THE PLATING OF THE 1/2d SPRINGBOK JIPEX PANE ISSUES OF 1936

INTRODUCTION

The Johannesburg International Stamp Exhibition was held in Johannesburg from 2nd to 14th November 1936 on the Milner Park Showgrounds as part of the Empire Exhibition, it was organised by The Philatelic Society of Johannesburg.

The sheets of the advertisement booklet panes, Booklet 10 of 1935, were overprinted JIPEX 1936 across the vignette. The side margins, left and right, were in scribed Johannesburg International Philatelic Exhibition 1936 in English and Afrikaans, 21 panes per sheet. These stamps (Panes) were available from 2 November 1936 at the Exhibition Post Office for the duration of the show.

The Springbok Half Penny sheets of Group 2, Issue 4, with inverted Springbok Head watermark were used for Booklet 10 of 1935. Therefore, all the JIPEX Panes have inverted Springbok Head watermarks.



AIM

This exhibit aim to show the different Panes 1-21 and the position on the sheet as well as explanatory notes of the printing of the JIPEX Panes. This exhibit **does not** cover the exhibition envelopes and post cards.

SCOPE

Showing the unique identification marks and advertisements on the Panes and varieties.

TREATMENT

Exhibiting the JIPEX panes and the identification marks to plate the panes on the sheet, varieties, the perforation figure 8 and overprint shifts that occur. My own study of the JIPEX panes resulting in the un – recorded varieties as shown with a yellow circle and unexplained but notable panes (Only ones known) with a red circle.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE JIPEX PANES

This was the second International Exhibition held in the Union of South Africa that was held in two parts Non-Competitive and Competitive. The theme "Africa South of the Equator" was the scope for the Competitive part.

The Postmaster General, after several Philatelic Societies in the Union asked for special stamps, agreed to specially overprint booklet stamps to be provided. It appeared that the present form of booklets was to be discontinued and that these booklet sheets will be used rather than discarded.

The sheets of the advertisement booklet panes (B10) of 1935 were overprinted JIPEX 1936 by the Government Printer and in the margins, Johannesburgse Internationale Filateliese Tentoonstelling 1936 and Johannesburg International Philatelic Exhibition 1936.

The overprint was done by letter press on a flat bed of set type.

A total of 105 189 Panes was issued, 60 108 Panes beginning with the first stamp inscribed in English and 45 081 beginning with the first stamp inscribed in Afrikaans.

The panes differ from the booklet panes in that it has a margin on the right and no perforation on the right margin when cut from the right.



OVERPRINT ERROR

On panes 5, 7 and 8 of the sheets the spacing is approximately 17.25 mm between the top and lower rows of overprint, Figure 1, wide spacing, while the other 18 panes the spacing is approximately 16.25 mm, Figure 2, narrow spacing.

This occurs because of the setting of the letterpress in the form of a transposed space filler.

Below diagrams of the wide- and narrow spacing.

Figure 1 – Wide Spacing

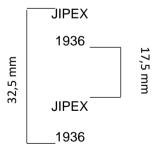
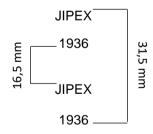


Figure 2 – Narrow Spacing



ADVERTISEMENTS

There are 10 different advertisement settings, some are repeated, and some appear only once, to make up a sheet of 21 panes. The advertisements on the top of each pane is described as this is adequate to plate the panes.



EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE JIPEX PANES - CONTINUE

There are four types of panes namely:

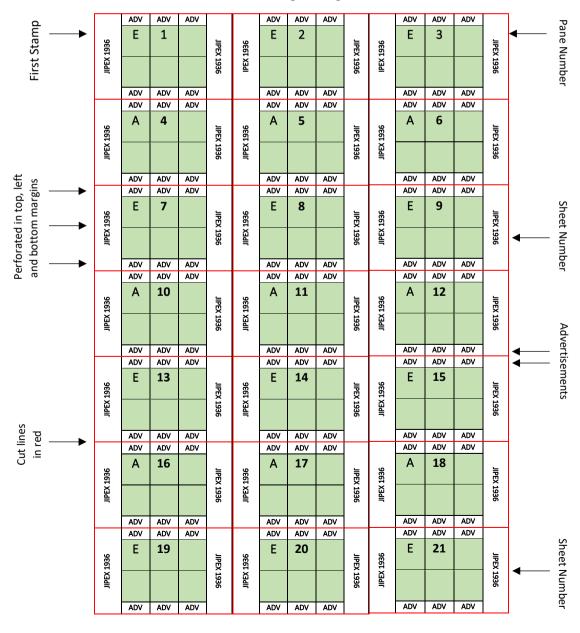
- **Type 1:** The first stamp is inscribed in English and the right margin is perforated through. Panes 1, 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 19 and 20
- **Type 2:** The first stamp is inscribed in English and the right margin is not perforated through. Panes 3, 9, 15 and 21
- **Type 3:** The first stamp is inscribed in Afrikaans and the right margin is perforated through. Panes 4, 5, 10, 11, 16 and 17
- **Type 4:** The first stamp is inscribed in Afrikaans and the right margin is not perforated through. Panes 6, 12 and 18

The numbering of the stamps.

JIPEX 1936	ADV	ADV	ADV	
	1	2	3	JIPEX
	4	5	6	JIPEX 1936
	ADV	ADV	ADV	

Below a composite outlay of the JIPEX Panes

There are 3 Panes per Row thus 7 Rows per sheet, a total of 21 Panes and the stamps are numbered 1 to 6 reading from top left corner to bottom right corner. Twelve Panes are inscribed in English and nine Panes inscribed in Afrikaans as the first stamp. All panes perforated through accept Pane 3, 6, 9,12, 15, 18 and 21 with no perforation in the right margin.



THE PLATING OF THE JIPEX PANES

PANE 1





Stamp 3 – Black dash on the edge of the oval under "CA"

PANE 1 - VARIETY







Stamp 2 - Line from "Telephone to top of pane

Stamp 1 - Line between Buck's horns





Stamp 2 – Large green spot on the top left corner of the ornamental square

PANE 3





Green line in margin left of Register



Stamp 3 - Hairline between top bar and "R" in Africa and dark spot in top bar

PANE 4





Stamp 2 – Green spot between top of horns

Stamp 2 - Hairline in outside

bottom corner margin

Stamp 1 – Large green spot left of top ornamental square on left

PANE 4 – VARIETY



Changeling: The colour of the stamps has been dramatically changed from its issued colour by a chemical process, e.g., a green stamp which has been changed to blue during the drying process and could be caused by oxidation.

PANE 5





Stamp 1 – Long black stroke under "RI" of Afrika

PANE 6





Stamp 1 – Large green spot top of right bar

PANE 6 – VARIETY





Stamp 4 – Slanting green line right leg of "X" of JIPEX

PANE 7





Stamp 3 – Large green stroke in shading above "OU" of South

PANE 7 - VARIETY









Black line running up from Telefoon dit bespaar tyd to the top of the Pane

PANE 8 – THE ONLY SETTING OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT



PANE 8 - VARIETY (





Stamp 1 – Green dot right of Buck's head

PANE 9





Stamp 3 – Black spot midway between horns

Stamp 2 – Green spots in oval on the left of Buck

PANE 9 - VARIETY







Stamp 5 – Black spot between horns and right of Buck's head

PANE 10





Stamp 3 – Black spot in the oval right of Buck's head

Stamp 2 – Black spot in the oval on the right

PANE 10 - VARIETY





Stamp 2 –Full stop behind "X" of JIPEX

PANE 11 – THE ONLY SETTING OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT



PANE 12





Stamp 1 – Large green spot in leaf on the left, level with top of value sheet

PANE 12 - VARIETY O







Black line right of Safety First to the top of the pane







Stamp 1 – Spot in left corner and on right of right ornamental square



Stamp 3 – Spot in outside margin above ornamental square

PANE 14





Stamp 5 – Large green spot in top margin over "OU" in South

PANE 14 - VARIETY





Stamp 6 – Green dot left top of leaf





Stamp 5 – Spot in shading between "C" of Africa and right bar



Stamp 5 – Several spots in vignette left of Buck's face

PANE 16





Stamp 6 – White flaw over "RE" in Revenue

PANE 16 - VARIETY





Black dot below "O" of Post Office





Stamp 3 – Green spot on edge of Buck's right ear

PANE 17 – VARIETY O





Stamp 6 – Black line between Buck's horns

PANE 18





Black dot in "T" of Tyd

Stamp 2 – Black spot touching inside of right horn and green

spot between horn and ear

PANE 18 - VARIETY O





Shifted green colour upwards



Shifted green colour upwards

PANE 19 - THE ONLY SETTING OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT



PANE 20 - THE ONLY SETTING OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT



PANE 20 - VARIETY 🔾







Shifted green colour upwards and sideways



Stamp 2 - Green spot near left side of oval level with nose

THE JIPEX MISPLACED OVERPRINTING



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Overprinting upwards

Overprinting to the left

Overprinting to the right

THE FIGURE 8 PERFORATION

The Rotogravure Printing process always uses a rotary press running at high speed and best suited to produce large print runs. After the import and installation of a Goebel AG 930 printing machine in 1929, all the Union stamps were printed by the Government Printer in Pretoria using the Rotogravure process. The 1930 Pretoria Pictorials was the first stamps to be printed with this process.

The eleven-row perforation comb Goebel printing machine perforates the whole width of the printing sheets.

The first half of the final length of the cut sheet is perforated with each stroke.

Thus, a figure 8 perforation is produced at the perforation join.



Pane 1 - Figure 8 perforation to the right



These figure 8 perforations occur on the first perforation row between row 1, row 2 and row 2, row 3 on Panes 1, 2 or 3



Pane 1 - Figure 8 perforation to the left



Pane 3 - Straight Figure 8 perforation



