

# Detailed Information about:-

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Values .....	2c + 1c, 8c + 2c, 20c + 3c
Stamp Size.....	2c + 1c 8c + 2c = 47.15 × 20.5mm 20c + 3c = 48 × 39.5mm
Designer .....	Joseph L. Mallia
Printers.....	Printex Limited
Process.....	Lithography
Perforation.....	2c + 1c and 8c + 2c = 13.4 × 13.4 20c + 3c = 14 × 14
Watermark.....	Maltese Crosses pointing sideways
Paper.....	Chalk Surfaced
Gum.....	P.V.A.

## Colours

The colours of this set were produced by the four colour process.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter are seen in the right hand margin, next to the last stamp of the bottom row in the 20c + 3c value, but next to the last stamps of the two bottom rows in the 2c + 1c and 8c + 2c values. Colour checks from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for the Pane numbers from left to right, on all Panes of all three values.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps, are seen in top and bottom margins, printed in black.

The Printed Sheet of the 20c + 3c value, consisted of two Panes A and B. Each has 40 stamps made of eight rows of five stamps. The Printed Sheet of the 2c + 1c and 8c + 2c values consisted of three Panes A, B and C. Each has 50 stamps made up of five rows of ten stamps. The three stamps are of the horizontal format.

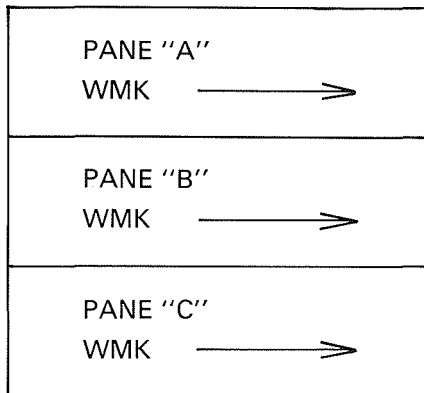
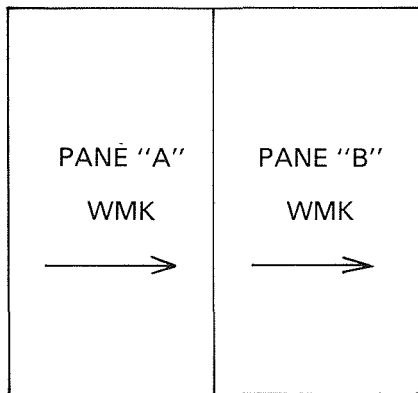
## Plate/Pane Numbers:

These are seen under the first stamp of the bottom row.

$$\begin{aligned}2c + 1c &= 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4, 1C \times 4 \\8c + 2c &= 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4, 1C \times 4 \\20c + 3c &= 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4\end{aligned}$$

## Perforations of margins:

In the 20c + 3c value, the top margins of Panes A + B are imperforate, whilst the left hand, right hand and bottom margins of these same Panes are fully perforated. In the 2c + 1c and 8c + 2c values, the top margin of Pane A is imperforate, whilst the left hand, right hand and bottom margins of this same Pane are fully perforated. The top, bottom, left hand and right hand margins of Panes B and C of these two values are also fully perforated.



From a study of the details given, the Printed Sheet of the 20c + 3c value, before cutting into Panes, would look as shown above on the left, whilst that of the 2c + 1c and 8c + 2c values would look as shown above on the right, with perforator running from top to bottom in both cases. In each case, looking at the Printed Sheets as shown, all stamps would be seen the right way up, hence that is why watermark in individual stamps of all three values, is sideways.

### Imprint Blocks:

"PRINTEX LIMITED MALTA" is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all three values. Letters are 1mm high and printed in black. An Imprint Block of four will also include the colour checks.