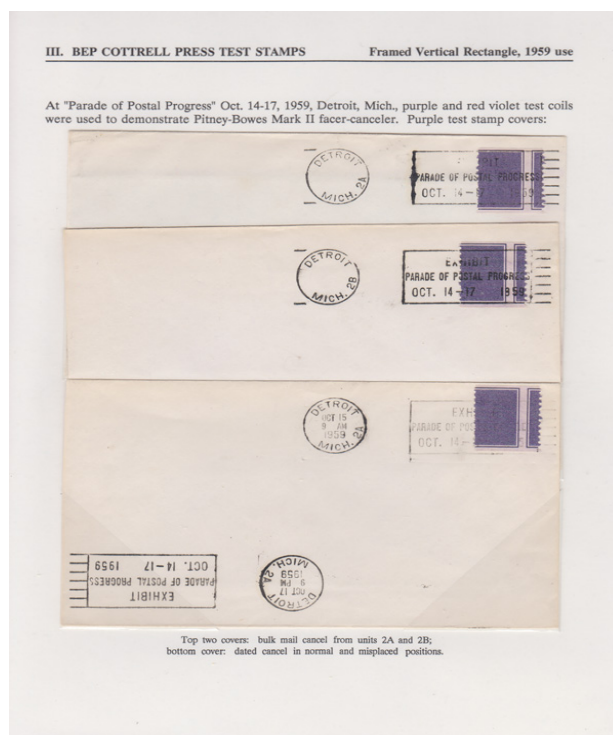
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Lot 1794 ** TD75-TD76 **Test Stamp, 1927-30, B.E.P., blank on cream horizontal coils, perf 9¾ (Scott TD75-TD76)**, small study on three Exhibition pages including a coil leader strip of 4 of #TD75 and color/gap varieties of #TD76; 11 pieces altogether, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, ex L. Weiss. Three photos. Estimate \$200./00 - \$300.00. Realized \$110.00.



Two photos from Lot 1794 are not shown here.


Lot 1795  TD95 **Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, violet (Scott TD95)**, five unaddressed demonstration covers from Detroit's "Parade of Postal Progress" Exhibit, Oct 14-17, 1959; all bear the appropriate slogan cancel: 1.) Oct 15 with the cancel tripled; 2.) Oct 15 with the cancel tripled plus an extra cancel inverted at the lower left; 3. & 4.) with no date slug (third class mail), machines 2A & 2B; and 5.) Oct 15 canceled once normally and once inverted at the lower left; all but the second cover have a badly misperforated stamp. A unique group mounted on two Exhibit pages, ex L. Weiss. Two photos. Scott \$425.00+. Realized \$250.00.

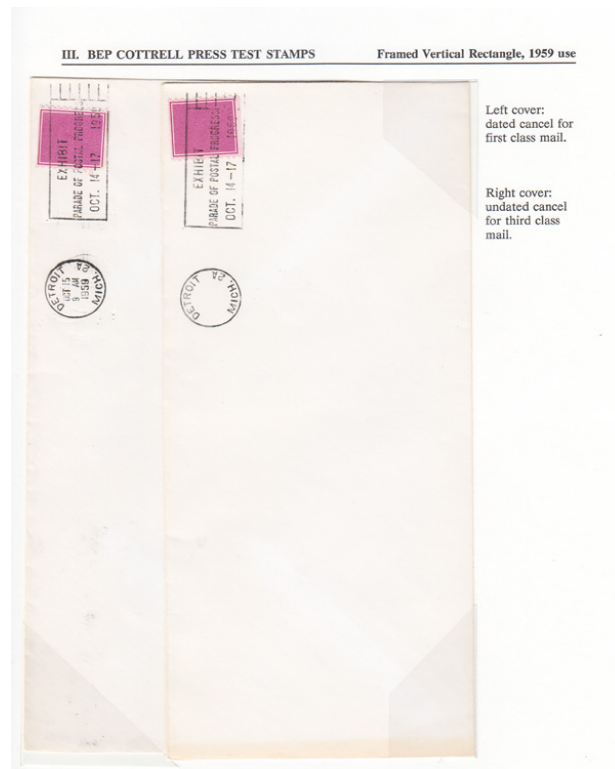


Lot 1796 ** TD95a Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, purple, imperf (Scott TD95a), joint line strip of 6, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$550.00. Realized \$600.00.




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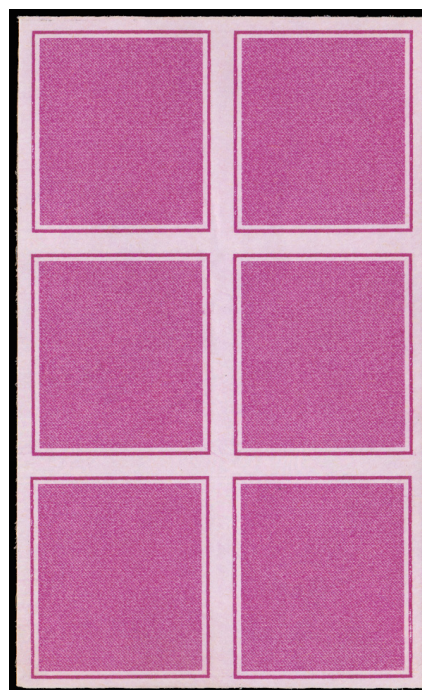
Lot 1797  TD96 Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, red violet (Scott TD96), seven unaddressed demonstration covers from Detroit's "Parade of Postal Progress" Exhibit, Oct 14-17, 1959; all bear the appropriate slogan cancel: 1.) tied with a 4¢ Lincoln, Oct 16, on an envelope with a pictorial cachet for the event; 2. & 3.) legal size envelopes one dated Oct 15, the other, for 3rd class mail, with no date slug; 4. & 5.) two legal size covers canceled Oct 14 & 17, both with multiple strikes of the cancel (normal, lower left, and/or back); 6.& 7.) two postcard, one plain, one with an added 5¢ Eagle Airmail & and Air Mail label, both canceled at a preview session on Oct 13 and both with the *incorrect* "1958" year date. A unique group, with covers from each day of the exhibit as well as from the preview session; mounted on three Exhibit pages, Very Fine, ex L. Weiss. Three photos. Scott \$595.00+. Realized \$300.00.




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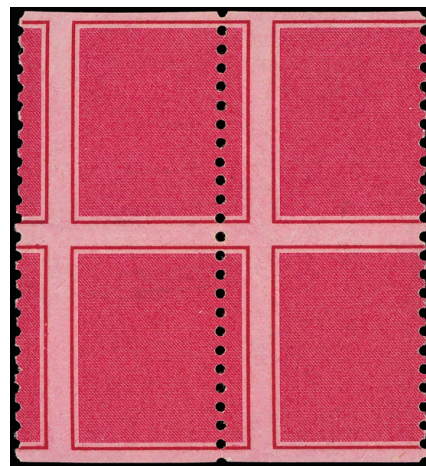
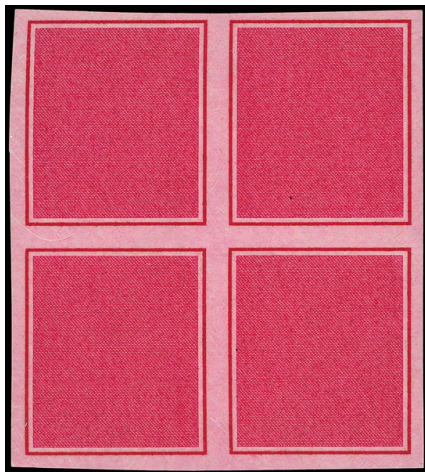



Lot 1798  ** TD96a Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, red violet, imperf (Scott TD96a), a bright, fresh vertical block of 6, o.g., never hinged but slightly disturbed, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$1,700.00 for never hinged. Realized \$1,700.00.

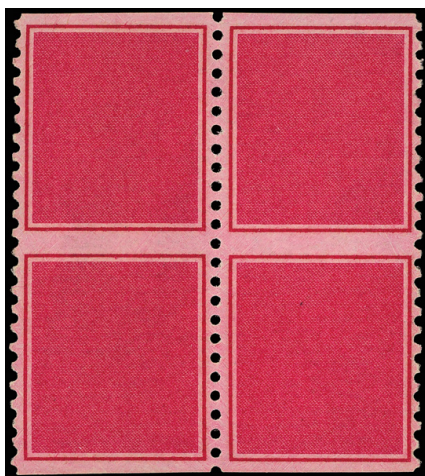



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Lot 1799  **/* TD97a Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, carmine, imperf (Scott TD97a), block of 4, o.g., lightly hinged (2 stamps never hinged), Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$600.00. Realized \$375.00.

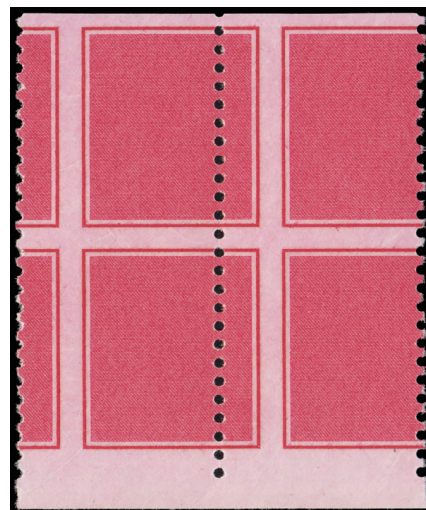


Lot 1800  **/* TD97b Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, carmine, unslit horizontally (Scott TD97), vertically perforated and imperforate horizontally block of 4, listed only with a dash in Scott, o.g., never hinged, Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Estimate \$500.00 - \$750.00. Realized \$400.00.



Lot 1801  **/* TD97b Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, carmine, unslit horizontally (Scott TD97), vertically perforated and imperforate horizontally block of 4, misperforated vertically, listed only with a dash in Scott, o.g., never hinged, Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Estimate \$500.00 - \$750.00. Realized \$275.00.

Lot 1802  **/* TD97 var. Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, carmine, *misperfed* (Scott TD97 var.), perforations shifted about 6mm, block of 4 with bottom sheet margin, imperforate horizontally (as always), o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. *These were produced to be coils but are unknown as B.E.P.-produced coils; all known pairs and strip are hand-cut.* Photo. Scott \$800.00+. Realized \$325.00.




Lot 1803 ** TD99-101, TD99a, TD101a Test Stamp, 1954, Nebraska Territorial Centennial Experimental, all three colors (Scott TD99-101, T99a, TD101a), including the brown and blue on ungummed tan paper, 3 on white paper o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Two photos. Scott \$435.00. Realized \$140.00.


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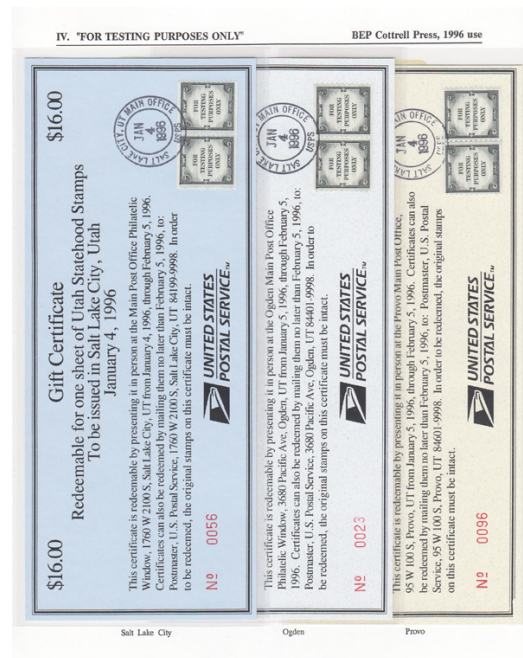


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Lot 1804  ** TD101 Test Stamp, 1954, Nebraska Territorial Centennial Experimental, blue (Scott TD101), block of 4, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$120.00. Not sold.

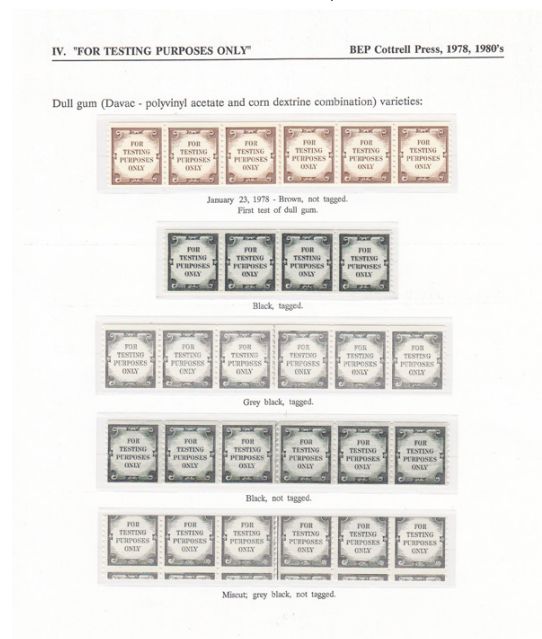


Lot 1805  TD107, TD112 Test Stamp, 1962, 1986, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black (Scott TD107, TD112), small study of six USPS Gift Certificates for new issues "franked" with pairs of the test stamps and canceled on the First Day: three issued for the Jan 6, 1994 Winter Olympics mini-sheets - each a different version of the certificate - two with T107 line pairs, one with a pair of TD112; and three for the Jan 4, 1996 Utah Statehood a sheet of 50, one each for Salt Lake City, Ogden & Provo, each with a pair of TD107 (one a line pair), Very Fine. A unique group mounted on Exhibition pages, ex L. Weiss. Three photos. Estimate \$200.00 - \$300.00. Realized \$100.00.



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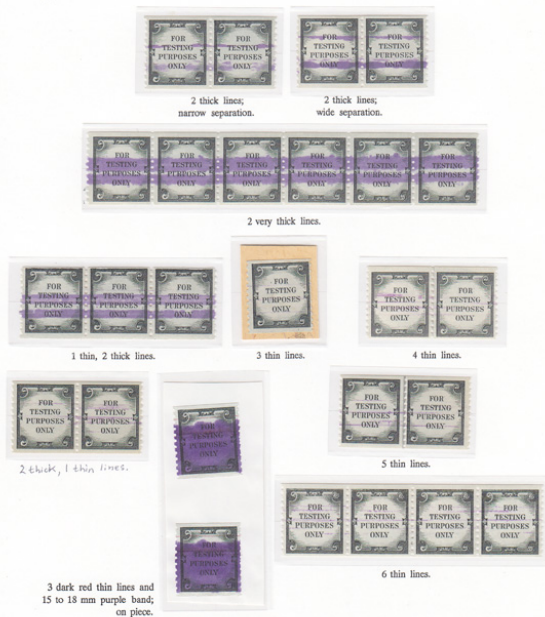
Lot 1806 ** TD107a/TD107e, TD111 Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black coils, Study of gum, tagging & defacement lines (Scott TD107a/e, TD111), 45 pieces, from singles to joint line strips of 6, mounted on eight Exhibition pages detailing the various forms of gum, tagging and defacement lines used; also includes a joint line strip of 6 of TD111, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, ex L. Weiss. Eight photos. Scott \$213.00 as "mint". Realized \$150.00.



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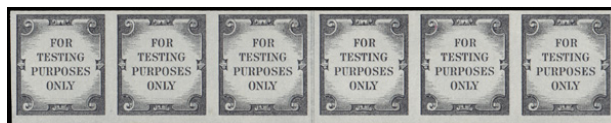
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Lot 1807 * TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), small accumulation of pairs and strips with various colored "defacements": red (48), blue (22), brown (26) & silver (10); includes several joint lines. Two photos. Scott \$106.00+. Withdrawn from auction. *(Ed. Note: Examples of these TD107b test stamps with these four different varieties of color defacement lines have been previously submitted to American Philatelic Society for certificates and all have been returned as "fake defacement line" examples.)*



Lot 1808 ** TD107c Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum, imperf (Scott TD107c), joint line strip of 6, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, ex Undersander. Photo. Scott \$1,250.00+. Realized \$750.00.



Lot 1809 ** TD108 Test Stamp, 1970, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", carmine, untagged, dull gum (Scott TD108), o.g., never hinged, a stamp that passes in (and with) flying colors, precise lines, and near-perfect centering, Extremely Fine, unpriced in SMQ, and not censused in PSE's Population Report, with 2021 P.S.A.G. certificate graded XF 90. Two photos. SMQ XF 90. Scott \$800.00. Not sold. *(Ed. Note: For lots 1809, 1810, 1811 and 1812, the TD108 Carmine test coils all have shiny gum, not dull gum.)*

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Lot 1810 ** TD108 Test Stamp, 1970, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", carmine, untagged, dull gum (Scott TD108), a superlative line pair, o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine. *An exceedingly rare joint line pair of the carmine "For Testing Purposes Only" coil—listed but not priced by Scott. Photo. Scott \$1,600.00 for a plain pair. Withdrawn from auction. (Ed. Note: This TD108 Joint Line pair has a questionable "extra" joint line. The joint line at the right edge is the real joint line and the one in the center of the is pair a fake)*



Lot 1811 ** TD108 Test Stamp, 1970, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", carmine, untagged, dull gum (Scott TD108), fresh and well centered, Extremely Fine. Of the mere 20 examples known, only eight are not soiled to some degree. This is the largest recorded unsoiled multiple, ex L. Weiss. *Though first printed in 1970, these carmine colored test coils were not discovered until 1992, when the 12 soiled examples were found. Unsoiled copies were not discovered until 1996, this strip being from that find. Two photos. Scott \$1,600.00+. Realized \$800.00. (Ed. Note: Since the time of the discovery of 20 examples in 1992, more are now known.)*

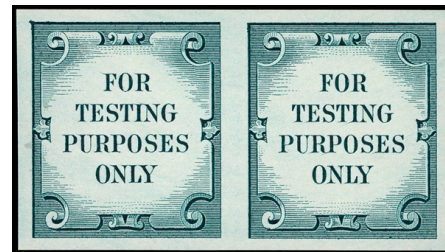


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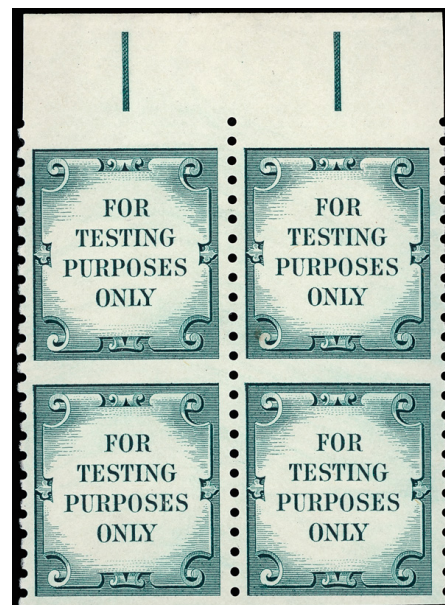
Lot 1812 * TD108 Test Stamp, 1970, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", carmine, untagged, dull gum (Scott TD108), pair, disturbed o.g., Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$1,600.00. Realized \$450.00.




Lot 1813 ** TD109a Test Stamp, 1980, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", green, untagged, dull gum, imperf (Scott TD109a), pair, o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine. Photo. Scott \$350.00. Realized \$600.00.



Lot 1814 ☐ ** TD109b Test Stamp, 1980, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", green, untagged, dull gum, imperf horizontally (Scott TD109b), vertical block of 4 with electric eye bars at top, o.g., never hinged, rare position; light bend at top, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$400.00. Realized \$325.00.




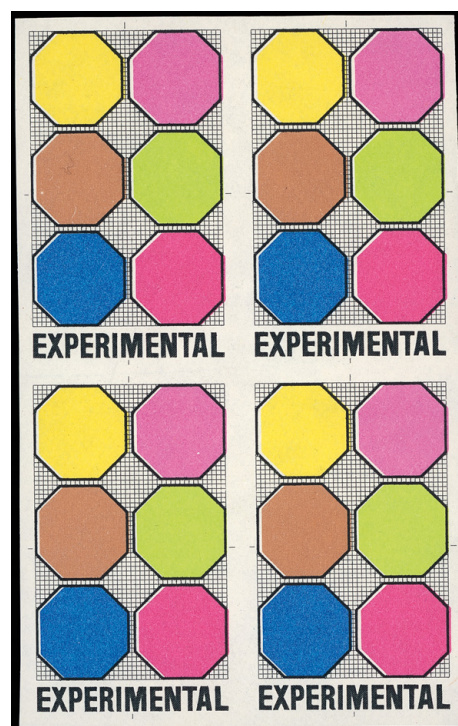
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Lot 1815  ** TD109b Test Stamp, 1980, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", green, untagged, dull gum, imperf horizontally (Scott TD109b), block of 4, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$400.00. Realized \$250.00.



One photo from Lot 1817 is not shown here.


Lot 1818  ** TD118 Test Stamp, 1979, B.E.P. "Experimental", multicolored (Scott TD118), block of 4, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, very rare. Photo. Scott \$600.00. Realized \$550.00.




Lot 1816 ** TD110 Test Stamp, 1975, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", orange on gray, tagged (Scott TD110), a pristine strip of 4, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. *The largest multiple of the 77 examples recorded, ex L. Weiss. The only "For Testing Purposes Only" printed on other-than-white paper, the 77 known examples came from the files of a former Bureau of Engraving & Printing employee. Two photos. Scott \$2,000.00 as pairs. Realized \$1,400.00. (Ed. Note: The information about the number known is outdated. There have been others discovered since the original reported discovery. The lot description incorrectly says TD110 is the only FTPO coil printed on non-white paper... the green TD109C FTPO coil is also printed on gray paper)*




One photo from Lot 1816 is not shown here.

Lot 1817  ** TD112A Test Stamp, 1986, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", photogravure by Martin Marietta, black, untagged, dull gum (Scott TD112A), a choice block of 4, o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine, ex L. Weiss. Two photos. Scott \$400.00. Realized \$325.00. *(Ed. Note: These stamps were produced by the BEP, not Martin Marietta.)*

Lot 1819  ** TD118 Test Stamp, 1981, "B" Test Stamp, red Bee, left sheet margin block of 4, line perf 11¾ ungummed, Very Fine. *Said to be only 14 examples known. Photo. Estimate \$200.00 - \$300.00. Realized \$650.00. (Ed. Note: This is not Scott TD118; these Bee stamps are not listed as a test stamp since no provenance has been found. See the July 2008 issue of the United States Specialist for Doug Iam's article about this stamp.)*

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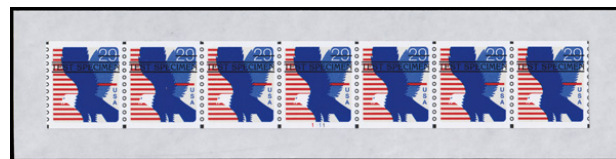


Lot 1820  ** TD120A, TD120B Test Stamp, 1997-2000, Sennett Security Products, Eagle 7 Flag, coil & sheet formats, plus blank dummy stamps (Scott TD120A, 120B), four items: 1.) a self-adhesive coil strip of 6 plus 2.) two self-adhesive foil holograms showing the Earth from space, 3.) an untagged gummed sheet stamp in a full sheet of 20, NH; and 4.) a sheet of 40 untagged, gummed blank dummy stamps produced by Sennett to demonstrate their perforating capabilities; the last two items were produced for and distributed at PACIFIC 97, the others for World Stamp Expo 2000, o.g., never hinged. A rare group. The coil strip (#TD120A) catalogs \$105; the sheet stamp (#TD120B) is unpriced; the holograms and blank dummies are unlisted, ex Undersander, L. Weiss. Four photos. Estimate \$500.00 - \$750.00. Realized \$475.00.



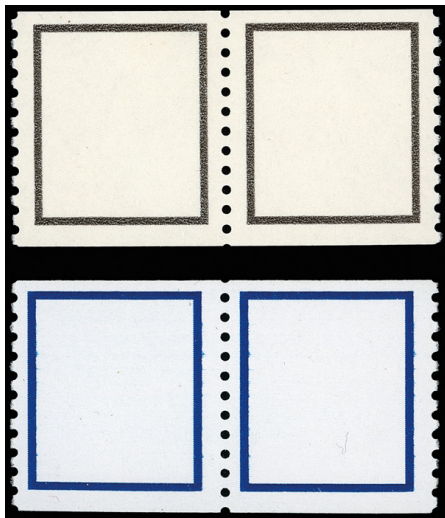
Two photos from Lot 1820 are not shown here.

Lot 1821 ** TD123 Test Stamp, 1992, 3M Corp. "Stylized Eagle" coil, overprinted "TEST SPECIMEN" (Scott TD123), plate no. 1111 strip of 7, Very Fine. *Slightly less than 3,000 (a partial roll) are known*, ex. Undersander. Photo. Scott \$355.00. Realized \$225.00.

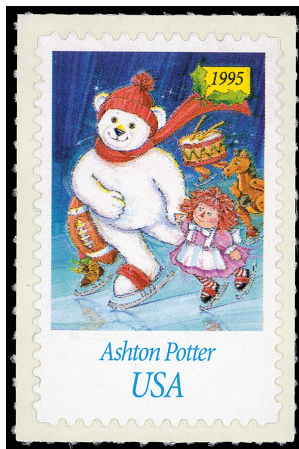


Lot 1822 ** TD124-TD125 Test Stamp, 1996, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, blue and gray black (Scott TD124-TD125), pairs, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$350.00. Realized \$130.00.

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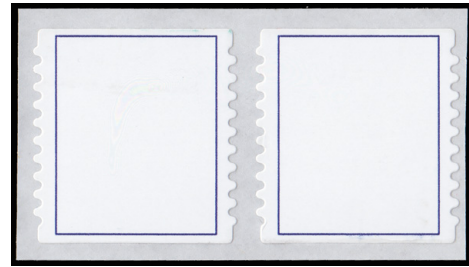
Lot 1823 ** TD127A Test Stamp, 1995, Christmas issue (Ashton-Potter printing), serpentine die cut 11x10.9 (Scott TD127A), o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$750.00. Realized \$300.00.



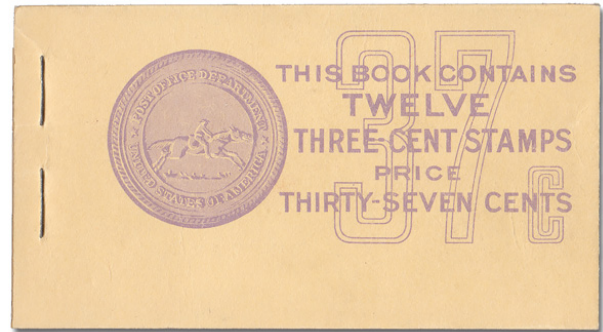
Lot 1824 * TD128 Test Stamp, 1996, BCA Perf Test, Parrot, die-cut (Scott TD128), with top sheet margin selvage, Very Fine. Very rare; the few that reached public hands were distributed at a seminar at NAPEX in 1996, ex Undersander. Photo. Scott \$450.00. Realized \$225.00.



Lot 1825 ** TD130 Test Stamp, 1998, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, blue (Scott TD130), pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, ex Undersander. Photo. Scott \$250.00. Realized \$225.00.



Lot 1826 BK ** TDB3a Test Booklet, 1940, 37¢ Booklet, two violet panes of 6 (Scott TDB3a), o.g., never hinged, typical centering, Very Fine. **Two** photos. Scott \$600.00. Realized \$180.00.



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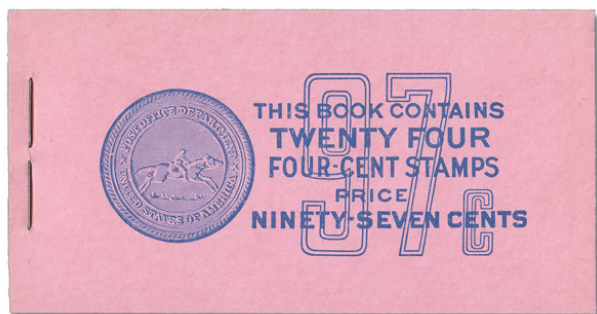
Lot 1827 BK ** TDB5 Test Booklet, 1959, B.E.P., four panes of 6 blank stamps, two different (Scott TDB5), both with glassine interleaves, one with four horizontal and one vertical gum breaker per stamp, the other with *only horizontal gum breakers*, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, Ex-Undersander. Three photos. Scott \$350.00+. Realized \$120.00.



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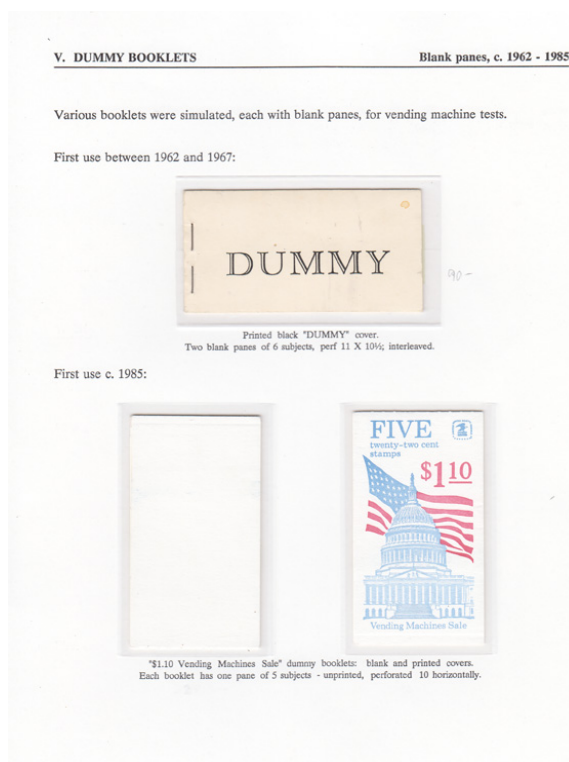
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Lot 1828 BK ** TDB5 Test Booklet, 1959, B.E.P., four panes of 6 blank stamps, two different (Scott TDB5), both with glassine interleaves, one with four horizontal and one vertical gum breaker per stamp, the other with *only horizontal gum breakers*, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, ex L. Weiss. Three photos. Scott \$350.00+. Realized \$130.00.



Two photos from Lot 1828 are not shown here.

Lot 1829 BK * TDB9//TDB32 Test Booklets, 1962-85, Group of nine (Scott TDB9//32), comprises TDB9 (2), TDB11, TDB12a (2), TDB15a, TDB28, TDB29 & TDB32; one TDB 9 has a small stain on the cover, otherwise Very Fine, mounted on pages, ex Undersander / L. Weiss. Five photos. Scott \$457.00. Realized \$300.00.



Three photos from Lot 1829 are not shown here.

Lot 1830 BK ** TDB14, TDB15 Test Booklets, 1997, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only" (Scott TDB14, TDB15), three booklets: 1.) brown covers with purple "DUMMY" handstamp and black felt pen lines; 2.) brown covers with purple "DUMMY" handstamp and a *blue* pen line (the only one recorded); and 3.) blue covers with purple "DUMMY" handstamp and no pen lines, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, ex L. Weiss. Photo. Scott \$450.00. Realized \$275.00.



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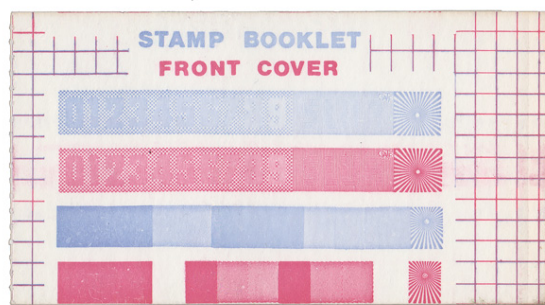
Lot 1831 BK ** TDB26, TDB29 **Test Booklets, 1970s-80s, B.E.P. & Stamp Venturers blank stamp booklets (Scott TDB26, TDB29)**, one B.E.P. booklet containing two panes of 10, and two Stamp Ventures booklets, each containing two imperforate panes, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, ex L. Weiss. Photo. Scott \$180.00. Realized \$130.00.



Lot 1832 BK ** TDB34A Test Booklets, 1985, B.E.P. Seashells blank stamp booklet, no text on cover (Scott TDB34A), two panes of 5 with dull gum, never hinged, Very Fine, ex Undersander. Photo. Scott \$350.00. Realized \$325.00.

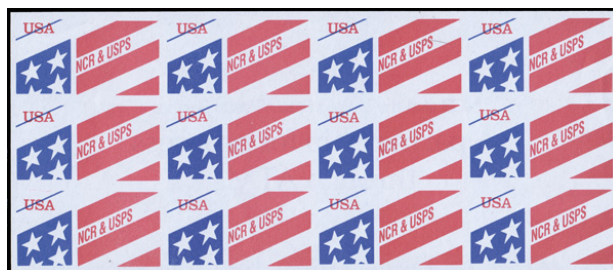


Lot 1833 BK * TDB48 Test Booklet, 1990s, B.E.P., blue & red, one pane of 8 "For Testing Purposes Only", black (Scott TDB48), Very Fine. Two photos. Scott \$850.00. Realized \$275.00.

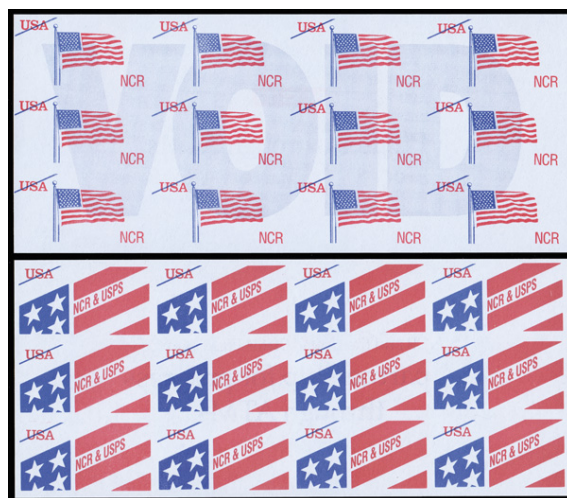


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Lot 1834 BK (*) TDB84Bc Test Booklet, 1994, NCR/USPS Flag, booklet pane of 12, ATM format (Scott TDB84Bc), without gum as issued, Very Fine. Photo. *Unpriced by Scott*. Estimate \$150.00 - \$200.00. Realized \$110.00.



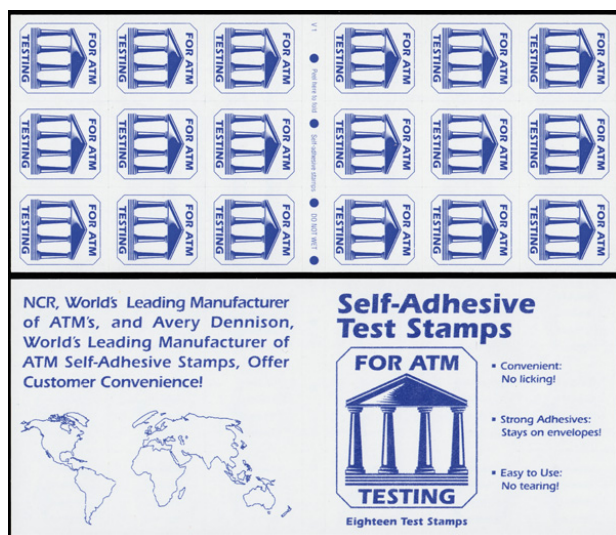
Lot 1835 BK (*) TDB84Bc, TDB84De Test Booklets, 1994, NCR/USPS Flag - two types - booklet panes of 12, ATM format (Scott TDB84Bc, 84De), without gum as issued, mounted on an Exhibition page, Very Fine. *Unpriced by Scott*, ex L. Weiss. Three photos. Estimate \$400.00 - \$600.00. Realized \$700.00.



Two photos from Lot 1835 are not shown here.

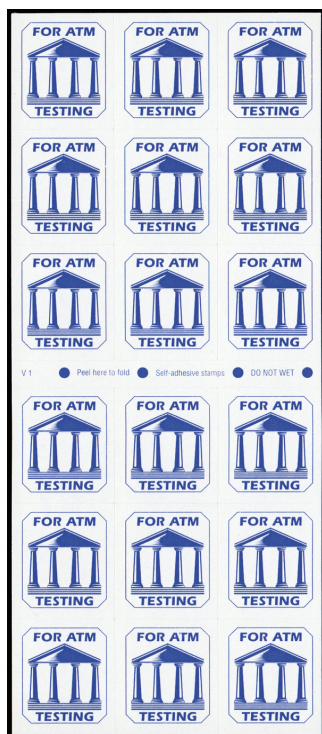
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Lot 1836 BK ** TDB89a Test Booklet, 1997, NCR/
Avery Dennison, "For ATM", self-adhesive booklet
pane of 12 (Scott TDB89a), Very Fine, ex L. Weiss.
Two photos. Scott \$250.00. Realized \$170.00.



One photo from Lot 1836 is not shown here.

Lot 1837 BK ** TDB89a-TDB92a Test Booklets,
1997, Four different Avery Dennison self-
adhesive ATM format booklet panes of 12
(Scott TDB89a-TBD92a), blue "For ATM", black
"For Testing Purposes Only" - straight die-cut and
serpentine die-cut - and magenta "For Testing
Purposes Only", Very Fine. A *scarce* group, ex-
Undersander. Two photos. Scott \$643.00.
Realized \$225.00.



Lot 1838 BK ** TDB89a-TDB92a Test Booklets,
1997, Four different Avery Dennison self-
adhesive ATM format booklet panes of 12
(Scott TDB89a-TBD92a), blue "For ATM", black
"For Testing Purposes Only" - straight die-cut and
serpentine die-cut - and magenta "For Testing
Purposes Only", Very Fine. A *scarce* group, ex
Undersander. Two photos. Scott \$643.00.
Realized \$200.00.



*One photo from Lot 1838 is not shown here as
this lot duplicates Lot 1837 shown above.*

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Lot 1839 BK ** TDB90a Test Booklet, 1997, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", self-adhesive booklet panes of 18 in ATM format (Scott TDB90a, TDB91a), straight die-cut and serpentine die-cut, two of each, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, ex L. Weiss. Two photos. Scott \$285.00. Realized \$275.00. (*Ed. Note: These panes were not produced by the B.E.P., they were produced by Avery.*)

VI. SELF-ADHESIVES

FTPO test/demonstration sheet, c. 1997

The usual FTPO design was utilized for a self-adhesive test/demonstration pane in ATM format, first appearing to collectors in 1997. This pane was intended for domestic use only.



18 subjects, die cut, on self-adhesive backing.



Back: left panel same as 1991 design; right panel with demonstration information.

VI. SELF-ADHESIVES

FTPO test/demonstration sheet, c. 1998

The FTPO design was reprinted to meet additional demand for ATM testing sheetlets. When reprinted, instead of straight roulette die cuts, a serpentine cut was used simulating perforations on stamps.



18 subjects, serpentine die cut, on self-adhesive backing.
About 15 recorded.



Back: left panel same as 1991 design; right panel with demonstration information.

This auction was a great opportunity for EVERY level of test stamp collector to buy something they needed. We doubt any collector had everything offered in that sale! For the deep pocketed "beginning" Dummy, it was an opportunity to buy every lot to instantly be able to have one of the best collections of test stamps.

It will be a long time before some of those test stamps are available again.

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