



# Dummy News and Views

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

## Delay in the 2025 Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers

by Terry R. Scott and Michael O. Perry

Every April for many years now, we have been fortunate to have the opportunity to meet at WESTPEX with Jim Kloetzel, Editor Emeritus of the Scott Specialized Catalogue. We make up a comprehensive list of new test stamps that we feel should be listed in the following year's catalogue, along with corrections and revisions to make the listings easier to use.

The Scott Publishing Company usually has the new Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers printed and released around the beginning of October of each year. However, that wasn't the case in 2024. The 2025 Scott Specialized Catalogue was subject to several delays and was not released in October as usual. Without a copy of the printed catalogue that we usually have in our hands by the middle of October, we didn't know how (or if) we were going to make our usual list.

On December 2, 2024, the Linn's and Scott Team sent this letter regarding the delay in the Scott Specialized Catalogue: *"Earlier this year, a business dispute arose between Amos Media (Linn's and Scott Catalogues parent company) and our contracted printing partner responsible for producing our coin and stamp publications. Despite repeated efforts to resolve the matter swiftly, the situation persisted for several months. Please know that this was never an attempt to alter the delivery methods of Scott Stamp Monthly or the Scott Catalogues."*

*Throughout this period, our top priority was to restore printing and delivery of the Monthly, and USS and Classic catalogues.*

*In the meantime, these products were made available in digital format to ensure uninterrupted access for our subscribers. We are pleased to announce that the Scott Specialized and Classic catalogues will be mailed sometime in January and February 2025."* As it turned out, the 2025 print catalogue wasn't actually delivered until March 2025.

Since the catalogue was released so late, Jay Bigalke (Editor-in-Chief) made two different versions of the 2025 Scott Specialized Catalogue available to us for our use in preparing for our meeting with Jim Kloetzel at WESTPEX.

One of the versions we received was a set of scans of pages 832 - 853 from the 2025 Scott Specialized Catalogue. These 21 pages of test stamp listings had three columns per page; a sample page is shown on page 2.

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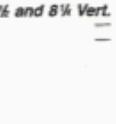
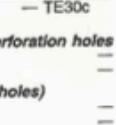
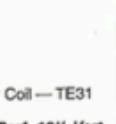
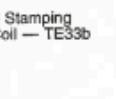
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TD54 TE29a red & blue				Perf. 8½ Horiz.
TD54A TE29b red				
TD54B Pair				
				
U.S. Stamp Distributing and Sales Corporation Coil — TE29b				
1919 1919 Alternating Perf. 8½ and 8½ Vert.				
TD54B TE29c red				
TD54C Pair				
				
Reliable Stamp-O-Matic Corporation Coil — TE29c				
1920s 1920s Perf. 9½ Vert.				
TD54C TE29c red				
TD54D Pair				
				
Mailometer Coils — TE30				
				
— TE30b				
				
— TE30c				
1922 1922 Nine small perforation holes				
TD55 TE30 red				
TD55A Pair				
Perf. 10½ Vert. (10 small holes)				
TD56 TE30 violet				
TD56A Pair				
On cover	550.00			
Perf. 12 Vert. (8 small holes)				
TD57 TE30 violet				
TD57A Pair				
Perf. 12 Vert. (9 small holes)				
TD57A TE30a violet				
TD57B Pair				
A strip of four of No. TD57A is known with double perforations at the center of the strip.				
Scherckack Type III Perforations				
TD57B TE30b violet				
Perf. 10½ Vert.				
TD58 TE30c red				
TD58A Pair				
On cover	175.00			
				
TE30d				
Perf. 10½ Vert.				
TD59 TE30d red				
TD59A Pair				
				
TE30e				
Perf. 10½ Vert.				
TD60 TE30e red				
TD60A Pair				
				
Security Sealing and Stamping Machine Company Coil — TE33b				
				
TE30f				
Perf. 10½ Vert.				
TD60A TE30f red				
TD60B Pair				
				
Wizard Stamp Affixer Coil — TE31				
1915 1915 Perf. 10½ Vert.				
TD61 TE31 red				
TD62 Pair				
				
Kendall Stamp Affixer Coil — TE32				
1917 1917 Perf. 10½ Vert.				
TD61A TE32 blue				
TD61B Pair				
				
Wizard Stamp Affixer Coil — TE32a				
1920s 1920s Perf. 10 Vert.				
TD62 TE32a red & blue				
TD62B Pair				
A large version of design TE32a exists with perforating similar to Scherckack Type III. The printed stamp image is 26x41mm and is believed to have been used to test a mechanical mattress label applicator.				
TD62A TE32a red & blue				
TD62B Pair				
On No. TD62A, "MADE IN AMERICA" is outlined in red. Several other differences are evident.				
				
Wizard Stamp Affixer Coil — TE32b				
1920s 1920s Perf. 10 Vert.				
TD63 TE33 red				
TD63A Pair				
				
Postage Stamp Machine Co. Coil — TE33				
1920s 1920s Perf. 8½ Vert.				
TD63 TE33 red				
TD63A Pair				
				
Natural Method Stamp Affixer Coil — TE33a				
1910-30 1910-30 Perf. 11½ Vert.				
TD63A TE33a red				
TD63B Pair				
				
Stearns-Daniels Co. Coil — TE39				
1920s-30s 1920s-30s Perf. 10½ Vert.				
TD70 TE39 green				
TD70A Pair				
				
RO-TA-RE Stamp Affixer Service Machines Company Coil — TE40				

Shown above is Page 835 from the Scott Specialized Catalogue with 3-columns of print and illustrations.

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1920s  
TD54C TE29c red  
Pair

Perf. 9½ Vert.



Mailometer Coils — TE30

Perf. 10½ Vert.  
TD60 TE30e red  
Pair



— TE30a



TE30f



— TE30b



— TE30c

1922  
TD55 TE30 red  
Pair

Perf. 10½ Vert. (10 small holes)

TD56 TE30 violet  
Pair  
On cover 550.00

Perf. 12 Vert. (8 small holes)

TD57 TE30 violet  
Pair

Perf. 12 Vert. (9 small holes)

TD57A TE30a violet  
Pair

Nine small perforation holes

A strip of four of No. TD57A is known with double perforations at the center of the strip.

Schermack Type III Perforations

TD57B TE30b violet

Perf. 10½ Vert.

TD58 TE30c red  
Pair  
On cover 175.00



TE30d

TD59 TE30d red  
Pair

Perf. 10½ Vert.



TE30e

Perf. 10½ Vert.  
TD60 TE30e red  
Pair

Perf. 10½ Vert.



TE30f

Perf. 10½ Vert.  
TD60A TE30f red  
Pair

350.00  
750.00



Wizard Stamp Affixer Coil — TE31

1915  
TD61 TE31 red  
Pair

Perf. 10½ Vert.



Kendall Stamp Affixer Coil — TE32

1917  
TD61A TE32 blue  
Pair

Perf. 10½ Vert.

300.00  
650.00

Every other line of vertical perforations alternates between 10.4 and 10.6.



Wizard Stamp Affixer Coil — TE32a



Wizard Stamp Affixer Coil — TE32b

1920s  
TD62 TE32a red & blue  
Pair

Perf. 10 Vert.

A large version of design TE32a exists with perforating similar to Schermack Type III. The printed stamp image is 28x41mm and is believed to have been used to test a mechanical mattress label applicator.

TD62A TE32b red & blue  
Pair

On No. TD62A, "MADE IN AMERICA" is outlined in red. Several other differences are evident.

Shown above is Page 7 from the Scott Specialized On-Line Catalogue with 2-columns of print and illustrations.

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We also received a link to Scott's On-Line Digital Catalog that contains 58 pages of test stamps listings in three different sections. While the text is the same in both versions, the digital on-line catalog's font is larger than in the print catalog; furthermore, the images are 75% larger in the on-line catalog. A second reason there were twice as many pages in the Digital On-Line listings is because those pages have two columns per page rather than the three columns found in the print catalog. A sample page is shown on page 3.

The first section includes listings of coil and sheet test stamps; it contains 23 pages and has a few additional images not found in the print version of the catalog. The second section contains 22 pages of listings for test booklets, panes and covers. The third section has 3 pages of listings for Test Stamp Essays, Trial Color and Die Proofs.

We were asked to use the On-Line pages to make our changes. With the 2-column pages and the larger images, we were able to put our suggestions directly on the digital on-line pages to show what and where we wished to make a change. We made a couple supplemental "-A" and "-B" pages for new or additional information that we wanted to present that did not fit on the digital online 2-column pages. While it was much easier to make notes directly on the pages, we also made our usual list of proposed changes.

Unfortunately, due to health reasons, Mike Perry was unable to make the trip to WESTPEX meet with Jim Kloetzel. So, Terry Scott met with Jim and his wife Karolyn and had a wonderful meeting; Jim was happy to see how we presented suggested changes to the existing Digital On-Line 2-column pages.

Both the paper and digital catalogs are available from Amos Publishing. Scott charges \$109.99 for the digital catalog - the paper print catalog costs \$111.99. [amosadvantage.com](http://amosadvantage.com)

## Recent Auction Results

On January 7-8, 2025 Cherrystone Philatelic Auctioneers held Sale #0125 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 15% Buyer's Premium for this auction.

The lots shown below are out of order to fit the pages better.



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Lot 208 \*\*  TD128 1996 Parrot, sheet of 50, v.f. and rare. Photo. Catalogue \$20,000.00. Realized \$1,700.00.



Lot 207 \*\*  TD127A-B 1995 Snowman, two different sheets of 20 (with and without gutters), v.f. and scarce, with 2017 Henry Gitner certificate. Photos. Catalogue \$28,000.00. Realized \$2,400.00.

The Scott TD127A sheet is shown above.

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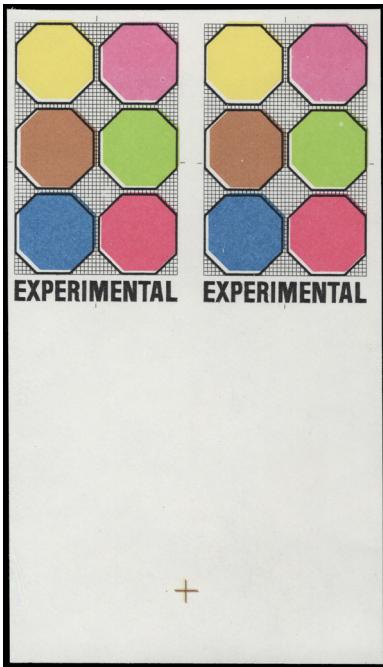


Lot 207 \*\*  TD127A-B 1995 Snowman, two different sheets of 20 (with and without gutters), v.f. and scarce, with 2017 Henry Gitner certificate. Photos. Catalogue \$28,000.00. Realized \$2,400.00.

Scott TD127B sheet is shown above.

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On January 19, 2025 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5255 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.

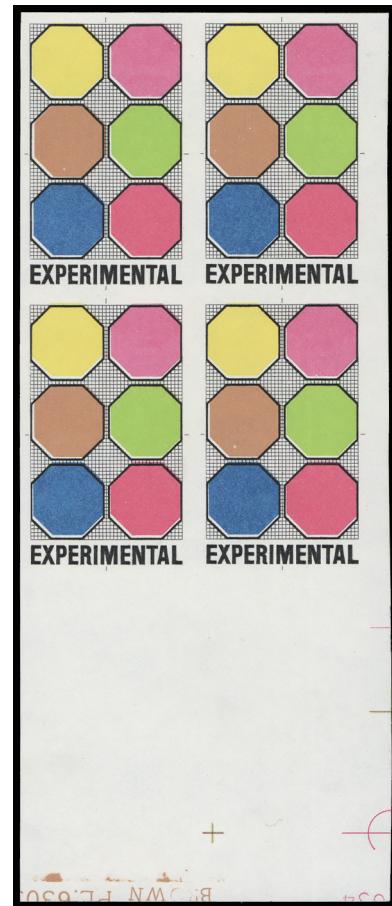


Lot 6128 \*\* TD118 Test Stamp, 1979, B.E.P. "Experimental", multicolored (Scott TD118), bottom sheet margin horizontal pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$280.00+. Realized \$125.00.

On January 21-23, 2025 Daniel F. Kellerher LLC held Sale #808 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 1162 \*\* 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. Realized \$700.00.



Lot 1163 \*\* TD118 Test Stamp, 1979, B.E.P. "Experimental", multicolored (Scott TD118), bottom sheet margin block of 4 with partial "BROWN PL. 630(38)", o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine. Photo. Scott \$600.00++. Realized \$600.00.

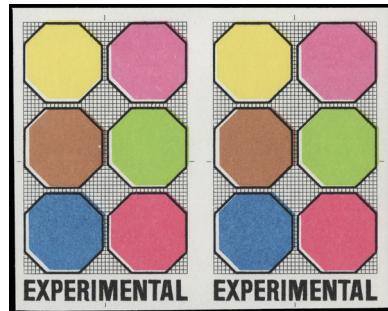


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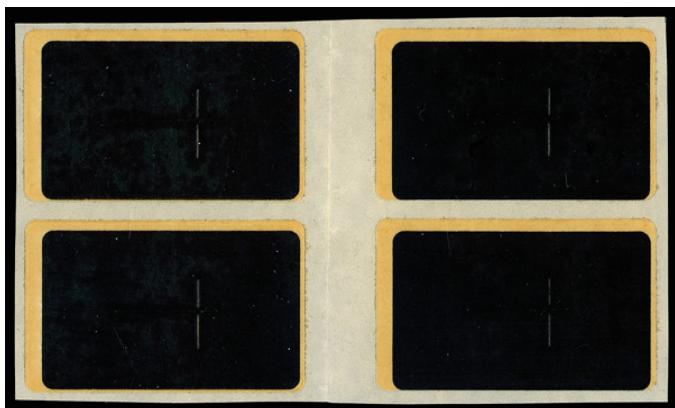
Lot 1164 BK \*\* TDB33 1985, \$4.40 Seashells, panes blank, complete set of seven (Scott TDB33), all complete and unexploded, the seven cover designs showing all 25 seashells, o.g., never hinged, pristine, Very Fine, *a scarce full offering*. Photos. Scott \$2,800.00. Realized \$800.00.

On January 26, 2025 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5256 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 7258 \*\* Test Stamp, 1979, B.E.P. "Experimental", multicolored (Scott TD118), horizontal pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$280+. Realized \$80.00.

On February 2, 2025 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5257 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 8532 \*\* Test Stamp, 1973, Christmas issue, black, self-adhesive, on imperf backing paper (Scott TD117a), block of 4 with vertical gutter, o.g., never hinged, positional from press sheet of 200, clean printing (adhesive discoloration as always on these early self-adhesives); creased through gutter away from stamps, Very Fine regardless. Photo. Estimate \$200+. Not sold.

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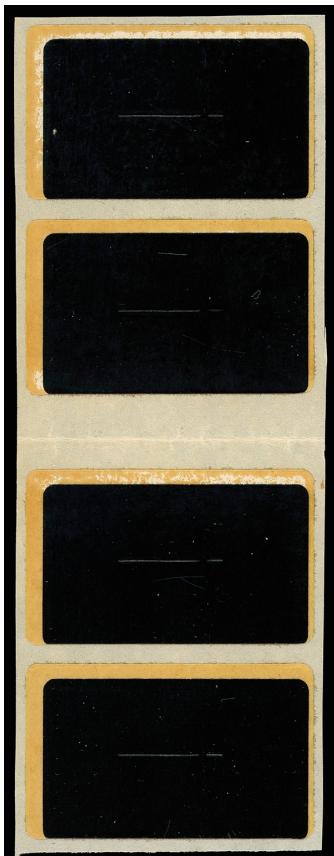
On February 16, 2025 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5259 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



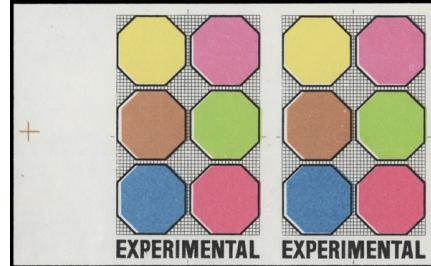
Lot 7341 BK \*\* TDB33A 988, \$5 Pheasant booklet, 2 blank 4 stamp panes (Scott TDB35A), complete and unexploded, o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine. Photo. Suggested bid \$400.00. Realized \$280.00.

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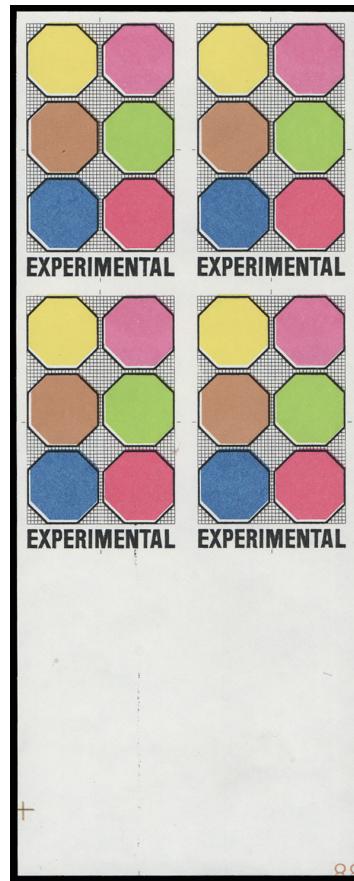
On February 18-19, 2025 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale - 2011 Kelleher Club Sale that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 1008 \*\* TD117a Test Stamp, 1973, Christmas issue, black, self-adhesive, on imperf backing paper (Scott TD117a), vertical strip of 4 with a horizontal gutter, o.g., never hinged, positional from press sheet of 200, clean printing (adhesive discoloration as always on these early self-adhesives); creased through gutter away from stamps, Very Fine regardless. Photo. Estimate \$200.00+. Not sold.



Lot 1009 \*\* TD118 Test Stamp, 1979, B.E.P. "Experimental", multicolored (Scott TD118), left sheet margin horizontal pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$280.00+. Realized \$110.00.



Lot 1010 \*\* TD118 Test Stamp, 1979, B.E.P. "Experimental", multicolored (Scott TD118), bottom sheet margin block of 4, o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine. Photo. Scott \$600.00. Realized \$180.00. (Ed. Note: This bottom sheet margin block of 4 shows the last two digits of "BROWN PL. 63038" in the LR corner.)

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## **Requests for Articles for *The United States Specialist***

Andrew Kelley, 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*.

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