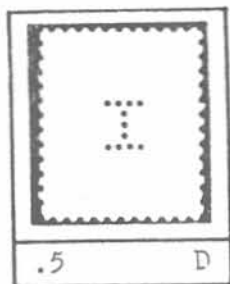


A New Illinois I?

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Shown to the left is a photograph of a letter I perfin which is not listed in *The Catalog of United States Perfins*, 1979 by Balough and Balough. In general appearance the perfin resembles perfin pattern I.5 which is also shown to the left for purposes of comparison. However, this perfin is 7.5 mm high whereas perfin pattern I.5 is only 6 mm. In addition, the holes in the larger "I" appear to be of greater diameter.



This particular perfin was found on the three flags 29¢ postage stamp indicating recent usage. A copy of the photograph has been forwarded to John Randall, US Catalog Editor. If you are able to provide a confirmation copy or copy on an envelope, please notify John Randall.

Ed's Note: This perfin has been reported by several members. I have forwarded the reports to John Randall. If you have covers with an I perfin, please check the vertical height to see if you have an identifying cover.