



# Dummy News and Views

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## Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Eightieth 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)

## A New Test Stamp Discovery

by Terry R. Scott and Michael O. Perry

Recently fellow Dummy Stamps Study Group member Scott Smith reported the discovery of another previously unknown test stamp. The newly reported test coil was produced by Avery Dennison.

The new discovery was a single stamp that had been cut somewhat carelessly from a larger piece. The item is shown below as it was discovered.

The stamp design is very much like the other Scott TE64 "NOT FOR POSTAGE" stamp designs with the American flag. This newly reported stamp shows a 1997 date at the bottom left and the vertical printed perforation gauge is 9.5. The stamp is overall tagged.



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Shown at the bottom of Page 1 is a scan of the back side of this newly discovered test stamp. The back side of the stamp appears to have water activated gum, so it is not a self-adhesive as are the other Star Spangled Banner Test Coils TD130A through TD130D.

This newly discovered stamp has been proposed to Scott Publishing to be listed in the United States Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers as Scott TD130 with an image number of TE64. The value will be shown as a — as this is the only reported TD130 at this time.

In our proposal to Scott Publishing, we suggested re-numbering the current TD130 to become TD125C (with image number TE62d). Doing this would keep all the Star Spangled Banner test stamp listings together.



For the Scott Specialized Catalogue, the image has been “modified” to straighten the image and to show the entire image including the printed perforation holes. We believe there were solid squares printed in the four corners of the stamp, but can’t confirm that.

## Recent Auction Results

On July 17, 2025 Sterling Stamps held Auction 25B that contained the following test stamps. There was a 15% Buyer’s Premium for this auction.



Lot 119 USA Scott TDB43B Daffodil Test Booklets, 8 Different Plate Numbers - Specialists lot, all with printing inside covers, all different plate numbers, #1-8 on booklet covers, VF. Photo. [\(Click here to view all images as a PDF\)](#) SCV \$1,200.00. Realized \$180.00.



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Lot 120 USA Scott TDB44 Daffodil Test Booklets, 12 Different Plate Numbers - Specialists lot, all different plate numbers, #1-12 on booklet covers. Each with a pane of 8 stamps. VF. Photos. [\(Click here to view all images as a PDF\)](#) SCV \$900.00. Not sold.



Lot 121 USA Scott TDB45 Daffodil Test Booklets, 12 Different Plate Numbers - Specialists lot, all different plate numbers, #1-12 on booklet covers. Each with two panes, but be aware that there are some broken panes inside of a few booklets and one booklet is missing 4 stamps. F-VF. Photos. [\(Click here to view all images as a PDF\)](#) SCV \$2,400.00. Not sold.

Lot 122 Group of Test Stamps and Test Booklets on Dealer Pages - 50 small dealer pages holding a large variety of test stamps featuring singles, pairs, line pairs, with better like Scott TD114, TD120A pair, TD133A strip of 3, and TDB87 single from pane. There are 4 different booklets including TDB12a, TDB18a (missing one pane), TDB32 (x2), and TDB61 which has been opened. Values up to \$150, some unlisted, some minor duplication, generally MNH and clean. Photos. [\(Click here to view all images as a PDF\)](#) Est. \$175.00 - \$200.00. Realized \$220.00.

**Please click the link to see this lot as there are far too many illustrations to show in this newsletter.**

On July 22 - 24, 2025 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, held LLC Sale - 815 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 3483 \* TD27 Test Stamp, 1909-10, Simplex Stamp Affixer, red (Scott TD27), vertical pair, o.g., lightly hinged, Post Office fresh with robust color, clean impression, and full, balanced margins, Very Fine, *pair unpriced (dashed) in Scott; single valued at italicized \$500*, with 2021 P.F. certificate. Photos. Estimate \$1,000.00. Not sold.

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**The Philatelic Foundation** No. 583278  
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EXPERT COMMITTEE 01/08/2022

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and described by the applicant as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

| Cat. No. | Issue | Denom. | Color    |
|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| TD29     | 1909  |        | dark red |

Scott's unless otherwise specified.  
UNUSED, NO GUM, BLOCK OF FOUR.  
AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:  
IT IS GENUINE\*\*\*\*\*

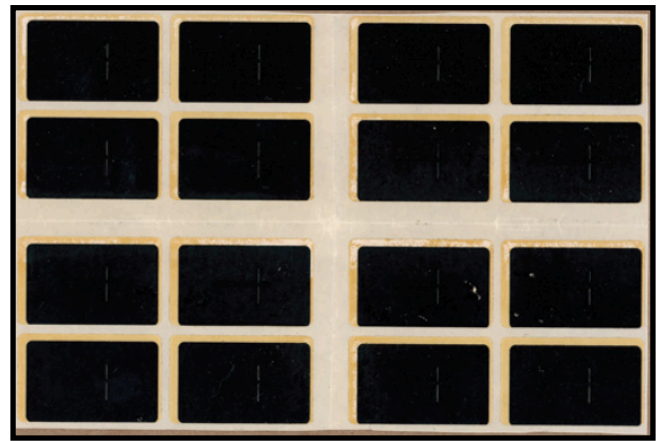
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For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

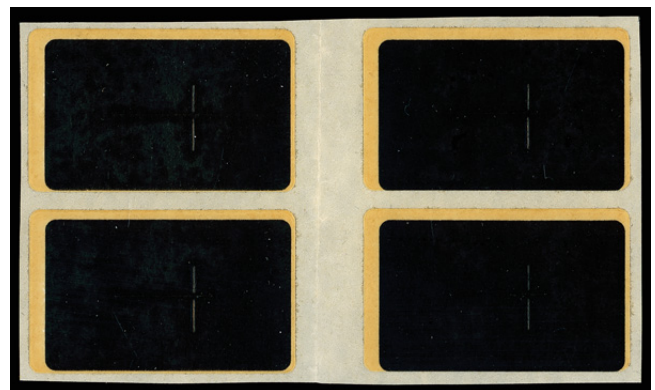
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Lot 3484. (\*) **Test Stamp, 1910, B.E.P. Harris Offset Press (text reversed) (Scott TD29)**, block of 4, without gum as issued, sound with full, balanced margins all around, Very Fine, *block of four unpriced (dashed) in Scott; single valued at italicized \$850*, with 2022 P.F. certificate. Photos. Estimate \$2,500 - \$3,500.00  
Not Sold



Lot 3485 \*\* TD117a **Test Stamp, 1973, Christmas issue, black, self-adhesive, on imperf backing paper (Scott TD117a)**, cross-gutter block of 16, o.g., never hinged, exceptional positional from center of press sheet, with strong color; creased within gutters, light glossing or spots of color loss from prior storage, Very Fine nonetheless. Photo. Estimate \$500.00 - \$650.00. Not sold.

On July 27, 2025 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, Weekly Online Sale - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5282 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 9287 \*\* TD117a **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. Suggested bid \$54.00. Realized \$29.00.

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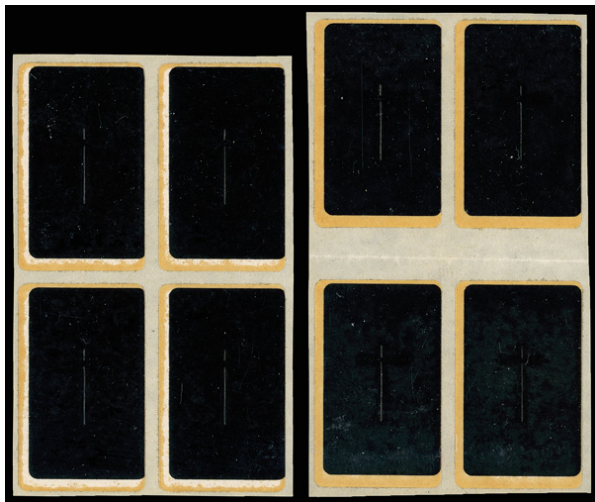




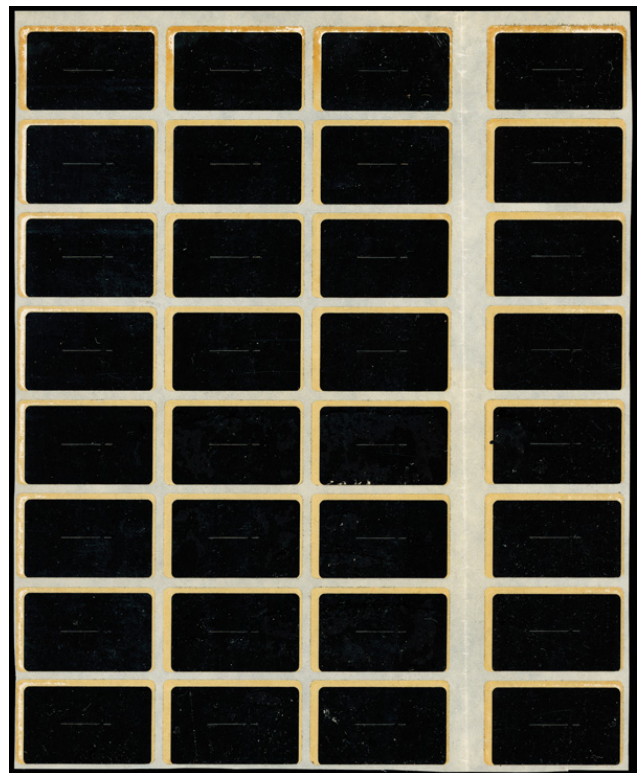
Lot 9288 Cover TD130A Test Stamp, 1998, "Not For Postage" Star Spangled Banner coil, die-cut 11¼ (Scott TD130A), 8 examples on the back of a Liberty Bell envelope postmarked '7 DEC/1998/ PHILADELPHIA, PA 191' s Extremely Fine. Scott \$75.00. Realized \$45.00.

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On July 30 & 31, 2025 Daniel F. Kellerher held The Kellerher Club Sale that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



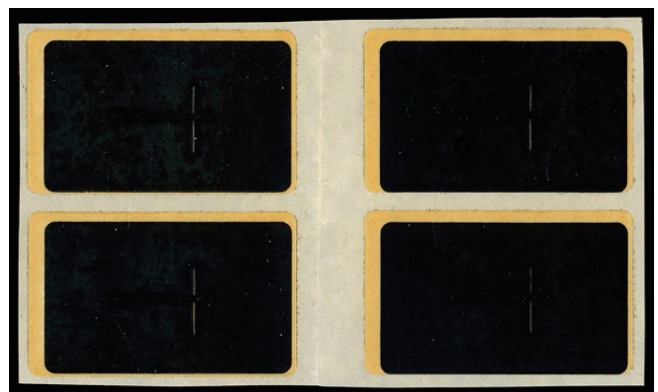
Lot 6252 \*\*  TD117a Test Stamp, 1973, Christmas issue, black, self-adhesive, on imperf backing paper (Scott TD117a), o.g., never hinged, two blocks of four, one normal, one with vertical gutter (adhesive discoloration as always on these early self-adhesives); gutter creased between stamps, each with slight glossing from prior plastic holders, Very Fine nonetheless. Photos. Estimate \$250.00 - \$325.00. Not sold.



Lot 6253 \*\*  TD117a Test Stamp, Christmas issue, black, self-adhesive, on imperf backing paper (Scott TD117a), vertical block of 32 with vertical gutter, o.g., never hinged, useful large multiple, offering 16 normal pairs and 16 gutter pairs; creased within gutter, light glossing or spots of color loss from prior storage, Very Fine nonetheless. Photos. Estimate \$500.00 - \$750.00. Not sold.

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On 2025.07.27 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kellerher Auctions - held Sale 5276 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.

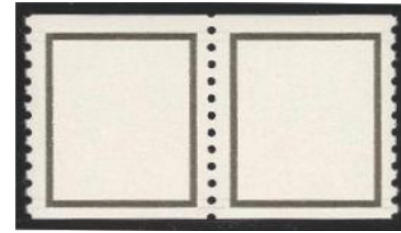


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Lot 7208 \*\*  TD117a **Test Stamp, 1973, Christmas issue, black, self-adhesive, on imperf backing paper (Scott TD117a)**, block of 4 with vertical gutter, o.g., never hinged, positional from press sheet of 200, clean printing (adhesive discoloration as always on these early self-adhesives); creased through gutter away from stamps, Very Fine regardless. Photo. Suggested bid \$54.00. Realized \$29.00.

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On September 10, 2025 Vance Auctions held Sale #376 that contained the following test stamps. There was no Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 3995 \*\* TD125a, Gray TEST STAMP Coil Pair, shiny gum, VF, NH Photo. Cat. \$200.00. Not sold.

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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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