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Dear members,

The content of this bulletin aims at informing hobby and calendar items relevant to our hobby and club.

It is hoped that errors and omissions are kept to a minimum.

All members are invited to submit articles that they like to share with others. Articles can be short or long and the editor will decide to publish those in one or more than one bulletin.

The editor

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Meetings and other information:

[Philatelic Association of NSW \(philas.org.au\)](http://philas.org.au)

Evening Meeting:

The **third Wednesday** of the month at
7.00 pm
Canton Beach Sports Club
11 Hibbard Street
Toukley NSW 2263

Daytime Meeting:

The **first Wednesday** of the month at 1.00 pm

RFBI Lake Haven Masonic Retirement Village
12 - 16 Christopher Crescent
Lake Haven NSW 2263

George V Study Group

The **first Wednesday** of the month following the daytime meeting.

2024 Meeting Dates

Evening meetings at Toukley 7.00 pm

18 September

Display: Brian Alay: own choice

16 October

Display: Peter Myers: Stamp Identification

20 November

All members: Fair preparation

18 December

All Members: 5 Page Displays

Daytime meetings 2024 at Lakehaven 1.00 pm

4 September

Exchange & KGV study group

2 October

Exchange & KGV study group

6 November

Exchange & KGV study group

1 December

Exchange & KGV study group

Philas Connection

All meetings can be found at

[Clubs - Philatelic Association of NSW \(philas.org.au\)](http://philas.org.au)

Monthly Display

There was no display

Meter Cancel – Part 1

In the bulletin No 11 – 2223 an article by Richard Peck highlighted a much-neglected area of the Meter Cancel.

To expand on that topic of that article the following information is presented in two parts. Acknowledgements and references follow Part II.

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Starting with the first meter in 1927 Australia used license numbers rather than meter numbers in a complex series of steps:

1st series (1927): A1-A9 through Z1–Z9

2nd series (1930): 10–999

3rd series (1949): A10-A99 through Z10-Z99

4th series (1956): AA1-AZ9 through ZA1-ZZ9

5th series (1966): 10A-99A through 10Z-99Z

6th series (1969): 2A1-2Z9 through 9A1-2Z9

Since 1969 manufacturer-assigned meter numbers began replacing the license numbers in the stamps. The meter number with prefix can resemble a license number, and the two can be confused. Additionally, many meters with license numbers also show a manufacturer’s prefix.

License numbers are occasionally found colorless on a solid ground. This variety is not recognized in the listings. Other varieties worth noting but which are not cataloged are:

- TM varieties such as inverts, negative lettering
- TMs containing “RELIEF” indicating a meter on loan while a customer’s machine is being serviced
- TMs containing “TRIAL” indicating a meter in live testing
- TMs containing “DATE POSTED” instead of a town name
- Meter numbers boxed or unboxed
- £sd value figures with capital or lower case pence indicator (D/d) with or without a dot below
- Variable size digits in the F/V on fixed value (FV) and limited value (LV) machines
- Date with month in letters, Arabic digit, or Roman numeral

The stamps are grouped according to appearance and usage:

A – Upright rectangle with straight-line frame

B – Curved ribbon frame

C – Flag inside wide rectangle with simulated perforation frame

D – Straight-line frame containing large map of country

E – Frameless rectangle with pictorial design at left

F – Frameless rectangle with flowers at sides

G – Wide rectangle with kangaroo design and straight or dashed-line frame or with-out frame

H – Square with simulated perforation frame

I – Horizontal rectangle with straight-line frame

J – Square with herringbone pattern at sides

K – Square frank made up of mostly horizontal lines

L – Horizontal frameless frank with Koala bear

M – Designs containing a data matrix field (2D barcode)

PO – Special stamps for Post Office use

X – Early experimental stamps

The country converted from Sterling (£sd) to decimal currency on 1 October 1965.

NOTES:

1. Variable rate Post office stamps with pre-printed animal designs were introduced in 1993. The stamps do not include a post office ID or a date. They are not covered in this listing.
2. Meters were used extensively for Railway Parcel Post in Australia. These stamps are not federal government issues and are not covered in this listing.
3. For specialized information about the meter stamps of Australia, see

History of the Franking Machine in Australia, by Richard Peck,
Australian Postage Label & Meter Catalogue, by Richard Peck,
Collect Meter Stamps, Part 1 and Part 2, by Richard Peck, *Profiles of Australian Franking Machines and Postage Meters* a CD publication by Richard Peck, and
Handbuch der Australischen Absenderfreistempel und Maschinen by Heinz Bossert.

GROUP A:

Upright to nearly square frank with straight-line outer border and separate circular TM



A0.1. Neopost" (FV), 1927. [Extremely rare, two examples known]

Upright design with large circle containing the value figure.

Large "POSTAGE PAID" nearly surrounds the value figure.

Licence number in circle between value figure and "AUSTRALIA" in the bottom panel.



This is a locally engraved die used for several months by the Neopost agency until factory dies arrived from England in 1928.

TM: BIC

Value: 1½d

A1. Neopost" (FV, LV-2/3/6/8), 1928.

Similar to Type A0.1 but "POSTAGE PAID" is smaller, the licence number is in an oval rather than a circle, and "AUSTRALIA" has a curved top.

TM: DC, BIC, SC

£sd values: 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 3½, 4, 5, 6, 6½, 7, 8, 9, 11,

1/- [Uncommon]

£sd values: 2/-,

4/- [Very rare]

Decimal values: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18 [Scarce]

a. Value figures with fragment of simulated perforation below

b. Licence number with "N" prefix

c. TM with double inner and outer rims and negative lettering.

The licence number also is in negative figures. (720)

d. Licence number in negative figures but TM is normal DC

A2. Universal Postal Frankers

"Midget" (LV-2/3/5), 1928. [Uncommon] Similar to Type A0.1 but frank is nearly square.

TM: normally DC

£sd values: ½d to 1/-



- a. Meter number not in oval
- b. With rays emanating from the oval containing the meter number. [Scarce]
- c. TM: SC (Licence number X6)
- d. TM without outer rim (Licence number Q4)
- e. Value figures within a circle



A2. Universal Postal Frankers "Midget" (LV-2/3/5), 1928. [Uncommon]
 Similar to Type A0.1 but frank is nearly square.
 TM: normally DC
 £sd values: ½d to 1/-

- a. Meter number not in oval
- b. With rays emanating from the oval containing the meter number. [Scarce]
- c. TM: SC (Licence number X6)
- d. TM without outer rim (Licence number Q4)
- e. Value figures within a circle



A4. Universal Postal Frankers "Multi-Value" (MV). [Scarce]
 As Type A3 but sides of inner circle cut out to make room for larger V/F. Licence number V88 only seen.
 TM: DC
 £sd V/F: -/-0/-
 Decimal V/F: =0.00



A5. Universal Postal Frankers "Multi-Value" (MV), 1948.
 As Type A3 but with semi-circle open at the bottom instead of circle.
 Licence number at lower right.
 TM: DC
 £sd
 V/F: 0 0/0½ 0
 0/0½
 Decimal V/F: =0.00



A6. Roneo Neopost (LV-6/8), 1948. [Scarce]
 Unique design with vertical lines throughout.
 POSTAGE PAID in straight panel at top with AUSTRALIA in curved panel below it.
 Value at bottom center. Licence number ST4 only.
 TM: DC
 £sd value: 5d seen
 Decimal values: 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 09, 10, 15, 20, 25



A7. Neopost "Frankmaster" (MV), 1956.
 Frank with vertical lines at sides.
 POST PAID in curved panel at top, AUSTRALIA at bottom.
 "RN" prefix at left, Licence number at right.
 TM: DC
 £sd V/F: =0/= =
 Decimal V/F: =0.00



A8. Pitney Bowes "Simplex" (LV-25), 1951.

Almost identical to type A5 but smaller frank, and spacing between TM and frank wider. L#, or Meter number with "PB" or "S" prefix or without prefix.

TM: DC

£sd values: ½d to 1/-, 2/1

Decimal values: .01 to .25



B2. Neopost "Frankmaster" (MV), 1956.

Sheep at top center, outline of country at bottom center.

Licence number with "RN" prefix.

A. Sheep and country outlined

B. Sheep and country solid (Licence number "RN BE3")

only) [Uncommon]

C. As A, but without inner box around the value figures

£sd V/F: =0/0=

Decimal

V/F: •00 0•00 =0•00

NOTE: Spacing between frank and TM can vary due to slippage as the mail item passes through the machine.

Group B:

outer frame of frank is curved ribbon



B1. Roneo Neopost (LV-6/8), 1948.

Kangaroo in center.

ID# with boxed "N" and later "VE", "VX", and "WA" prefixes.

TM: DC, SC

£sd Values: 1d to 2/-

£sd Values: 4/-, 6/- [Very rare]

Decimal Values: 01 to 25

a. Kangaroo and ID#

"N" removed. Value moved up to central position and box removed. One meter only, Licence number GG8.

b. Without box around "N" prefix

c. With a small segment of simulated perforations below the value figure. These appear on stamps with "WA" prefix that had British type value figures. They are known used between 1959 and 1965.



B3. Roneo Neopost "205" (MV), 1963.

As Type B2 but smaller frank.

"NE" prefix at left.

TM: BIC with tall, narrow date figures

£sd V/F: ★'0 —

Decimal V/F: 0.00

a. With slogan in different color from the frank



B4. Roneo Neopost "205" (MV).

As Type B3 but value figures partially or completely boxed.

A. Meter number with "NE" prefix

B. Meter number with "RN" prefix

TM: BIC, SC

£sd V/F: ★'0 —

Decimal

V/F: .00 ★

.00 0.00 0 00

a. With slogan in different color from the frank



B5. Roneo Neopost "105" (LV-10), 1965.

Very similar to Type B4 but narrower frank. "N" and later "X" prefix at left. Date figures short.

TM: DC

£sd Values: 1d to 2/1

Decimal Values: 01 to 25

a. Military stamp, with "NAVAL P.o." in the town mark

Type B6 has been relisted as Variety B1a as it is a modified LV8 machine and not a Model 105

GROUP C:

Flag design inside wide rectangle with simulated perforation outer border

- Straight-line town mark within the frank frame.



C1. Universal Postal Frankers "Multi-Value" (MV), 1953.

Frank approximately 70 mm wide.

Usually with "POSTAGE PAID", large or small, at top right, but also with ornaments in that spot.

A. "POSTAGE PAID" in one line

B. "POSTAGE" / "PAID" in two lines

C. With "£ / s / d" or "£ | s | d" below "POSTAGE PAID"

D. With a solid bar replacing POSTAGE PAID

E. With three horizontal lines replacing POSTAGE PAID

V/F (£sd): 0/0 — '—0'—

V/F

(decimal): 0.00 = 0.00

a. Town line and license number boxed

b. Inscribed "ROYAL VISIT / HQ.". Meters RV1 and RV2 used during the visit of Queen Elizabeth in 1954 [Very rare]



C2. Neopost "Frankmaster" / "305" (MV), 1965.

[Scarce] Extra wide frank, approximately 83 mm wide.

Simulated perforations in frame are square rather than semi-circular.

Very wide design. One meter only, License number VJ3.

V/F (£sd): =0/= =



C3. Neopost "205" (MV), 1965.

[Scarce] Similar to Type C2 but much narrower design, only 55 mm wide.

One meter only, License number VJ6.

V/F (£sd): ★'0 —

V/F (decimal): 000

GROUP D:

Straight-line frame containing large map of country



D1. Pitney Bowes-GB “Automax” (MV), 1960.

License number in box
in upper left corner
with airplane below.

A. Airplane is almost
horizontal, break in
coastline near the plane
B. Airplane aimed
downward, coastline is
complete near the plane

TM: DC

£sd

V/F: =0/0 0/0=
=0/0= ='-0'=

Decimal V/F: 0
00 0.00 =0.00

- Meter number
unboxed
- Meter number
vertical outside right
frame line
- Meter number
replacing map of
Tasmania at bottom
(12520)
- The plane is known
altered and re-engraved
on a few machines



D2. Pitney Bowes-GB “Automax” (MV).

As Type D1 but Meter
number and prefix
vertical in panel at
right.

The Meter number can
be stacked, reading up
or reading down.

Prefix “PB” or “A”,
“PBA”, “AX” or nil.

- The box at upper
left is blank
- The box at upper left
is solid
- Without box at
upper left

TM: DC

Decimal

V/F: =0.00 0.00

- Meter number
stacked outside frame

- line at right, not in
panel
- With a number in
place of the island of
Tasmania at bottom

GROUP E:

Frameless horizontal rectangle with pictorial
design at left. Most of the rest of the frank
consists of straight horizontal lines

Sub-group EA: Pictorial design is plane,
country map, and surfer



EA1. 1969, Pitney Bowes “Simplex” (LV-25), 1969.

Frank nearly square.
Wide spacing between
TM and frank.

Meter number with
“PB”, “PBS” prefix or
without prefix.

TM: DC

Values: .01
through .25

- With License
number instead of
Meter number



EA2. Pitney Bowes “5000”, “6200” (MV), 1965.

Horizontal design.
Meter number with
“PB” or “PBF” prefix.

- With box around
value figures
- Box around value
figures open at right
- Without box around
value figures

TM: SC, DC

V/F: ≈0.00 ≈
00.00

- Error, with “PBE”
prefix
- As A, without Meter
number, printed in
black,
experimental Post
Office use in
1993 [Uncommon]



EA3. Pitney Bowes "R" (MV), 1978.

Similar to Type EA2 but smaller.

With box around value figures.

Meter number with "PB/R" prefix.

TM: SC

V/F: 0.00



EB2. Pitney Bowes "A/B900" (MV), 1988.

Similar to Type EB1 but wider design.

Meter number below Southern Cross.

Meter number with "PBM" prefix left of "POSTAGE PAID".

TM: DC, SC

V/F: ≈00.00



EA4. Neopost "205" (MV). [Exceptionally rare]

This stamp is known by a single example.

The value figures are unboxed, and the meter number has no prefix.

License number negative "88x" within solid bar.

TM: SC with tall date figures

V/F: 000

a. With slogan in different color from the frank



EB3. Pitney Bowes "6900" (MV), 1988.

Similar to Type EB1 but taller.

"PBB" or "PBE" prefix above the Meter number left of "POSTAGE PAID".

TM: DC, SC

V/F: ≈0.00

a. With slogan in different color from the frank

Sub-group EB:

Pictorial design is the Southern Cross star grouping

Sub-group EC:

Pictorial design is a Koala bear



EC1. Pitney Bowes "Paragon" (MV), 1995.

Koala bear climbing branch in center.

Without horizontal lines in frank.

Meter number with "PBD" prefix.

TM: SC

V/F: ≈00.00

a. Without Meter number (Post Office use) [Uncommon]



EB1. Pitney Bowes "6300" (MV), 1972. "AUSTRALIA" at top, "POSTAGE PAID" at bottom.

Meter number with "PB" prefix vertical at right reading up (normally) or down.

TM: DC, SC

V/F: ≈0.00

NOTE: If the town mark reads

"CHRISTMAS ISLAND",

see [Christmas Island](#).

GROUP F:

Frameless frank nearly square with flowers at sides



F1. Roneo Neopost "105" (LV-8/-10), 1969.

Small frank with value at bottom. Meter



number and POSTAGE PAID in center.

Prefixes: "R", "RV", "VR", "VE", "N", "VX", "C/S".

Value figures with or without dot at left center.

A. Narrow frank ~22-23 mm

B. Wide frank ~27 mm wide

TM: BIC

Values (with or without leading stop): 03 through 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 24, 25

a. POSTAGE PAID above Meter number rather than below it



Prefixes: "V", "VE", "E", "EG", "C/S", "CS", or nil.

A. Frank 24 mm square. Date figures tall ("205" model)

B. Frank 25 mm square. Date figures short ("2205" model)

TM: DC, BIC

V/F: 0 00 0.00

NOTE: This type can have a slogan in a color different from the stamp



F2. Roneo Neopost "105" (LV-10), 1969.

As Type F1 but value in center, "POSTAGE PAID" and Meter number at bottom.

Prefixes: "X", "RNX", "VX", "RV", "RNE", "N", "CS", "C/S" or nil.

A. Frank small, 25 x 24-25 mm

B. Frank large, 29 x 28 mm [Uncommon]

TM: DC

Values: •01 through •25

a. Value single digit, i.e. "6" rather than "06"

b. Error, with "POST PAID" instead of "POSTAGE PAID" [Uncommon]



F4. Roneo Neopost "305" (MV), 1969.

Similar to Type F3 but larger frank (like F2B), 29 x 28 mm, and wider spacing.

Prefixes: "FME", "F", "VF", "C/S", "V", "VE".

TM: DC

V/F: •00 0•00



F5. Roneo Neopost "505/405" (MV), 1969.

Frank noticeably wider than tall, 32 x 25 mm.

Prefixes: "B", "VB", "LB".

TM: BIC

V/F: 00 000 0

•00 ★

•00 0000 00•00



F3. Roneo Neopost "205/2205" (MV), 1969.

Similar to Type F2 but multi-value and slightly larger frank.



F6. 1983, Neopost "Electronic" (MV), 1983.

Thick vertical bars mark the sides of the value box.

Meter number with "EFM" prefix:

EFM1xxxx Neopost EFM7/4300/4400

EFM2xxxx Neopost 8500/8550

EFM3xxxx Neopost 4450

EFM4xxxx Neopost
5400/5450
EFM5xxxx Neopost
7500/7550
EFM6xxxx Neopost
7700/7750
EFM80074 Neopost
7700/7750
Note: Models ending
'00' are manual reset,
while models ending
'50' are Credipac.
TM: DC, BIC
V/F: ≈0,00

GROUP G:

Wide design with kangaroo and boomerang, with
or without outer border



G1. Roneo Neopost

"105" (LV-8/-10),
1969.

With single outer frame
line enclosing the town
mark and the frank.

Value figures boxed.

Prefixes: "X", "C/S".

TM: DC, BIC, SC

Values: 01 to
25 •01 to •25



G2. Roneo Neopost

"105" (LV-10).

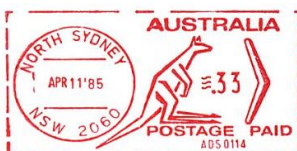
As Type G1 but
without outer frame.

Value figures unboxed.

Meter number with
"X" prefix.

TM: DC

Values: 01 to
25 •01 to •25



G3. 1969, Postalia

"PS3" (MV), 1969.

Similar to Type G1 but
taller and narrower
frank.

With outer frame line
of various thickness,
usually dashed.

Value figures unboxed.

Prefixes: "CS", "C/S",
"ADS" or nil.



A. With box around

value figures

B. Without box around
value figures

TM: DC

V/F: ≈.00

a. Outer frame lines at
sides only, open at top
and bottom

b. With part of
boomerang removed

G4. Postalia

"PS3" (MV).

As Type G3 but
without outer frame
line.

Prefixes: "ADS", "CS",
"C/S".

TM: SC

A. With box around
value figures

B. Without box around
value figures

TM: DC

V/F: ≈.00



G5. Postalia

"PS4" (MV), 1983.

Similar to Type G3 but
the town mark is
outside the outer frame
line.

Meter number with
"PS" or nil prefix.

TM: SC

V/F: 0000 00.00

GROUP H:

Square frank with simulated perforation outer
border. Small sheep at top right



H1. Satas

"Baby" (MV), 1965.

Simulated perforation
border on all four sides
of frank.

"POSTAGE PAID"
below "AUSTRALIA"
at top.

"SATAS" at bottom
above Meter number .



Column of wavy lines
at left and right.
TM: DC, SC
V/F: 0.00 ★00
NOTE: This type can
have a slogan in a color
different from the
stamp



H2. Satas
"Baby" (MV).
As Type H1 but with
straight frame line and
no wavy lines at right.
Meter number 169701-
169850
TM: SC
V/F: 00.00



H3. Satas/Neopost
"Electronic" (MV),
1985.
Similar to Type H1 but
with bars added at sides
of value box.
Meter number with
"TAC" or "GBC"
prefix:
TAC0xxxx Satas
Electronic (manual
reset)
TAC2xxxx Satas
Electronic (Credipac)
TAC3xxxx Satas
SG700
TAC4xxxx Satas
SG750
TAC5xxxx Satas
SV500/SV550
TAC6xxxx Satas
SG800
TAC7xxxx Satas
SG850
GBC7xxxx Neopost
SM78
GBC8xxxx Neopost
SM84
Note: Models ending
'00' are manual reset,
while models ending
'50' are Credipac.
TM: DC
V/F: ≈0.00



H4. Satas/Neopost
SM26" (digital), 1998.
Similar to Type H3, but
"AUSTRALIA",
"POSTAGE PAID"
and "SATAS" much
thicker.
TM and frank spaced
very close together.
Meter number with
"GBC" prefix.
TM: DC
V/F: ≈0.00

GROUP I: Horizontal rectangle with straight-
line outer frame.
AUSTRALIA in panel at top, Meter number and
POSTAGE PAID in panels at bottom. Southern
Cross star pattern at left



I1. Hasler
"Mailmaster" (MV),
1983.
Distance between
centers of date and
value figures is 37mm.
Meter number with
"H" prefix.
A. The panel at bottom
is divided unevenly,
narrower at left, wider
at right
B. The panel at bottom
is more or less evenly
divided
TM: DC, SC
V/F: 00.00



I2. Ascom Hasler
"Smile" (MV), 1997.
Nearly identical to
Type I1B but larger,
with 40mm between
centers of date and
value figures.
Meter number with
"A" or "H" prefix.
TM: DC
V/F: 00.00

GROUP J:
Square frank with herringbone pattern at sides



J1. Neopost
"2205" (MV), 1989.
 Meter number with "J"
 prefix.
 TM: BIC
 V/F: 0.00

GROUP K:

Frank frame made up mostly of horizontal lines



K1. Alcatel
"9000" (MV), 1990.
 With "ALCATEL"
 above Meter number at
 bottom.
 Meter number with
 "GBC" or "EFM"
 prefix.
 TM: DC, SC, no outer
 rim, nil
 V/F ≈0.00

GROUP L:

Horizontal frameless frank with Koala bears on
 branch



L1. Pitney Bowes
"PostPerfect" (digital)
 , 1995.
 With "PBX" prefix.
 TM: SL
 V/F \$000.00

GROUP M:

Designs containing a digital data matrix (2D
 barcode). Australia Post calls this design
 "FuturePost".

Sub-group MA:

Small data matrix below the value figures

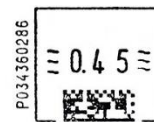


MA1. Pitney Bowes
"PostPerfect" (digital)
 , 1999.
 Frank frame 23 x 22
 mm.
 Meter number with
 "P024" or "P043"
 prefix reading up
 between frank and TM.
 Two columns of
 numbers at left of TM.
 TM: SC



V/F 00.00o

MA2. Pitney Bowes
"Gem" (digital), 1999.
 Frank frame 29 x 20
 mm. Meter number
 with "P01" prefix
 reading
 up in two columns
 between frank and TM.
 Two columns of
 numbers at left of TM.
 Printed with ink jet
 technology that leaves
 a horizontal
 linear texture to the
 value figures and other
 elements.
 TM: SC
 V/F 00.00o



MA3. Pitney Bowes
"B900" (MV), 1999.
 Frank frame 27 x 23
 mm.
 Data field breaks
 bottom frame line.
 Meter number with
 "P03" prefix reading
 up between frank and
 TM.
 TM: SC
 V/F ≈0.00≈



MA4. Pitney Bowes
"Paragon" (MV),
 2000.
 Frank frame 30 mm
 square.
 Meter number with
 "P05" prefix reading
 up between frank and
 TM.
 TM: SC
 V/F 00.00≈
 a. Without meter
 number



MA5. Hasler
"Smile" (MV), 1999.
 Frank frame 32 mm
 square.



Meter number with "3011", "3026", "3086" or "3096" prefix reading up between frank and TM.

A. : TM: SC reading AUSTRALIA at top and POSTAGE PAID at bottom

B. : TM: DC reading DATE POSTED at top and town or state at bottom [Very rare]

V/F 0.00 : 00.00
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MB1.1 Neopost "SM26" (digital), 1999.

Meter number with "2060" or "2070" prefix vertical at right of data field.

TM: SL

V/F: 00.00o



MB1.2. Neopost "IJ25", "IJ35", "IJ40" and "IJ45" (digital), 2001.

As type MB1.1 but the value figures and town line are closer to the 2D data field.

Meter number with "2040", "2050", "8030" or "8040" prefix.

TM: SL

V/F: 00.00o

Sub-group MB:

Large, square data matrix

- POSTAGE PAID AUSTRALIA at bottom left.
- Impressions may include a service indicator, e.g. "PRIORITY", below the value and above the date.

NOTE: Inkjet versions of these stamps appear occasionally as half (top or bottom) impressions due to one inkjet malfunctioning". This variety can occur with most of the types listed.



MB1.3. Neopost "IJ65", "IJ70", "IJ80", "IJ90" and "IJ110" (digital), 2000.

A. Data field with simulated perforation outer frame line with small break in the middle of each side
B. Without the outer frame line

Meter number with "2080" or "8090" prefix.

TM: SL

V/F: 00.00o 000.00o

NOTE: The area of Hutt River, population 23, seceded from Australia in 1970 and established The Principality of Hutt River. The Principality is not recognized by Australia or any other entity in the world. Although it issues its own stamps they are not valid anywhere and so the Hutt River Postal System must use Australian stamps to get anything mailed and delivered. Starting in 2016 they began using a postage meter with the slogan *Royal Hutt River Postal System*. The stamp from the meter is shown at right. Hutt River is one of several so-called rogue territories in Australia that despite their pretense to being independent states appear to exist only out of crankiness and to sell souvenirs.



Principality of Hutt River, "Royal Hutt River Postal Service"



MB2.1. Francotyp-Postalia "T1000" and "OptiMail" (digital), 2000.

Data field as with Types MB1.1 and 1.2. Value figures heavier than on Types MB1 and 2.

Meter number normally with "FT1" or "FT2" prefix, but a few machines were assigned "ET1" or "ET2" prefixes.
 TM: SL
 V/F: 00.00o



MB2.2. Francotyp-Postalia "UltiMail 45" / 65 / 65 / 95 / 120" (digital).
 Value figures and lettering tall and narrow, 11mm tall by 4mm wide.
 Meter number with "EU", "FU" or "MU" prefix, "-U4" for the 45, "-U6" for the 65, "-U9" for the 95 and the 120.
 V/F: 00.00o



MB4.1. Pitney Bowes "DM500", "DM550", "DM800" and "DM900" (digital).
 Value figures 11 mm tall.
 Meter number with P1111 or "P1211" prefix.
 V/F: 00.00o



MB4.2. Pitney Bowes "DM100/100i" or "DM100 series Enhanced" (digital).
 As Type MB4.1 but Meter number with "P1715" or "P2551" prefix.
 V/F: 00.00o
 a. Printed in blue rather than red (P171503292 only)



MB4.3. Pitney Bowes "DP100", "DP200" and "DP400" (digital).
 Simulated perforation frame around data field.
 Meter number with "P14" or "P15" prefix.
 V/F: 00.00o



MB4.4. Pitney Bowes "K700" (digital).
 As types MB4.1 and 4.2 but Meter number with "P1919" prefix.
 V/F: 00.00o



MB2.3. Francotyp-Postalia "PostBase", "PostBase Mini" (digital).
 Very similar in appearance to MB2.2 but with six bank value figures.



As shown in the image at right, the machine can print an extended slogan much wider than the stamp.
 A. PostBase model, Meter number with "MP6654" prefix
 B. PostBase Mini model, Meter number with "MM74754" prefix
 V/F: 000.00o



MB3. Frama (digital).
 Value figures narrow and medium in height, 9 mm tall.
 A. "EcoMail" model, Meter number with "1010" prefix



MB4.5. Pitney Bowes "DM300" (digital).
Similar to Types MB4.1 and MB4.2 but Meter number with "P2331" prefix.
V/F: 00.00o

- with "8N1030" prefix (IS-6000)
 - with "8N2050" prefix (IX-5)
- V/F: 000.00o



MB4.6. Pitney Bowes "Connect+" (digital).
As Type MB4.5 but the meter number height is same as the data matrix height.
Meter number with "P3011" prefix.
This is the first meter with Group MB frank allowing stamps with postage value of \$100 and above.
The Connect+ model can print multi-colored slogans across the entire top of the envelope left of the frank.
V/F: 000.00o

NOTE: A company called **Officeworks** produced and sold packets of ten envelopes prepaid with dateless stamps from meter P301155230. Denominations known at this time are 60 cents, \$1.20 and \$1.80.

Sub-group MC:

Horizontal data matrix at lower left



MC1. Neopost "IS" and "IX" series (digital), 2012.
P POST logo inside solid bar above the value figures.
Meter number at bottom right:

- with "8N1010" prefix (IS-350/420/440/480)
- with "8N1020" prefix (IS-280)

Sub-group MD:

As Sub-group MB but 2D bar code matrix at left instead of right



MD1. Francotyp-Postalia "PostBase" and "Mini" (digital), 2018.

As Type MB2.3 except for the reversal of the positions of the 2D bar code matrix and the text.

Meter number between value and barcode.
A. PostBase model with "MP" prefix
B. Mini model with "MM" prefix
V/F: 000.00o



MD2. Pitney Bowes "SendPro-C" (digital), 2019.

Similar to Type MD1 but the bar code matrix is smaller and the meter number is at far right.
M# with "P2" prefix
V/F: 000.00o



A. Value and barcode closely spaced.
B. Wider spacing between value and barcode, and with "PITNEY BOWES" running vertically between.

References & Acknowledgement after Part 2

USA – Serials – Hat stamp – Flag over porch

In 1997, the USPS asked the Postal Rate Commission for permission to raise its First-Class rate from 32¢ to 33¢. While waiting for permission, it printed and issued the non-

denominated Uncle Sam's Hat stamp. The new First Class rate went into effect on January 10th, 1999.



The Postal Service had also asked for a one-cent hike in the Postcard rate, from 20¢ to 21¢. Another “H” stamp, this time with a yellow background, was printed and sent to post offices. But before this “Yellow Hat” stamp was officially issued, the Postal Rate Commission denied the USPS’s request. The Yellow Hats were meant to be destroyed, but a small quantity were accidentally released to the public! Only 230 are known to exist!

Old Glory



#2879/2893

Flag over porch stamps



#2897//3133

Hat stamps



3257/69

Flag over City stamps



#3277/82

Fruit Berries



#3294/3407

Flag stamps



#3620/36

Eagle stamps



#3792-3801

Liberty Bell stamps



#4125/4437

Western Australia OS Punctures

There was little incentive to forge 'damaged' Imperial Puncture stamps. Forged Imperial Puncture stamps may be detected if the puncture hole are

- Not either 3 mm or 4 mm,
- On a stamp not on issue between 1862 and 1886
- On a forged stamp

The following WA colonial stamps were punctured OS:

1872 Crown CC perf 14: 3d brown

1882 Crown CA perf 14: 3d brown

1885 Crown CA perf 14: 4d chestnut, 5d bistre, 6d violet, 1/- green

1902 V Crown: 1d carmine-rose, 2d yellow, 4d chestnut, 8d green, 9d yellow-orange, 10d red, 2/- red-yellow, 5/- green, 10/- mauve, £1 orange-brown

1905 Crown A perf 12: ½d green, 1d carmine, 2d yellow, 3d brown, 4d brown, 5d green, 9d orange, 5/- green

1905 Crown A perf 11: 1d carmine, 2d yellow, 3d brown, 4d yellow brown, 9d orange

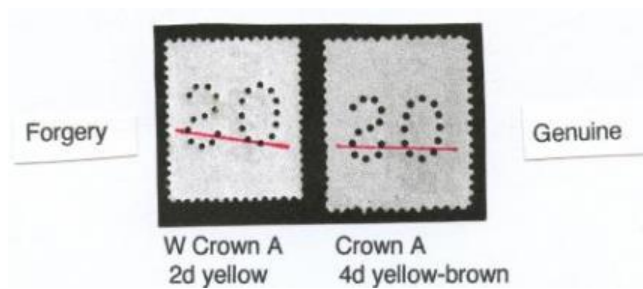
1906 W Crown A perf 14: 6d violet, 1/- olive green

1912 Crown single line A: 6d violet, 1/- sage green

1912 Crown A perf 12: 8d apple green

Current OS forgeries can be identified in two ways

- On a stamp not in the above list, and
- As shown below



OS Forgeries¹:



Front Page: British Offices in Turkey (British Levant)

The front-page image shows 1893 Queen Victoria; genuine



Forgery



Forged overprint on genuine stamp
Surcharge should be black

¹ Tilby, A., Ebay Forgeries, Black Swan, March 2023, p.80