

COMMEMORATIONS 1994 ISSUE – X

FIFA WORLD CUP 1994 ISSUE – Y

ISSUE	X	Y
Date of Issue	10.5.94	9.6.94
Values	5c, 9c, 14c, 20c, 25c	5c, 14c, 30c
Stamp Size	25c=27mmx33mm other values=33mmx27mm	33mmx27mm
Designer	Frank Ancilleri	Frank Ancilleri
Printers	Printex Limited	same
Process	Lithography	same
Perforation	25c=14x13.75 other values=13.75x14	14x13.75
Watermark	25c=Maltese Crosses Sideways other values=Maltese Crosses Upright	Maltese Crosses Upright
Paper	Chalk Surfaced	same
Gum	P.V.A.	same

Colours

Issues X and Y were printed in the four-colour process using the standard CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black) process colours for each value. The progressive sheets of each value, in issues X and Y were printed in the following order: Black, Cyan, Magenta and Yellow.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter are seen in the left hand margin, next to the first stamp of the bottom row in each Pane of the 25c value of issue X. Similar colour checks are seen in the right hand margin next to the last stamp of the bottom row, in each pane, of the 5c, 9c, 14c and 20c values of issue X as well as in each Pane, of all values, of issue Y. In both cases, the colours from top to bottom, correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers, from left to right, on all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps are seen in top and bottom margins, printed in black, in all Panes, of all values, of issues X and Y.

Printed Sheets

The Printed Sheet of the 5c, 9c, 14c and 20c values of issue X and of all three values of issue Y, consisted of three Panes, A, B and C. Each Pane has fifty stamps made up of five rows of ten stamps. All values are of the horizontal format. The Printed Sheet of the 25c value of issue X, also consisted of three Panes A, B and C. Each

Pane also has fifty stamps but made up of ten rows of five stamps. The 25c stamp is of the vertical format.

Perforation of Margins

In the 5c, 9c, 14c and 20c values of issue X and in all values of issue Y, the left hand margins of Panes A, B and C are imperforate. The other three margins of these same Panes are all perforated. Other printing marks may have been seen at each end of the top margin of Panes A and at each end of the bottom margin of Panes C. In the 25c value of issue X, the top margins of Panes A, B and C are imperforate. The other three margins of these same Panes are all perforated. Other printing marks in this value may have been seen, at each end of the left hand margin of Panes A and at each end of the right hand margin of Panes C.

Plate/Pane Numbers

These are seen under the first stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values, of issues X and Y.

Issue X	5c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4, 1Cx4
	9c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4, 1Cx4
	14c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4, 1Cx4
	20c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4, 1Cx4
	25c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4, 1Cx4
Issue Y	5c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4, 1Cx4
	14c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4, 1Cx4
	30c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4, 1Cx4

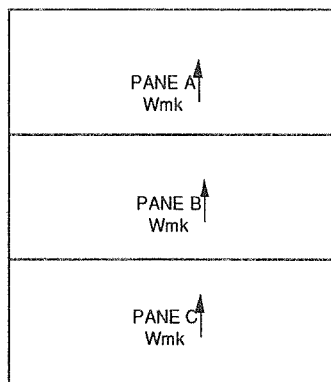


Fig. (a)

From a study of the details given, the Printed Sheet of each value before cutting into Panes, would look as shown in figure (a) for the 5c, 9c, 14c and 20c values of issue X and

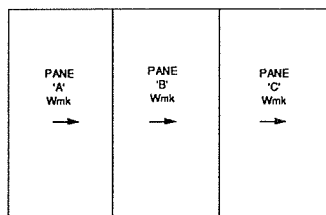


Fig. (b)

for all values of issue Y. The Printed Sheet of the 25c value of issue X would look as shown in figure (b). Looking at the printed sheets as shown, stamps would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark in the 25c value of issue X is sideways and upright in all other values of issue X as well as in all values of issue Y. Perforator ran from left to right 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 all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y. Letters are 1 mm high and printed in black. An imprint Block of four will also include the colour checks in all values of X and Y except in the 25c value of issue X. Special hand postmarks, incorporat-

ing motifs, were used for cancellation on the first day of issue.

Issue X remained on sale up to May 10, 1995 and issue Y up to June 14, 1995, unless stocks were previously exhausted. Up to 12.45pm on the first day of issue, sales amounted to Lm33,546 (issue X) and Lm40,407 (Issue Y).

With Issue Y, a Souvenir Sheet, measuring 122mm x 88mm was also issued. The three values are printed in this souvenir sheet. The colours used and the order of printing of the progressive sheets are the same as those used for the normal Panes. The watermark is Maltese Crosses sideways instead of Maltese Crosses upright as in the normal Panes. Thus individual stamps of any value can be checked whether they formed part of a Souvenir Sheet or a normal Pane, by means of the direction of the watermark. The Printed Sheet of the Souvenir Sheets, consisted of sixteen Souvenir Sheets, made up of four rows of four Souvenir Sheets.