



# Dummy News and Views

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## Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Sixty-seventh 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](mailto:terryrscott@comcast.net)

## Annual Meeting with James Kloetzel, Editor Emeritus of Scott Catalogues

by Terry R. Scott & Michael O. Perry

After two years of not being able to meet with James Kloetzel at the annual WESTPEX Stamp Shows in San Francisco, due to the Covid pandemic, this year the WESTPEX Stamp Show was held at the regular time in April so things were back to normal or as normal as they could be. The 2020 WESTPEX Stamp Show was cancelled and the 2021 WESTPEX Stamp Show was postponed from the usual April time until August. Unfortunately Jim was not able to make the show last year in August due to last minute deadlines for getting the 2022 Scott catalogues finished and published.

This years meeting was a great one as usual. We met at noon on Saturday to discuss our proposed changes, additions, etc. to the Scott Specialized Test Stamp section. As is usual, Jim's wife Carolyn was there to meet us as she has done for several years. It is always nice to see them both. Jim and Carolyn have family that lives in the San Francisco Bay Area so they do plan an extended time in the area so they can visit them which includes time for the stamp show.

We had several new proposed test stamps we presented to Jim for his consideration of listing. There were also some corrections and or additions to existing listings. Everything we talked about was met with positive thoughts from Jim so we hope we will see the new items in the 2023 Scott

Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers which comes out in early October.

An added bonus this year at the WESTPEX Stamp Show was that Amos Media had a booth at the show. Staffing the booth was the Editor-In-Chief of the Scott Catalogues, Jay Bigalke. It was very interesting to talk with Jay and share his enthusiasm for the new digital catalogues that will be issued this year.

There are many exciting things about the digital catalogues besides viewing the stamp illustrations in large size on your screen but others such as new discoveries can be entered into the catalogue as soon as approved. One of the things that we found very interesting and exciting is that in addition to all of the listed stamps being illustrated there is the opportunity to also illustrate large multiples or special items that may, or may not, currently be listed in the print catalogues but now can be seen by clicking the link in the new digital catalogues. Exciting times ahead.

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# Scott TD123 Stylized Eagle Test Coils

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In 1994, the National Label Company manufactured the Scott #TD123 test coils for 3M under a contract from the United States Postal Service who was considering linerless self-adhesive coils for general production.

The TD123 test stamps were printed on a modified Chestnut web fed gravure press by National Label Company (located in Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania) for the 3M Company of St. Paul, Minnesota.

The TD123 linerless test coils were used to test prototype stamp affixing equipment at mass mailing facilities and some rolls of stamps were shredded to evaluate their impact in recycling plants. The TD123 linerless test coil has the same design as the 1994 29¢ stylized eagle (Scott #2598b). It was printed in four colors on special phosphor coated linerless self-adhesive paper with a silicone release agent applied to the front of the stamps by 3M after they were printed to prevent the stamps from sticking to each other. It has two closely spaced parallel black defacement lines across the face of the stamps that resembles a precancel with "TEST SPECIMEN" printed between the lines. This test stamp is imperforate with simulated gauge 10 perf holes printed in black in the vertical gutters between the stamps. Four gravure cylinders were used to print TD123, a group of four cylinder numbers appears under every 27th stamp.

There are also black rectangular "alignment marks" printed on each stamp at the top and bottom of the simulated black printed perforations. These printed black rectangular "alignment marks" are intended to trigger the automated equipment used to cut and affix the individual stamp to the envelope.

The USPS subsequently issued four linerless self-adhesive coils. Scott 3132 (the 25¢ Juke Box coil for use by mass mailers) was issued in rolls of 10,000 and 30,000. Three linerless coils of 100 were issued for general distribution between 1997 and 2002: Scott 3133 (32¢ Flag Over Porch), Scott 3404-3407 (33¢ Fruit Berries), and Scott 3680-3683 (37¢ Snowmen).



Shown above is an enlarged illustration of the Pl# stamp showing that the TD123 Pl#'s are slightly shifted to the left compared to the 2589b Pl#'s. This was to allow the four plate numbers to be centered below the stamp after the additional plate number from the black gravure cylinder used to print the defacement lines, perforations and "TEST SPECIMEN" was incorporated into the design.



Shown above is a TD123 test coil superimposed on a strip of Scott 3132 Juke Box coil stamps to show how the printed simulated perforations match. The simulated printed vertical perforations on the TD123 test coil are the same size but have thicker lines. The printed black rectangular "alignment marks" at the top and bottom of the printed perforations are identical in size and location.

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Shown above is an imperforate self-adhesive linerless TD123 test coil strip of five with plate number 1111 that has been placed on top of a plate number 111 strip of five regular issue Scott 2598b self-adhesive stamps mounted on their original liner paper. The four plate number colors on the TD123 strip of 5 are red, putty, blue and black. On the 2598b strip of 5 the three digits in the plate number are red, putty and blue. The Pantone Matching System colors are: red (PMS 485), putty (PMS 453) and blue (PMS 256).

The 2598b coil stamps are die-cut with 3 mm vertical gutters between the stamps which proves that different gravure cylinders were used for the two coil issues. Note that, on both the TD123 and 2598b stamps, the second digit in the plate number is barely visible since it is the 'putty' color.

The Scott TD123 test coils have the designs printed closely together with the simulated printed perforations between stamps, whereas the 2598b self-adhesive coils have straight vertical die cuts with a 3 mm gap between stamps where the paper matrix was removed.



Shown at the bottom left are two single 2598b stamps placed above each other (still on the backing paper they were printed on) that shows the very wide horizontal gutter between the stamps: and to the right is a vertical pair of the TD123 test stamps with a narrow horizontal gutter between them to show that they were printed from different plates because of the wide spacing needed for the 2598b stamps printed on the backing paper. The printed design of the top stamps are aligned with each other to show the vertical difference.



Shown above is a poor quality photo of a vertical pair of the TD123 test stamps that was cut from an imperforate piece of the printed stamp web with a black horizontal Cross Register Line (CRL) in the bottom sheet margin

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Shown at the left is a vertical strip of 5 of the TD123 test stamps that was cut from an imperforate piece of the printed stamp web with top sheet margin.



Shown above is the label from the inside of the cardboard core of the discovery roll of TD123 that originally contained 3,000 - 29¢ Eagle linerless, self-adhesive, imperforate test coil stamps. Coil rolls were also produced that contained 10,000 and 30,000 stamps (see photos on page 6).



The non-denominated linerless Juke Box stamps were issued in 1997 and were only produced in large coil rolls of 10,000 and 30,000 stamps. The Philatelic Agency 3rd sentence. sold strips of seven to collectors. The linerless Flag Over Porch coil that was also issued in 1997 was sold to the public in a limited trial. It was available only in rolls of 100 stamps that the USPS sold with or without a blue plastic dispenser. In 2000, the USPS issued a linerless coil roll of 100 Fruit Berries stamps (four designs), and in 2002 the USPS issued the linerless Snowmen coil of 100 stamps (also with four designs). No more linerless stamps were produced after that - it is unclear why the USPS quit producing linerless stamps.

Shown on Page 5 is a reduced image of a piece of paper with numerous TD123 coils attached that was the result of testing a stamp affixer to see if it would properly affix and cut single stamps from the imperforate coil roll of TD123 test stamps.

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TD123 roll of 10,000 with the Scotch Brand printed inside core.



TD123 roll of 30,000 with the Scotch Brand printed inside core torn away.



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## Recent Auction Results


On March 20, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5161 that included the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 5352 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), pair, with blue defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Suggested bid \$50.00. Not sold.

On March 26, 2022 Golden Oak Online Auctions held Sale #46 that included the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



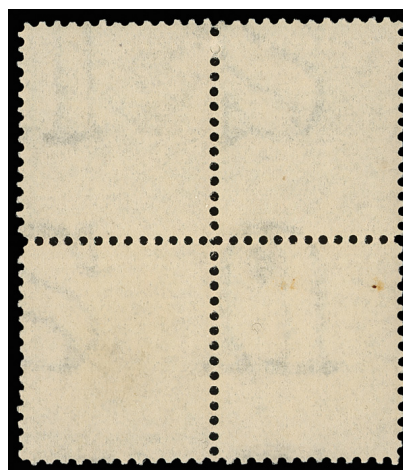
Lot 387 \*\*  TD130F 1993, Test Stamp (Scott TD130F), a rare block of 4, well centered, o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine. Photo. Scott \$600.00 Realized \$325.00.


On March 27, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5162 that included the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 6236 \*\* **Pictorial Permit, self-adhesive test stamps by Vermont Stamp**, two different designs in coil strips of 3, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, Ex-Undersander. Photo. Not sold.




*These Pictorial Permits were developed by Vermont Stamp, of Hartford CT, to enhance their mailings that were regularly sent to their collector clients. They added decorative design elements to the normal USPS wording required on mailing permits and were created in 500-unit rolls to give commercial mailing firms an opportunity to confirm that Pictorial Permits could be applied with their automatic label affixing equipment.*

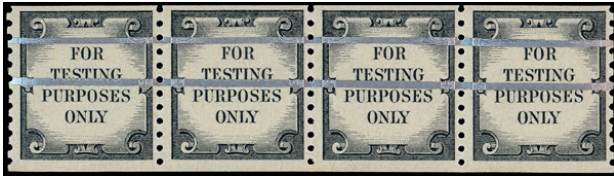


Lot 6237 \*\*  TD10 Test Stamp, 1907, B.E.P., blank (Scott TD10), block of 4, o.g., never hinged. Photo. Scott \$300.00. Not sold.



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Lot 6238 \*\*  TD101 Test Stamp, 1954, Nebraska Territorial Centennial Experimental, blue (Scott TD101), block of 4, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$120.00. Realized \$49.00.



Lot 6239 \*\* TD109b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), strip of 4, with silver defacement lines, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Not sold.



Lot 6240 \*\* TD107b Var. Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b var.), joint line strip of 6 with thin red defacing lines, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Realized \$35.00.



On April 5, 2022 Robert A. Siegel held Public Auction Sale #1253 that contained part of the Melvin Getlan Collection. There was an 18% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 295 \* 2c Carmine, Ty. I, Schermack Ty. III, Paste-Up with Brown "MAIL-OM-ETER" test stamp (482, TD14). Coil leader strip of four of the test stamp No. TD14 with 2¢ No. 482 paste-up at right, Schermack Ty. III perforations on the stamp and at the end of the test stamp strip, original gum, h.r. on test strip which also has a small margin this at top left, Very Fine and a wonderful exhibit, see Belasco book (pp. 50-51) for a discussion of these test coils, which were attached as leaders to rolls of 3,000 Ty. III stamps, they allowed the roll to be started through the affixing machine and tested without wasting actual (and

valuable) stamps. Photo. Estimate \$1,000 - \$1,500.00. Realized \$800.00.



Lot 312 \* U.S. Automatic Vending Co., (No Denomination) Red, Coil Test Stamp, Type I Perforations (TD24) *(Actually this is a TD24A)*. Strip of four, bottom pair in the strip is a paste-up, original gum, h. r. on bottom pair and top pair. Mint N.H., brilliant color, Very Fine and choice, this is undoubtedly the largest recorded example (Belasco noted he had seen only a pair), Scott value as two pairs. Photo. \$850.00. Realized \$800.00.



Lot 313 U.S. Automatic Vending Co., (No Denomination) Red, Coil Test Stamp, Ty I Perforations (TD24). Horizontal pair, tied by "Brooklyn N.Y. Oct. 8, 1913 11-AM" machine cancel on cover to Suffern N.Y., missing backflap, Very Fine and undoubtedly unique, this cover is discussed in the Belasco book (p. 166) and he opines that there is no evidence this is a philatelic use, and may well be a legitimate vending machine customer use (although illegal), U.S.A.V. Ty. I perforations on U.S stamps were in use in Brooklyn N.Y. during the period this cover was mailed, it may be that this pair was from a leader strip of a coil roll and was vended by accident and used by the customer, a fascinating

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and rare cover whatever the explanation, ex. Cohen and Dr. Agris, with a 1991 A.P.A. certificate. Photo. Estimate \$750.00 - \$1,000.00. Realized \$1,200.00.

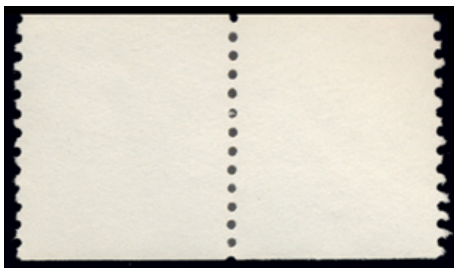


Lot 314 \* **U.S. Automatic Vending Co., (No Denomination) Red, Coil Test Stamp, Roebuck Perf. 11.75 (TD24C).** Strip of three, original gum, h.r. on center stamp, horizontal production crease at top, Very Fine, Scott value for a pair without premium for third stamp. Photo. Cat. \$350.00. Realized \$450.00.



Lot 315 \* **U.S. Automatic Vending Co., (No Denomination) Green, Coil Test Stamp (TD24E).** Vertical pair, original gum, lightly hinged, large margins and rich color, fresh and Very Fine, rare despite its modest catalog value, Belasco noted in his book that he had only seen a few of these test coils as singles, plus this pair, which is the largest recorded multiple, ex. Belasco and illustrated in his book on p. 166. Photo. Cat. \$650.00. Realized \$1,000.00.

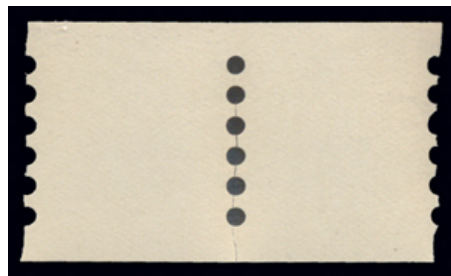
On April 6, 2022 Sam Houston Philatelics held Sale #3091 that included the following test stamps. There was a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 181 \*\* **TD45, 1910-27 Blank Coil Pair, Perf 10½ Vertically,** stamps are 25mm tall, producer unknown, VF NH. Photo. Realized \$140.00.



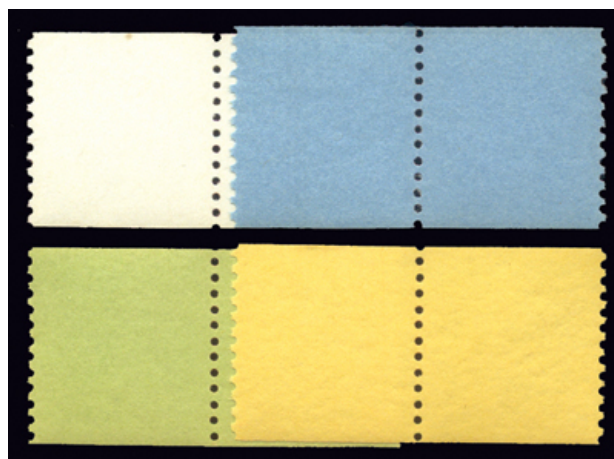
Lot 182 \*\* **TD46, 1910-27 Schermack Type III, Blank Coil Pair, Vertical perforations,** one separated at top, VF NH. Photo. Realized \$260.00.



Lot 183 \*\* **TD47, 1910-27 Mail-O-Meter, Type I, Blank Coil Pair, Vertical perforations,** with (4) separated perfs, VF NH. Photo. Realized \$400.00.



Lot 184 \*\* **TD51, 1912 Bruckmann A.G. Coil Pair, George Washington Imperf Pair,** brown, XF NH, ngai. Photo. Cat. \$200.00. Realized \$70.00.



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Lot 185 \*\* **TD79-82, 1930's Set of (4) Blank Ziegle Coil Pairs**, with shiny, smooth gum; white, blue, green and yellow. SCV \$15 each. Photo. Cat. \$60.00. Realized \$65.00.

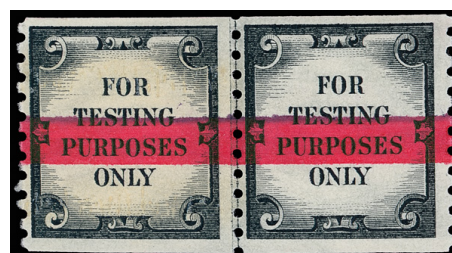


Lot 186 \*\* **TDB90a, Black ATM Booklet "FOR TESTING PURPOSES ONLY", Pane of 18**, VF NH. Photo. Cat. \$130.00. Realized \$120.00.



Lot 187 \*\* **TDB92a TDB92a, Magenta "FOR TESTING PURPOSES ONLY", Pane of 18**, VF NH. Photo. Cat. \$250.00. Realized \$95.00.

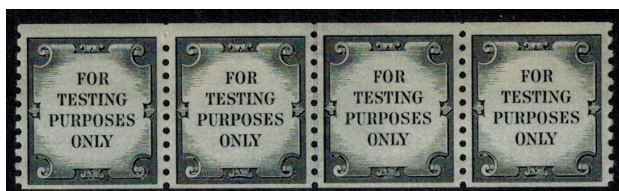
On April 10, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5164 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



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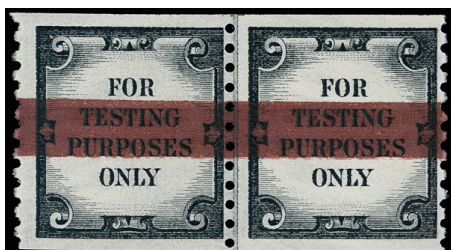
Lot 8213 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), line pair, with red defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Not sold.

On April 16, 2022 Ocean Park Stamp held Auction #57 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 10% Buyer's Premium for this sale



Lot 1877 **FOR TESTING PURPOSES ONLY** USA Coil strip of 4, NH. *(Ed. Note: This is a Joint Line strip of 4)* Photo. Realized C\$6.00.

On April 17, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5165 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



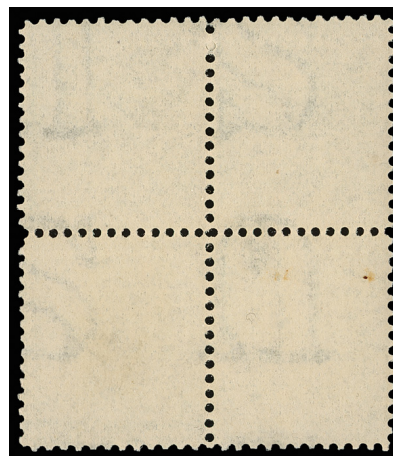
Lot 8814 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), line pair, with brown defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Not sold.


On April 24, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5166 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

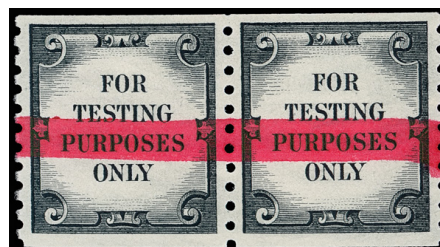


Lot 9354 \*\* **Pictorial Permit, self-adhesive test stamps by Vermont Stamp**, two different designs in coil strips of 3, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, Ex-Undersander. Photo. Realized \$30.00.

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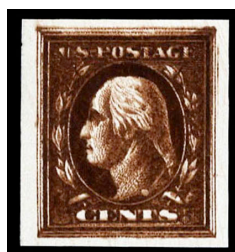
Lot 9355 \*\*  **TD10 Test Stamp, 1907, B.E.P., blank (Scott TD10)**, block of 4, o.g., never hinged. Photo. Scott \$300.00. Realized \$20.00.



Lot 9365 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), pair, with red defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Photo. Not sold.

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On April 30 - May 1, 2022.04 Golden Oak Online Auctions held Sale #47 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 785 (\*) TD51 Test Stamp, 1912, Bruckmann A.G. (Washington design), brown (Scott TD51), unused without gum, Extremely Fine, rare to the market. Photo. Scott \$100.00. Realized \$80.00.



Lot 786 \*\* TD90 Test Stamp, 1944-49, Multipost Commercial Controls coil, blue black (Scott TD90), strip of 5, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$60.00. Realized \$30.00.



Lot 787 \*\* TD130F Test Stamp, 1993 (Scott TD130F), o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$150.00. Realized \$80.00.



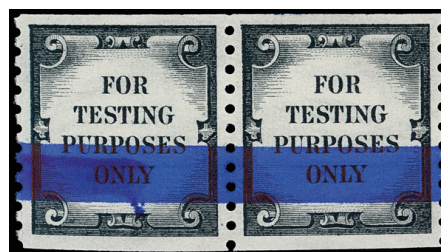
On May 1, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5167 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 5176 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), pair, with brown defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Realized \$35.00.



On May 8, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5168 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 5627 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), pair, with blue defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Not sold.



On May 10-13, 2022 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #769 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 2500 BKE 2593 var. **1992, 29¢ Flag & Pledge, black "USA 29", imperf self-adhesive (Scott 2593 var.)**, what appears to be a booklet pane of 8 with blank backing paper having "DO NOT WET" in a repeating pattern on the inside surface, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. *Unlisted.* Realized \$500.00.

*(Ed. Note - This item will be listed in the 2023 Scott Specialized Catalogue in the Test Stamp Section as TDB60B.)*

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Lot 2712 \* TD28TC2 Test Stamp, 1910, B.E.P./ Harris "Minerva", black trial color large die proof on glazed card (Scott TD28TC2), 122x140 mm, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$1,500.00. Not sold.

*(Ed. Note - This item will be correctly renumbered in the 2023 Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers Test Stamps section to TD28TC1d.)*



Lot 2713 \*\* TD111 Test Stamp, 1978, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", brown, untagged (Scott TD111), complete roll of 3000 including 125 line pairs, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Shipping charges apply - weight 1.4 lbs. Photo. Scott \$5,812.00. Realized \$475.00.



Lot 2714 \*\* TDB17 1960s, Airmail Test Booklet, 29½ x 4½ mm "DUMMY" handstamp (Scott TDB17), o.g., never hinged; light felt pen marking on back, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$300.00. Realized \$110.00.



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Lot 2715 \*\* TDB17b 1960s, Airmail Test Booklet, 34½ x 6½ mm "DUMMY" handstamp (Scott TDB17b), o.g., never hinged, no felt pen markings (!), Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$300.00. Realized \$100.00.

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On May 11, 2022 Sam Houston Philatelics held Sale #3092 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 263 \*\* TD65, 1914 New York City Sanitary Postage Station Coil Pair, F-VF NH. No photo. Cat. \$35.00. Not sold.

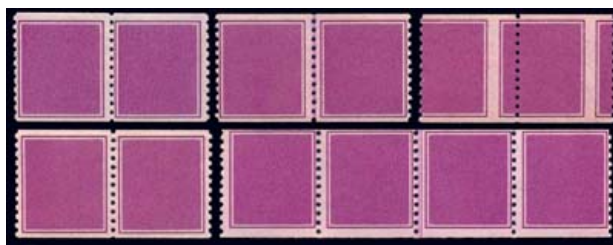
Lot 264 \*\* TD74, 1920-30s Postmaster Manufacturing for Stampmasters Inc. Coil Pair, F-VF NH. No photo. Cat. \$30.00. Not sold.



Lot 265 \*\* TD88, T90, 1944-49 Multipost Commercial Controls Corporation Coil Pairs (2), 9 3/4 vertical perforations, blue and blue black, F-VF NH. Photo. Cat. \$50.00. Not sold.



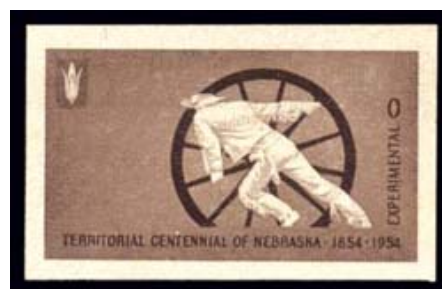
Lot 266 \*\* TD91-93, 1944-57 Multipost Mailmaster Test Coil Pairs (3), VF NH, (National Postal Meter Co. bought Multipost in 1941 and became Commercial Controls, and Friden bought Commercial Controls in 1957). Photo. Cat. \$115.00. Not sold.



Lot 267 \*\* TD96, 1954-56 Framed Rectangle Test Stamp Red Violet, all NH and VF to just fine and a mis-perf; includes small hole, large hole, joint line pairs and the mis-perf. Nice group. Photo. Cat. \$167.00. Not sold.



Lot 268 \*\* TD99, 1954 Nebraska Territorial Centennial Experimental, Brown on White, Imperforate, VF-XF NH, fine impression. Photo. Cat. \$90.00. Realized \$30.00.



Lot 269 \*\* TD99a, 1954 Nebraska Territorial Centennial Experimental, Brown on Tan, Imperforate, XF NH, fine impression. Photo. Cat. \$150.00. Not sold.

Lot 270 \*\* TD100-101, 1954 Nebraska Territorial Centennial Experimental, Black on White and Blue on White, Imperforate, VF-XF NH, fine impression. No photo. Cat. \$45.00. Not sold.

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Lot 271 \*\* **TD101a, 1954 Nebraska Territorial Centennial Experimental, Blue on Tan, Imperforate**, VF-XF NH, fine impression. Photo. Cat. \$150.00. Not sold.



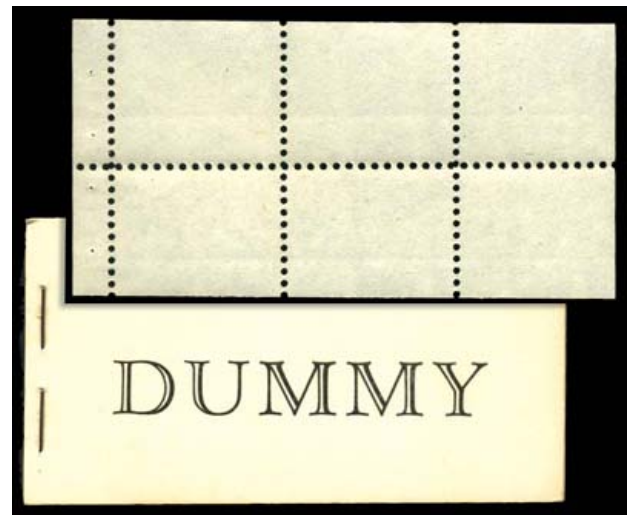
Lot 272 \*\* **TD107c, Black For Testing Purposes Only, Tagged Imperforate Coil Pair**, F-VF NH. Photo. Cat. \$250.00. Not sold.



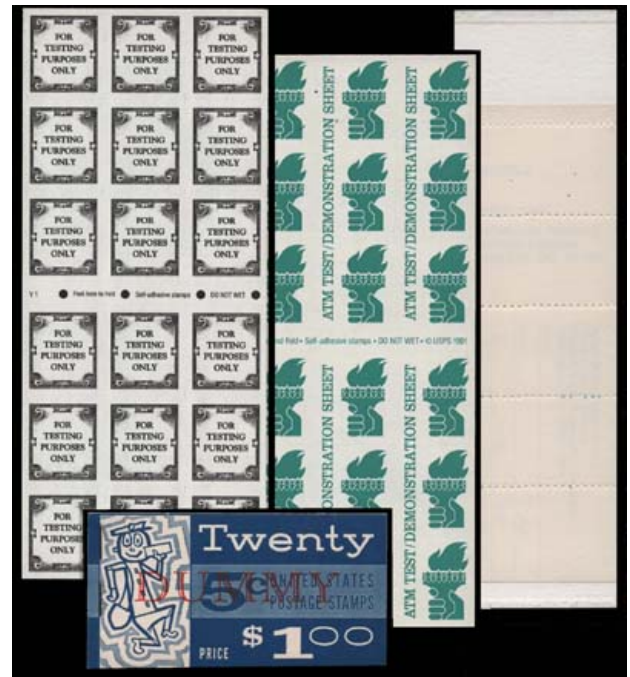
Lot 273 \*\* **TD107e, 1962-88 Black Coil Test Stamps, Roll of 3,000 unopened**, centering appears VF-XF, untagged, NH. Photo. Cat. \$3,000.00. Not sold.



Lot 274 \*\* **TD123, 1992 Stylized Eagle, Plate Strip of 5, no. 1111**, produced by 3M Corp. Imperforate with printed simulated perforation. RARE only a partial roll known. Self-adhesive linerless coil (liner added). Photo. Cat. \$325.00. Not sold. (*Ed. Note - See Page 6 for illustrations of full rolls*)



Lot 275 \*\* **TDB9, TDB9a, Plain Stapled Booklet with "DUMMY" Overprint and (1) Pane of 6**, VF NH. Photo. Cat. \$94.00 Realized \$40.00.



Lot 276 \*\* **TDB12//TDB91a, Miscellaneous Test stamp booklets (4)**, VF NH, includes TDB12, TDB32, TDB82a and TDB91a. Photo. Cat. \$40.00. Realized \$12.00.

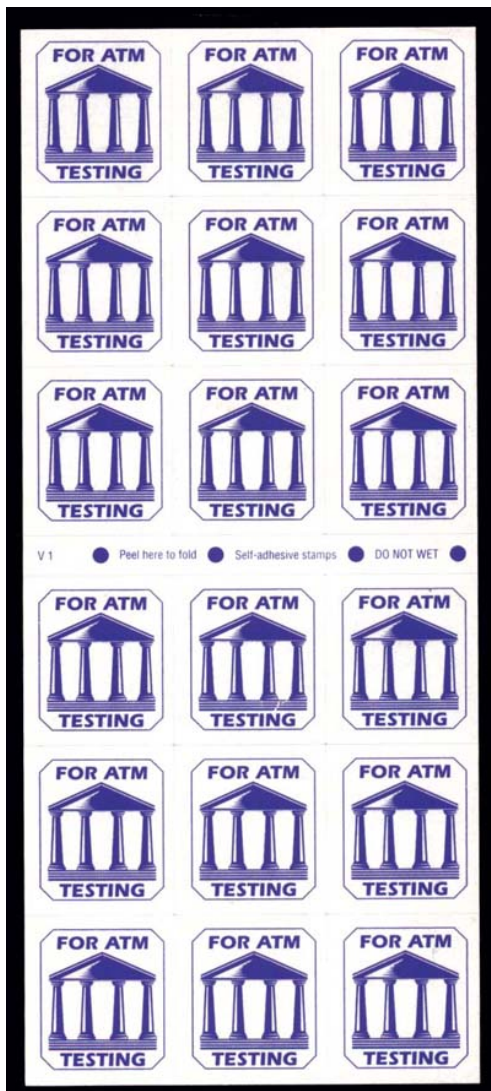
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Lot 277 \*\* **TDB15a, Black Inverted FTPO Pane**, NH, fresh pane. Photo. Cat. \$35.00. Realized \$12.00.



Lot 278 \*\* **TDB61, Self-adhesive Blank Booklet and Pane**, VF NH, Serpentine Die Cut on Booklet BK242A, 20¢ Pheasant. Photo. Cat. \$150.00 Not sold.



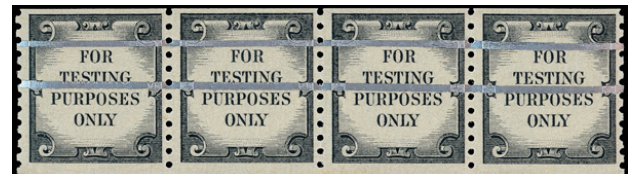
Lot 279 \*\* **TDB89a, Dark Blue ATM Booklet, with Temple Pane Cover and Pane of 18**, VF NH, pristine. Photo. Cat. \$250.00 Not sold.

On May 15, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5169 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

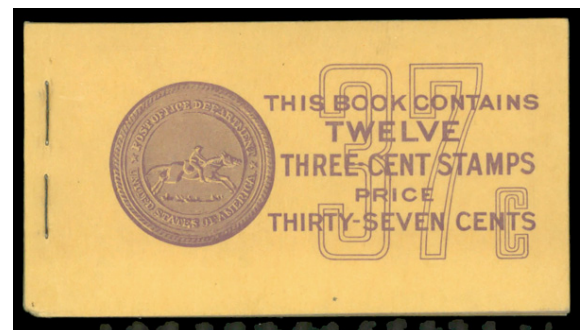


Lot 6251 \*\* **TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only"**, black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), pair, with blue defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Realized \$25.00.

On May 29, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5170 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

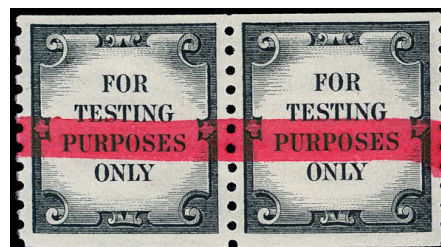


Lot 5273 \*\* **TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only"**, black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), strip of 4, with silver defacement lines, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Not sold.



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Lot 5274 BK \*\* TDB3 1940, 37¢ violet rectangle Test Stamps, complete booklet (Scott TDB3), complete unexploded booklet, o.g., never hinged; rounded LL corner, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$600.00. Realized \$160.00.



On June 5, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5171 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 8173 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), line pair, with red defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Not sold.

On June 12, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5172 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 8657 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), line pair, with brown defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Not sold.

On June 19, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5173 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 5330 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), pair, with red defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Realized \$20.00.

On June 24-25, 2022 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #771 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 1255. **Massive Test Stamp and Test Booklet Accumulation, 1907-2009**, one of the largest accumulations of this type we have ever seen, with quantities of certain items that are seldom encountered. This lot will instantly propel your test collection or test inventory to be the envy of all other test stamp collectors out there. **Test Stamps:** TD11 (17), TD75 (2 rolls of 1,000, 2 rolls of 500 and 1 partial roll which is

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approximately 900), TD84A (8 sheets, 4 of which have defacement markings with two red, one blue and one green), TD89 (70), TD89 (1), TD90 (1 pair), TD91 (23 pairs), TD93 (200), TD95 (complete roll of 3,000), TD95 (complete roll of 500), TD95 cover with Parade of Postal Progress cancel, TD95 (partial roll of approximately 2,000), TD95a (5), TD96 (13 rolls or strips of 100), TD96 (5 covers with Parade of Postal Progress cancels), TD97a (2 pairs), TD99 (3), TD100 (6), TD101 (4), TD107 post card, sent from / to Washington DC, TD107 (3 rolls that are around 3,000 each, 2 that have approximately 2,000 in each roll, 3 rolls of 500 and 6 rolls of 100), TD107b (46 sealed rolls of 500 and a partial roll), TD111 (roll of 3000), TD117 (15 blocks of four), TD118 (3), TD119 (4 rolls of 100), TD120 (3 rolls of 100), TD127 (roll of 10,000), TD128 (1), TD131 (100), TD131 (3 pairs), TD137 partial roll of about 500 stamps, **Test Booklets:** TDB5 (5), TDB6 (1), TDB7a (4), TDB12a (1), TDB12a (44), TDB13 (4), TDB14 (2), TDB15 (2), TDB17b (2), TDB29 (5), TDB32 (3), TDB61 (1), TDB82a (19), TDB84c (3), TDB84e (2), TDB89a (8), TDB93 envelope with 8 stamps on back, TDB90a (4), TDB91a (approximately 200), TDB99a (5), TDB100a (1), TDB101a (1), World Stamp Expo, BCA (Banknote Corporation of America) eagle test stamp panes (6), Pacific '97 Avery Dennison ATM stamp test booklets (21), Federal Duck Stamp test adhesive sample (16), World Stamp Expo 2000 Avery Dennison ATM stamp test booklet, American Bank Note Co. block of 20 Eagle Specimen 3c green essay, **Not Scott Listed Test Stamps:** Cleveland's Superior Transfer Co., Delivery Service Inc., Providence R.I. (1 unit), Fidelity Trust Perforations (1c single and pair, 5c two pairs, 10c pair, 25c two pairs), Social Security (40c, 90c single and pair, \$3 single and pair, \$4 single and pair), Worcester Savings Bank test stamps with private vending perforations (37 1c stamps, 3 5c stamps, 1 10c stamp) all on savings stamp folder, **Computer Vended Postage Stamps:** CVPT16 extra Eagle overprint over Spiderman error (3 singles, 3 covers with Spiderman cachet, 3 covers with Eagle Forever label cachet), plus some other items that we just didn't have time to identify, o.g., mostly never hinged, generally Fine to Very Fine, ex William Langs. Shipping charges apply -

weight 21.6 lbs. Various videos. Scott \$74,000.00++. Realized \$5,250.00.

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**Lot 1256 Terrifying Test Stamp Large Wholesale Group,** TD89 (partial roll of 100+ stamps), TD93 (8 pairs), TD95 (mis-perforation. broken coil roll of approximately 500), TD107b (2 unbroken rolls of 500), TD107d (1 unbroken roll of 500 and 3 unbroken rolls of 3,000), TD111 (2 unbroken rolls of 3,000), TD120 (9 unbroken rolls of 100), TDB12 (approximately 240 booklets), TDB27 (approximately 250-300 booklets) and TDB32 (approximately 400 booklets), a must for the reseller or market maker of these items, o.g., never hinged, Fine to Very Fine. Shipping charges apply - weight 10.4 lbs. Photo. Scott approximately \$41,775.00. Realized \$2,800.00.

On June 26, 2022 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5174 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



**Lot 6143 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), strip of 4, with silver defacement lines, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. (Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.).** Realized \$40.00.

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## 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. □

## 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 Kent Miller can be reached by e-mail at: [editor@usstamps.org](mailto: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. □

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