

Made in the Union of South Africa

STAMPS AND VARIETIES OF THE HYPHENATED ISSUES OF 1933 – 1954

This exhibit seeks to identify the different issues of the Union's first hyphenated printed stamps with recurring cylinder errors / varieties of each such printing.

These hyphenated rotogravure (Pretoria) pictorials were the last of the Union's first series of pictorial stamps and there were fourteen denominations in total.

Stamps were inscribed alternately in English and Afrikaans throughout the sheet and are preferably collected in bilingual horizontal pairs.

The first stamp to appear was the 5/- value in 1933 from unscreened cylinders.

Some values had a long lifespan with numerous issues, and some underwent design and size changes, providing wider perforation gutters.

Expect to see:

- Numerous varieties from the various issues.
- Description of changes in the production process.
- Bi-colour values that was printed with one cylinder screened and later from all cylinders screened.
- Towards the end all values were printed from screened cylinders.
- Selected covers showing a wide variety of usage, as well as stamps with varieties.

In the usual course of events, the stamp on which an error occur is indicated by a black coloured bar.

Scarce or unique items are matted with green borders.

CURRENCY

12 pence (d) = 1 shilling (/-) 20 shillings = 1 pound (£)

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Late usage of the last pictorial stamps – Nigel to Hollywood, California, USA – 4 November 1955



(Oversize envelope)

Surface mail rate to USA: 15d per ½oz.

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