

EUROPA 1993 ISSUE

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Values	10c and 35c
Stamp Size	10c = 31 x 44mm; 35c = 44mm x 31mm
Designer	10c = Pawl Carbonaro; 35c = Alfred Chircop
Printers	Printex Ltd
Process	Lithography
Perforation	10c = 14 x 13.9; 35c = 13.9 x 14
Watermark	10c = Maltese Crosses Upright; 35c = Sideways
Paper	Chalk Surfaced
Gum	P.V.A.

Colours

This set was printed in the four-colour process using the standard CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black) process colours for each value.

The 10c stamp is of the vertical format and the 35c stamp is of the horizontal format. A Pane of ten stamps, of each value, is divided into twelve spaces, three rows of four in the 10c value and four rows of three in the 35c value. In the first

two spaces of the top row, in the 10c Pane, can be seen an enlarged section of the same 10c stamp. In the first spaces of the top and second rows, in the 35c Pane, can also be seen an enlarged section of the 35c stamp. In both cases "Europa '93" is also included. The value of a whole Pane of stamps is seen in the middle of the top margin of each Pane, of both values, printed in black.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter are seen in the right hand margin of each Pane, of both values, next to the last stamp of the bottom row. The colours from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers, from left to right, in all Panes, of both values.

The Printed Sheet of each value, consisted of six Panes of ten stamps, A to F.

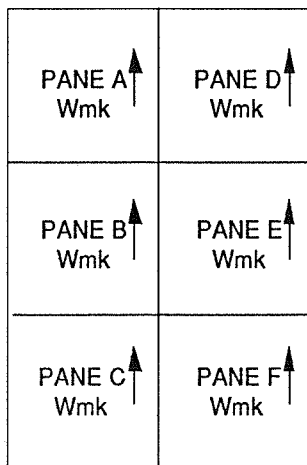


Fig (a)

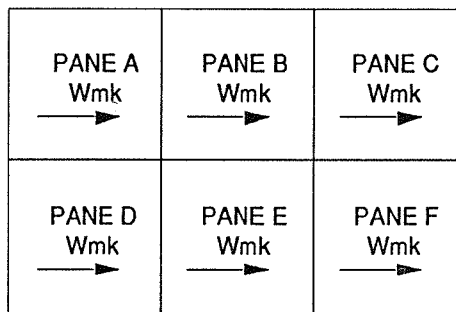


Fig (b)

Plate/Pane Numbers

These are seen under the first stamp, of the bottom row, in each Pane, of both values.

10c = 1A x 4 up to and including 1F x 4

35c = 1A x 4 up to and including 1F x 4

Perforation of Margins

In the 10c value, the right hand margins of Panes D, E and F are imperforate, whilst the other three margins of these same Panes, and the four margins of Panes A, B and C are all perforated. In the 35c value, the top margins of Panes A, B and C are imperforate, whilst the other three margins of these same Panes, and the four margins of Panes D, E and F are all perforated. Other printing marks could have been seen at the top left hand corner of Pane A and at the bottom left hand corner of Pane C in the 10c value. In the 35c value these could have been seen at the bottom left hand corner of Pane D and in the bottom right hand corner of Pane F.

From a study of details given, the Printed Sheet of each value, before cutting into Panes, would look as shown in Fig (a) for the 10c value and as shown in Fig. (b) for the 35c value. Looking at the Printed Sheets as shown, stamps of both values

would be seen the right way up, hence why the watermark is upright in the 10c value and sideways in the 35c value. Perforator ran from right to left in fig. (a) and from top to bottom in fig. (b).

Imprint Blocks

The Imprint "Printex Limited Malta" is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row, in each Pane, of both values. Letters are 1mm high and printed in black. An Imprint Block of four will also include the colour checks. A special handstamp, incorporating a motif, was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.

This set will remain on sale up to April 6, 1994.

First day sales by 12.45pm amounted to Lm79,474.