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Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Seventy-fifth 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

Another Self Adhesive FTPO Coil Discovered

By Michael O. Perry & Terry R. Scott

In the Fall 2020 issue of the Dummy Stamps Study Group's quarterly newsletter, we presented a discovery made by Scott Smith that is now listed as Scott #TD136A in the *Scott Specialized Catalogue*. At that time, there were a total of five different BEP-produced self adhesive FTPO coils listed in the catalog, but the authors believed it was only a matter of time before a sixth variety was discovered. And, sure enough, that "missing" coil has been found. It turns out it had been "found" quite awhile ago, but was unrecognized because it was in a sealed roll of coil stamps that hadn't been opened until recently.

Rather than jump right in and describe the new variety (which will probably be assigned Scott #TD136B in the 2025 *Scott Specialized Catalogue*), we are going to do a brief summary of all known varieties of the FTPO self adhesive coils. For those who want to know more about the minor varieties found on those first coils, we suggest you download the Winter 2013-2014 and the Fall 2020 "Dummy News and Views" newsletters.

We will start with the coils made by the BEP, and conclude this listing with four privately made FTPO coils. Scott #TD126, the self adhesive test coil produced in 1996, is shown at the top of Page 2. It has straight-line die-cut separations. At first

glance, it might appear these test coils were printed on a blue paper, but that is not the case. The BEP only had pre-phosphored self-adhesive paper available, and the USPS did not want any tagged test stamps produced that might end up being used on regular mail in an attempt to avoid paying postage. So, the BEP applied at least one layer of blue ink to mask the phosphorescence when the stamp was exposed to the UV light in the facer canceller machines.

These test coils were printed on a 6-station offset printing press, so it is possible three layers of blue ink were applied. A 4-digit plate number (1111) appears every 21 stamps. There was an offset plate seam-line located in the 3mm gutter immediately to the right of the stamp with a plate number, but that seam-line was almost always completely removed when the matrix was removed during die-cutting.

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Scott #TD126 - straight die cutting with a plate number and a blue background



Scott #TD133 - serpentine die cutting with a plate number and a blue background



Scott #TD133 - serpentine die cutting w/o PI # under stamp with gap in blue background printing

The second variety is Scott #TD133 and may have been produced around 2000. There are actually two varieties of this test coil as shown above - the first had a plate number printed every 21 stamps, while later coils did not have the plate number. It was printed with the same offset printing plates as

Scott #TD126 using pre-phosphered self-adhesive paper. The only difference from Scott #TD126 is that the USPS requested the BEP use a 9-3/4 gauge die-cutting mat that made simulated perforations that looked more like postage stamps. On some coils, the blue seam-line can be seen in the gutter to the right

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of the stamp with the plate number. As can be seen on the two Scott #TD133 images, the tips of the serpentine die-cut perforations on two stamps are white since the blue plate had a gap; those white perf tips glow under a UV light.

The third variety of these FTPO self-adhesive test coils is shown below. Scott #TD136 is another blue FTPO coil variety and was produced in 1997. Like Scott #TD133, it has 9-3/4 gauge die-cut perforations and has the blue ink required to mask the pre-phosphored paper. There were no plate numbers printed on Scott #TD136, but it is possible to find the untagged white perf tips on this coil in the gutter to the right of the stamp where the plate number would have been found if the BEP had applied it. The key identification point for Scott #TD136 is an unexplained vertical line between the

“N” and the “L” of “ONLY” (making it look like “ON|LY”). Sharp-eyed collectors will note the line in “ONLY” on the stamp to the left of the seam-line is longer than on the other stamps.

The fourth variety is Scott #TD136A, shown at the bottom of this page. It was discovered in 2020, but was undoubtedly produced 15 years before that since the BEP quit producing postage stamps on June 10, 2005. Scott #TD136A is identical to Scott #TD136 except it was printed on plain non-phosphored self-adhesive paper. Thus, there was no need to apply the blue background printing. In theory, it might be possible to find traces of a black offset plate seam-line in the gutter to the right of the stamp with the longer line in “ON|LY”, but none have been reported. Just one coil roll of Scott #TD136A coil stamps has been reported.



Scott #TD136 - serpentine die cutting w/o PI#; line in ONLY (“ON|LY”) and blue background



Scott #TD136A - serpentine die cutting with gaps between stamps, w/o PI # and w/ line in ONLY

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Scott #TD136B - serpentine die cuts with gaps between stamps - w/o Pl# and w/o line in "ONLY"

The coil shown above is a new discovery; it will likely be listed as Scott #TD136B in the 2025 Scott Catalogue. It resembles Scott #TD136A without a vertical line in the word "ONLY". Scott #TD136B is identical to Scott #TD133 - except it was printed on white non-phosphored self-adhesive paper without the blue background. Just one roll of Scott #TD136B coil stamps has been reported.

Scott #TD133A is the final BEP-produced self-adhesive FTPO coil in this list. It was produced around 2000 to test the BEP's new automatic coiling machinery and was only processed into coils of 100 stamps. Note that there are no gaps between the stamps, and that the liner paper does not extend beyond the top and bottom of the test stamps. Also note that the four digit plate number (1111) is located in a slightly different place under the design on Scott #TD133A than on Scott #TD126 and Scott #TD133. Scott #TD133A and Scott #TD136B are similar and might cause

some confusion since they are both printed on untagged paper and both have 9-3/4 gauge serpentine die cutting; however, Scott #TD133A has no spaces between the stamps while Scott #TD136B has a 3mm gap between each stamp.

There are three additional self-adhesive FTPO coils with similar designs to collect. Avery Dennison produced Scott #TD127 in 1996; it has plate number "V1" every 15 stamps and has 11-1/4 gauge serpentine die-cuts. Scott #TD140 was made by Avery around 2006, and is slightly larger than Scott #TD127. Scott #TD140, has 8-3/4 gauge serpentine die-cuts and does not have a plate number. Scott #TD137 is a test coil made by Sennett Securities in 1997. Scott #TD137 has a plate number "S1" every 19 stamps and has 11-1/4 gauge serpentine die-cuts. Images of those three coils (Scott #TD137, Scott #TD127 and Scott #TD140), along with an FTPO coil produced for the Kirk-Rudy Company (Scott #TD141) are shown on page 5.



Scott #TD133A - serpentine die cutting - with plate number - without gaps between stamps

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Scott #TD127 - Printed by Avery-Dennison



Scott #TD137 - Printed by Sennett Security Products



Scott #TD140 - Printed by Avery-Dennison



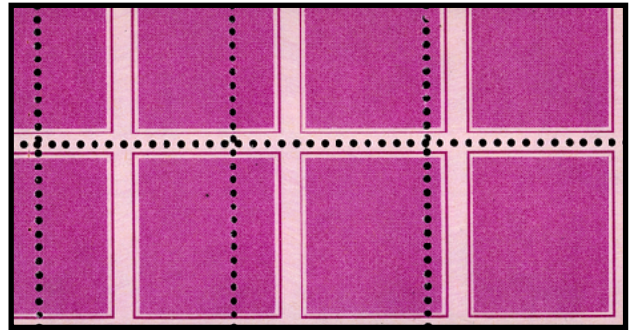
Scott #TD141 - Printed for Kirk-Rudy

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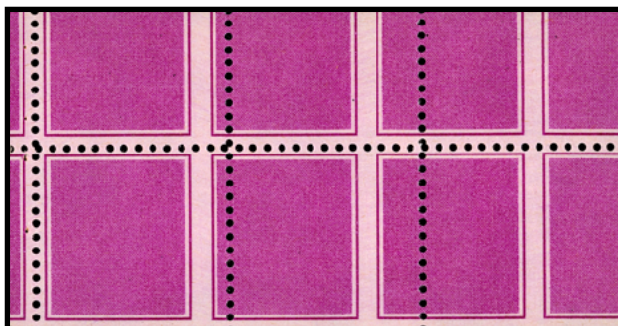
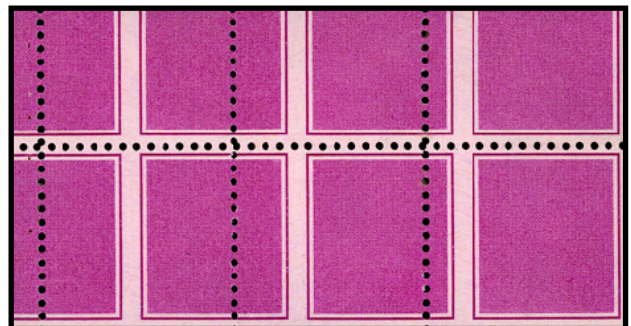
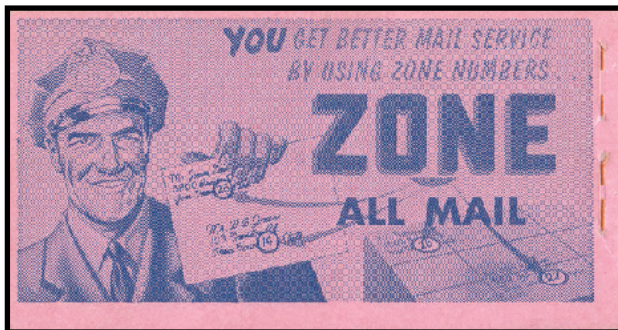
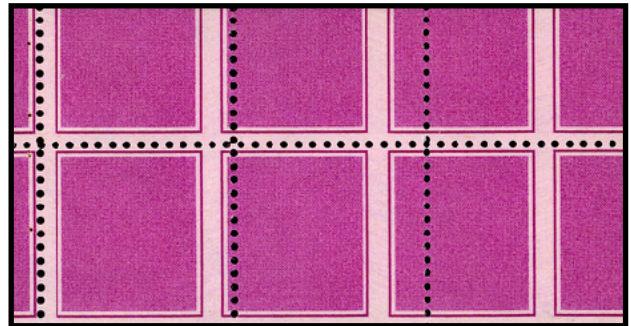
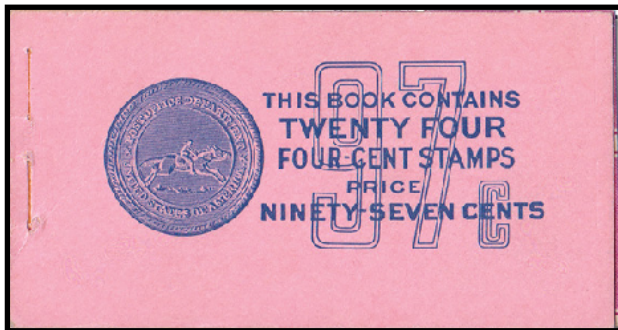
Recent Auction Results

On December 27, 2023 Sam Houston Philatelics held Sale #3109 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 15% Buyer's Premium for this auction.

Lot 135 ** TD112 **TD112, "Exploded" roll of (3,000)**, unwrapped package of approx. 3,000 FTPO Black Test stamps. Roll measures 3-1/4" diameter, so possibly nearly complete. Cat. (\$1,500.00) No photo. Realized \$135.00.



On January 23-25, 2024 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, held LLC Sale #794 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 1208. BK ** TDB7 **1960-62, Misperforated framed rectangles in red violet, complete "97¢" booklet (Scott TDB7)**, exploded booklet of four panes plus interleaving (no staples), o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$900.00 intact. Realized \$350.00.

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Lot 1209 **Test Booklets & Booklet Panes, 1940-2000**, 24 complete booklets/self-adhesive panes and five panes of 6 in a stock book; highlights include #TDB3a (2, one in a booklet of two panes, but second pane separated and not counted), TDB5a, TDB11, TDB13, TDB14, TDB15, TDB17b, TDB89a, TDB90a and TDB92a; also includes 8 #TDB93b stamps on the back of a test envelope. An excellent starter collection, all clean and Fine-Very Fine. *Also included is a photocopy of the B.I.A.'s 98-page Research Paper on Dummy Stamp Booklets*, o.g., never hinged. Shipping charges apply - weight 2.8 lbs. Photo. ([PDF for this Lot](#)). Scott \$3,250.00+. Realized \$1,000.00.

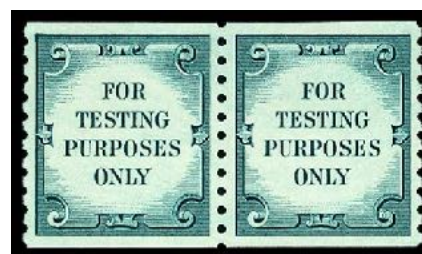
A photo of 2 booklets from this lot are shown above.

On February 4, 2024 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5209 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 7488 BK * TDB89 var. Test Stamp Booklet, 1997, dark blue (Scott TDB89 var.), 2 different self-adhesive panes of 18, Very Fine. (*Ed. Note: These are Scott TDB100a and TDB101a.*) Photo. Scott \$500.00. Realized \$70.00

On February 20, 2024 Michael Aldrich Auctions held Sale #111 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 15% Buyers Premium for this auction.



Lot 1686 **TD109**, PR, NH, sharp color, fresh and VF. Photo. Cat. \$180.00. Realization unavailable.

Lot 1687 TD109b, Vertical Strip of 4, NH, VF-XF, choice multiple and certainly quite scarce. Cat. \$400.00. Realization unavailable.

See photo of Lot 1687 on the next page

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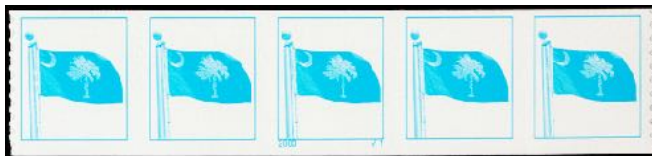
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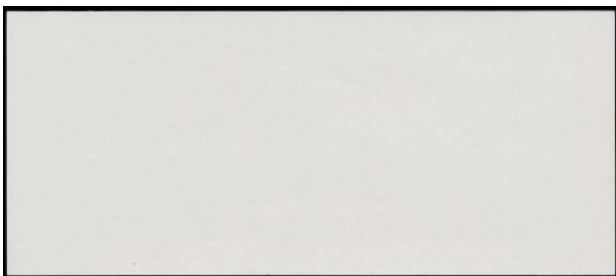
Lot 1691 TDB89a, Booklet pane of 18, Unused, "V1", XF. Photo. Cat. \$225.00. Realization unavailable.



Lot 1688 TD133A, PNC/5, #1111, NH, XF. Photo. Cat. \$300.00. Realization unavailable.



Lot 1689 TD135, PNC/5, #2000 V1, NH, XF. Photo. Cat. \$250.00. Realization unavailable.



Lot 1690 TDB85b, Booklet pane of 18, unused, no die cuts, XF. Photo. Cat. \$300.00. Realization unavailable.



Lot 1692 TDB89a, Booklet pane of 18, Unused, "V1", XF. Photo. Cat. \$225.00. Realization unavailable.

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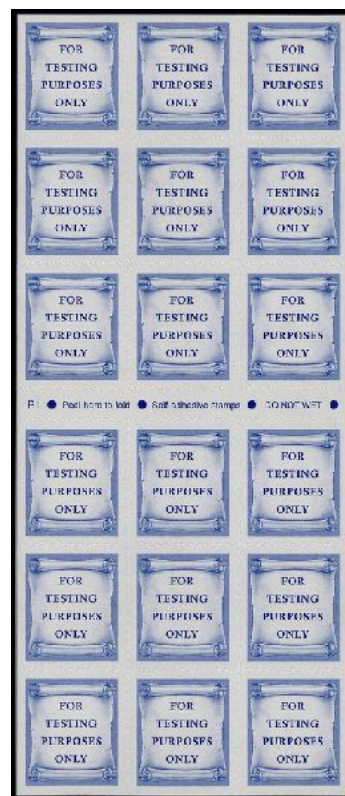
Lot 1693 TDB90a, Booklet pane of 18, unused, “V1”, XF. Photo. Cat. \$130.00. Realization unavailable.



Lot 1695 TDB100a, Booklet pane of 18, unused, “V1”, XF. Photo. Cat. \$110.00. Realization unavailable.



Lot 1694 TDB92a, Booklet pane of 18, unused, “V1”, XF. Photo. Cat. \$250.00. Realization unavailable.



Lot 1696 TDB101a, Booklet pane of 18, unused, “P1”, XF. Photo. Cat. \$150.00. Realization unavailable.

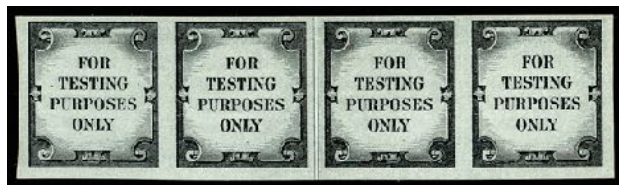
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On March 6, 2024 Sam Houston Philatelics held Sale #3111 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 15% Buyers Premium for this auction.



Lot 180 ** 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.

On March 11-13, 2024 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #795 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20 % Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 958 ** TD107c Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum, imperf (Scott TD107c), joint line strip of 4, o.g., never hinged, clean and sound, the joint clearly visible at center, Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Est. \$500.00 - \$750.00. Scott \$1,000.00. Realized \$325.00.



Lot 959 ** TD107c Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum, imperf (Scott TD107c), paste-up strip of 6, o.g., never hinged, pristine

with strong color, the paste-up at positions 3 & 4, Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Est. \$1,000.00 - \$1,500.00. Realized \$600.00.



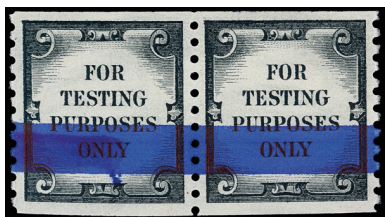
Lot 960 ** TD110 Test Stamp, 1975, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", orange on gray, tagged (Scott TD110), pair, o.g., never hinged, Post Office fresh and bright, Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Estimate \$1,000.00 - \$1,500.00. Scott \$2,000.00. Realized \$550.00.

On March 12-13, 2024 Cherrystone Auctions held Sale #0324 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 15% Buyer's Premium for this auction.

Lot 1111 **. Block E **Test Stamps**. 1897-2006 collection of hundreds of Test Stamps and Booklets, arranged on stock cards, with many rarities, including sets of (12) Scott TDB36 numbered 1-12 (only seven sets are known), TDB36 with mismatched pane and cover numbers, TD51 pair, with pre-printing paper fold, TD97 vertical pair unslit horizontally. TD45a misperforated, plus seven imperforate coil pairs and other unusual and seldom seen coils and booklets, few on cover (TD95, TD96), plus additional items not listed in Scott. In addition, there are some worldwide items from Great Britain, Sweden, Switzerland, etc., some duplication, apparently n.h., fine-v.f., Photos. owner's cat. \$33,000.00+ Realized \$5,250.00. *(Ed. Note: The large number of items in this sale as well as the auction images having several different test stamps on stock pages mostly randomly placed, prevents us from showing all the images that were posted for this sale. They may be seen at Stamp Auction Network under the Prices Realized listing for this auction.)*

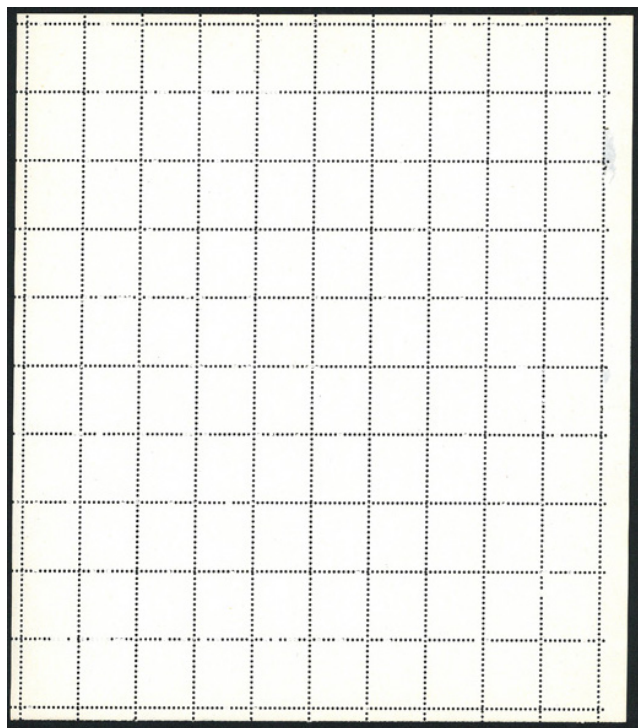
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On March 24, 2024 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5216 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.

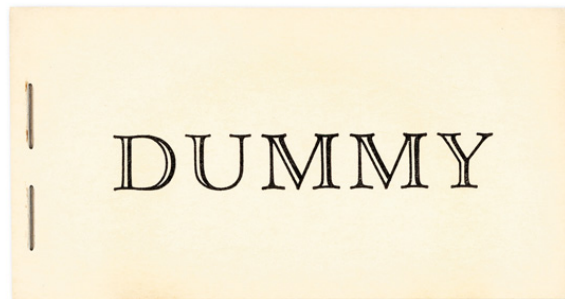


Lot 8307 ** TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), pair, with blue defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Realization unavailable.

On April 21, 2024 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5220 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.

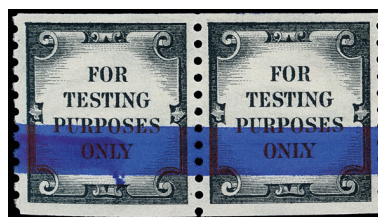


Lot 7330 ★★ TD84A Test Stamp, 1920's-50's, B.E.P. blank design, gum breaker ridges 5mm to 6.5mm apart (Scott TD84A), complete sheet of 100, blank perforated stamps in fresh condition; undisturbed gum with breaker ridges on reverse; attractive and seldom seen, o.g., never hinged; selvage thin not affecting stamps, Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$1,000.00. Realization unavailable.



Lot 7331 ★ TDB9 1962-67, Black 55x7.5 mm "DUMMY" Overprint Booklet (Scott TDB9), Clean and crisp example; extremely light crease on back cover, Extremely Fine. Photo. Scott \$90.00. Realization unavailable.

On May 5, 2024 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5222 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 5272 ★★ 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. Suggested bid \$26.00. *(Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.)* Realization unavailable.

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On May 7, 2024 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #797 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.

This auction featured the Richard F. Larkin Gold Medal Collection of Booklet Panes and Covers: United States & Possessions.

(Ed. Note: Lots 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146 and 1147 are not dummy or test booklets; they are provisional booklets containing regular postage stamps that sold to the public and are shown here for your information.)



Lot 1139 BK ** 1964 Wheaton 1048 I **1964 Wheaton Maryland Experimental Booklets, \$1.00 Type I**, complete and unexploded, two blank white covers with two staples at left, 25¢ Paul Revere (#1048) with interleaving, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Only 307 type I booklets were sold between 10/15/64 and 11/10/64. Accompanied by the definitive article on the booklets by Roger S. Brody published in the May 2014 issue of *The United States Specialist*. Photos. Est. \$200.00 - \$300.00. Realized \$300.00.



Lot 1140 BK ** 1964 Wheaton 1048 I **1964 Wheaton Maryland Experimental Booklets, \$1.00 Type I**, complete and unexploded, two blank white covers with two staples at left, 25¢ Paul Revere (#1048) with interleaving, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Only 307 type I booklets were sold between 10/15/64 and 11/10/64. Accompanied by the definitive article on the booklets by Roger S. Brody published in the May 2014 issue of *The United States Specialist*. Photos. Est. \$200.00 - \$300.00. Realized \$325.00.



Lot 1141 BK ** 1964 Wheaton 1048 IIA **1964 Wheaton Maryland Experimental Booklets, \$1.00 Type IIA**, complete and unexploded, booklet stapled on the left only with #1048 with interleaving, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Only 305 booklets were sold from the period 11/11/64

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through 11/19/64. Accompanied by the definitive article on the booklets by Roger S. Brody published in the May 2014 issue of *The United States Specialist*. Photos. Est. \$100.00 - \$150.00, realized \$225.00.



Lot 1142 BK ** 1964 Wheaton 1048 IIA IIB **1964 Wheaton Maryland Experimental Booklets, \$1.00 Types Iia and Iib**, complete and unexploded, former stapled on the left only and latter stapled on each side, both with #1048 with interleaving, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine duo. Former just 305 booklets were sold from the period 11/11/64 through 11/19/64, and the latter 2,844 booklets were sold between 11/20/64 and 2/25/65. Accompanied by the definitive article on the booklets by Roger S. Brody published in the May 2014 issue of *The United States Specialist*. Photos. Est. \$200.00 - \$300.00. Realized \$450.00.



Lot 1143 BK ** 1964 Wheaton 1048 IIB **1964 Wheaton Maryland Experimental Booklet, \$1.00 Type Iib**, complete and unexploded, booklet stapled on each side with #1048 with interleaving, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. 2,844 booklets were sold between 11/20/64 and 2/25/65. Accompanied by the definitive article on the booklets by Roger S. Brody published in the May 2014 issue of *The United States Specialist*. Photos. Est. \$100.00 - \$150.00. Realized \$130.00.

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Lot 1144 BK ** 1973 Seattle 1294 **April 1973, \$1 Seattle Vending booklet**, complete and unexploded, unprinted yellow front and gold back covers with two staples, containing single O'Neill sheet stamp (#1294) in a #1 glassine envelope, in like-new condition, o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine and scarce. Accompanied by the definitive article on the booklets by Roger S. Brody published in the July 2013 issue of *The United States Specialist*. These booklets were locally produced for use in vending machines in self-service stations, and were often issued without announcement, meaning most collectors were unaware of their existence. According to Furman, booklets containing the sheet stamp were used from the beginning in Feb. 1972 to June 1973 when the coil stamp was used. Furman SONS6; \$300.00. Photo. Est. \$300.00 - \$400.00. Realized \$275.00.



Lot 1145 BK ** 1973 Seattle 1294 **April 1973, \$1 Seattle Vending booklet**, complete and unexploded, green front cover with purple "Seattle, WA Main Office Station May 8, 1973" double-circle date stamp and gold back cover with two staples, containing single O'Neill sheet stamp (#1294) in a #1 glassine envelope, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine and scarce. Accompanied by the definitive article on the booklets by Roger S. Brody published in the July 2013 issue of *The United States Specialist*. These booklets were locally produced for use in vending machines in self-service stations, and were often

issued without announcement, meaning most collectors were unaware of their existence. According to Furman, booklets containing the sheet stamp were used from the beginning in Feb. 1972 to June 1973 when the coil stamp was used. Furman SONS7; \$300.00. Photo. Est. \$300.00 - \$400.00. Realized \$750.00.



Lot 1146 BK ** 1973 Seattle 1305C **June 1973, \$1 Seattle Vending booklet**, complete and unexploded, unprinted yellow front and gold back covers with one staple, containing single O'Neill coil stamp (#1305C) in a #1 glassine envelope, in like-new condition, o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine. Accompanied by the definitive article on the booklets by Roger S. Brody published in the July 2013 issue of *The United States Specialist*. These booklets were locally produced for use in vending machines in self-service stations, and were often issued without announcement, meaning most collectors were unaware of their existence. According to Furman, booklets containing the sheet stamp were used from the beginning in Feb. 1972 to June 1973 when the coil stamp was used. Furman SONC2; \$300.00. Est. 300.00 - \$400.00 Realized \$500.00.



Lot 1147 BK ** 1973 Seattle 1305C **March 1974, 60¢ Special Delivery, Seattle Vending booklet**, complete and unexploded, unprinted yellow front and gold back covers with two

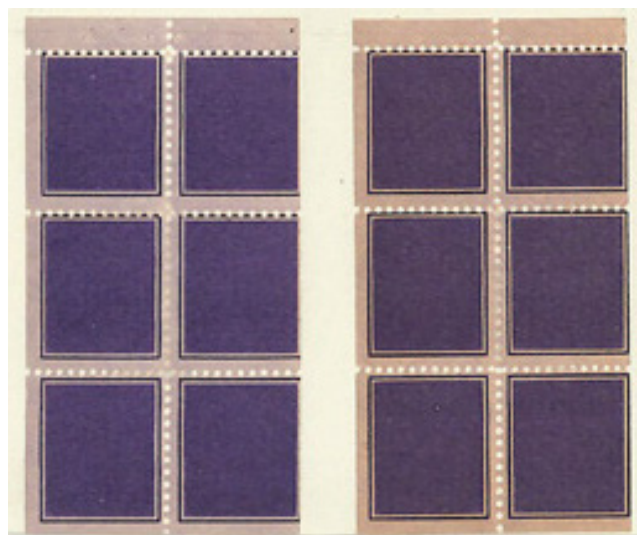
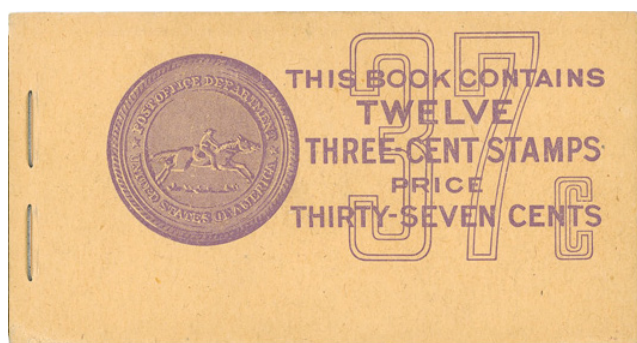
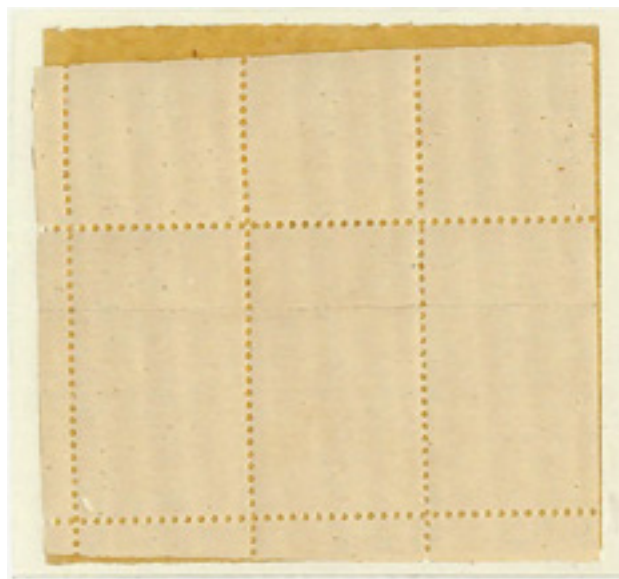
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staples, containing single 60¢ Special Delivery stamp (#E23) in a #1 glassine envelope, o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine. Accompanied by the definitive article on the booklets by Roger S. Brody published in the July 2013 issue of *The United States Specialist*. These booklets were locally produced for use in vending machines in self-service stations, and were often issued without announcement, meaning most collectors were unaware of their existence. According to Furman, booklets containing the sheet stamp were used from the beginning in Feb. 1972 to June 1973 when the coil stamp was used. Furman SSD7; \$300.00. Est. \$300.00 - \$400.00. Realized \$600.00

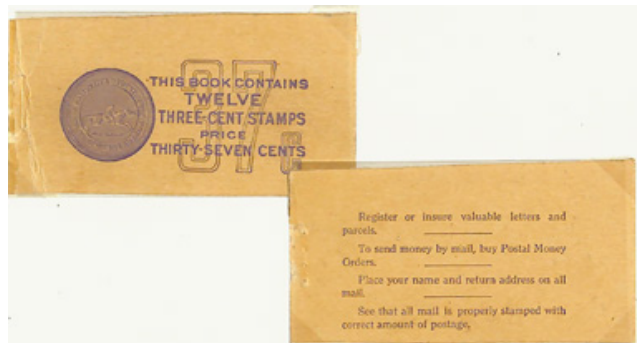


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Lot 1161 TDB5/TDB16a **Test Stamp Booklet Group, 1959-97 (Scott TDB5/TDB16a)**, consisting of complete booklets of #TDB5, #TDB9, #TDB12a and #TDB15, booklet panes #TDB13a, #TDB16a, along with (not catalogued) #TDB12a partial booklet with two panes and #TDB19 booklet covers and Pacific '97 Avery Dennison sample, "1917 3¢ Temporary Booklet Violet" plate number single, three 1967 Sweden #721 dummy booklets in blue (instead of red) with denomination omitted (two stuck down; one OK)—with *Mekeel's* article, Very Fine, see the entire lot online. Shipping charges apply - weight 0.6 lbs. Photos. Scott \$568 for US booklets and panes. Est. \$200.00 - \$300.00. Realized \$325.00.

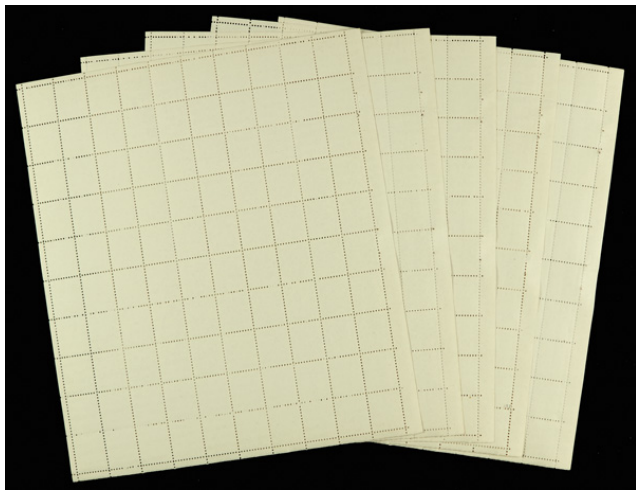



Lot 1162 ** TBD2a, TBD2c, TBD3 & TBD3a **1930s-40, Test booklets and dummy panes (Scott TDB2a, c, TDB3, a)**, comprising blank stamps pane of six, unsevered pair of former (central crease or foldover), both with sheet of interleaving, and detached covers, and 1940 framed rectangles in violet 37¢ booklet containing two panes of six, and framed rectangles in violet, two booklet panes of six, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine and choice selection. Photos. (*Ed. Note: The unsevered pair of TDB2 panes is NOT Scott #TDB2c.*) Est. \$600.00 - \$800.00. Realized \$800.00.



2024.05.14-15 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Kelleher Club Sale #2008 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.

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Lot 2538 **  TD84A **Test Stamp, 1920's-50's, B.E.P. blank design, gum breaker ridges 5mm to 6.5mm apart (Scott TD84A), 10 pristine sheets as produced by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing between 1920-1970; unlike many, these sheets are flawless, o.g., never hinged, Fine to Very Fine. Scott \$10,000. (Ed. Note: Scott value is actually \$4 per stamp, so catalog value is just \$4,000.00).** Photo. Estimate \$500.00 - \$750.00. Realized \$450.00.



Lot 2539 ** 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, Post Office fresh with clear indication of printing plate edges, nearly Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$1,250.00. Estimate \$750.00 - \$1,000.00. Realized \$375.00.**



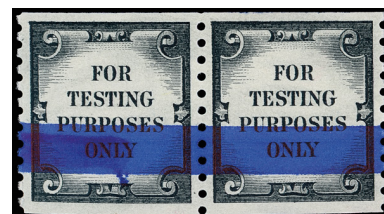
Lot 2540 ** TD110 **Test Stamp, 1975, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", orange on gray, tagged (Scott TD110), pair, o.g., never hinged, Post Office fresh and bright, Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$2,000.00. Estimate \$1,000.00 - \$1,500.00. Realized \$500.00.**

On May 15, 2024 Vance Auctions held Sale #368, There is no Buyer's Fee for this auction.



Lot 4076 * TD92a, Self-adhesive TEST BOOKLET Pane of 18. VF, NH. Photo. Cat. \$250.00. Realization unknown.

On May 5, 2024 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5216 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction. Lot 5282 ** 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. Suggested Bid \$22.00. Opening \$11.00.0. (Ed. Note - This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by the American Philatelic Society Expertising Service.) Realization unavailable.

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On June 2, 2024 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5216 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 6411 ** TD40 Test Stamp, 1911-13, Extensive Mfg. Co. coil, carmine & black, perf 10¼ vertically (Scott TD40), pair, o.g., never hinged, Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$75.00. Realization unknown.

Requests for Articles for *The United States Specialist*

Andrew Kelley, 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 Andrew 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*. Andrew Kelley 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. □

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