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Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Sixty-eighth 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

Several New Test Stamps Listed in the 2023 Scott Specialized Catalogue

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It is always a great pleasure to meet with James Kloetzel, Editor Emeritus of Scott Catalogues, at the WESTPEX stamp show in San Francisco, to discuss the additions and revisions we would like to see in the next Scott Specialized Catalogue. In 2020 and 2021, during the Covid pandemic, we were only able to "meet" via our computers, but this year we got to meet again at the WESTPEX show that was held on April 22 - 24, 2022. As a result of our meeting with Jim there are quite a few additions, as well as some corrections, to report that are included the 2023 Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers.

We will mention a few of these additions and changes (but not all of them, and not all the details) as we strongly encourage you to purchase the 2023 Scott Specialized so you can see the additions and/or revisions in detail. One of the biggest additions to the "Test Stamps" section of the 2023 Scott Specialized is the newly listed 1995 Antique Automobiles test stamps. These interesting test stamps have been discussed for quite a few years with Jim and others. For some time, Jacques C. Schiff, Jr. had worked on getting them listed. Unfortunately Mr. Schiff passed away in 2017 so he won't see this long anticipated addition.

In the first several pages of the test stamps section there were several additions and/or revisions to values for some of the items that had

been in auctions over the past few years and had established a current value. Minor typos were corrected in some of the listings, very few we might add, as the editorial staff does a wonderful job with what is provided to them from us and the other contributors.

There was additional information added to several of the existing listings to better describe the test stamps or to give more details about what they may have been created for. Several additions to existing listings were made where new discoveries for that particular test stamp were discovered.

Like we mentioned earlier, a major addition to the test stamps section is the Antique Automobile test stamps. They are listed in the four varieties that were created for testing. There are two different formats for these Antique Automobile test stamps. The first format is a sheet of 25 stamps (5 x 5) that includes the 5 different designs in a mixed arrangement. The test stamp designs

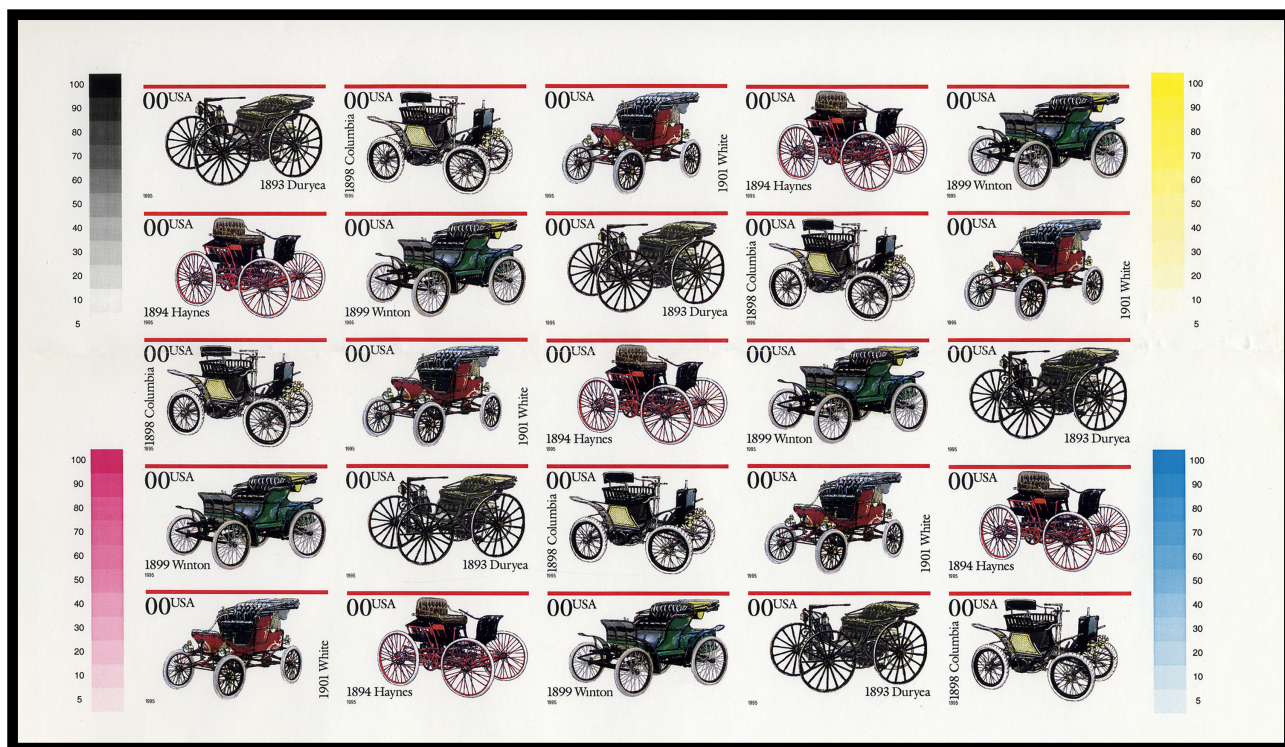
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are similar, with a few differences, to the regularly issued Antique Automobile stamps Scott 3019 - 3023. Each horizontal and each vertical row of 5 stamps includes one of each design. These test stamps were printed on both self-adhesive and water activated gum paper and both varieties are imperforate.

The left four columns on the sheet format panes of 25 stamps contain 'hidden printing' that consists of numbers, text and UPC barcodes that can only be seen when looking at the stamps at an angle under bright light. No hidden printing exists on the other format.



Shown above is a complete sheet of 25 with stamp designs in a different order in each of the five columns of five stamps. Shown below is a sheet of 25 of the second format that has an identical sequence of stamp designs in each vertical column.



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The second layout is a sheet of 25 stamp subjects that includes the 5 different Antique Automobile designs in a vertical format, with each of the vertical strips of 5 stamps having an identical sequence of stamp designs. These are imperforate but have simulated/printed perforations on each stamp. These were designed to be made into booklet panes of 5 stamps.

This second format was also printed on self-adhesive and water activated gum paper. Thus there are four varieties - two varieties of each format printed on each type of paper.

In addition to these wonderful Antique Automobile test stamps getting illustrated and listed, there were other additions and/or corrections to a few of the test stamp footnotes.

In the “Test Booklets: Panes & Covers” section there were corrections/additions to some of the footnotes as well.

A new addition to the “Test Booklets: Panes & Covers” section is a recently discovered 29¢ “I Pledge Allegiance...” imperforate booklet pane of 8 stamps printed on self adhesive paper in a test prior to the production of 32-cent Flag Over Porch folded booklets that contained self adhesive stamps.

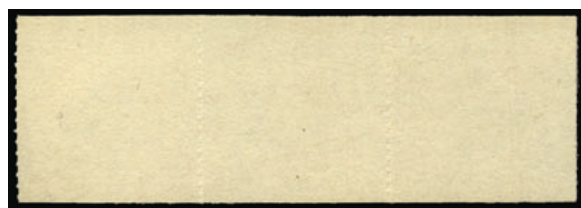
In the “Test Stamp Essays, Trial Color, and Plate Proofs” section there were several revisions and/or corrections to some of the existing listings and footnotes.

As is always the case, the 2023 Scott Specialized Test Stamps section is a great reference section for those of us who collect these very interesting items.

In several areas of the test stamp listings there were minor value revisions, some up and some down, to more closely reflect current auction results for some of the items.

Recent Auction Results

On July 20, 2022 Sam Houston Philatelics held Sale #3094 that included the following test stamps. There was a 15% Buyer’s Premium for this sale.



Lot 226 ** **TD30, Blank on Tan with Shiny Gum, Strip of 3**, VF NH, formerly TD30 (now unlisted), rouletted 13 vertical 25.5 x 25.75mm stamp size. Photo. (Cat. Value is 2012 Scott listing) Cat. \$60.00. Realized \$26.00.



Lot 227 ** **TD109, 1980 Coil Pair**, FTPO, slate green, untagged, dull gum, perf 9 3/4 vertically, VF-XF NH. Photo. Cat. \$150.00. Realized \$95.00.



Lot 228 ** **TD109b, 1980 Unslit Block of 4**, FTPO, slate green, untagged, dull gum, two coil pairs unslit horizontally, perf 9 3/4 vertically, XF NH. Photo. Cat. \$400.00. Realized \$140.00.

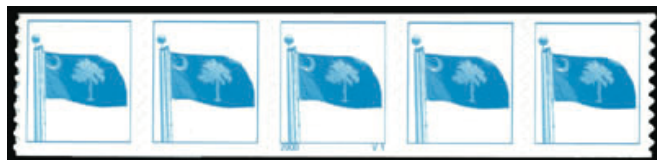


Lot 229 ** **TD111, 1978 Coil Plate Strip of 5 with Line Pair**, FTPO, brown, untagged, dull gum, perf 9 3/4 vertically, VF NH. Photo. Cat. \$30.00. Realized \$28.00.

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Lot 230 ** **TD116, 1970s Proclaim Liberty**, red, blue and green with matte gum, perf 12 x 11-3/4, XF NH. Photo. Cat. \$75.00. Realized \$100.00.



Lot 231 ** **TD135, 2000 South Carolina flag**, Plate Strip of 5, produced by Avery Dennison. Light blue, die cut 8 1/2 vertically, self-adhesive, VF-XF NH. Photo. Cat. \$250.00. Realized \$270.00.

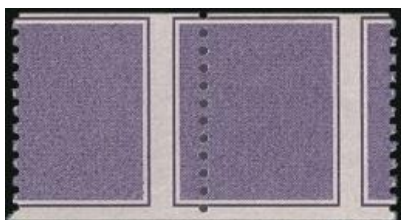


Lot 232 ** **TDB29, Blank Booklet with (2) Imperf Panes**, VF NH, top pane with a few small tone spots, produced by KCS Industries, VF NH. Photo. Cat. \$50.00. Realized \$24.00.

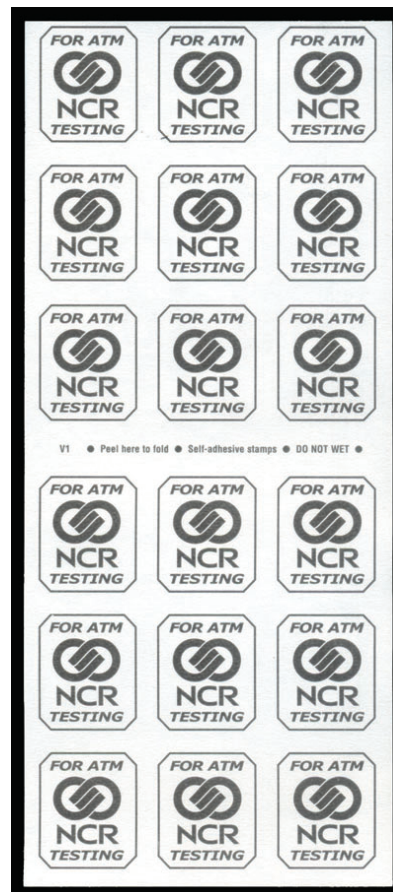
Lot 233 ** **TDB92a, Pane of 18**, FTPO, magenta, VF NH. Photo. Cat. \$250.00. Realized \$90.00. *(See the illustration at the top of the right column on this page)*

Lot 234 ** **TDB99a, NCR Self-Adhesive Demo Stamps, Pane of 18**, VF NH, imperf, ngai. Photo. Cat. \$75.00. Realized \$90.00. *(See the illustration at the bottom of the right column on this page)*

On July 20, 2022 Vance Auctions Ltd. held Sale #357 that included the following test stamps. There was no Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 3737 *TD95, TEST Coil Pair with MAJOR MISPERF. VF, NH. Photo. East. \$40.00. CDN. Realization - Unknown.



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On August 25-28, 2022 Schuyler J. Rumsey Philatelic Auctions held Sale - 103. The APS Auction that included the following test stamps. There was an 18% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 1158 ** TD108 Test Stamp, 1970, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", carmine, untagged, dull gum. (*Ed. Note: TD108 has "pebble-surfaced shiny gum."*) Horizontal pair, o.g., never hinged, bright and fresh, Extremely Fine, a choice pair, with 2015 Weiss certificate. Photo. Scott No. TD108; \$1,600.00. Realized \$400.00.



Lot 4174 * **Test Coil Collection.** Collection with many different items including TD79-82 pairs, TD91 pair, TD107b strip of four with purple defacement lines, pair with blue defacement line and a pair with three small magenta defacement lines, TD107c strip of three, TD109 pair, TD109a pair, TD109 pair on cover with 4¢ Lincoln coil, TD123 pair, TD124 pair, also includes two different Social Security essay coil pairs, **Very Fine and scarce group.** Photo. Estimate; \$500.00 - \$750.00. Realized \$450.00.



On August 26, 2022 Schuyler J. Rumsey Philatelic Auctions held Sale #104 that included the following test stamps. There was an 18% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 2350 ** / * TD14 Test Stamp, 1906-09, "Mail-O-Meter Stamp", brown, Schermack type III perforations. Strip of 3 with guide line

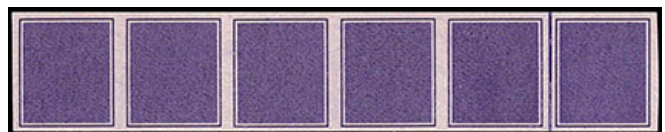
between right pair, o.g., left stamp never hinged, well centered, **Very Fine**, with line pair listed but unpriced in Scott. Photo. Scott No. TD14; \$350.00 for pair; Estimate \$400.00 - \$600.00. Realized \$425.00.



Lot 2351 ** TD14, TD14a Test Stamp, 1906-09, "Mail-O-Meter Stamp", brown, imperf & Schermack type III perforations. Strip of 6, the left three imperf, the right three with Schermack perforations (the right end with a paste-up tab), o.g., never hinged, folded between stamps 1 & 2 and 3 & 4, **otherwise Very Fine**, a rare transitional piece. Photo. Scott No. TD14, TD14a; \$800.00+. Realized \$625.00.



Lot 2352 * TD23 Test Stamp, 1914, B.E.P. (numerals & Hamilton design, litho.) coil, deep red, perf 10½ horizontally. Pair, o.g., hinge remnant at top, strong bright color, Fine, very scarce, with 1990 P.F. certificate. Photo. Scott No. TD23; \$800.00. Realized \$220.00.

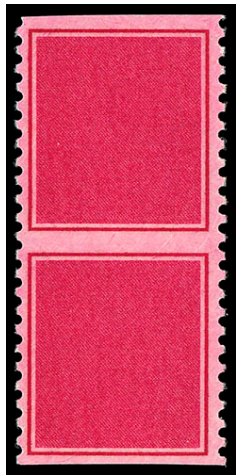


Lot 2353 ** TD95a Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, purple, imperf. Strip of 6 with line pair at right, o.g., never hinged, bright and fresh, **fresh and Very Fine.** Photo. Scott No. TD95a; \$550.00+. Realized \$250.00.

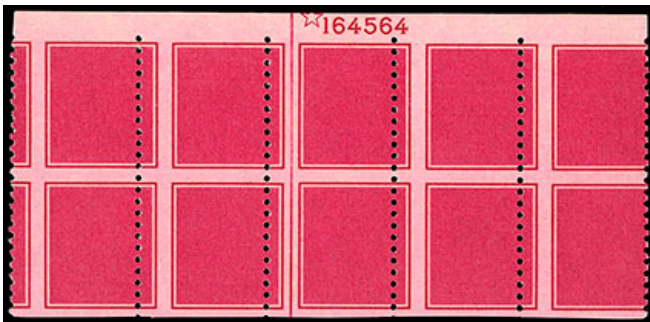
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Lot 2354 ** TD97 var. Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, carmine, unslit horizontally. Vertical pair, o.g., never hinged, Fine and rare, unpriced in Scott. Photo. Scott No. TD97 var.; Estimate \$200.00 - 300.00. Realized \$130.00.

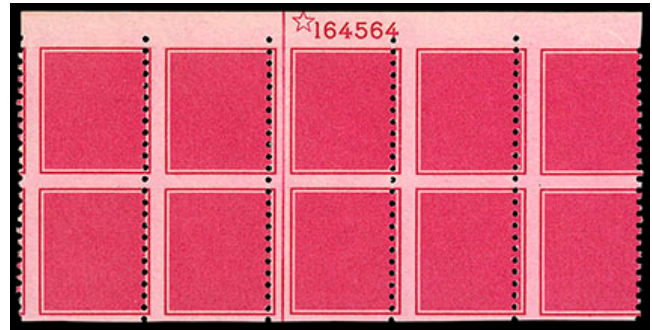



Lot 2355 ** TD97 var. Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, carmine, unslit horizontally. Vertical pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, listed but not priced. Photo. Scott No. TD97 var.; Estimate \$150.00 - 200.00. Realized \$180.00.



Lot 2356 **  TD97 var. **Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle coil, carmine, unslit horizontally.** Block of 10 with top web margin, joint line, star & plate no. 164564, o.g., never

hinged; usual centering, **Very Fine for this.** Photo. Scott No. TD97 var.; \$2,500.00. Realized \$950.00. *Printed from 170-subject coil plates on the Stickney press as it was being phased out.*



Lot 2357 **  TD97 var. **Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle coil, carmine, unslit horizontally.** Block of 10 with top web margin, joint line, star & plate no. 164564, o.g., never hinged; usual centering, **Very Fine for this.** Photo. Scott No. TD97 var.; \$2,500.00. Realized \$1,350.00. *Printed from 170-subject coil plates on the Stickney press as it was being phased out.*



Lot 2358 ** TD108 **Test Stamp, 1970, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", carmine, untagged, dull gum.** (*Ed. Note: TD108 has "pebble-surfaced shiny gum."*) A pristine mint single, o.g., never hinged, post office fresh and perfectly centered, **Extremely Fine to Superb.** Photo. Scott No. TD108; \$800.00. Realized \$290.00.



Lot 2359 ** TD108 Test Stamp, 1970, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", carmine, untagged, dull gum. (*Ed. Note: TD108 has "pebble-surfaced shiny gum."*) O.G., never hinged, exceptional centering, very fresh, **Extremely Fine**, extremely rare with only 24 copies known. Photo. Scott No. TD108; \$800.00 for single. Realized \$300.00.

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Lot 2360 ** TD109 Test Stamp, 1980, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", green, untagged, dull gum. Joint line pair, o.g., never hinged, bright and fresh, Extremely Fine. Photo. Scott No. TD109; \$400.00 Realized \$180.00.



Lot 2361 ** TD110 Test Stamp, 1975, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", orange on gray, tagged. O.g., never hinged, bright and fresh, Very Fine, rare with only 77 examples believed to exist. Photo. Scott No. TD110; \$1,000.00. Realized \$650.00.



Lot 2362 * TD123 Test Stamp, 1992, 3M Corp. "Stylized Eagle" coil. Plate number 1111 strip of 7, Very Fine and choice. Photo. Scott No. TD123; \$355.00. Realized \$130.00.



Lot 2646 **/* 409 1912, 2¢ carmine, S.L. watermark, Schermack type III perfs. Paste-up single with **brown Mailometer test stamp, strip of three** (TD14, TD14a) at left, stamp n.h. and labels hinged, imperforate between with Schermack perf at right, center label with small tear at bottom, **otherwise Very Fine, an extremely rare coil leader single with Mailometer test stamp strip used as leader**, with 2005 P.F. certificate. Photo. Scott No. 409; Estimate \$1,000.00 - \$1,500.00. Realized \$2,600.00.

According to Belasco, these test coils were attached as leaders to rolls to be started through the machines avoiding wasting the stamps.

On September 2 & 3, 2022 Golden Oak Online Auctions held Sale #51 that included the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 762 * TD107d Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, dull gum (Scott TD107d), complete unopened roll of 500, Fine to Very Fine, *one of the more unusual items to appear in our auctions*. Photo. Realized \$80.00.

On September 13 & 14, 2022 Cherrystone Auctions held Sale #0922 that included the following test stamps. There was a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 281 TDB3 1945 two Test booklets, one complete, the other with partial and complete pane, fine. Photo. Cat. \$750 (Cat No. TDB3). Not sold.

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On September 13-16, 2022 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #774 that included the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 3497 2593 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, Very Fine. *Unlisted. Photo. Apparently, a Post Office trial that never went into production. (Ed. Note: The TDB60B test booklet pane is listed in the 2023 Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers with a catalogue value of \$1,000.00).* Realized \$650.00.



Lot 4127 ** TD45 Test Stamp, 1910-27, blank design, perf 10½ vertically (Scott TD45), strip of 4, o.g., never hinged, fresh and sound, measuring approximately 24½mm tall, Very Fine, unpriced (dashed) in Scott. Photo. Not sold.



Lot 4128 ** TD45 Test Stamp, 1910-27, blank design, perf 10½ vertically (Scott TD45), complete roll of 1000 including coil leader, a remarkably sound survivor, the leader paper with light purple "DUMMY COILS" handstamp; light toning to first eight stamp from the leader, otherwise fresh and clean; unpriced (dashed) in Scott, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, *believed to be unique.* Not sold.

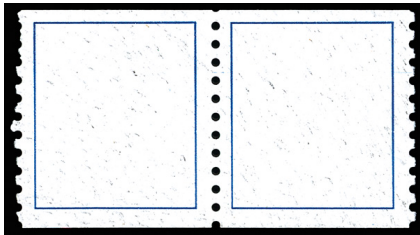


Lot 4129 ** TD109 Test Stamp, 1980, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", green, untagged, dull gum (Scott TD109), line strip of 4, o.g., never hinged, immaculate multiple with strong color; priced as pair and line pair; position 2 with unlisted plate scratch flaw at top left, Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$550.00 Realized \$160.00.



Lot 4130 ** TD110 Test Stamp, 1975, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", orange on gray, tagged (Scott TD110), strip of 5, o.g., never hinged, with vivid color and intact perforations; miscut vertically, the right stamp with penned reviewer's mark, cut short and with edge dimple, Fine to Very Fine, an intriguing Test EFO. Photo. Scott \$5,000.00. Not sold.

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Lot 4131 ** TD125B Var. **1998 (?), Blue Rectangle with Thin Lines, green tagging, shiny gum (Scott TD125B var.)**, pair, o.g., never hinged, bright with rock-solid perforations; extraneous blue streaks, nibbed perforations at top left, fingerprint on one stamp's gum, Fine to Very Fine, Scott's listing is for dull gum. Photo. Scott \$400.00 for normal. Realized \$130.00.

On September 30 & October 1, 2022 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #776 that included the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



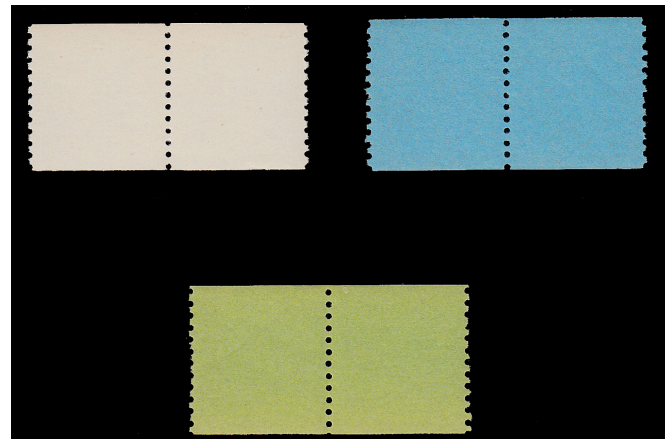
Lot 241 **Test Stamps Collection**, 100s of singles and multiples arranged on stock sheets with wide selection of 1900s/2006 issues and even note many Scott unlisted varieties plus couple of the British "poached egg" stamps (including one on cover), includes TD24E, TD24A, TD33 pair and strip of eight NH, TD38 pair, pair with Cleveland precancel, TD40 singles (2) and pair NH, TD51 pair and vertical strip of four, TD58, TD65 pair NH (2), TD74, TD87, TD88 strips of six and eight NH, TD89 strip of six NH, TD91 pair NH, TD93 pair, strip of six, strip of eight NH, page of TD95-96 multiples including small and large hole varieties

NH, TD97a horizontal pair NH, TD123 plate number strip of seven, etc. plus several pages of various types of the "For Testing Purposes Only" issues coil strips of varying size, color, booklet panes, etc., some "Dummy" booklets with TDB((2), TDB12 (2), TDB13, TDB28 (3), TDB32 (9), TDB82a, TDB84F, etc., generally F-VF, ex-Gatsby. Shipping charges apply - weight 5 lbs. Estimate \$1,000.00 - \$1,500.00. Realized \$1,600.00.

(Ed. Note: Posted on the Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC web site there is a PDF file that will show the rest of this large lot.)

Due to the fact that this *Dummy Stamps Study Group Newsletter* is later than the September 21, 2022 target date, due to wanting to include information about the 2023 *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers*, we will include some very important auctions that contained some quite scarce test stamps that were after this date.

On September 30, 2022 Paradise Valley Stamp Company held Sale #F658 that included the following test stamps. There is no Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 4048 1930s, ELECTRIC VENDORS (ZEIGLE), INC. WHITE, BLUE AND GREEN BLANK TEST COIL PAIRS NH, #TD79-TD81, mint never hinged, very fine, Photo. Cat. \$120.00. Not sold.

On October 1, 2022 Golden Oak Online Auctions held Collector Series - Sale #52 that included the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

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Lot 408 ** TDB5 Test Stamp Booklet, 1959, 97¢, blue on pink cover (Scott TDB5), complete and unexploded, immaculate, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$175.00. Realized \$90.00.



On October 18-20, 2022 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale - 2002 The Kelleher Club Sale. that included the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



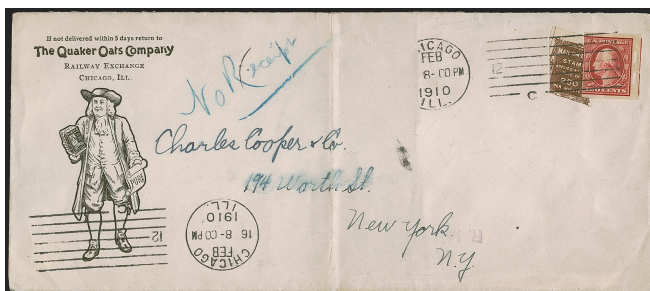
Lot 2131 BK ** TDB17b 1960s-72, \$1 red booklet, violet "DUMMY" handstamp (Scott TDB17b), complete unexploded booklet, containing two panes of black "For Testing Purposes Only" test stamps (#TDB14a), o.g., never hinged, covers uncreased, but with some slight edge wear, Very Fine nonetheless. Photo. Scott \$300.00. Realized \$130.00.



On October 19, 2022 Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc. held The Melvin Getlan Collection of U.S. Vending & Affixing Machine Perforations, Part 2 that included the following test stamps. There was an 18% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 2222 ✉ TD14 2c Carmine, Schermack Ty. III (344). Tied by "Chicago Ill. Feb. 16 8-00PM 1910" machine cancel, second strike at left, used with **Mailometer Test Dummy**, the test stamp underneath the 2c, on legal-size Quaker Oats Co.

illustrated cover to New York, blue crayon "No Receipt", vertical file fold well away from stamps, part of address with some water staining, Very Fine and very unusual, the dummy stamp must have been at the end of a roll, when it was noticed by the mailer then it went thru the machine again where the 2c was affixed, ex Dr. Agris. Photo. Cat./Est. \$400.00 - \$500.00. Realized \$225.00. (Ed. Note: See Lot 2222 photo below)



Lot 2261 * TD24 U.S. Automatic Vending Co., [No Denomination] Red, Coil Test Stamp, Ty. I Perforations (TD24). Horizontal pair, original gum, lightly hinged, few faint creases, Very Fine appearance. Photo. Cat./Est. \$550.00. Realized \$800.00.

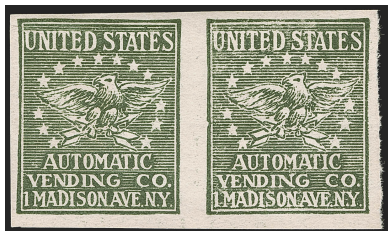


Lot 2262 * TD24A & TD24A U.S. Automatic Vending Co., [No Denomination] Red, Coil Test Stamp, Ty. I Perforations (TD24A). Two, one Type I (15-1/2 mm), other Type Ia (16 mm), original gum, one with paste-up at top, dramatically different shades, Very Fine. Photos. Cat./Est. \$850.00. Realized \$275.00.

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Lot 2263 * TD24C & TD24Cd U.S. Automatic Vending Co., [No Denomination] Red, Coil Test Stamp, Imperforate Horizontally (TD24C, TD24Cd). Pair of normal and pair of the variety, lightly hinged, radiant color, Very Fine, scarce, ex Belasco. Photos. Cat./ Est. \$700.00. Realized \$1,100.00.



Lot 2264 * TD24E U.S. Automatic Vending Co., [No Denomination] Green, Coil Test Stamp (TD24E). Horizontal pair, large margins, original gum, lightly hinged, rich color, Very Fine and choice. Photo. Cat./Est. \$550.00. Realized \$800.00.



Lot 2319 *  TD19 Bureau of Engraving and Printing, [No Denomination] Red, Rotary Press Test Development, Imperforate (TD19). Block of four, without gum as produced, large margins to full including right sheet margin, few internal paper creases do not detract, Very Fine. Photo. Cat./ Est. \$600.00. Realized \$600.00.



Lot 2320 * TD21 Bureau of Engraving and Printing, [No Denomination] Red, Rotary Press Test Development, Perf 12 Horizontally (TD21). Vertical strip of three, without gum as produced, rich color, few thin spots, hinges reinforce perfs mostly as a preventive measure

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE EXAMPLE OF THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING TEST STAMP FOR VERTICAL ROTARY PRESS COILS, SCOTT TD21. THIS IS THE FIRST WE HAVE OFFERED SINCE KEEPING COMPUTERIZED RECORDS.

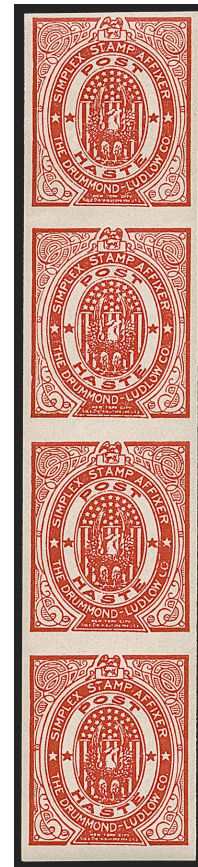
According to Scott, this series were the first test stamps used by the Bureau during their effort to develop rotary press printing. This is the only BEP-printed test stamp perforated horizontally. Scott value \$4,500.00 as singles. Photo. Cat./Est. \$2,000.00 - \$3,000.00. Realized \$4,250.00.

Lot 2321 * TD23 Unknown Producer, [No Denomination] Red, Rotary Press Test Development, Offset Printing, Perf 10.25 Horizontally (TD23). Strip of three, ungummed as produced, hinges placed between stamps as a preventive measure, top stamp thinned, Fine appearance, Scott value as pair and single. Photo. Cat./Est. \$1,200.00. Not sold. *(Ed. Note: See photo at the top of the left column on Page 12)*

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North Fulton Ave. Mt. Vernon N.Y.", Fine appearance, an unusual item from this early period of Bureau experimentation. Photo. Cat./ESt. \$500.00 - \$750.00. Realized \$275.00.




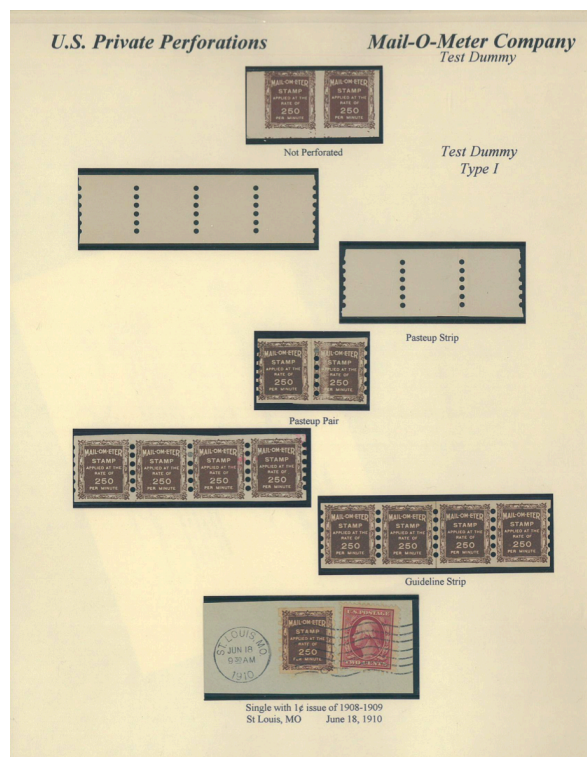
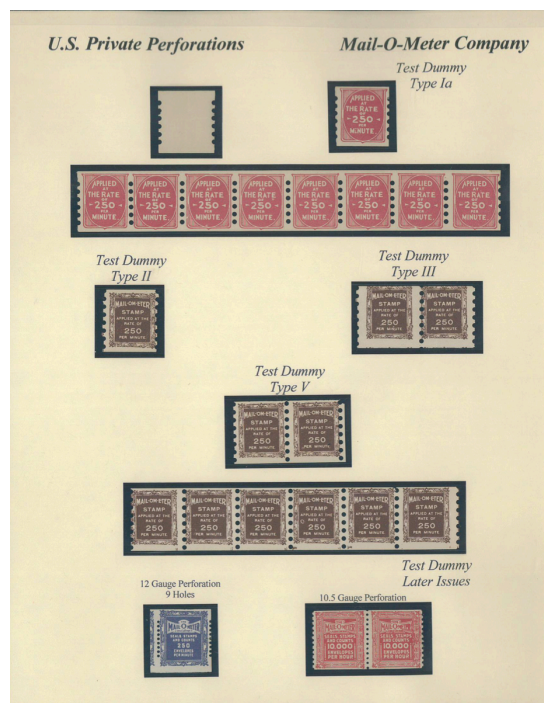
Lot 2323 * TD27 Simplex Stamp Affixer, [No Denomination] Red, Imperforate, Test Stamp (TD27). Vertical strip of four, original gum, lightly hinged, deep rich color, Very Fine and attractive multiple, Scott value as two pairs. Photo. Cat./Est. \$1,000.00. Realized \$350.00.



Lot 2322 TD23 Unknown Producer, [No Denomination] Red, Rotary Press Test Development, Offset Printing, Perf 10.25 Horizontally (TD23). Pair, faults at left including bottom stamp with piece out, used with vertical pair of 8c Violet Black (306), tied by wavy-line machine cancel on small part of cover, with note "(Rotary special experiment) E. W. Werden 211

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Lot 2324 *  TD28 3c Minerva, Harris Automatic Press Company Offset on White Wove Paper (TD28). Block of four, without gum as produced, large margins all around, Very Fine, a scarce block, these were printed in June 1910 from a 192-subject plate to test a Harris press at the BEP, offset presses were not introduced until later (Harris presses were used in 1918-20), Scott value \$2,600.00 as singles. Photo. Cat./Est. \$500.00 - \$750.00. Realized \$700.00.




Lot 2325 * **Mailometer Test Stamps.** 16 items, including TD14a, TD16 single, TD17 pair, TE30d pair, few other better, few small faults to be expected, Fine-Very Fine and desirable group, many unpriced in Scott. Photos. Cat./Est. \$750.00 - \$1,000.00. Realized \$2,500.00.

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 Kent Miller 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>