Modern Coil
Varieties and EFOs

New for 2019

• Constant Plate Varieties
• Errors, Freaks and Oddities
New 2c, 3c, 5c & 10c Coil Rolls of 3000
4 and 5 Digit Back Numbers from 3K and 10K Rolls

(2c Lemons and 10c Pears)
Glows Green in SWUV

10K Coil

Glows White in SWUV

3K Coil
BCA Printing
Plate #B1111
Paper “Micro-
Bridges”
connects Rolls
A nondenominated (55¢) Star Ribbon definitive forever stamp will be issued March 22 in coil rolls and in a pane of 20.
Complete Plate
Number B111 on
Bottom, Partial Plate
Number on Top
Partial Plate Number B111 on Bottom, None on Top---From Top of Printed Web (?)
Strips From Adjacent Rows on Web—Plate Number and “Micro-Bridges” Line Up
COIL OF 3000 DIE CUT SHIFTS APPEAR TO OCCUR ONLY AT POSITIONS 3L-4L AND 1R-2R

Plate Number occurs every 28th stamp, 560 stamps per revolution, 2 x 280 stamp plates (10 Rows)

Die cut shift occurs every 36 stamps = Size of Die-Cutting Cylinder/Plate
5236a
Plate # B1111
3K Coil/ Vertical and Horizontal Die-Cut
Shift Position 3L-4L
Back Number Position 3R/ 4 Bottom, Black
5236a
Plate # B1111
10K Coil
NO Back
Number
(P99)

All 5236a PNC9s
Have a Vertical Bar Tagging
Break on Right “Perforations” of
Stamp Position 1R; and on Left
“Perforations” of Stamp Position 2R
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Plate
Numbered
Stamp
Tagging Applied by Separate Plate or Sleeve results in Tagging Break where plates meet

Misalignment of Tagging Plates? Should have been centered between stamp designs so that when extra paper is removed, no evidence of tagging break?
Slight Plate Misalignment and Overlap/Plate Seam Line(s)
Tagging Break
Position 1L

Tagging
Plate/Sleeve
Seam Line
Tagging Plate/Sleeve
Honeycomb Appearance

How is Plate Created and Used?
Die-cut missing error of 2017 U.S. Flag coil stamp listed

By Michael Baadke

One variety of the United States Flag forever coil stamp issued Jan. 27, 2017, has been found as a major error with all die cuts missing.

The error is now listed (as a pair) as United States Scott 5158a in the recently published Vol. 1A of the 2019 Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue.

Two error coils of 100 were purchased by Gary Stiltner at the Wheelersburg post office in southern Ohio, near the Kentucky border, in October 2017.

Stiltner sent the coil strip of four pictured here to Linn's Stamp News for examination. The strip was also examined by Scott catalog editors for listing in the 2019 catalog.

The die-cut-missing error occurred on the coil of 100 stamps printed and processed by Banknote Corporation of America. The stamps on the BCA coil include microprinted lettering "USPS" on the right end of the fourth red stripe on the flag and normally have gauge 11 vertical die cuts.

One error roll was cut into plate number strips of five, pairs and longer strips and auctioned online, according to Salem, Wis., stamp dealer Michael C. Mules of Fox River Stamps.

"The roll is entirely missing the die cuts," Mules said. "I have taken off a few pairs and a PNC (plate number coil) strip of seven, but the rest of the roll is intact and 100 percent die-cut omitted."

The 2017 U.S. Flag forever stamp was issued in five major varieties printed and processed by the U.S. Postal Service's two contract printers.

Banknote Corporation of America printed a coil of 100 (Scott 5158) and a double-sided pane of 20 (5160).

Ashton-Potter created three varieties: a coil of 100 (Scott 5159), a double-sided pane of 20 (5161), and a pane of 18 designed to vend from automatic teller machines (5162).

The die-cut-missing error on the BCA coil is the first error reported on any of the five 2017 U.S. Flag stamp major varieties.
Leader strip with no die-cut strip of 4..Marked by BCA for destruction?
TRANSITION STRIP AT END OF ROLL
(Poorly handled by seller)
TRANSITION STRIP—NO DIE-CUT BETWEEN 6TH AND 7TH STAMP FROM END, TO FULLY DIE-CUT AT END OF ROLL (Liner Paper Section Placed Over Adhesive Tape)
When received from seller, coil was rolled inward (stamps facing inside of roll) instead of normal outward orientation of stamps. This resulted in creases.

AAAUUGGGHHHH!!!!!!!
No Die-Pair with End-of-Roll Wavy Cut
Scott # 5052a
No Die-Cut Strip of 7 With Grayish Blue omitted on left 3 stamps transitioning to remaining stamps with color present.....or is it?
Even if 1 pixel of color is present, it’s not a color missing error
WHEW!

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Expert Committee
We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which an image is shown below, and are of the opinion that:

Cat No. Issue Denom. Color
Scott 5052b 2016 Forever multicolored
USA

"it is a genuine unused, o.g., never hinged, imperf coil strip of seven, grayish blue omitted on the three left stamps and normal on the other four."

For The Expert Committee

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRINTED ON WATERMARKED PAPER AND IS NOT VALID WITHOUT WATERMARK
Grayish Blue Omitted on ALL Stamps?
(Scott #5052b)
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strip of seven, grayish blue omitted."

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THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRINTED ON WATERMARKED PAPER AND IS NOT VALID WITHOUT WATERMARK
Previous owner claimed these 1895a plate number 12 strips of 5 to be “Untagged”. Only one way to find out…..
LOOKS OK SO FAR, BUT EVEN THE MOST MINISCULE AMOUNT OF TAGGANT WILL RENDER THESE STRIPS TAGGED……
What's the Scott catalog value for these potentially untagged strips?

No untagged plate number 12 listed......
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"It is a genuine unused, o.g., never hinged, coil Plate No. 12 strip of five, pos 4 with traces of tagging in the flag."

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<td>1981</td>
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<td>black, dark blue &amp; red</td>
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"it is a genuine unused, o.g., never hinged, tagging omitted coil Pate No. 12 strip of five."

YES!!!
Up to this point, only 74 used examples of this rare plate number were known. The value of a used example is $300. This PNC5 was being offered on e-Bay for $1250 or Best Offer. It didn’t sell.