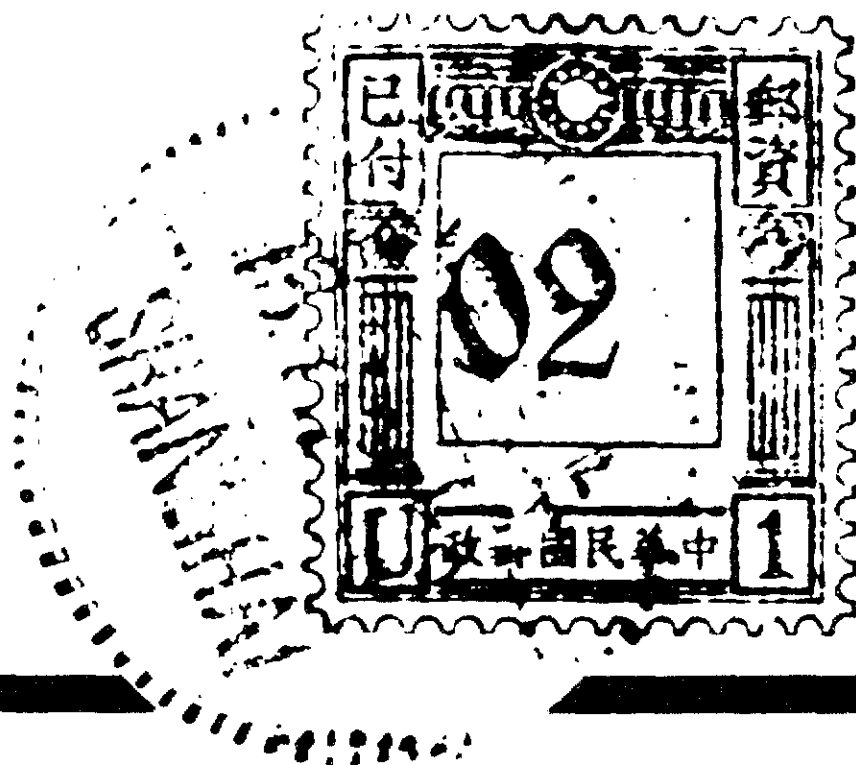


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INTRODUCTION

We are indebted to Henry G. Morgan whose article "The Postage Meters of China" which appeared in The China Clipper, Vol.XX no.2, Jan. 1956, is the primary source of much of the history and overview presented here.

Meters Used in China

The first postage meter actually placed into use was manufactured by Universal Postal Frankers Ltd. of Great Britain. In 1936 one machine (U1) was installed in a post office in Shanghai and was used for a short period of time, perhaps only one day. In 1947, eleven years later, this same machine with new printing die was again placed into use. Also in 1947 a second Universal machine (T1), one of their Teltax models, was installed at another Shanghai post office branch to stamp domestic parcels. This machine was in use in various incarnations for nearly two decades; prints from 1966 having been seen.

In 1947 thirty-six additional Universal machines were delivered to China and at least some were placed in various post offices throughout the country during the next few years. Presently we are aware of twenty-two: four in Canton, three in Shanghai, two or three in Nanking, two in Kweiyang, and one each in Amoy, Changsha, Chengtu, Chungking, Hankow, Kunming, Lanchow, Liuchow, Swatow, Tienshui and Wusih. (English spelling matches the town name found in the meter town mark.)

Also in 1948 perhaps eight machines made by the Pitney Bowes Corporation of the USA were delivered. Only four or perhaps five are known used (all in Shanghai except for one in Beijing). A single machine from the Hasler company of Switzerland was delivered in 1948 but not used until 1950. Two more Haslers appeared in the Peoples Republic in the early 1960s, and many more were installed during the 1970s and 80s. In the 1980s both the Peoples Republic and Taiwan began using machines manufactured by Automax (Pitney Bowes of Great Britain).

Until the 1970s there were only about fifty postage meters (thirty-two or -three now known used) in all of mainland China. In response to changing currencies and political allegiances these machines underwent many printing die changes over the years. These die changes are the basis of the catalog types described in this book. A chart of the known thirty-three machines through their various incarnations is located at Appendix A.

To the best of our knowledge and with the large exception of Taiwan, Chinese meters have been used only in post offices. It is likely that meters now are being used by some businesses and government offices in the Peoples Republic, but we have not seen solid evidence of such use.

Temporary Postage Labels

During the rapid inflation period of May to December 1949 a few post offices used their meters to print temporary postage labels that were sold over the counter for use as regular stamps. Those meters known to have been used for this purpose are CANTON 2, 3 and 4, AMOY 1, CHANGSHA 1, CHENGTU 1, KWEIYANG 1 and SWATOW 1. These provisional postage labels were printed on paper tape, imperforate, rouletted or perforated sheets, and in tete beche pairs. They are either undated or have month only with day and year blocked out. Typically they are denominated in round numbers. Examples are known postmarked in locations other than where the meter was in use.

Paper Varieties

Most meters were applied directly to the cover but frequently were printed on gummed paper tape that could be applied conveniently to parcels. Three paper styles are known:

- a) plain white, imperforate (Universal and Pitney Bowes) and perforated or rouletted (Universal only).
- b) light pink underprint with "METERED MAIL" in ovals in a field of wavy lines; serrated edges. (Pitney Bowes only) (Figure A).
- c) pale green or pinkish buff Chinese characters for "Chinese Republic Postal Service" in ovals in a cross-hatch pattern; straight edges. (Universal only) (Figure B).

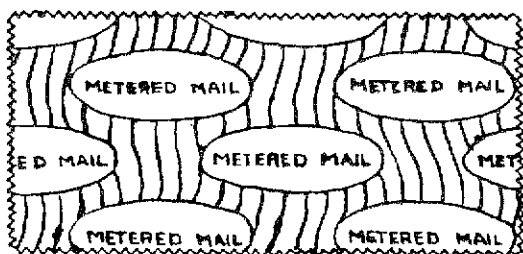


FIGURE A

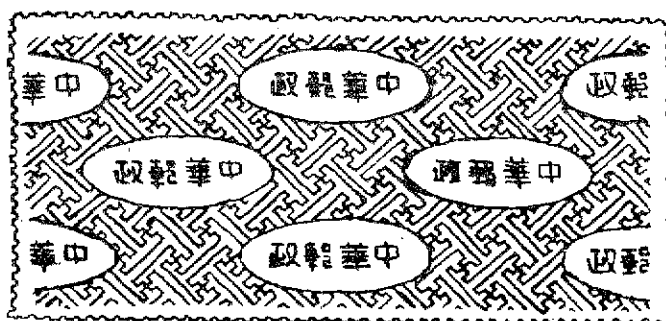
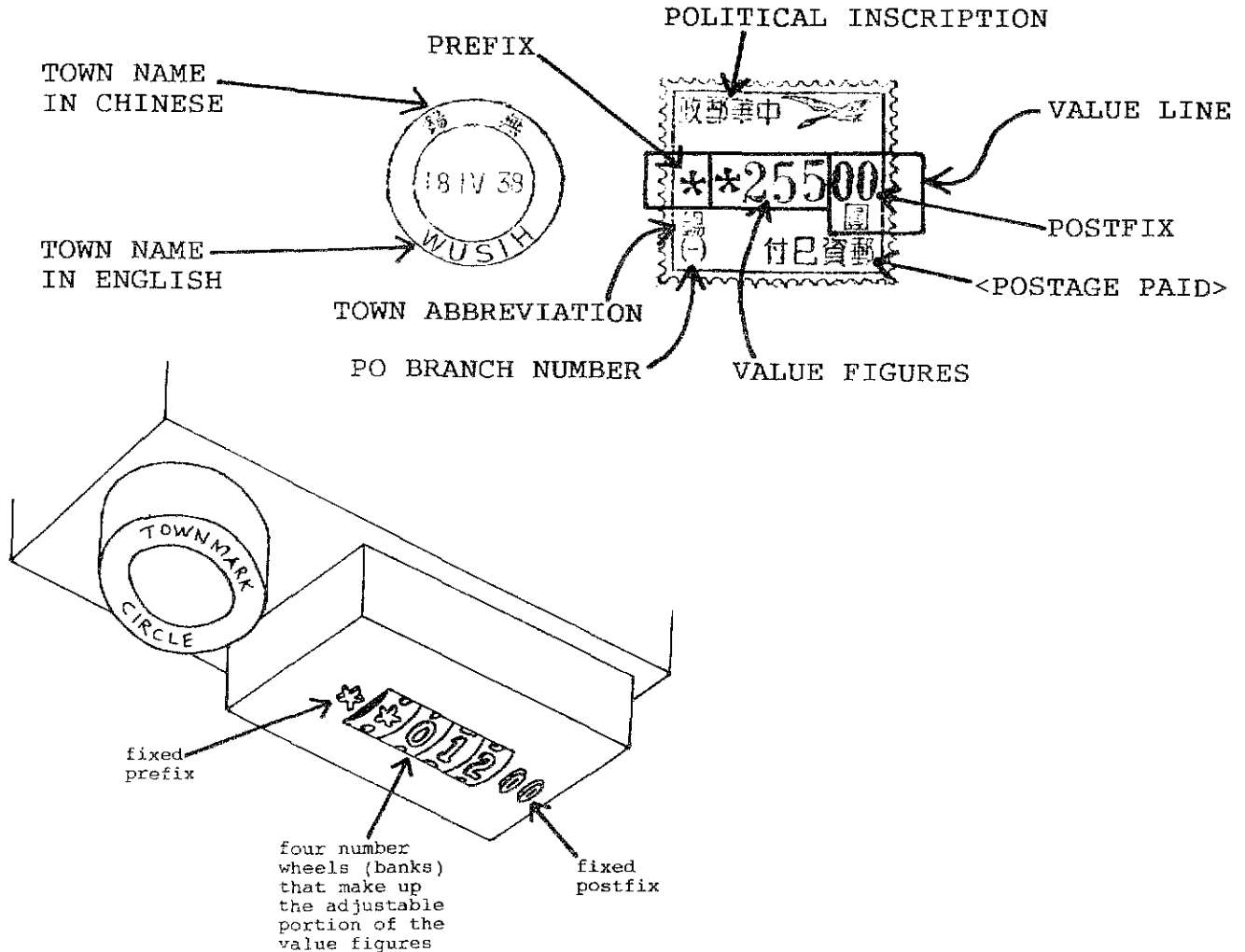


FIGURE B

Physical Characteristics of Chinese Meter Stamps



On most Universal machines the postage value (VALUE LINE) is made up of, from left to right, a PREFIX (usually an asterisk, sometimes a dollar sign, a yuan sign, or blank), four adjustable number wheels which make up the VALUE FIGURES, and a POSTFIX. Both the PREFIX and the POSTFIX are either integral parts of the frank die that cannot be changed without recutting the die, or they are removable slugs. We are not certain which.

When the number wheels are in the position shown in the three dimensional schematic drawing above the postage value printed would be " **01200 ". The range of values this configuration allows is " **00100 " to " *999900 ".

With the exception of the earliest types of mainland meters and all those of Taiwan, the identification number found within the value box is a local serial number or Post Office BRANCH number rather than a meter number. It starts with (1) in each city and continues upward without regard to brand or model of meter.

The first or leftmost digit of the VALUE FIGURES on most (not all) Universal meters has an asterisk in place of the zero. It is a common error to assume this leftmost number wheel is part of the PREFIX rather than the VALUE FIGURES when in the zero (asterisk) position. This confusion can be avoided if one remembers that the PREFIX is never more than a single character.

The POSTFIX identifies the currency (li, fen, yuan) and reflects inflation by adding zeros, the characters for "thousand", "ten thousand", etc. Characters found in the POSTFIX area are:

"LI":	厘 (large)	厘 (small)
"FEN":	分 (large)	分 (small)
"YUAN":	圓 (formal)*	元 (informal)*
"100":	佰 (Universal)	百 (Pitney Bowes)
"1000":	仟	* The YUAN symbol used on Nationalist China meters is without exception the large square formal variety. Both forms were used on East and PRC meters, and in the listings for these sections the YUANs are marked as formal or informal.
"10,000":	萬	

The following political inscriptions are found:

Nationalist China: 政郵華中 ("CHINESE REPUBLIC POSTAL SERVICE")

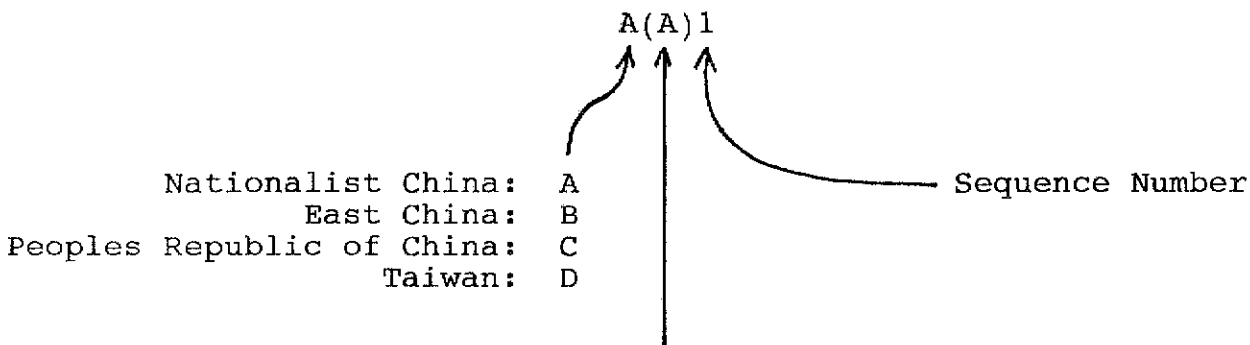
East China: 政郵東華 ("EAST CHINA POSTAL SERVICE")

Peoples Republic: 政郵民人國中 ("CHINESE PEOPLES POSTAL SERVICE")

政郵民人 ("PEOPLES POSTAL SERVICE")

Taiwan: 資郵國民華中 ("REPUBLIC OF CHINA" in both Chinese and English)

CATALOG NUMBERING SYSTEM



The letter in parenthesis
represents the basic TYPE
as identified on the charts on
pages 8 and 9 for mainland meters,
pages 50 and 51 for Taiwan meters, and
pages 71 and 72 for Postage Paid machines.

POSTAGE PAID stamps are numbered as above but with a "PP-" prefix.

Essays and Proofs

Essays are numbered "E-A1", "E-A2", "E-B1"... etc., and proofs are given the same type designation as the corresponding issued meter type but with a "P" suffix.

Meter essays represent rejected meter stamp designs and are completely different from those placed into use. Meter proofs are pre-release or factory impressions of designs later placed into use with only some modification. They can differ from the issued meter stamp by having an empty town circle, blank VALUE FIGURES (F/V), different denomination, and/or no identification number. Some proofs have some or all these elements present. Such proofs can be distinguished from regularly issued meters by a date earlier than the actual issue date, unusual F/V such as all nines or all zeros, or by the item being on an unaddressed card or envelope. Some regularly used meters have some of these characteristics and may be mistaken for proofs.

Pre-issue proofs of the first Hasler machine have inscriptions for the Chinese Republic Postal Service and the East China Postal Service, neither of which were used. Otherwise they are identical to the first Hasler design put into use.

Values of Meter Stamps

The dollar values assigned to the various meter types are based on the number of examples reported, range of dates reported, significance of the item, and recent auction prices realized. Values are for examples on cover (unless otherwise stated) without additional Scott listed stamps present and without unusual/rare cancellations or postal endorsements. Damaged, lightly printed or heavily overcancelled examples are worth less. Values have been assigned conservatively, especially for recent types, since we do not know how many may exist within the PRC.

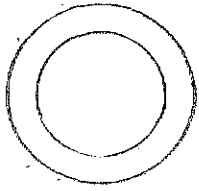
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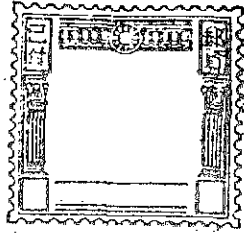
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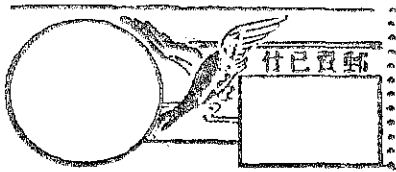
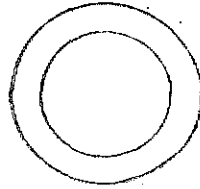
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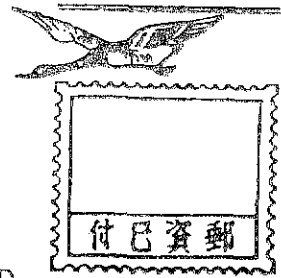
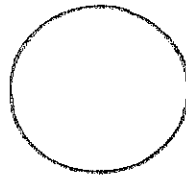
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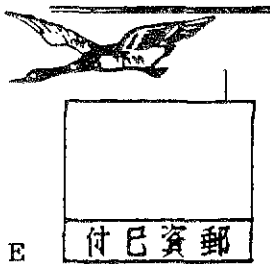
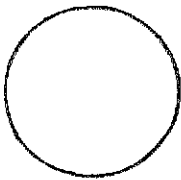
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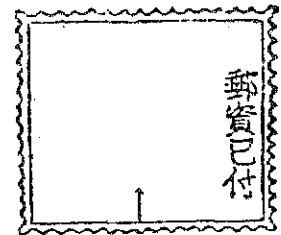
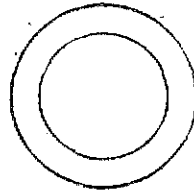
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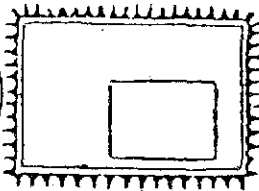
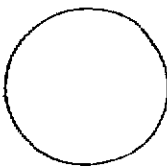


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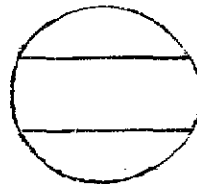


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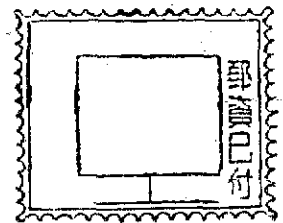
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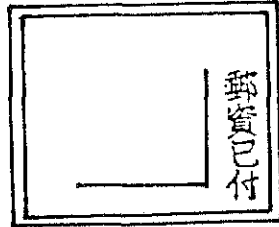
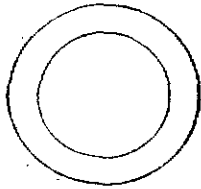
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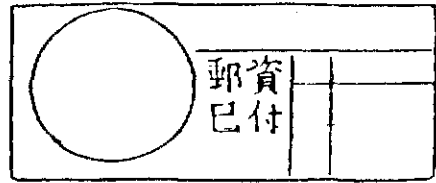
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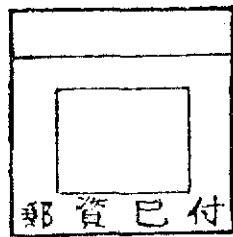
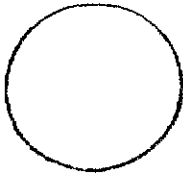
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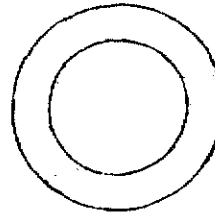
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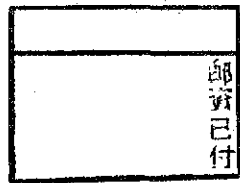
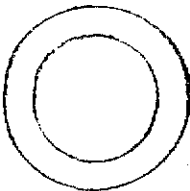
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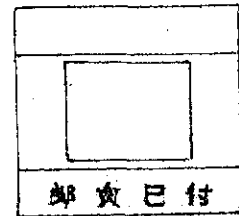
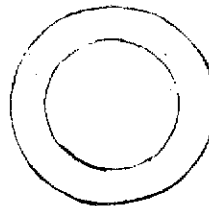
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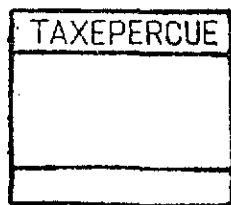
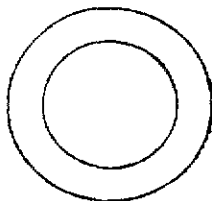


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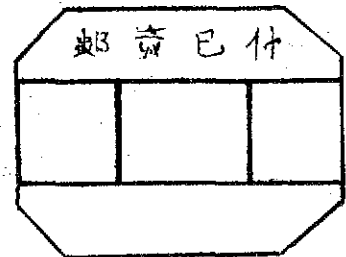
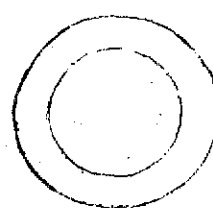
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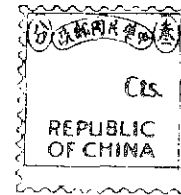
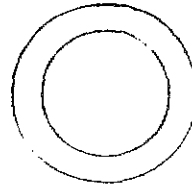
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ESSAY TYPE A UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS (GREAT BRITAIN)

UPRIGHT RECTANGULAR VALUE
BOX WITH FAUX PERFORATION
OUTER BORDER AND STRAIGHT-
LINE INNER BORDER.

CHINESE CHARACTERS FOR
"CHINESE REPUBLIC POSTAL
SERVICE" IN CURVE AT TOP.
SEPARATE DOUBLE CIRCLE
TOWNMARK TO THE LEFT.

MULTI-VALUE MACHINE WHICH PRINTS A DIFFERENT VALUE BOX FOR
EACH VALUE. THIS MACHINE IS UNIVERSAL'S "MIDGET" MODEL.



E-A1 "POSTAGE PAID" WITHIN BOTTOM PANEL

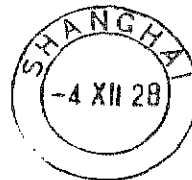
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VALUES KNOWN: 1c, 3c, 5c, 10c

POSTFIX: "Ct." or "Cts."

DATE FIGS: DAY MO YR

(Roman numeral month)



KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

SHANGHAI: 4 DEC 1928 \$200

E-A2 SIMILAR TO E-A1 BUT
"POSTAGE PAID" IS ABOVE
THE BOTTOM PANEL.

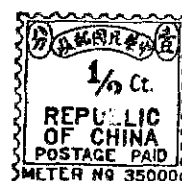
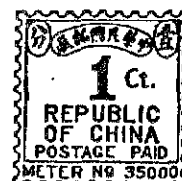
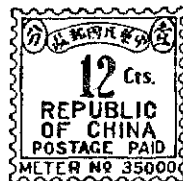
"METER No" SPELLED OUT

METER NO: 35000 ONLY

VALUES KNOWN: 1/2c, 1c, 4c,
8c, 12c

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

SHANGHAI: 29 JUL 1929 \$200



ESSAY TYPE B

KOMUSINA (GERMANY)

THE INDICIUM IS IN THE SHAPE OF A PILLARED PORTAL WITH "REPUBLIC OF CHINA" IN ENGLISH WITHIN A BOTTOM PANEL. THERE IS A SINGLE-LINE CIRCULAR TOWNMARK TO THE LEFT. READING VERTICALLY UP ALONG THE FAR LEFT IS A SERIAL NUMBER COMMON TO ALL KOMUSINA METER STAMPS WORLDWIDE. A SLOGAN FILLS THE AREA BETWEEN THE TOWNMARK AND SERIAL NUMBER AND BELOW THE TOWNMARK AND INDICIUM.

E-B1

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI: 4 DEC 1928 \$150

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α
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Komusina
Postage-
stamper

Sole Agent
China-
Export-Import-
and Bank-Co.
ITD



行洋信謙

ESSAY TYPE C

RONEO NEOPOST (GREAT BRITAIN)

SIMILAR TO ESSAY TYPE A.
PICTORIAL DESIGN OF CHINESE JUNK FILLS UPPER TWO THIRDS OF THE VALUE BOX. DENOMINATION IN LOWER LEFT, AND "REPUBLIC OF CHINA POSTAGE" IN ENGLISH IN LOWER RIGHT.

E-C1 ONE EXAMPLE SEEN
DATED 16 VII 31.
VALUE: 1 CTS

TOWNMARK READS:
RONEO NEO-POST /
-SPECIMEN-

\$150



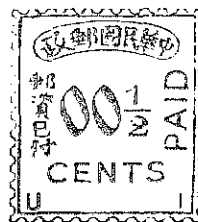
ESSAY TYPE D

UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS

SIMILAR TO ESSAY TYPE A.

"CENTS" ALONG BOTTOM AND "PAID" VERTICAL READING UP ALONG
RIGHT SIDE. SINGLE CIRCLE TOWNMARK WITH INNER ARCS AT TOP
AND BOTTOM.

E-D1 ANGULAR NUMBERS IN
FIGURE OF VALUE.
MULTI-VALUE MACHINE
CAPABLE OF PRINTING VALUES
UP TO 99 1/2 CENTS.
TWO EXAMPLES KNOWN
BOTH DATED 8 X 35

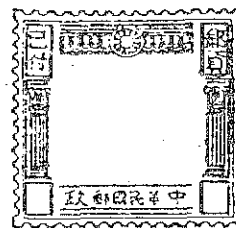
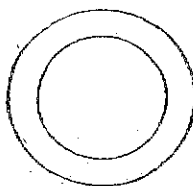


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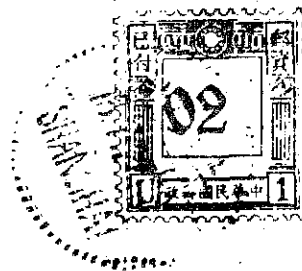
TYPE A(A)

UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS

THIS IS THE FIRST METER TYPE
KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN PLACED
IN ACTUAL POSTAL USE.
SIMILAR TO ESSAY TYPES A,
C AND D BUT INNER BORDER
CONSISTS OF SUN AT TOP
AND PILLARS AT SIDES AS ON
MARTYRS ISSUE POSTAGE STAMPS.
MULTI-VALUE MACHINE.



A(A)1 METER NO: U1 ONLY
VALUE FIGURES: 00 1/2
CAPABLE OF PRINTING
TO 99 1/2 CENTS
DATE FIGS: DAY MO YR
(Roman numeral month)



KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI: 18 JUL 36 \$300

NOTE: This is the same machine that produced essays type A and D.

A(A)P1 PROOF SIMILAR TO A(A)1 BUT VALUE
BOX IS LARGER TO ACCOMODATE
4-BANK FIGURE OF VALUE.

VALUE FIGURES: *000
"\$" CENTERED UNDER VALUE
FIGURES
METER NO: U1 ONLY.



KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI: 1946 \$75

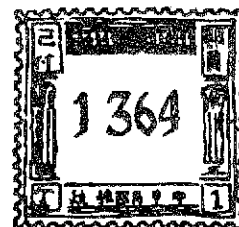
A(A)2 SIMILAR TO PROOF A(A)P1.
DOLLAR SIGN REMOVED AND
CHARACTERS FOR 100 YUAN ADDED
IN SMALL BOX AT LOWER RIGHT.
THESE CHANGES WERE MADE TO
REFLECT RAPID INFLATION.
METER NO: U1 ONLY.



KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI: 27 SEP 47-
29 SEP 47 \$250

A(A)P2 PROOF SIMILAR TO A(A)2 BUT
TOWNMARK LOWER WITH 4-DIGIT
SERIAL NUMBER ABOVE. SINGLE
CIRCLE TOWNMARK WITH INNER
ARCS AT TOP AND BOTTOM.
THE NUMBERS IN THE VALUE
FIGURES ARE ANGULAR.
THIS IS THE UNIVERSAL
"TELTAX" MACHINE DESIGNED
FOR FRANKING TELEGRAMS.
METER NO: T1 ONLY.
SENT TO CHINA IN 1940.
VALUE FIGURES: *000

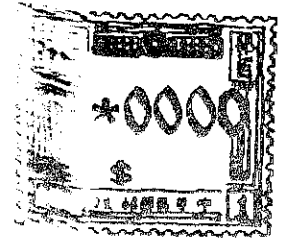
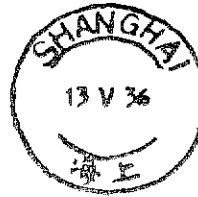
3808



\$100

A(A)3 SIMILAR TO PROOF A(A)P2
 BUT MODIFIED TO ACCOUNT
 FOR INFLATION BY ADDITION
 OF A ZERO ENGRAVED INTO
 THE RIGHT INNER BORDER.
 DOLLAR SIGN ADDED AT
 BOTTOM.
 METER NO: T1 ONLY.

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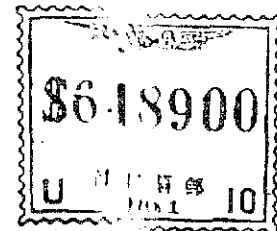


KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 SHANGHAI: 13 MAY 47 \$200

ESSAY TYPE E UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS (GREAT BRITAIN)
 HORIZONTAL RECTANGULAR VALUE BOX WITH FAUX PERFORATION
 OUTER BORDER AND STRAIGHT-LINE INNER BORDER. FLYING GOOSE
 AT TOP CENTER. METER NUMBER PREFIX "U" IN LOWER LEFT, AND
 NUMBER IN LOWER RIGHT. MACHINE SEQUENCE NUMBER AT BOTTOM
 CENTER.

E-E1 "POSTAGE PAID" ABOVE SEQUENCE NO.
 METER NO: U1 ONLY
 PREFIX: \$

POSTFIX: 00
 DATE FIGS: DAY MO YR
 (Roman numeral month)

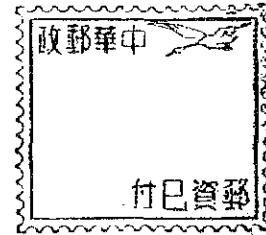
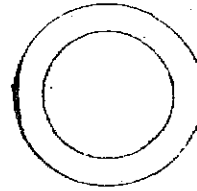


KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 NANKING 1: 19 DEC 1947 \$125

TYPE A(B)

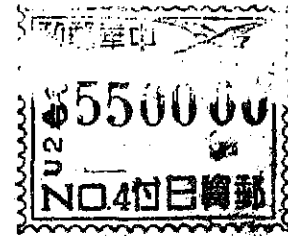
UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS

SIMILAR TO ESSAY TYPE E
BUT POSTAGE PAID MOVED
TO LOWER RIGHT.



(Thirty-six machines were sent from England. The first dies were fitted with the maker's meter number (U2 up) but were quickly altered to the standard design which featured the locally assigned number only. Machines U2 and U10 are the only ones known to have been postally used.

A(B)1 METER NUMBER PRESENT
AND READING UP ALONG
LEFT SIDE. SEQUENCE
NUMBER IN LOWER LEFT.
PREFIX: \$
VALUE FIGURES: *000
POSTFIX: 00



KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

NANKING 6 (U10): 17 JUL 48-
 19 AUG 48 \$150
SHANGHAI 4 (U2): 1 JUL 48-
 5 AUG 48 \$150

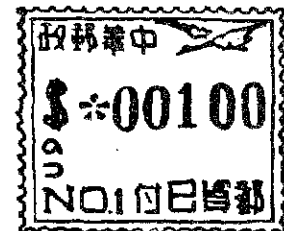
A(B)P1 PROOF VERSION OF TYPE
A(B) WITH UNENGRAVED
BLOCK IN PLACE OF
LOCAL METER NUMBER

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
no townmark (U28): \$125



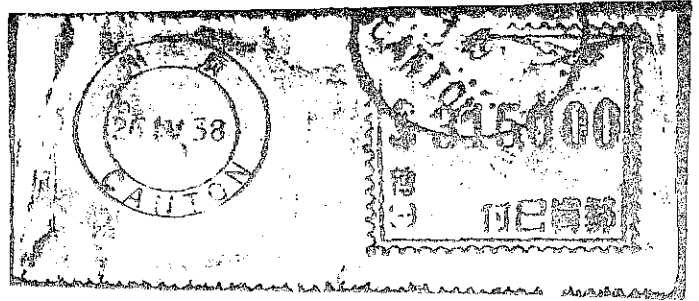
A(B)P2 PROOF VERSION OF TYPE
A(B) WITH NORMAL
METER NUMBER.
CAN BE RECOGNIZED BY
DATE BEFORE JULY 1948.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
CHUNGKING 1 (U9): 19 DEC 47 \$100
NANKING 6 (U10): 13 AUG 42 \$100



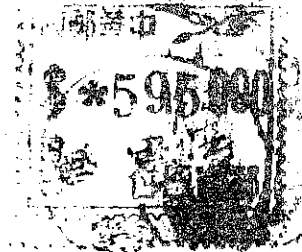
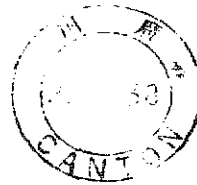
A(B)2 SIMILAR TO A(B)1 BUT
 METER NUMBER REMOVED.
 THIS IS THE FIRST STANDARD
 DIE WITHOUT MANUFACTURER'S
 METER NUMBER.
 PREFIX: \$
 VALUE FIGURES: *000
 POSTFIX: 00 (two zeros)

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 CANTON 1: 2 APR 49-
 26 APR 49 \$75
 CANTON 2: one undated
 example known on plain
 white perforated tape. \$100



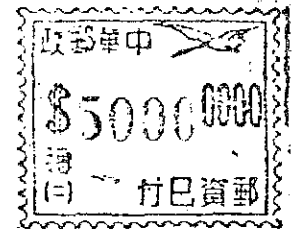
A(B)3 AS A(B)2 BUT WITH
 POSTFIX: 000 (three zeros)

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 CANTON 1: 25 APR 49- \$75
 29 APR 49



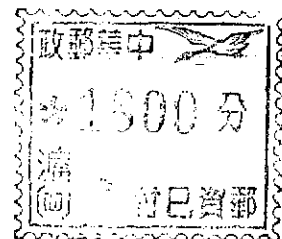
A(B)4 AS A(B)2 BUT WITH
 POSTFIX: 0000 (four zeros)

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 CANTON 2: 10 MAY 49-
 13 JUN 49 \$50
 a. Tete-beche pair \$60



A(B)5 PREFIX CHANGED TO: *
 VALUE FIGURES: *000
 POSTFIX: FEN (large)

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 CANTON 1: 11 JUN 49-
 2 JUL 49 \$60
 SHANGHAI 4: 18 NOV 48-
 16 DEC 48 \$45

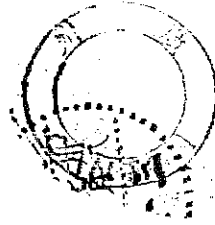


A(B)6 PREFIX: *
 VALUE FIGURES: *000
 POSTFIX: FEN (small)

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

CANTON 3: 6 JUN 49-
 10 OCT 49 \$20
 CANTON 4: 2 JUL 49-
 28 AUG 49 \$40

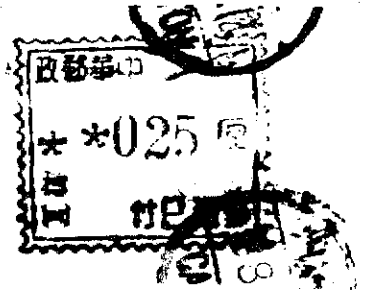
a. Tete-beche pair
 (CANTON 3 or 4) \$60



A(B)7 PREFIX: *
 VALUE FIGURES: *000
 POSTFIX: LI (large)

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 CANTON 4: 1 SEP 49 \$60

a. Tete-beche pair \$75



A(B)8 PREFIX: *
 VALUE FIGURES: *000
 POSTFIX: LI (small)

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 CANTON 3: none seen dated \$75
 CANTON 4: none seen dated \$75

a. Tete-beche pair \$75



A(B)9 PREFIX: *
 VALUE FIGURES: *000
 POSTFIX: DOT BELOW FEN

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

AMOY 1:	26 JUL 49	\$75
KUNMING 2:	8 AUG 49	\$75
KWEIYANG 1:	- JUN -	\$75
LANCHOW 1:	6 JUN 49	\$75
SWATOW 1:	AUG 49-	
	24 NOV 49	\$25

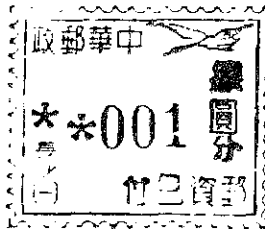


a. Western instead of Roman month in date figures:
 KWEIYANG 1 (15.8.38) \$75
 KWEIYANG 2 (10.8.38) \$75

A(B)10 PREFIX: *
 VALUE FIGURES: *000
 POSTFIX: YUAN

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

CANTON 1:	11 MAR 49	\$60
CANTON 3:	3 JAN 50	\$60
CHANGSHA 1:	18 MAY 49	\$60
KWEIYANG 1:	20 MAR 49	\$60
SHANGHAI 4:	31 DEC 48-	
	23 FEB 49	\$40



a. Surcharged with characters for "silver" above and "fen" below postfix: CHANGSHA 1:
 4 MAY 49-11 MAY 49 \$75
 b. Meter number not present (burnished out of die?):
 NANKING: 29 MAR 49 \$75

NOTE: A portion of the inner frame line is thinned on CANTON 3 to make room for the postfix.

A(B)11 TELTAX MACHINE MODIFIED TO STANDARD DIE.

PREFIX: *
 VALUE FIGURES: *000 (angular)
 POSTFIX: YUAN

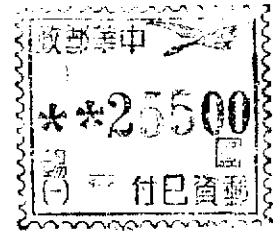
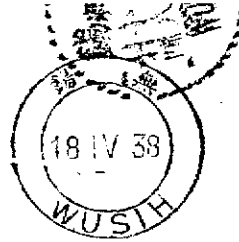
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 SHANGHAI 5: 7 DEC 49 \$100



A(B)12 PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: *000
POSTFIX: YUAN BELOW "00"

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

CHENG TU 1:	7 MAY 49	\$50
HANKOW 1:	16 APR 49	\$50
NANKING 2:	20 APR 49	\$50
SHANGHAI 4:	11 APR 49-	
	23 APR 49	\$20
SWATOW 1 (with year of Republic in date):	7 MAY 49	\$50
SWATOW 1 (with western year in date):	28 NOV 49-	
	21 JAN 50	\$20
WUSIH 1:	18 APR 49-	
	21 APR 49	\$40



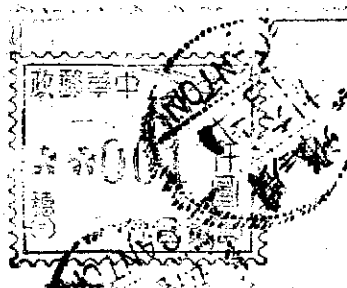
a. Tete beche pair on tape:
SWATOW 1: \$50

A(B)13 PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: *000 (angular)
POSTFIX: YUAN BELOW
CHARACTER FOR 100

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI 5: unknown \$75

A(B)14 PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: *000
POSTFIX: YUAN BELOW
CHARACTER FOR 1000

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
CANTON 3: unknown \$75



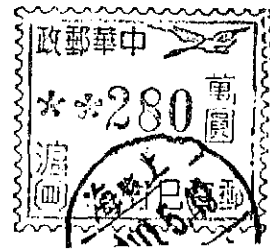
A(B)15 PREFIX: *
 VALUE FIGURES: *000 (angular)
 POSTFIX: YUAN BELOW
 CHARACTER FOR 10,000

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 SHANGHAI 5: unknown \$75

A(B)16 PREFIX: *
 VALUE FIGURES: *000 (oval)
 POSTFIX: YUAN BELOW
 CHARACTER FOR 10,000

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

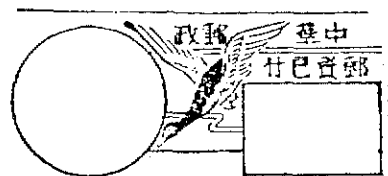
CHENGTU 1:	unknown	\$50
CHUNGKING 1:	28 MAY 49	\$50
SHANGHAI 4:	3 MAY 49-	
	18 MAY 49	\$25
SWATOW 1:	unknown	\$50



TYPE A(C)

PITNEY BOWES (USA)

UNIFIED DESIGN WITH TOWNMARK
CIRCLE CONNECTED TO VALUE BOX,
LARGE FLYING GOOSE BETWEEN.



A(C)P1 PROOF WITH EMPTY
TOWNMARK.

METER NUMBER 1

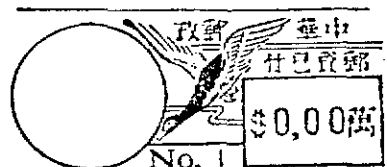
PREFIX: \$

VALUE FIGURES: 0,00

POSTFIX: CHARACTER

FOR 10,000.

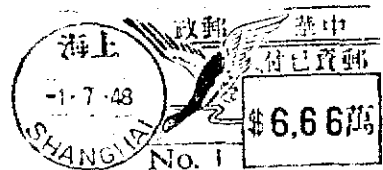
\$50



a. Without value figures or
meter number.

\$50

A(C)P2 AS A(C)P1 BUT TOWNMARK
CONTAINS "SHANGHAI" IN
ENGLISH AT BOTTOM,
IN CHINESE AT TOP, AND
WITH DATE IN CENTER.
TWO EXAMPLES SEEN BOTH
DATED 1.7.48. \$50



ONE HAS "SEC.562 PL&R"
READING UP ALONG THE
LEFT SIDE.

A(C)1 WESTERN METER NUMBER.

PREFIX: LARGE *

VALUE FIGURES: 000

POSTFIX: CHARACTER FOR
100 ABOVE YUAN

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

SHANGHAI 3: 21 APR 49 \$75

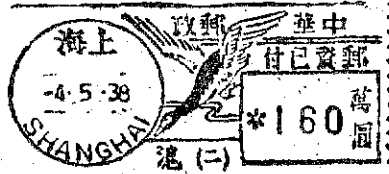


A(C)2 SIMILAR TO A(C)1 BUT
METER NUMBER IN CHINESE.
PREFIX: LARGE *
VALUE FIGURES: 000
POSTFIX: CHARACTER FOR
100 ABOVE YUAN

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI 2: 18 APR 49-
 4 MAY 49 \$50

A(C)3 METER NUMBER IN CHINESE.
PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: 000
POSTFIX: CHARACTER FOR
10,000 ABOVE YUAN

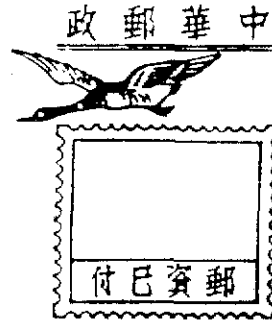
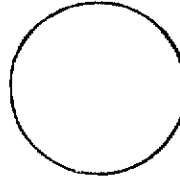
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI 2: 4 MAY 49-
 19 MAY 49 \$50
SHANGHAI 8: 16 MAY 49-
 20 MAY 49 \$50



TYPE A(D)

HASLER (SWITZERLAND)

FLYING GOOSE ABOVE AND
OUTSIDE VALUE BOX.
SEPARATE CIRCULAR TOWNMARK
LEFT OF GOOSE. SIMULATED
PERFORATIONS SURROUND INNER
STRAIGHT LINE FRAME OF
VALUE BOX.



A(D)P1 KNOWN AS PROOF ONLY.
HASLER METERS WERE
NOT PLACED INTO USE
UNTIL 1950 AFTER THE
REVOLUTION.
WESTERN METER NUMBER.



KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI 6: 30 AUG 48 \$100

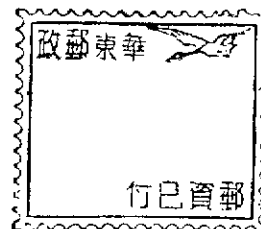
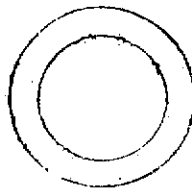
a. Roman meter number \$150

EAST CHINA

TYPE B(B)

UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS

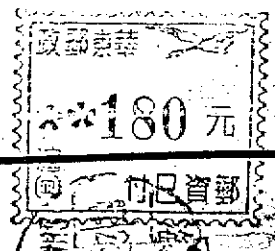
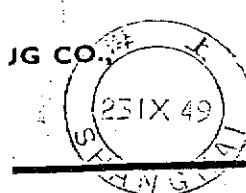
SIMILAR TO TYPE A(B)
BUT CHINESE INSCRIPTION
IN TOP OF VALUE BOX
READS "EAST CHINA
POSTAL SERVICE".



B(B)1 PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: *000
POSTFIX: informal YUAN

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

NANKING 6: 27 SEP 49 \$65
SHANGHAI 4: 12 JUL 49-
5 OCT 49 \$20



B(B)2 PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: *000
POSTFIX: ZERO left
of informal YUAN

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

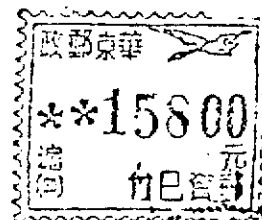
SHANGHAI 4: 13 OCT 49-
3 DEC 49 \$50



B(B)3 PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: *000
POSTFIX: informal YUAN
below "00"

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

SHANGHAI 4: 9 FEB 50-
8 JUL 50 \$20



B(B)4 PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: *000
POSTFIX: formal YUAN
below "00"

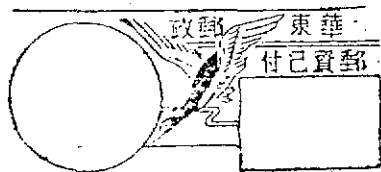
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
WUSIH 1: 18 NOV 49 \$65



TYPE B(C)

PITNEY BOWES

SIMILAR TO TYPE A(C) BUT
CHINESE INSCRIPTION ALONG
TOP READS "EAST CHINA
POSTAL SERVICE".



B(C)1 CHINESE METER NUMBER.
PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: 000
POSTFIX: informal YUAN



KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

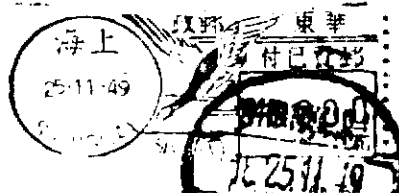
SHANGHAI 2: 24 JUN 49-
8 JUL 49 \$45
SHANGHAI 8: 8 AUG 49-
5 SEP 49 \$45

B(C)2 WESTERN METER NUMBER.
PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: 000
POSTFIX: informal YUAN
below ZERO

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

SHANGHAI 3: 3 DEC 49-
31 DEC 49 \$65

B(C)3 CHINESE METER NUMBER.
PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: 000
POSTFIX: informal YUAN
below ZERO



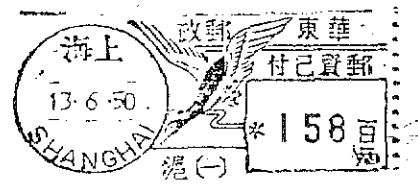
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

SHANGHAI 1: 2 DEC 49-
6 DEC 49 \$65
SHANGHAI 8: 28 SEP 49-
16 JAN 50 \$35

B(C)4 CHINESE METER NUMBER.
 PREFIX: *
 VALUE FIGURES: 000
 POSTFIX: informal YUAN below
 character for 100

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

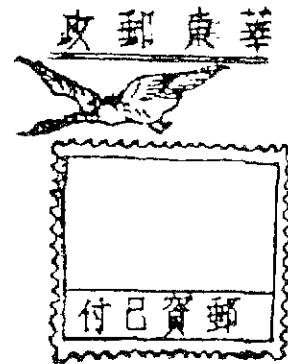
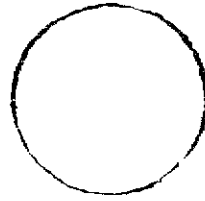
SHANGHAI 1:	13 JUN 50-	
	8 JUL 50	\$65
SHANGHAI 8:	31 MAR 50-	
	31 MAY 50	\$45



TYPE B(D)

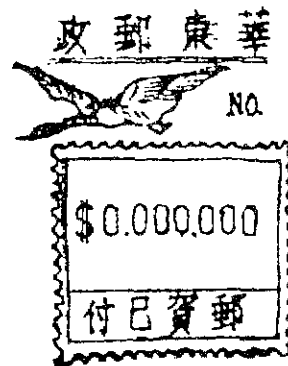
HASLER

SIMILAR TO TYPE A(D) BUT
CHINESE INSCRIPTION ALONG
TOP READS "EAST CHINA
POSTAL SERVICE".



B(D)P1 KNOWN AS PROOF ONLY.
METER NUMBER NOT PRESENT.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI: 27 JUN 49 \$150

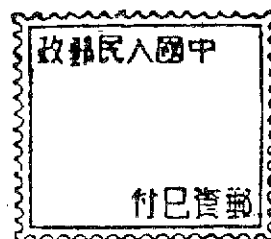
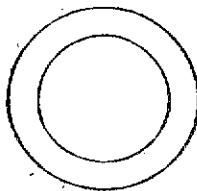


PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

TYPE C(B)

UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS

AS TYPES A(B) AND C(B) WITH OR WITHOUT FLYING GOOSE IN UPPER RIGHT CORNER, BUT POLITICAL INSCRIPTION AT TOP ARE THE CHARACTERS FOR "PEOPLES POSTAL SERVICE" OR "CHINESE PEOPLES POSTAL SERVICE".



C(B)1 GOOSE PRESENT.
INSCRIPTION READS
"PEOPLES POSTAL SERVICE".

PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: *000
POSTFIX: "00" over formal YUAN
DATE FIGS: DAY MO YR
(Roman numeral month)



KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

TIENSHUI 1: 10 AUG 50-
9 JUL 51 \$65

C(B)2 SIMILAR TO C(B)1 BUT
POSTFIX: "00" over
informal YUAN.

Only example seen has Western
month in date:

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

KWEIYANG 1: 9 NOV 51 \$75

C(B)3 SIMILAR TO C(B)1 BUT
INSCRIPTION READS "CHINESE
PEOPLES POSTAL SERVICE".
POSTFIX: "00" over
formal YUAN

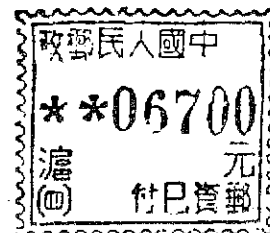
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

LIUCHOW 1: 15 DEC 50-
15 OCT 51 \$40
TIENSHUI 1: 3 JUL 51-
18 SEP 51 \$65



C(B)4 SIMILAR TO C(B)3 BUT GOOSE
HAS BEEN REMOVED.
POSTFIX: "00" over
informal YUAN

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI 4: 20 JUL 50-
 10 FEB 52 \$5
SHANGHAI 9: 26 APR 51 \$40



a. Goose incompletely erased,
one wing remains:
NANKING 6: - JUL 53 \$65

C(B)5 THIS IS THE UNIVERSAL "TELTAX"
MACHINE. SIMILAR TO C(B)4
BUT IT HAS ANGULAR VALUE
FIGURES INSTEAD OF OVAL.

PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: *000
POSTFIX: "00" over
informal YUAN

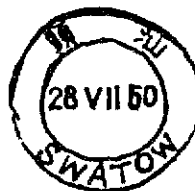
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI 5: 6 MAR 51 \$40



C(B)6 SIMILAR TO C(B)4 BUT TOP
INSCRIPTION LARGER. NO
SPACE REMAINS BETWEEN
INSCRIPTION AND RIGHT
BORDER.

PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: *000
POSTFIX: "00" over
informal YUAN

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SWATOW 1: 28 JUL 50
 13 SEP 51 \$40



C(B)7 SOLID FIVE-POINTED STAR
ADDED IN UPPER RIGHT.
POSTFIX: "00" over
formal YUAN

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
KUNMING 2: 6 JAN 52-
 27 MAR 53 \$25



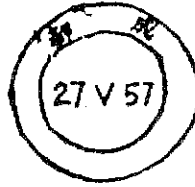
C(B)8 AS C(B)7 BUT STAR IS HOLLOW,
NOT SOLID, AND A DECIMAL HAS
BEEN ADDED TO THE FIGURE OF
VALUE.

PREFIX *
VALUE FIGURES: *0.00
NO POSTFIX

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

CHENG TU 1: 27 MAY 57-
23 AUG 57 \$40

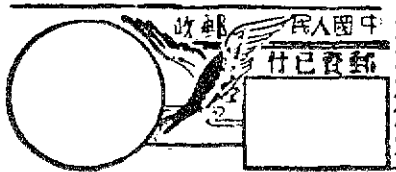
(Town name in Chinese only
at top of town/date mark.)



TYPE C(C)

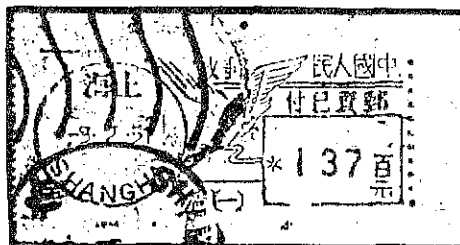
PITNEY BOWES

DESIGN AS TYPES A(C) AND B(C)
BUT WITH CHARACTERS FOR
"CHINESE PEOPLES POSTAL
SERVICE".



C(C)1 METER NUMBER IS CHINESE
CHARACTER.

PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: 000
POSTFIX: 100 over
informal YUAN



KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

SHANGHAI 1:	17 JUL 50-	
	26 NOV 51	\$20
SHANGHAI 2:	14 MAR 52-	
	19 MAR 52	\$50
SHANGHAI 8:	17 JUL 50-	
	18 DEC 51	\$10

C(C)2 SIMILAR TO C(C)1 BUT
METER NUMBER IS WESTERN
CHARACTER.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

SHANGHAI 3:	30 OCT 50-	
	19 JAN 51	\$40

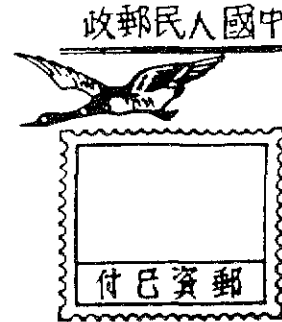
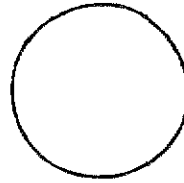


TYPE C(D)

HASLER

SIMILAR TO PROOFS
A(D)P AND B(D)P BUT
THE INSCRIPTION READS
"CHINESE PEOPLES
POSTAL SERVICE".

WESTERN MONTH IN DATE.



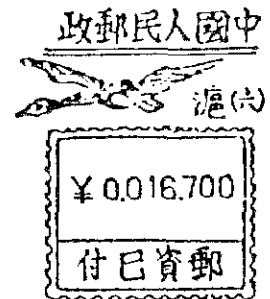
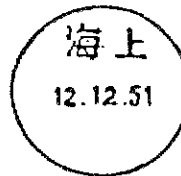
C(D)1 WESTERN METER NUMBER.
PREFIX: \$
VALUE FIGURES:
0.000.000
NO POSTFIX

KNOWN PO/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI 6: 8 SEP 50-
31 JAN 51 \$100



C(D)2 SIMILAR TO C(D)1 BUT METER
NUMBER IN CHINESE AND
PREFIX IS: ¥ .

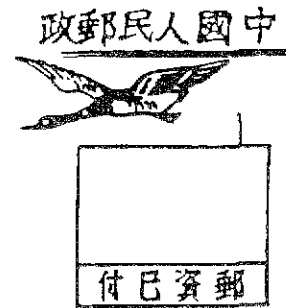
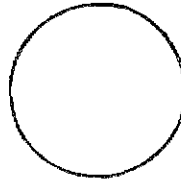
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI 6: 5 NOV 51-
12 DEC 51 \$100



TYPE C(E)

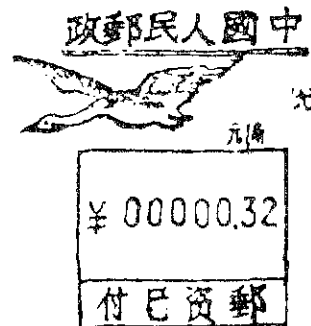
HASLER

SIMILAR TO TYPE C(D) BUT
THE SIMULATED PERFORATION
BORDER HAS BEEN REMOVED
FROM AROUND THE VALUE BOX.
OTHER DIFFERENCES EXIST.



C(E)1 PREFIX: ¥
VALUE FIGURES: 00000.00
NO POSTFIX

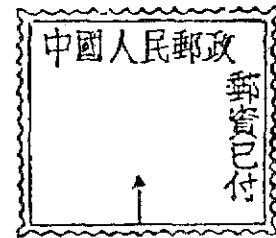
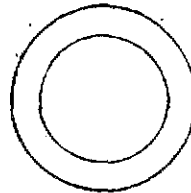
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI 6: JAN 58 \$100



TYPE C(F)

UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS

SIMILAR TO UNIVERSAL TYPE C(B) BUT HORIZONTAL INSCRIPTION ALONG THE BOTTOM OF THE VALUE BOX ON TYPE C(B) IS VERTICAL ALONG THE RIGHT SIDE ON THIS TYPE. A SMALL ARROW POINTING UP HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE BOTTOM CENTER OF THE VALUE BOX.

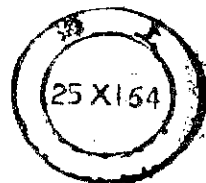


C(F)1 HOLLOW FIVE-POINTED STAR LEFT OF FIGURES OF VALUE. TOWN NAME IN CHINESE AT TOP OF TOWN/DATE MARK. NO ENGLISH TOWN NAME.

NO PREFIX OR SUFFIX
VALUE FIGURES: *000

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

SHANGHAI 4: 26 JUL 56-
 7 JAN 65 \$5
SHANGHAI 7: 30 JUL 57-
 22 SEP 80 \$5



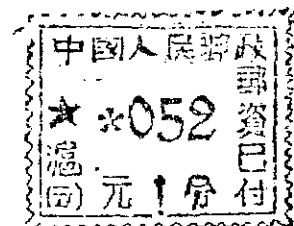
a. Western MONTH in date with periods separating MONTH/DAY/YEAR:

SHANGHAI 9: 14.6.56 \$20
 27.11.57

C(F)2 SIMILAR TO C(F)1 BUT VALUE FIGURES ARE ANGULAR INSTEAD OF OVAL (TELTAX MACHINE). THE STAR AT THE LEFT IS SOLID INSTEAD OF HOLLOW.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

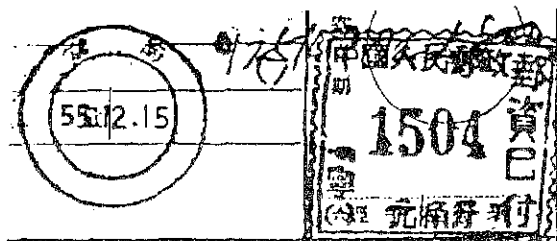
SHANGHAI 5: 24 JUL 59-
 3 MAY 66 \$15



C(F)3 SIMILAR TO C(F)1 BUT STAR
REMOVED. CHARACTERS ALONG
RIGHT SIDE ARE LARGER, AND
THE VERTICAL LINE AT BOTTOM
CENTER HAS NO ARROW HEAD.
DATE WITH WESTERN MONTH AND
WITH YEAR FIRST.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

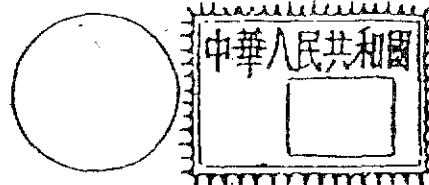
<NANJING> 6: 15 DEC 55-
10 JUL 66 \$20



TYPE C(G)

PITNEY BOWES

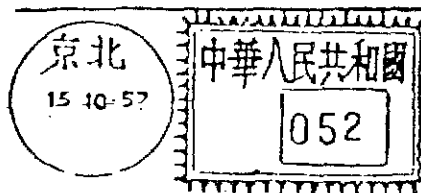
VALUE BOX IS 30 x 21mm RECTANGLE
WITH OUTER IMITATION PERFORATION
BORDER AND INNER STRAIGHT LINE
BORDER. THE FIGURE OF VALUE IS
SURROUNDED BY A SMALLER SINGLE
LINE RECTANGLE. THE SINGLE
CIRCLE TOWN/DATE MARK IS
SEPARATE AND TO THE LEFT.



C(G)1 NO PREFIX OR POSTFIX
VALUE FIGURES: 000

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

BEIJING (no number):
15 OCT 57 - 27 JUL 59 \$10

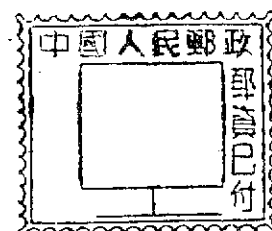
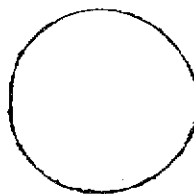


(Used in Beijing
International Post Office)

TYPE C(H)

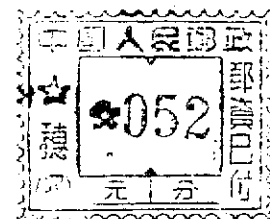
UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS

SIMILAR TO UNIVERSAL TYPE C(F)
EXCEPT AN INNER SINGLE LINE
RECTANGLE HAS BEEN ADDED
AROUND THE FIGURE OF VALUE.
THE TOWN/DATE MARK IS A
SINGLE LINE CIRCLE DIVIDED
INTO THREE ZONES.



C(H)1 NO PREFIX OR POSTFIX
VALUE FIGURES: *000

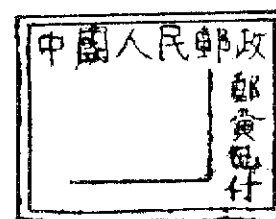
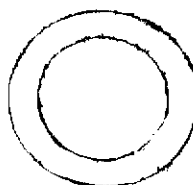
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
CANTON 4: 28 JUL 59-
13 NOV 60 \$35



TYPE C(J)

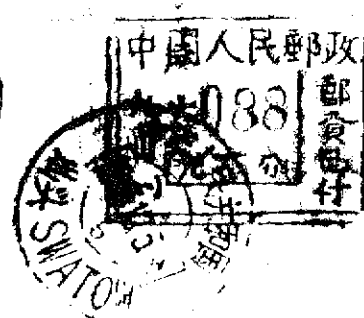
UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS

SIMILAR TO TYPE C(H) BUT OUTER
BORDER IS A DOUBLE STRAIGHT
LINE WITHOUT SIMULATED PERFORATIONS.
INNER FRAME LINES
HAVE BEEN ADDED BELOW AND
RIGHT OF THE VALUE FIGURES.
THERE IS NO STAR LEFT OF
THE VALUE FIGURES.



C(J)1 PREFIX: *
VALUE FIGURES: *000
NO POSTFIX

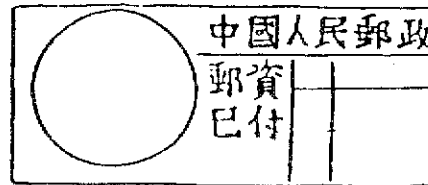
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SWATOW 1: 4 SEP 64-
5 OCT 65 \$35



TYPE C(K)

PITNEY BOWES

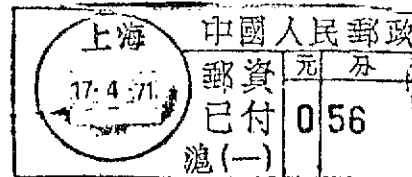
UNIFIED DESIGN WITH SINGLE LINE OUTER BORDER SURROUNDING SINGLE CIRCLE TOWN/DATE MARK ON THE LEFT AND VALUE BOX ON THE LEFT. THE LEFT-MOST BANK OF THE 3-BANK FIGURE OF VALUE IS SEPARATED FROM THE OTHER TWO BY A VERTICAL LINE.



C(K)1 WESTERN DATE LINE (DAY.MO.YEAR)
NO PREFIX OR POSTFIX
VALUE FIGURES: 0 00

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

SHANGHAI 1: 17 APR 71-
 17 AUG 81 \$7.50
SHANGHAI 2: 7 APR 60-
 17 APR 63 \$7.50
SHANGHAI 8: 8 OCT 55-
 8 OCT 65 \$7.50



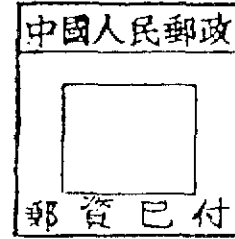
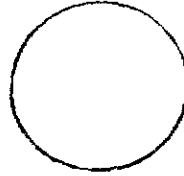
a. Date with year first (YEAR.MO.DAY):

SHANGHAI 1: 18 OCT 57 - 5 MAR 58 \$10
SHANGHAI 3: 27 MAR 58 - 6 SEP 66 \$3

TYPE C(L)

HASLER

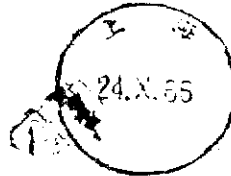
VALUE BOX IS UPRIGHT
RECTANGLE 29 x 31mm
WITH INNER RECTANGLE
SURROUNDING FIGURE OF
VALUE. THERE IS A
SEPARATE SINGLE CIRCULAR
TOWN/DATE MARK TO THE
LOWER LEFT.



C(L)1 NO PREFIX OR POSTFIX
VALUE FIGURES: *000.00
(the two banks right of
the decimal are smaller
than those to the left.)

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

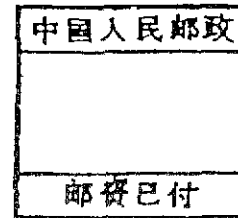
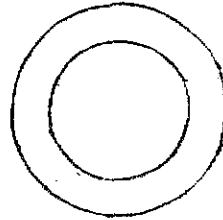
SHANGHAI 10:	24 OCT 66-	
	7 APR 67	\$20
SHANGHAI 11:	25 JUL 61-	
	30 JUN 64	\$10



TYPE C(M)

HASLER and AUTOMAX

FOR THE HASLER ("MAILMASTER" MODEL) THE VALUE BOX IS A HORIZONTAL RECTANGLE 30 x 28mm WITH A DOUBLE CIRCULAR TOWN/DATE MARK SEPARATE AND TO THE LEFT OF THE VALUE BOX

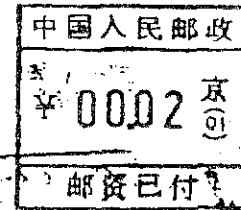
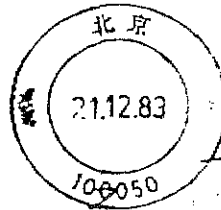


THE AUTOMAX IS THE SAME EXCEPT THE VALUE BOX

IS SHORTER (30 x 23-24mm). MANY OF THESE AND LATER TYPES ARE BEING USED FOR INTERNAL MAIL ONLY AND DO NOT HAVE BILINGUAL TOWNMARKS. THOSE LISTED WITH DERIVATIVE SYMBOLS (<, >) AROUND TOWN NAME ARE IN CHINESE ONLY.

STARTING WITH THIS METER TYPE, POSTAL ZONE NUMBERS ARE OFTEN FOUND IN THE TOWNMARK CIRCLE. THESE NUMBERS DIFFER FROM THE POST OFFICE BRANCH IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS FOUND USUALLY IN THE VALUE BOX. CONFUSION CAN ARISE WHEN THE BRANCH NUMBER IS LOCATED IN THE TOWNMARK CIRCLE AS FOUND ON TYPES C(M)2, 4 AND 6. IN THE LISTINGS THE ZONE NUMBERS ARE GIVEN IN PARENTHESES.

C(M)1 HASLER (PO Branch number at right side of value box)
PREFIX: ¥
VALUE FIGURES: 00.00
NO POSTFIX



EARLIEST DATE SEEN:
30 OCT 78

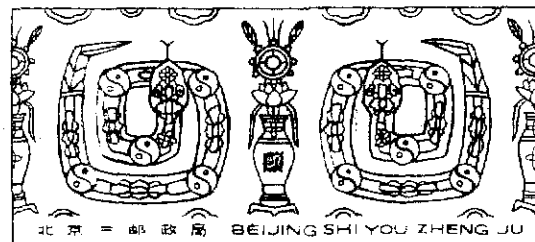
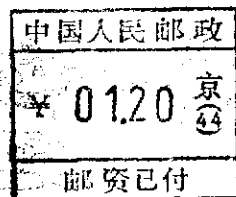
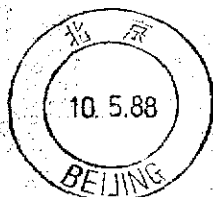
\$3

SEVERAL POS REPORTED (There are no doubt many others):

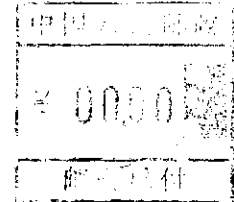
<BEIJING>: 10, 14, 19, 20 <BEIJING> (3): 15 <BEIJING> (5): 25
<BEIJING> (80): 17 <BEIJING> (83): 21 <BEIJING> (88): 17
<SHANGHAI> 08

- a. English town name in bottom of townmark: BEIJING: 44
- b. Meter number in parenthesis: <BEIJING>: 41, 4
 - <BEIJING> (5): 32 <BEIJING> (80): 54
 - <BEIJING> (100050): 01 <SHANGHAI>: 24
 - <KWANGTUNG SHUMCHUN>: 03, 13 <KWANGTUNG SHUMCHUN LO-WU>: 02

NOTE: BEIJING 44 was used by the Beijing Stamp Company to commemorate the years of the Dragon (1988) and the Snake (1989). The stamps were imprinted on paper tape with fancy underprinting and affixed to cacheted covers. The underprint of the Dragon is yellow, and that of the Snake is steel blue.

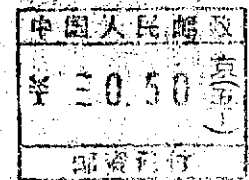


C(M)2 HASLER
 SIMILAR TO C(M)1 BUT THE
 VERTICAL INSCRIPTION,
 INCLUDING PO BRANCH NUMBER,
 ALONG THE RIGHT SIDE HAS BEEN
 REPLACED WITH A SOLID BLOCK.
 THE BRANCH NUMBER HAS BEEN
 MOVED TO THE TOWNMARK CIRCLE.



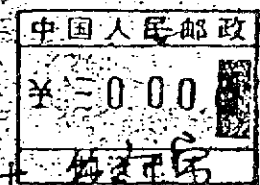
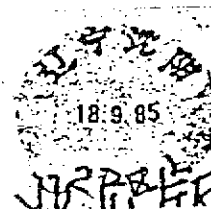
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 <CANTON> 14: 20 OCT 88-
 23 DEC 88 \$3
 <KWANGTUNG KWANG CHOW> 14:
 20 OCT 88-
 22 DEC 88 \$5
 <SHANSI TAI YUEN> (03002-2):
 23 MAR 87 \$5
 a. Townmark sideways:
 <CHENGDU> (610011): \$5

C(M)3 SIMILAR TO C(M)1 BUT AUTOMAX
 (VALUE BOX ONLY 23-24mm HIGH)
 PREFIX: ¥
 VALUE FIGURES: ≈0.00
 NO SUFFIX



KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 <BEIJING> (5) 1: 4 JAN 85 \$3
 a. Town name in English
 in bottom of TM:
 SHANGHAI 35: 30 SEP 87 \$3
 SHANGHAI 38: 10 AUG 89 \$3

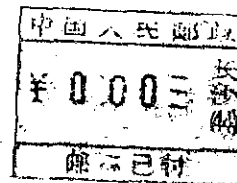
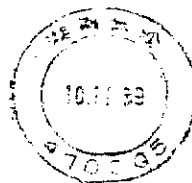
C(M)4 AUTOMAX
 SIMILAR TO C(M)3 BUT
 CHARACTERS ALONG RIGHT
 SIDE OF VALUE BOX ARE
 REPLACED BY A SOLID BLOCK.
 THE ONLY EXAMPLES SEEN HAVE
 RIMLESS TOWN/DATE MARKS.



KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 <LIAO NING SHENYANG> 21:
 18 SEP 85-
 18 JUN 89 \$10

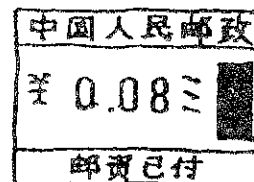
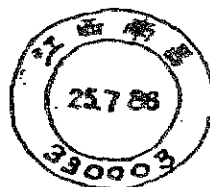
C(M)5 AUTOMAX
 SIMILAR TO C(M)3
 BUT VALUE FIGURES: 0.00≡
 (THIS IS A DECIMAL PRINTER.)

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 <HUNAN CHANGSHA> (410005) 44:
 10 NOV 89 \$3



C(M)6 AUTOMAX
 SIMILAR TO C(M)5 BUT
 CHARACTERS ALONG RIGHT
 SIDE OF VALUE BOX
 REPLACED BY SOLID BLOCK.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
 < BEIJING> 8: 20 JUL 87 \$3
 unidentified: 25 JUL 86 \$3
 <CANTON> 14: \$3
 <KWANG HSI>/<NAN CHUNG> (1):
 27 DEC 88 \$10

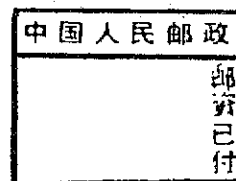
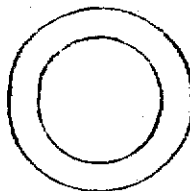


a. Town name in English
in bottom of TM:
 CANTON 14: \$3

TYPE C(N)

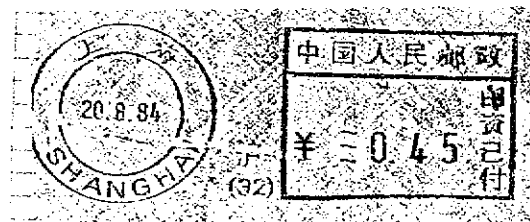
AUTOMAX

SIMILAR TO TYPE C(M) BUT THERE IS NO BOTTOM PANEL IN THE VALUE BOX. THE POST OFFICE BRANCH NUMBER IS OUTSIDE THE VALUE BOX IN PARENTHESIS BETWEEN THE TOWNMARK CIRCLE AND THE VALUE BOX.



C(N)1 PREFIX: Y
VALUE FIGURES: ≈0.00
NO SUFFIX

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
SHANGHAI 32: 20 JUL 84 \$5

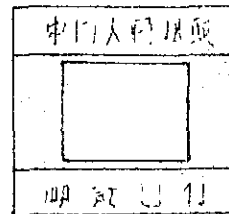
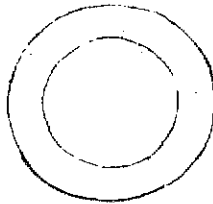


TYPE C(P)

HASLER

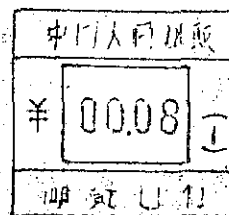
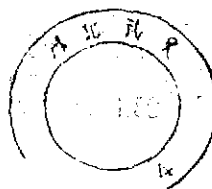
SIMILAR TO TYPE C(M) BUT AN INNER RECTANGLE HAS BEEN ADDED AROUND THE VALUE FIGURES.

USED FOR INTERNAL MAIL ONLY WITHOUT ENGLISH TOWN NAME. WESTERN MONTH IN DATE.



C(P)1 PREFIX: ¥
VALUE FIGURES: 00.00
NO SUFFIX

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
<HUPEH WUHAN>/(430004) 1:
14 JAN 89 \$5

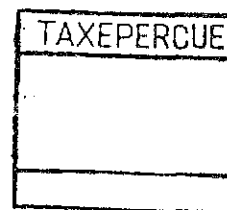
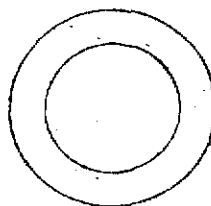


TYPE C(Q)

HASLER

SIMILAR TO TYPE C(M) BUT THE CHINESE CHARACTERS FOR "POSTAGE PAID" HAVE BEEN REMOVED. THE FRENCH PHRASE "TAXE PERCUE" (POSTAGE PAID) HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE TOP PANEL OF THE VALUE BOX, AND THE ENGLISH TOWN NAME IS FOUND IN THE BOTTOM PANEL.

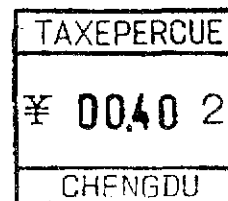
THE POST OFFICE BRANCH NUMBER IS RIGHT OF THE VALUE FIGURES. THE ONLY EXAMPLE SEEN HAS THE CHINESE TOWN NAME AT TOP OF CIRCULAR TOWNMARK AND THE POSTAL ZONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM. FOR OVERSEAS USE ONLY.



C(Q)1 PREFIX: ¥
VALUE FIGURES: 00.00
NO SUFFIX

CIRCULAR TOWNMARK READS:
<SZECHUAN POST> (610011)

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:
CHENGDU 2: 20 OCT 89 \$5

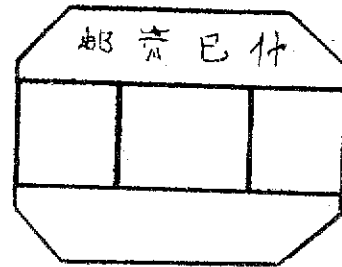
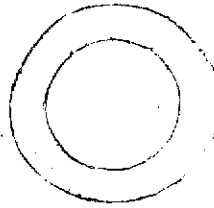


TYPE C(R)

HASLER

NEW DESIGN WITH OCTAGON FRAME.
THE CHINESE INSCRIPTION
"CHINESE PEOPLES POSTAL
SERVICE" IS NOT PRESENT.
ALONG THE TOP ARE THE
CHARACTERS FOR "POSTAGE PAID".

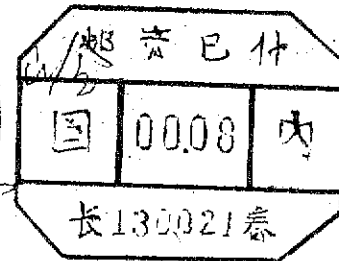
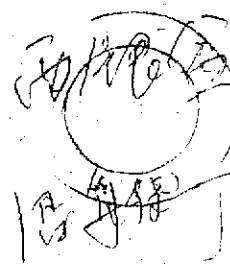
FLANKING THE VALUE FIGURES IN
THE CENTER ARE THE CHARACTERS
FOR "LOCAL". ALL EXAMPLES
SEEN HAVE THE TOWN NAME IN BOTH THE TOWNMARK CIRCLE AND THE
BOTTOM PANEL OF THE VALUE BOX. THE POSTAL ZONE NUMBER IS IN
THE BOTTOM OF THE VALUE BOX, AND THE BRANCH NUMBER IS IN THE
BOTTOM OF THE TOWNMARK CIRCLE.



C(R)1 PREFIX: ¥
VALUE FIGURES: 00.00
NO SUFFIX

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

<CHANG CHUN> (130021) 2:
8 APR 89-
22 SEP 89 \$5



REPUBLIC OF CHINA
(TAIWAN)

INTRODUCTION TO THE POSTAGE METERS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

Because Taiwan meters have not been comprehensively listed before (that we know of) a bit of meter lore may be helpful to the uninitiated. Automax and Pitney Bowes are the largest distributors of meters to Taiwan. Hasler also has a fair share of the market, and Universal Postal Frankers is represented by a small number of post office machines.

As on the mainland, meters were first installed only in post offices in Taiwan, but unlike on the mainland their use soon spread to private businesses. Because of this proliferation, it would be impractical to document the user/location of every meter number in Taiwan. We have tried to do that only for those meters known used in post offices and also for the early Hasler and Automax meters of which only a few were placed into private use.

Most R.O.C. post office meter imprints can be found only on paper labels, often with green or yellow background imprint reading in Chinese "Republic of China Postal Service". They are similar but not quite the same as meter paper tape.

Private users often advertise by use of a meter slogan to the left of the townmark. Existence of slogans is noted in the listings.



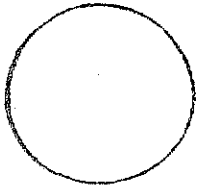
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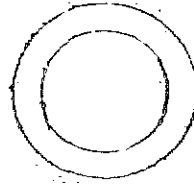
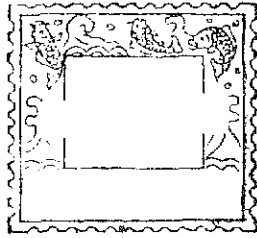
AIR MAIL

As an interesting sidelight one can often find R.O.C. registered mail envelopes affixed with registration labels having "(POSTAGE METER)" below the town name. This means that the postage was paid via meter, usually in the hands of a private user.

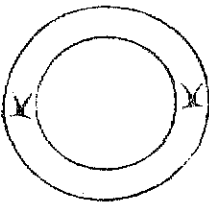
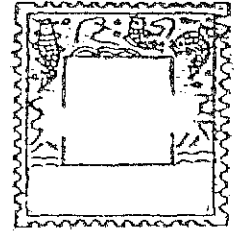
TYPE CHART FOR THE METERS OF TAIWAN



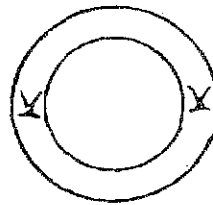
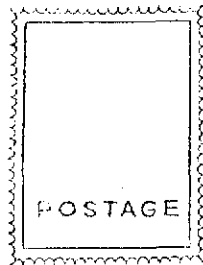
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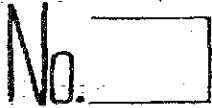
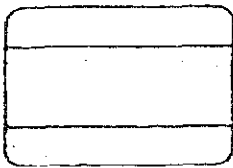
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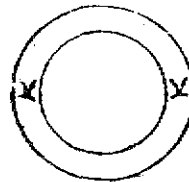
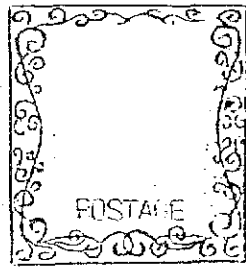
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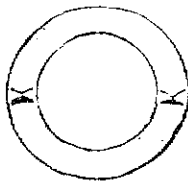
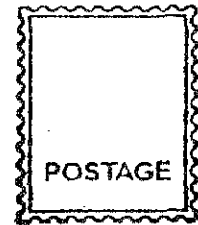
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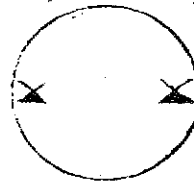
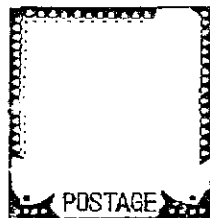
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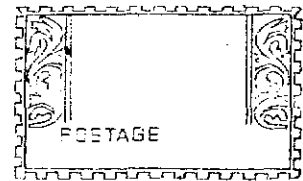
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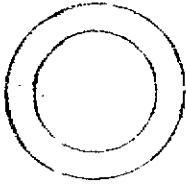
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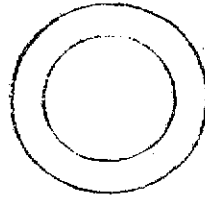
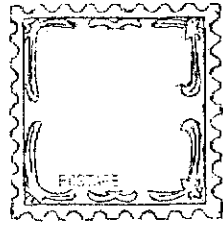
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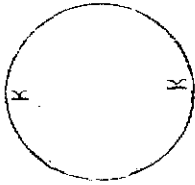
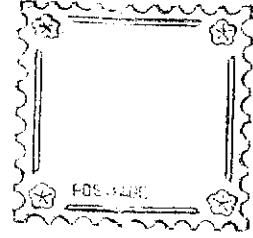
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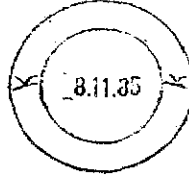
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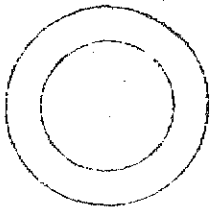
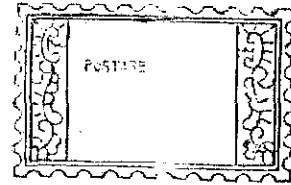
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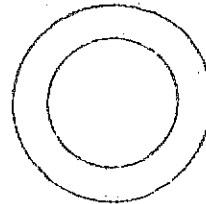
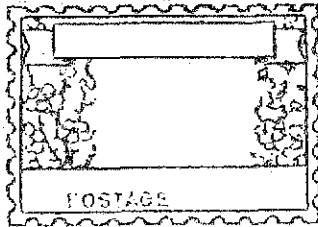
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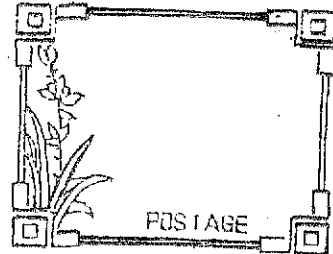
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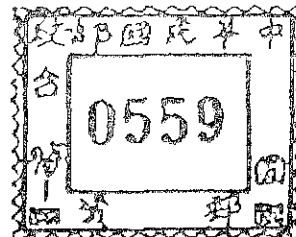
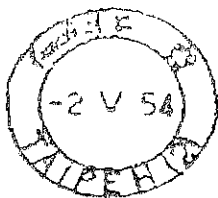
ESSAY TYPE F

UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS

HORIZONTAL RECTANGLE VALUE BOX WITH FAUX PERFORATION OUTER BORDER AND STRAIGHT-LINE INNER BORDER. A SEPARATE STRAIGHT LINE RECTANGLE SURROUNDS THE FOUR-BANK FIGURE OF VALUE. A SEPARATE DOUBLE CIRCLE TOWNMARK IS TO THE LEFT.

E-F1 "REPUBLIC OF CHINA" IN CHINESE
AT TOP. NO METER NUMBER
PRESENT.

VALUE FIGURES: 0000
NO PREFIX OR POSTFIX.
DATE FIGS: DAY MO YR
(Roman numeral month)



An actual example of this essay may not exist. It is known only through a Pitney Bowes publicity sheet released in the 1960s showing "acceptance of Pitney Bowes meters throughout the world". The date and townmark of the illustration are "TAIPEI" and "-2 V 54". Pitney Bowes absorbed Universal years after this essay was created. This explains its appearance in a Pitney Bowes publicity sheet.

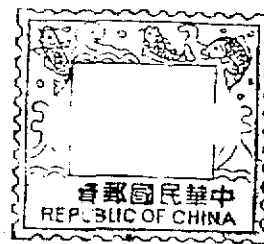
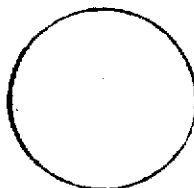
TYPE D(A)

UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS

HORIZONTAL RECTANGLE VALUE
BOX WITH FAUX PERFORATION
OUTER BORDER AND STRAIGHT-
LINE INNER BORDER.

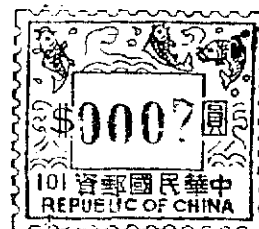
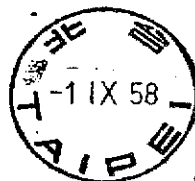
THE VALUE FIGURES ARE
SURROUNDED BY A SMALL SINGLE
LINE RECTANGLE. A DESIGN OF
CARP AND OTHER SYMBOLS FILL
THE SPACE BETWEEN THE INNER
RECTANGLE AND OUTER BORDER.

METER
NUMBER IS AT LOWER LEFT, AND COUNTRY INSCRIPTION AT BOTTOM.



D(A)1 USED AT TAIPEI POST OFFICE
FOR PARCEL POST.
RED IMPRESSION WITH
BLACK CONTROL NUMBER
APPLIED SEPARATELY.

PREFIX: \$
VALUE FIGURES: 0000
POSTFIX: YUAN
METER NO.: 101



SPAN OF DATES KNOWN:

1 JUL 58-12 DEC 62 \$25

D(A)2 SIMILAR TO D(A)1 BUT THE
LEFTMOST DIGIT OF THE
VALUE FIGURES HAS AN
ASTERISK IN PLACE OF
A ZERO: *000
METER NO.: 103
USED AT TAIPEI POST
OFFICE FOR PARCEL POST.

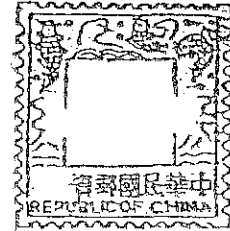
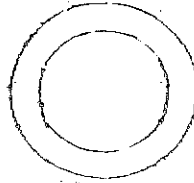


EARLIEST DATE KNOWN:

2 MAR 59 \$25

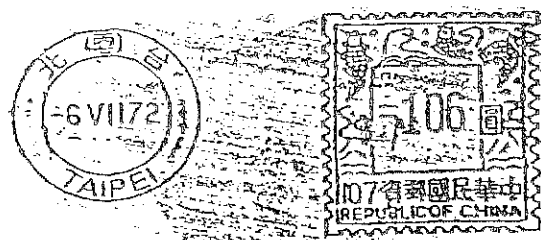
TYPE D(B) AUTOMAX (PITNEY BOWES OF GREAT BRITAIN)

SIMILAR TO TYPE D(A) BUT
THE VALUE BOX IS NARROWER,
APPROX. 28mm WIDE AS
OPPOSED TO 32-33mm WIDE.
ALL TOWNMARKS KNOWN ARE
DOUBLE CIRCLE.



D(B)1 FIRST USED IN 1972 AT
MAIN POST OFFICE, TAIPEI,
FOR PARCEL POST.

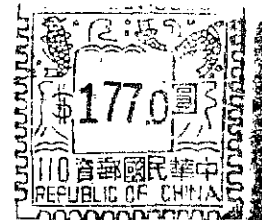
PREFIX: \$
VALUE FIGURES: =000
POSTFIX: YUAN



METERS/DATES/VALUE:

105 TAIPEI: 1972 \$50
107 TAIPEI: 1972 \$50

D(B)2 SIMILAR TO D(B)1 BUT
VALUE FIGURES: 000.0
(or possibly =00.0)
METER NUMBER: 110
(CHANGHWA)
ONLY KNOWN \$20



EARLIEST KNOWN USE:

28 SEP 79

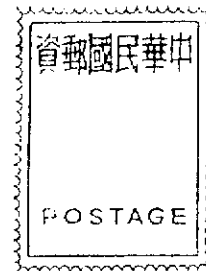
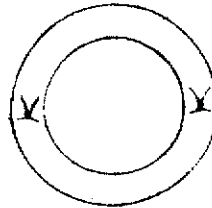
NOTE: Other D(B) type meters besides nos. 105, 107 and 110 possibly exist, but they have not been documented by the authors.

TYPE D(C)

HASLER

VERTICAL RECTANGLE VALUE
BOX WITH FAUX PERFORATION
OUTER BORDER AND STRAIGHT-
LINE INNER BORDER.

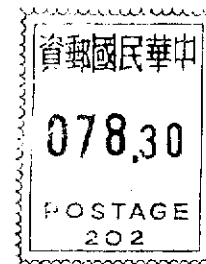
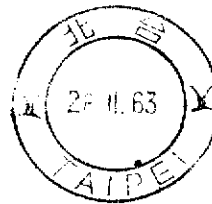
"REPUBLIC OF CHINA" IN
CHINESE AT TOP, AND
"POSTAGE" IN ENGLISH
AT BOTTOM. A SEPARATE
DOUBLE CIRCULAR TOWNMARK
IS TO THE LEFT.



D(C)1 NO PREFIX OR POSTFIX.
VALUE FIGURES: 000.00

DATE FIGURES SMALLER THAN
FOUND ON PREVIOUS TYPES,
WITH STOPS BETWEEN
DAY, MONTH AND YEAR.

DATES OF USE: 10 DEC 62-
some meters still in use



METERS KNOWN:

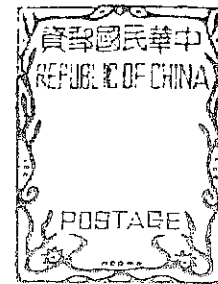
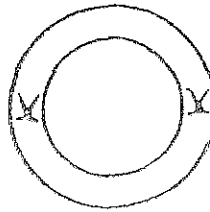
201: TAIPEI TAIWAN CHINA
202: TAIPEI
206: TAIPEI

NOTE: Meter 201 was used on mailings from the Directorate General
of Posts.

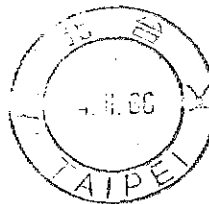
TYPE D(D)

HASLER

SIMILAR TO METER TYPE D(C)
BUT DIFFERENT BORDER AROUND
VALUE BOX. THE NEW BORDER
CONSISTS OF A SINGLE STRAIGHT
LINE WITH SIMPLIFIED
BRANCHES AND LEAVES.
"REPUBLIC OF CHINA" IN ENGLISH
HAS BEEN ADDED BELOW THE
CHINESE INSCRIPTION AT TOP.



D(D)1 THIS IS TYPE D(C)1
METER 201 USED BY
THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL
OF POSTS MODIFIED AS
STATED ABOVE.
FIRST SEEN IN MARCH 1965.
THE TOWNMARK HAS TWO
ORNAMENTS AT THE SIDES
BETWEEN THE INNER AND
OUTER RINGS. \$1

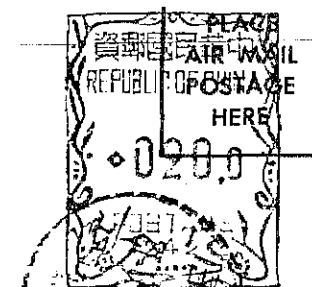
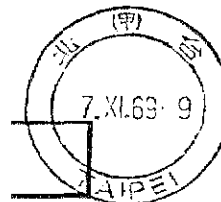
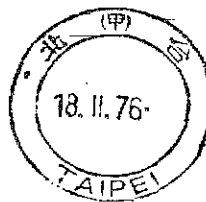
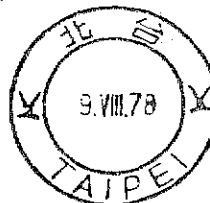


D(D)2 AS TYPE D(D)1 BUT WITH
VALUE FIGURES: $\diamond 000.0$

EARLIEST KNOWN USE:
7 SEP 69

METERS KNOWN:

- 201: TAIPEI
- 210:
- 214: TAIPEI
- 215: TAIPEI (Branch 9)
- 221: TAIPEI (Branch 67)
- 228: KEELUNG
- 263: TAIPEI (Branch 46)

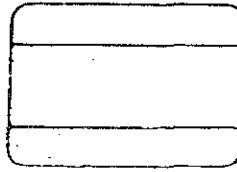


a. Distance between inner and outer circles of townmark smaller. Date figures centered to left with a stop centered after the year. A number for the hour can sometimes be found right of this stop:
242: TAIPEI (Main P.O.): 7 NOV 69 - 18 FEB 76 \$2

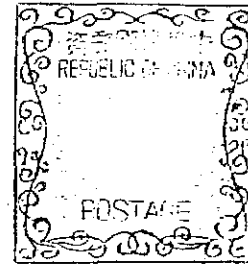
TYPE D(E)

HASLER

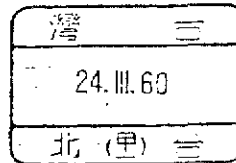
MODEL F88.
VALUE BOX HAS SINGLE LINE
OUTER FRAME LINE WITH
FILAGREE INNER ORNAMENTS.
METER NUMBER BELOW AND
OUTSIDE FRAME. RAISED
RECTANGULAR TOWNMARK WITH
ROUNDED CORNERS ABOVE
REGISTRATION NUMBER.



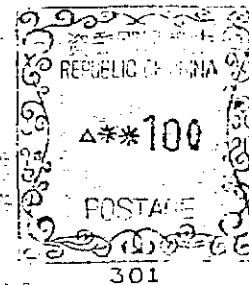
No.



D(E)1 UNIQUE EXAMPLE KNOWN
DATED 24 MAR 60
WITH ROMAN NUMERAL
MONTH.
NO PREFIX OR POSTFIX.
VALUE FIGURES: ^**000
RANGE: 001 TO 999999
(possibly 005 to 999995)



No. 0393



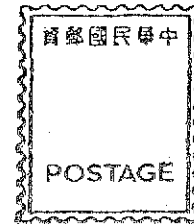
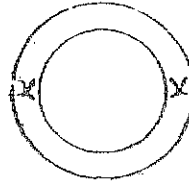
ONE METER KNOWN
<TAIWAN TAIPEI (A1)>
NUMBER 301. \$50

NOTE: It is likely this meter
was used for registered
mail only. It is not
known if other meters
of this type exist.

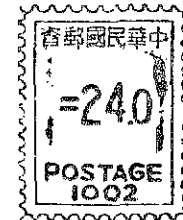
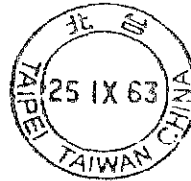
TYPE D(F)

AUTOMAX (PITNEY BOWES OF GREAT BRITAIN)

SMALL UPRIGHT VALUE BOX
(22 x 29mm) WITH FAUX
PERFORATION OUTER BORDER
AND STRAIGHT LINE INNER
BORDER. "REPUBLIC OF
CHINA" IN CHINESE AT TOP,
AND "POSTAGE" IN ENGLISH
AT BOTTOM. A SEPARATE
DOUBLE CIRCULAR TOWNMARK
IS TO THE LEFT.



D(F)1 VALUE FIGURES: =00.0
FIRST USED IN 1962. \$1

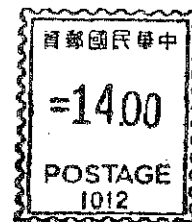
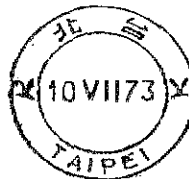


METERS KNOWN:

- 1001: TAIPEI TAIWAN CHINA (Bank of Taiwan)
- 1002: TAIPEI TAIWAN CHINA (Bank of Taiwan)
- 1003: TAIPEI TAIWAN CHINA (Free China Review)
- 1006: ? (Chang Hwa Letter Teaching School)
- 1007: TAIPEI (Overseas China Commercial Banking Corp.)*
- 1008: ? (China Petroleum Corp.)
- 1010: ? (Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission)
- 1011: ? (Taiwan Power Co.)

NOTE: This meter type is the first known used by private businesses rather than in post offices. Number 1007 is the first Chinese meter seen with a slogan.

D(F)2 SIMILAR TO D(F)1 BUT
VALUE FIGURES: =00.00
EARLIEST KNOWN USE:
30 APR 65 \$1



METERS KNOWN:

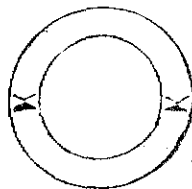
- 1012: TAIPEI (Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank)*
- 1013: TAIPEI (Industrial Development & Investment Center)*
- 1014: TAIPEI (International Commercial Bank of China)*
- 1015: CHUNGHING TAIWAN CHINA (Taiwan Provincial Admin.)
- 1016: TAIPEI (P.O. Box 3343, Taipei)
- 1017: TAIPEI (Bangkok Bank, Ltd.)
- 1018: TAIPEI (Bank of America)
- 1019: TAIPEI (Chang Hwa Commercial Bank Ltd.)*

* Known with slogan.

NOTE: Some type D(F) meter stamps are known printed in green and black as well as red.

TYPE D(G) AUTOMAX (PITNEY BOWES OF GREAT BRITAIN)

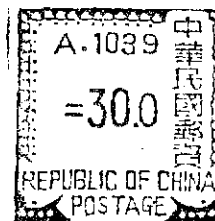
VALUE BOX LARGER THAN TYPE D(E). STRAIGHT LINE OUTER BORDER. WITHIN THE BORDER ARE DOTTED ORNAMENTS. "REPUBLIC OF CHINA" IN CHINESE READS DOWN ALONG RIGHTS SIDE AND IS IN ENGLISH AT BOTTOM ABOVE "POSTAGE".



D(G)1 FOUR DOTS IN EACH LOWER CORNER. VALUE FIGURES: =00.0

EARLIEST KNOWN USE:
19 NOV 66

METER Nos:
A.1020 - A.1342 KNOWN
NA.2044



- a. Three dots in each lower corner: A.1032
- b. POSTFIX missing: A.1124
- c. Spacing between townmark circles narrower: A.1026

NOTE: The digits in the meter numbers vary in size on different meters. The placement of denomination and the size of letters and numerals in the townmark can also vary. Slogans on meters of this type are common.

D(G)2 SIMILAR TO D(G)1 BUT VALUE FIGURES: =000.0

METER NUMBERS KNOWN/EKUs:
A.1343 to A.1409. 5 FEB 80
NA.3002 to NA.3044. 21 JAN 82
SA.3002 and SA.3004.18 FEB 82

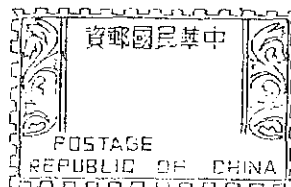
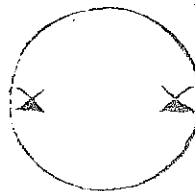


- A. Western month in date with stops between day, month and year: SA.3002, SA.3004, NA.3009, NA.3032, NA.3035
- B. Roman month in date, no stops: A.1343 up, NA.3002, SA.3002, NA.3006, NA.3014, NA.3015, NA.3020, NA.3021, NA.3028, NA.3044

TYPE D(H)

PITNEY BOWES

HORIZONTAL RECTANGLE VALUE
BOX WITH FAUX PERFORATION
OUTER BORDER AND STRAIGHT
LINE INNER BORDER. INNER
DOUBLE LINE COLUMNS LEFT
AND RIGHT OF VALUE FIGURES.
ORNAMENTAL DESIGN BETWEEN
OUTER AND INNER BORDERS.



"REPUBLIC OF CHINA"

IN CHINESE AT TOP AND IN ENGLISH AT BOTTOM BELOW
"POSTAGE". SINGLE LINE CIRCULAR TOWNMARK.

ALL EXAMPLES SEEN HAVE WESTERN MONTH IN DATE WITH STOPS.

D(H)1 VALUE FIGURES: ≈00.0

EARLIEST KNOWN USE:

10 NOV 68

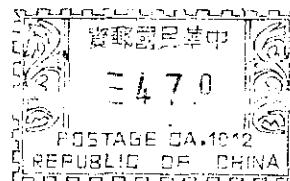
METER NUMBERS KNOWN:

A.1015 - A.1413

CA.1005 - CA.1021

NA.1004 - NA.1047

SA.1002 - SA.1088



D(H)2 AS D(H)1 BUT
VALUE FIGURES: ≈00.00

EARLIEST KNOWN USE:

19 JAN 83

A. SMALL LETTERS IN TM

A.1212

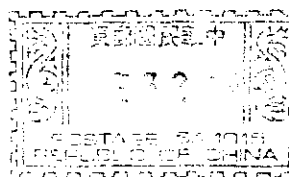
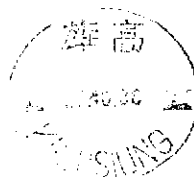
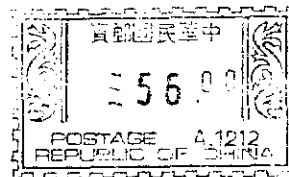
NA.1052 - NA.1291

B. LARGE LETTERS IN TM

CA.1037

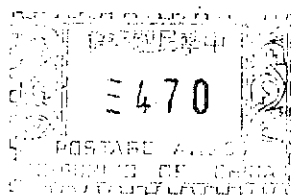
NA.1051

SA.1013, SA.1015



D(H)3 AS D(H)1 BUT
VALUE FIGURES: 000

METER No.:
A.1297: TAIPEI



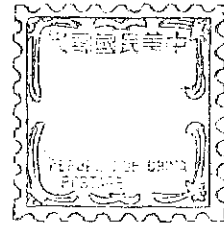
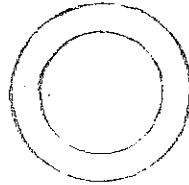
NOTE: An example with a two-bank value figure (00) has been reported on meter no. 1368 from Kaohsiung but has not been verified by the authors.

TYPE D(J)

AUTOMAX (PITNEY BOWES OF GREAT BRITAIN)

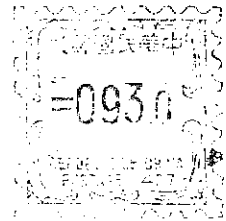
UPRIGHT VALUE BOX (27 x
(29mm) WITH FAUX
PERFORATION OUTER BORDER
AND STRAIGHT LINE INNER
BORDER.

"REPUBLIC OF CHINA"
IN CHINESE AT TOP AND
IN ENGLISH AT BOTTOM
ABOVE "POSTAGE".
ORNAMENTAL INNER BORDER.



D(J)1 VALUE FIGURES: =000.o
The Post Office branch number
is usually found in parenthesis
at top of townmark in Chinese
or Arabic numerals.

EARLIEST KNOWN USE:
20 AUG 77



METER NUMBERS KNOWN:

400 to 601 (not all numbers seen)
C001, C009, N001, N009 and N046

A. Arabic month in date
with stops between day,
month and year:

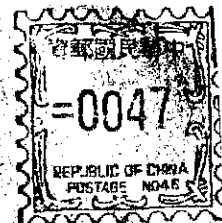
500: TAIPEI (A2)
510: KAOHSIUNG
532: TAIPEI (53)
561: MINSIUNG (A)
572: MUCHA (1)
577: PANKIAO (8)
583: CHUNGLI (12)
599: TANSHUI (1)
601: TAICHUNG (17)
C009: CHANGHWA (C1)
N001: TAIPEI (87)
N009: TAIPEI (25)

B. Roman month in date,
no stops:

405: TAIPEI (8)
407: TAIPEI (16)
410: TAIPEI (24)
418: TAIPEI (34)
428: TAIPEI (56)
432: TAIPEI (68)
437: TAICHUNG (4)
481: TAIPEI (C1)
485: TAIPEI (C5)
489: TAIPEI (A4)
561:

D(J)2 AS D(H)1 A, BUT
VALUE FIGURES: =0000

ONE METER KNOWN/EKU:
N046: TAIPEI (A3): 20 AUG 77

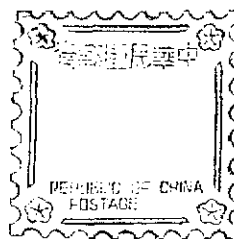
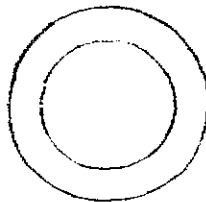


TYPE D(K)

HASLER

NEARLY SQUARE (30MM) VALUE
BOX WITH FAUX PERFORATION
OUTER BORDER AND A FLOWER
IN EACH CORNER.

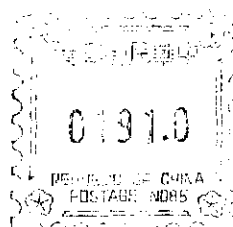
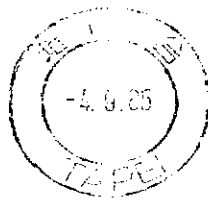
"REPUBLIC OF CHINA" IN
CHINESE AT TOP AND IN
ENGLISH AT BOTTOM
ABOVE "POSTAGE".



D(K)1 VALUE FIGURES: 0000.0

ONE METER KNOWN:
N085: TAIPEI

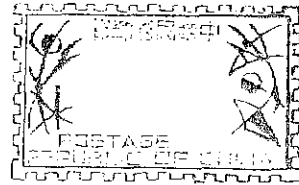
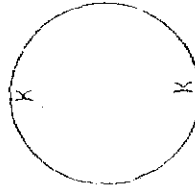
EARLIEST KNOWN USE:
4 SEP 85



TYPE D(L)

PITNEY BOWES

SIMILAR TO TYPE D(H) WITH HORIZONTAL RECTANGLE VALUE BOX WITH FAUX PERFORATION OUTER BORDER AND STRAIGHT LINE INNER BORDER. AN ABSTRACT DESIGN REPLACES THE ORNAMENTAL DESIGN AND INNER COLUMNS.

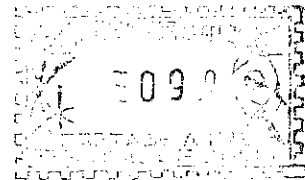


"REPUBLIC OF CHINA" IN CHINESE AT TOP AND IN ENGLISH AT BOTTOM BELOW "POSTAGE". SINGLE LINE CIRCULAR TOWNMARK. ALL EXAMPLES SEEN HAVE WESTERN MONTH IN DATE WITH STOPS.

D(L)1 VALUE FIGURES: ≈ 00.0
EARLIEST KNOWN USE: 25 APR 66

METER NUMBERS KNOWN:

- A.1141: TAIPEI
- A.1147: CHUNGLI
- A.1148: TAIPEI
- A.1150: TAIPEI
- A.1157: TAIPEI
- A.1160: TAIPEI



TYPE D(M)

PITNEY BOWES

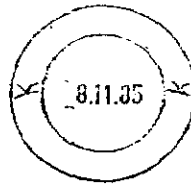
SIMILAR TO TYPES D(H) AND D(L)
BUT DOUBLE LINE INNER BORDER
INSTEAD OF SINGLE LINE.

A HIGHLY ABSTRACTED DRAGON
DESIGN RUNS ALONG THE LEFT
AND RIGHT SIDES.

"REPUBLIC OF CHINA" IN
CHINESE AND ENGLISH AT TOP.

"POSTAGE" IS ALSO AT TOP.

ALL EXAMPLES SEEN HAVE DOUBLE CIRCLE TOWNMARKS AND
ARABIC MONTH IN DATE WITH STOPS.

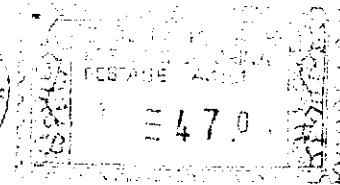


D(M)1 VALUE BOX APPROX. 44mm WIDE
VALUE FIGURES: 400.0
EARLIEST KNOWN USE:
8 SEP 75

METER NUMBERS KNOWN:

A.1151: TAIPEI

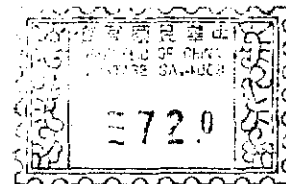
A.1165: TAIPEI



D(M)2 AS D(M)1 BUT
NARROWER VALUE BOX,
APPROX. 36-37mm WIDE.

EARLIEST KNOWN USE:
8 NOV 85

METER NUMBERS IN
NA. OR SA.4000 SERIES



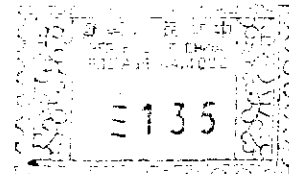
D(M)3 AS D(M)2 BUT
VALUE FIGURES: 4000

EARLIEST KNOWN USE:
31 JAN 85

METER NUMBERS KNOWN:

NA.4002: TAIPEI

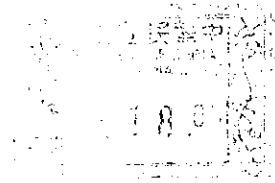
NA.4032: TAIPEI



D(M)4 AS D(M)2 BUT
VALUE FIGURES: ≈00.00

EARLIEST KNOWN USE:
23 OCT 87

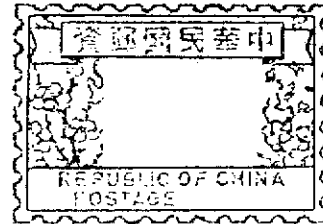
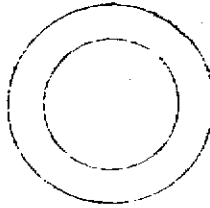
METER NUMBERS KNOWN:
NA.4050: TAIPEI
NA.4052: TAIPEI
NA.4090: TAIPEI



TYPE D(N)

HASLER

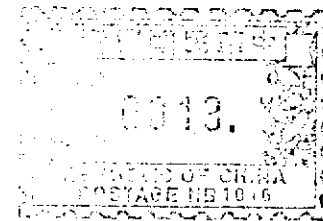
"MAILMASTER" MODEL.
VALUE BOX LARGE HORIZONTAL
RECTANGLE (40 x 29mm) WITH
FAUX PERFORATION OUTER
BORDER AND SINGLE STRAIGHT
LINE INNER BORDER.
"REPUBLIC OF CHINA" IN
CHINESE WITHIN SCROLL AT
TOP AND IN PANEL IN ENGLISH
AT BOTTOM ABOVE "POSTAGE".
FLORAL DESIGN AT LEFT AND RIGHT.
SEPARATE DOUBLE CIRCLE TOWNMARK.



D(N)1 VALUE FIGURES: 0000.

EARLIEST KNOWN USE:
20 JUN 85

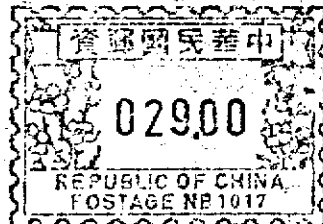
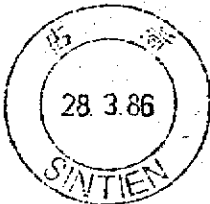
METER NUMBERS KNOWN:
NB 1016: TAIPEI
SB 1002:



D(N)2 AS D(N)1 BUT
VALUE FIGURES: 000.00

EARLIEST KNOWN USE:
28 MAR 86

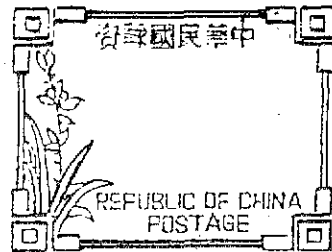
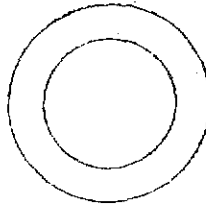
METER NUMBERS KNOWN:
NB 1017: SINTIEN



TYPE D(P)

HASLER

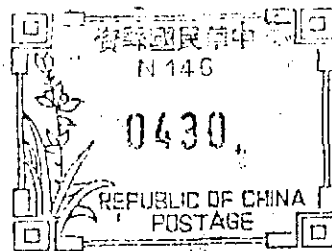
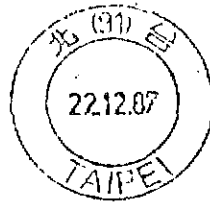
"MAILMASTER" MODEL.
VALUE BOX LARGER THAN ON
TYPE D(M) (41-42 x 32m).
BORDER CONSISTS OF GEOMETRIC
PATTERN OF SQUARES AND LINES
WITH A SPRAY OF FLOWERS
ALONG THE LEFT SIDE.
"REPUBLIC OF CHINA" IN
CHINESE AT TOP AND IN ENGLISH
AT BOTTOM ABOVE "POSTAGE".
SEPARATE DOUBLE CIRCLE TOWNMARK.



D(P)1 VALUE FIGURES: 0000.

EARLIEST KNOWN USE:
22 DEC 87

METER NUMBERS KNOWN:
N146: TAIPEI (91)
(Probably a Post Office
machine)



NON-METERED
"POSTAGE PAID"
INDICIA

NON-METERED "POSTAGE PAID" INDICIA PRINTING MACHINES

Although not limited to such use "Postage Paid" stamps are most commonly found on bulk mail, i.e. bundles of many pieces of mail identical in size and weight. The mailer pays the required postage according to the weight of the bundle rather than by the piece. The mailer ususally has the option of applying the postage markings himself before he takes the lot to the post office or have the post office apply the markings after he drops it off and pays for it. Generally speaking those 'Postage Paid' stamps applied by the mailer are preprinted directly on the envelope while those applied by the post office are hand- or machine-stamped.

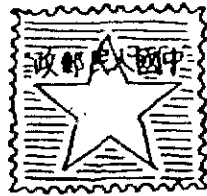
Preprinted and hand-stamped 'Postage Paid' markings are beyond the scope of this catalog. We cover here the machine-stamped 'Postage Paid' markings applied at Post Offices.

Little is known about the dedicated 'Postage Paid' indicia printing machines used in China. We suspect they are of local manufacture, but even this we have not been able to verify. Our coverage is undoubtedly incomplete since little has been written about them before. We welcome and urge readers who have additional information about these markings to contact the authors.

The earliest 'Postage Paid' machine stamps we are aware of were used in the Peoples Republic in 1950. No such stamps have yet been seen from the pre-communist period.

TYPE CHART OF 'POSTAGE PAID' MACHINE STAMPS

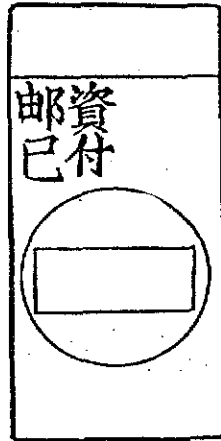
(PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA)



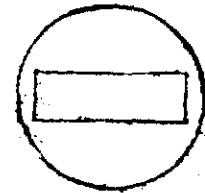
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PP-C(A)



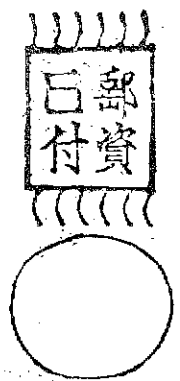
PP-C(B)



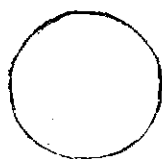
PP-C(C)

TYPE CHART OF 'POSTAGE PAID' MACHINE STAMPS

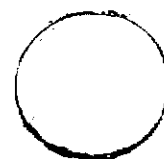
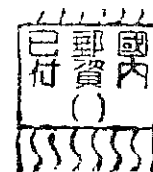
(TAIWAN)



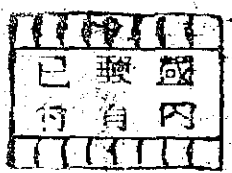
PP-D(A)



PP-D(B)



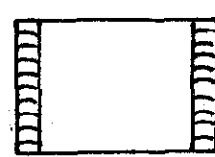
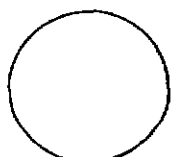
PP-D(C)



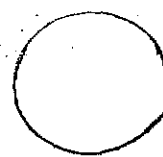
PP-D(D)



PP-D(E)



PP-D(F)



TYPE PP-C(A) THE SO-CALLED "RED STAR" MACHINE

VERTICAL DESIGN WITH VALUE BOX ABOVE AND SEPARATE FROM THE CIRCULAR TOWN/DATE MARK. VALUE BOX HAS SINGLE LINE SIMULATED PERFORATION BORDER. SURROUNDING THE FIGURE OF VALUE IS A FIVE-POINTED STAR.

THE MACHINE LOCATION NUMBER IS OUTSIDE AND BETWEEN THE TOWNMARK AND VALUE BOX. (MORGAN AND OTHERS IDENTIFIED THIS AS A METER.)



PP-C(A)1

NO PREFIX OR SUFFIX

VALUE FIGURES: 000

(800 is only value known)

ARABIC MONTH IN DATE



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KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

SHANGHAI 10: 19 MAY 50 \$75

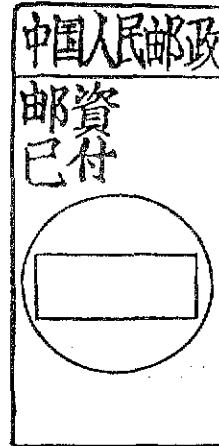
SHANGHAI 11: 20 MAY 50 75



TYPE PP-C(B)

VERTICAL DESIGN WITH VALUE
BOX ABOVE THE CIRCULAR
TOWN/DATE MARK ALL ENCLOSED
IN A SINGLE STRAIGHT LINE
OUTER BORDER.

THE FIGURE OF VALUE IS NOT
ADJUSTABLE OR VARIABLE AS
IT IS ON METERS BUT IS AN
INTEGRAL PART OF THE FRANK
DIE.



PP-C(B)1

FIXED VALUE: 4 FEN

DATE FIGURES: 4-DIGIT YEAR

FOLLOWED BY ARABIC MONTH,
DAY AND HOUR, ALL SEPARATED
BY STOPS.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

SHANGHAI A15: 4 APR 62 \$40

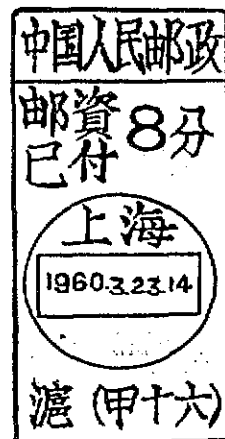
PP-C(B)2

AS PP-C(B)1 BUT

FIXED VALUE: 8 FEN

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES/VALUE:

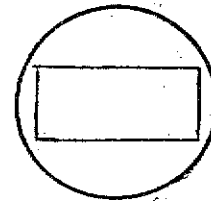
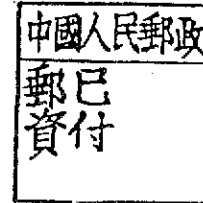
SHANGHAI A16: 23 MAR 60 \$40



TYPE PP-C(C)

SIMILAR TO TYPE PP-C(B).
VERTICAL DESIGN WITH VALUE
BOX ABOVE THE CIRCULAR
TOWN/DATE MARK, BUT THERE
IS NO OUTER BORDER.

ON SOME MACHINES THE FOUR
CHARACTERS FOR "POSTAGE PAID"
ARE READ VERTICALLY LEFT
TO RIGHT, AND ON OTHERS
HORIZONTALLY RIGHT TO LEFT.
THE NUMBERS ON THESE MARKINGS
APPEAR TO BE POST OFFICE BRANCH DESIGNATORS.



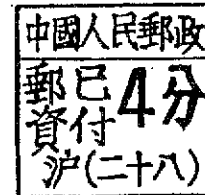
PP-C(C)1

FIXED VALUE: 4 FEN \$30

A. "POSTAGE PAID" HORIZONTAL:
SHANGHAI 24: 18 OCT 61

B. "POSTAGE PAID" VERTICAL:
SHANGHAI 28: 11 APR 60-
25 OCT 61
SHANGHAI 51: 5 JUN 61-
21 SEP 67

a. PO Branch number in the townmark:
BEIJING 1 (vertical): 17 JUN 65
BEIJING 12 : 14 MAR 76
BEIJING 19 : 13 MAY 64



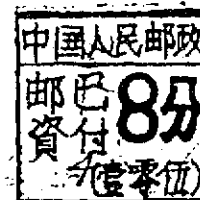
PP-C(C)2

FIXED VALUE: 8 FEN \$30

A. "POSTAGE PAID" HORIZONTAL:
SHANGHAI 18: 24 OCT 61-
4 NOV 62
SHANGHAI 28: 23 OCT 61-
17 APR 62

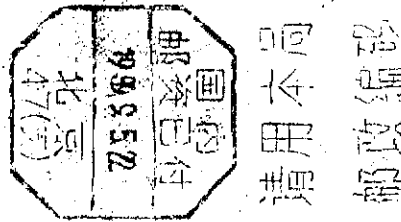
B. "POSTAGE PAID" VERTICAL:
SHANGHAI 30: 24 APR 61
SHANGHAI 32: 25 OCT 61
SHANGHAI 35: 10 OCT 61-
23 OCT 61
SHANGHAI 59: 8 MAR 62

a. Branch number in the townmark:
SHANGHAI (12 in townmark, 5 in value box): 14 MAR 76



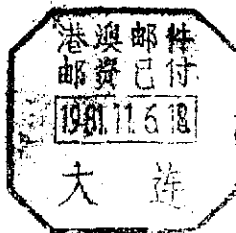
TYPE PP-C(D)

OCTAGONAL (SQUARE WITH TRUNCATED CORNERS) DESIGN.
 A LARGE NUMBER OF 'POSTAGE PAID' HAND STAMPS OF THIS SHAPE
 HAVE BEEN IN USE IN THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC FROM THE 1950s.
 IN RECENT YEARS MACHINES HAVE BEEN USED TO APPLY THEM TO
 MAIL. THE AUTHORS ARE NOT FAMILIAR ENOUGH WITH THESE TO
 BE ABLE TO EASILY DIFFERENTIATE THE HAND STAMPS FROM THE
 MACHINE STAMPS, BUT WE ILLUSTRATE HERE SOME EXAMPLES
 POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS APPLIED BY MACHINES. EVIDENCE OF
 MACHINE APPLICATION INCLUDES IMPRESSIONS THAT ARE REPEATED
 AT REGULAR INTERVALS (ON LARGE COVERS) AND TYPICAL MACHINE
 OFFSET SMEARS ON THE REVERSE.

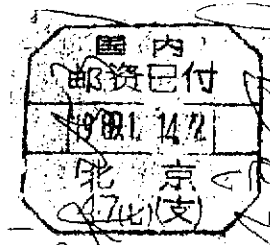


PEKING 47 (branch)

Slogan reads <PLEASE USE POSTAL CODE OF THE POST OFFICE>.



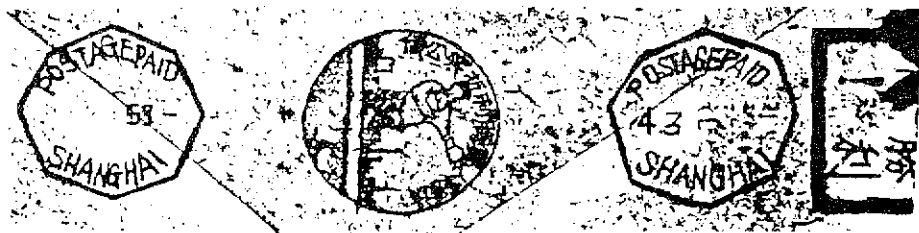
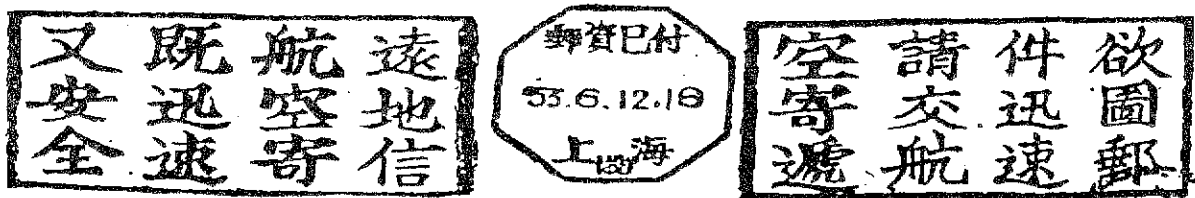
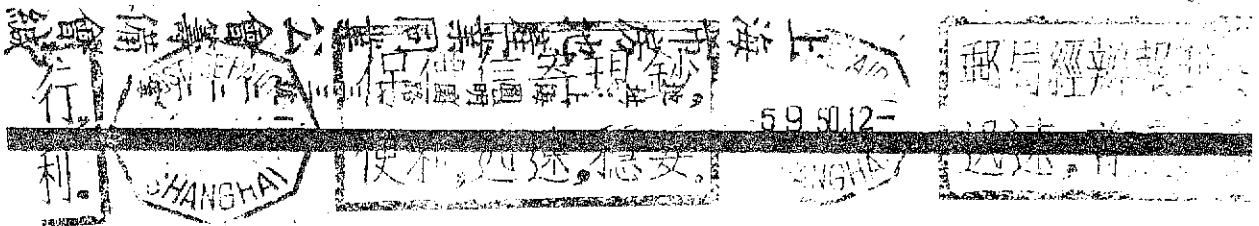
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PEKING 47 (branch) (7)

TYPE PP-C(E)

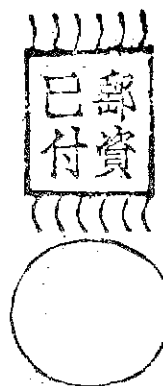
'POSTAGE PAID' MARKING APPLIED BY CANCELLATION MACHINE. THERE ARE SEVERAL SUCH MARKINGS KNOWN APPLIED BY A CONTINUOUS OR REPEATING CANCELLER. WITHIN THE TOWNMARK CIRCLE ARE THE WORDS "POSTAGE PAID" IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, SOMETIMES ONLY IN CHINESE. THE KILLER PORTION OF THE CANCEL USUALLY CONTAINS A SLOGAN IN CHINESE. WE MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO CATEGORIZE THESE MARKINGS AND SIMPLY ILLUSTRATE THOSE WE ARE AWARE OF.



TYPE PP-D(A)

VERTICAL STAMP FOR DOMESTIC
MAIL ONLY. THE INDICIA
CONTAINS THE FOUR CHARACTERS
FOR <POSTAGE PAID>.

THIS IS A CONTINUOUS OR
REPEATING STAMP. MULTIPLE
IMPRESSIONS ARE USUALLY
FOUND ON LARGE COVERS.
DATE FIGURES IN THREE LINES:
YEAR / (Western) MONTH.DAY / HOUR.



PP-D(A)1
TOWNMARK BELOW INDICIUM.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES:

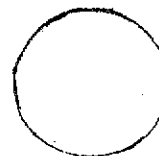
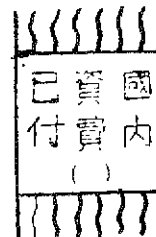
CHIAYI: 31 DEC 52-26 DEC 56
TAICHUNG: 26 DEC 47-27 DEC 58
TAIPEI: 27 DEC 47

a. TOWNMARK ABOVE: TAIPEI (20 DEC 44)



TYPE PP-D(B)

VERTICAL DOMESTIC STAMP AS TYPE PP-D(A) BUT THE INDICIA CONTAIN SIX CHARACTERS THAT TRANSLATE ROUGHLY TO <LOCAL POSTAGE PAID> PLUS IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF SOME SORT THAT EVIDENCE INDICATES IS NOT A POST OFFICE BRANCH NUMBER. MOST HAVE PARENTHETICAL CHARACTER ABBREVIATION FOR <LETTER CLERK> (亭) IN THE CIRCULAR TOWNMARK. THE SIZE OF INDICIA AND DISTANCE BETWEEN INDICIUM AND TOWNMARK VARIES. DATE FIGURES AS FOR TYPE PP-D(A).

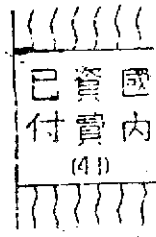


PP-D(B)1
TOWNMARK BELOW INDICIUM.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES:

<KAOHSIUNG> (51): 28 DEC 54-31 DEC 56
<TAINAN> (41): 25 DEC 58-18 DEC 60

- a. English town name:
TAINAN (41): 29 DEC 54
TAIPEI (3): 20 DEC 51
TAIPEI (4): 13 APR 49-30 MAY 49
- b. Townmark above indicium:
<TAIPEI> (1): 28 DEC 54-31 DEC 55
<TAIPEI> (2): 31 DEC 56
- c. As 'a.' and with townmark below
but inverted: TAIPEI (2): 28 DEC 50



PP-D(B)2
AS PP-D(B)1 BUT WAVY LINES ABOVE AND BELOW INDICIUM ARE MUCH LONGER (15 to 20mm).

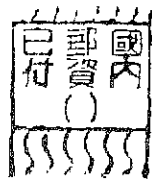
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES:

TAIPEI (1): 23 DEC 59



TYPE PP-D(C)

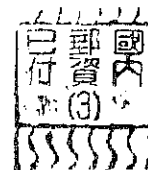
VERY SIMILAR TO TYPE
PP-D(B) BUT THE SIX
CHARACTERS INSIDE
THE INDICIUM ARE
SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT.
THEY CAN BE TRANSLATED
ROUGHLY AS <LOCAL FEE
PAID>.



PP-D(C)1
TOWNMARK BELOW INDICIUM.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES:

- <CHIAYI> (61): date unreadable
- <PINGTUNG> (1): 23 DEC 64
- <TAINAN> (1): 28 JUN 65



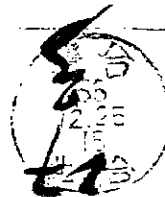
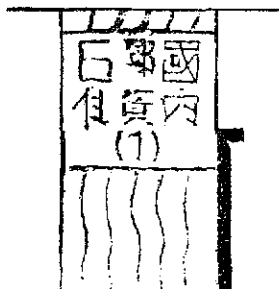
- a. Townmark above indicium:
<KEELUNG> (1): 6 JUN 66
- b. With parenthetical character abbreviation for
<Printed Matter Clerk> () in the townmark:
<TAIPEI> (2): 13 DEC 61
<TAIPEI> (3): 11 NOV 64
- c. As 'a.' with townmark above but with one line
date (YEAR.MONTH.DAY-HOUR):
<TAIPEI> (5): 29 FEB 72



PP-D(C)2
AS PP-D(C)1 BUT WAVY LINES
ABOVE AND BELOW INDICIUM
ARE MUCH LONGER (15 to 20mm).

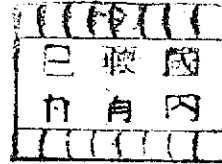
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES:

- TAIPEI (1): 25 DEC 55



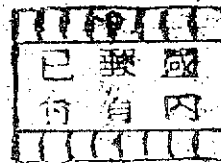
TYPE PP-D(D)

SIMILAR TO TYPE PP-D(E)
BUT THE ORIENTATION IS
HORIZONTAL RATHER THAN
VERTICAL. THE TOWNMARK
IS ON THE RIGHT, AND
THE SHORT WAVY LINES
ARE ABOVE AND BELOW THE
INDICIUM. THIS IS
POSSIBLY A HASLER PRODUCT.



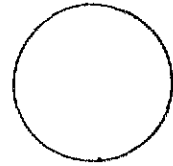
PP-D(D)1
SINGLE LINE DATE:
DAY.MONTH.YEAR.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES:
TAIPEI: 18 APR 53

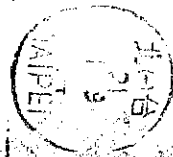
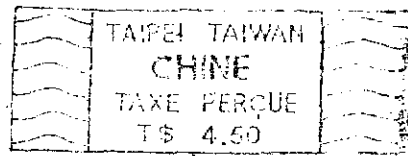


TYPE PP-D(E)



HORIZONTAL DESIGN WITH
VALUE BOX BETWEEN WAVY
LINES ON LEFT AND RIGHT
ALL ENCLOSED IN A SINGLE
SINGLE STRAIGHT LINE
BORDER. A SEPARATE
CIRCULAR TOWNMARK READING
UP OR DOWN IS FOUND USUALLY
TO RIGHT OF THE BOX.



PP-D(E)1
FOUR LINE INSCRIPTION
IN VALUE BOX:
(TOWN) TAIWAN
CHINE
TAX PERCUE
(VALUE)



2-LINE DATE: DAY MONTH(ARABIC)/YEAR
WITH HOUR ABOVE.
PREFIX: T\$
VALUE FIGURES: 0.00
SIZE OF LETTERS IN VALUE BOX VARIES.

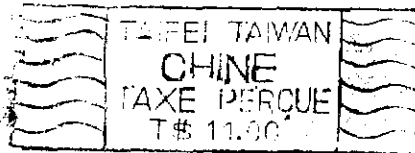
A. WAVY LINES AT SIDES OF BOX HAVE SINGLE CENTRAL HUMP: 
B. WAVY LINES AT SIDES OF BOX FORM COMPLETE SINE WAVE: 

KNOWN POs/SPAN OF DATES:

(A) TAIPEI 1: 8 JUN 71- 9 APR 74
(B) TAIPEI 1: 27 DEC 79
TAIPEI 2: 27 MAY 77-30 APR 79

a. With townmark on left: TAIPEI 1

PP-D(E)2
AS PP-D(E)1B BUT
FOUR BANK FIGURE
OF VALUE: 00.00

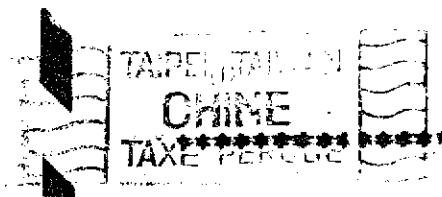


KNOWN POs/SPAN OF DATES:

TAIPEI: (date not known,
town/date mark off cover)

PP-D(E)3
THREE LINE INSCRIPTION:

(TOWN) (PO #) TAIWAN
CHINE
TAX PERCUE



TOWNMARK ON RIGHT.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES:
TAIPEI 1: 5 MAY 81-11 FEB 83

PP-D(E)4
THREE LINE INSCRIPTION:

(TOWN) TAIWAN
CHINE
PORT PAYÉ

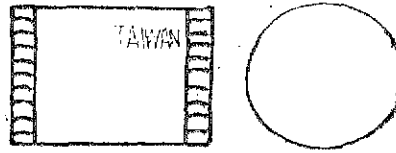


TOWNMARK ON RIGHT.

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES:
TAIPEI 2: 24 NOV 81

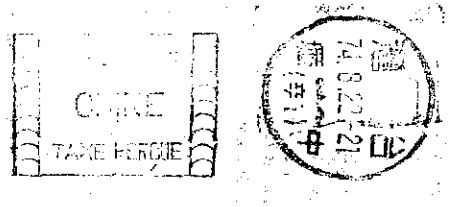
TYPE PP-D(F)

HORIZONTAL DESIGN WITH
VALUE BOX BETWEEN WAVY
LINES ON LEFT AND RIGHT
ALL ENCLOSED IN A SINGLE
STRAIGHT LINE BORDER.
THE WAVY LINES ARE MUCH
SHORTER (ONLY 3mm) THAN
ON TYPE PP-D(A).
A SEPARATE CIRCULAR
TOWNMARK IS FOUND USUALLY
TO THE RIGHT.



PP-D(F)1
THREE LINE INSCRIPTION:

(TOWN) TAIWAN
CHINE
TAXE PERCUE



TOWNMARK ON RIGHT CONTAINS
CHARACTER ABBREVIATION FOR
<CLERK> (中) AND NUMBER.

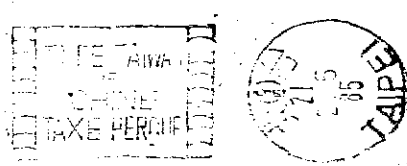
SINGLE LINE DATE: YR.MO.DAY-HR

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES:

CHUNGLI 1: 22 AUG 74-
25 SEP 75
CHUNGLI 2: 30 SEP 76-
25 MAR 77

a. Townmark on left without English town name:
CHUNGLI 1 (21 NOV 75).

PP-D(F)2
AS PP-D(F)1 BUT WITH
POST OFFICE BRANCH
NUMBER IN PARENTHESIS
ABOVE "CHINE".



TOWNMARK ON RIGHT READS UP OR DOWN.
2-LINE DATE: DAY MONTH (Western)/
YEAR WITH HOUR ABOVE.

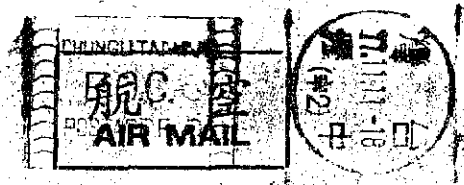
KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES:

TAIPEI 5 <CLERK 4>: 2 MAY 85

a. With townmark on left: TAIPEI 5 (7 MAR 86 - 26 MAR 87).

PP-D(F)3
INSCRIPTION READS:

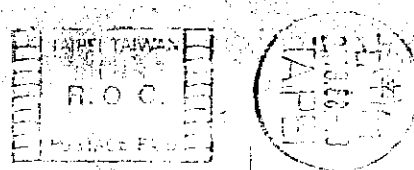
(TOWN) TAIWAN
R. O. C.
POSTAGE PAID



TOWNMARK ON RIGHT.
SINGLE LINE DATE: YR.MO.DAY-HR

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES:
CHUNG LI <CLERK> 2: 11 NOV 77

PP-D(F)4
AS PP-D(F)3 BUT WITH
POST OFFICE BRANCH
NUMBER IN PARENTHESIS
ABOVE "R.O.C."



TOWNMARK ON RIGHT.
SINGLE LINE DATE: YR.MO.DAY-HR

KNOWN POS/SPAN OF DATES:
TAIPEI 1: 21 OCT 88

SEQUENCE OF DIE CHANGES OF ALL KNOWN MAINLAND
METERS IN USE BEFORE THE 1970s

METER NUMBER	T Y P E S E Q U E N C E			
AMOY 1	<u>A(B)9</u> 26 JUL 49			
BEIJING -	<u>C(G)1</u> 15 OCT 57 27 JUL 59			
CANTON 1	<u>A(B)10</u> * 11 MAR 49	<u>A(B)2</u> 2 APR 49 26 APR 49	<u>A(B)3</u> 29 APR 49	<u>A(B)5</u> 11 JUN 49 2 JUL 49
CANTON 2	<u>A(B)2</u> no date	<u>A(B)4</u> 10 MAY 49 13 JUN 49		
CANTON 3	<u>A(B)6</u> 6 JUN 49 10 OCT 49	<u>A(B)8</u> no date	<u>A(B)10</u> 3 JAN 50	<u>A(B)14</u> no date
CANTON 4	<u>A(B)6</u> 2 JUL 49 28 AUG 49	<u>A(B)7</u> 1 SEP 49	<u>A(B)8</u> no date	<u>C(H)1</u> 28 JUL 59 13 NOV 60
CHANGSHA 1	<u>A(B)10a</u> 4 MAY 49 11 MAY 49	<u>A(B)10</u> 18 MAY 49		
CHENGTU 1	<u>A(B)12</u> 7 MAY 49	<u>A(B)16</u> no date	<u>C(B)8</u> 27 MAY 57 23 AUG 57	
CHUNGKING 1 (U9)	<u>A(B)16</u> 28 MAY 49			
HANKOW 1	<u>A(B)12</u> 16 APR 49			
KUNMING 2	<u>A(B)9</u> 8 AUG 49	<u>C(B)7</u> 6 JAN 52 19 MAR 53		
KWEIYANG 1	<u>A(B)10</u> 20 MAR 49	<u>A(B)9a</u> 15 AUG 49	<u>C(B)2</u> 9 NOV 51	
KWEIYANG 2	<u>A(B)9a</u> 10 AUG 49			

METER NUMBER	T Y P E S E Q U E N C E				
LANCHOW 1	<u>A(B)9</u> 6 JUN 49				
LIUCHOW 1	<u>C(B)3</u> 15 DEC 50 15 OCT 51				
NANKING -	<u>A(B)10b</u> 29 MAR 49				
NANKING 2	<u>A(B)12</u> 20 APR 49				
NANKING 6 (U10)	<u>A(B)1</u> 17 JUL 48 19 AUG 48	<u>B(B)1</u> 27 SEP 49	<u>C(B)4a</u> - JUL 53	<u>C(F)3</u> 15 DEC 55 10 JUL 66	
SHANGHAI - (U1)	<u>A(A)1</u> 18 JUL 36	<u>A(A)2</u> 27 SEP 47 29 SEP 47			
SHANGHAI 1	<u>B(C)3</u> 2 DEC 49 6 DEC 49	<u>B(C)4</u> 13 JUN 50 8 JUL 50	<u>C(C)1</u> 17 JUL 50 26 NOV 51	<u>C(K)1a</u> 18 OCT 57 5 MAR 58	<u>C(K)1</u> 17 APR 71 17 AUG 81
SHANGHAI 2	<u>A(C)2</u> 18 APR 49 4 MAY 49	<u>A(C)3</u> 4 MAY 49 19 MAY 49	<u>B(C)1</u> 24 JUN 49 8 JUL 49	<u>C(C)1</u> 14 MAR 52 19 MAR 52	<u>C(K)1</u> 7 APR 60 17 APR 63
SHANGHAI 3	<u>A(C)1</u> 21 APR 49	<u>B(C)2</u> 3 DEC 49 31 DEC 49	<u>C(C)2</u> 30 OCT 50 19 JAN 51	<u>C(K)1a</u> 27 MAR 58 6 SEP 66	
SHANGHAI 4 (U2)	<u>A(B)1</u> 1 JUL 48 5 AUG 48	<u>A(B)5</u> 18 NOV 48 16 DEC 48	<u>A(B)10</u> 31 DEC 48 23 FEB 49	<u>A(B)12</u> 11 APR 49 23 APR 49	<u>A(B)16</u> 3 MAY 49 18 MAY 49
	<u>B(B)1</u> 12 JUL 49 5 OCT 49	<u>B(B)2</u> 13 OCT 49 3 DEC 49	<u>B(B)3</u> 9 FEB 50 8 JUL 50	<u>C(B)4</u> 20 JUL 50 10 FEB 52	<u>C(F)1</u> 26 JUL 56 7 JAN 65
SHANGHAI 5 (T1)	<u>A(A)3</u> 13 MAY 47	<u>A(B)11</u> 7 DEC 49	<u>A(B)13</u> no date	<u>A(B)15</u> no date	<u>C(B)5</u> 6 MAR 51
	<u>C(F)2</u> 24 JUL 59 3 MAY 66				

METER NUMBER	T Y P E S E Q U E N C E				
SHANGHAI 6	<u>C(D)1</u> 8 SEP 50 31 JAN 51	<u>C(D)2</u> 5 NOV 51 12 DEC 51	<u>C(E)1</u> - JAN 58		
SHANGHAI 7	<u>C(F)1</u> 30 JUL 57 22 SEP 80				
SHANGHAI 8	<u>A(C)3</u> 16 MAY 49 20 MAY 49	<u>B(C)1</u> 8 AUG 49 5 SEP 49	<u>B(C)3</u> 28 SEP 49 16 JAN 50	<u>B(C)4</u> 31 MAR 50 31 MAY 50	<u>C(C)1</u> 17 JUL 50 18 DEC 51
	<u>C(K)1</u> 8 OCT 55 8 OCT 65				
SHANGHAI 9	<u>C(B)4</u> 26 APR 51	<u>C(F)1a</u> 14 JUN 56 27 NOV 57			
SHANGHAI 10	<u>C(L)1</u> 24 OCT 66 7 APR 67				
SHANGHAI 11	<u>C(L)1</u> 25 JUL 61 30 JUN 64				
SWATOW 1	<u>A(B)12 *</u> 7 MAY 49	<u>A(B)9</u> AUG 49 24 NOV 49	<u>A(B)12</u> 28 NOV 49 21 JAN 50	<u>A(B)16</u> no date	<u>C(B)6</u> 28 JUL 50 13 SEP 51
	<u>C(J)1</u> 4 SEP 64 5 OCT 65				
TIENSHUI 1	<u>C(B)1</u> 10 AUG 50 29 JUL 51	<u>C(B)3</u> 3 JUL 51 18 SEP 51			
WUSIH 1	<u>A(B)12</u> 18 APR 49 21 APR 49	<u>B(B)4</u> 18 NOV 49			

* The dates on these out-of-sequence meters have been verified as correct. We have no explanation for them.

POSTSCRIPT

Mention should be made of the Meter Stamp Society which played a part in the preparation of this book. The Society was formed in 1948 and exists to support the study of that segment of philately dealing with stamps produced by meters and similar machinery. Although concentrating on U.S. collecting, the Society reports on meters and other machine stamps from all over the world. Those readers who may have developed an interest in meters from this book should contact the Secretary of the Meter Stamp Society, Mr. Gabriel Pustel, PO Box 1345, Jackson NJ 08527.

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