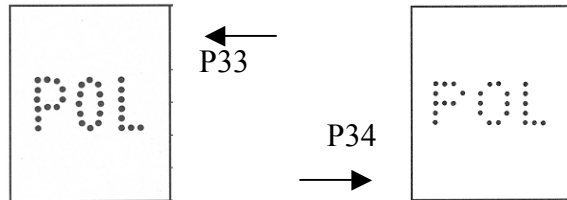


The Danish POL Perfin

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I have several times in the last couple of years seen the Danish POL perfin compared with the German POL perfin. It is generally known that the German POL perfin was used by the police.

But, it seems that few know that the Danish POL-perfin was/is used by the Danish Newspaper “Politikken” (=POL). The perfin (cat #P33 [*Katalog over danske firmaperforeringer 2001*]) is known to have been used in the period 1904-1989, and is therefore one of the longest used perfins (85 years). In 1985 the company got a new POL perfin (catalog #P34). This machine has a two-die head and looks like a mechanically produced (rather than hand tooled) perfin. Pattern P34 is still in use.



The Politikken company publishes one of the largest newspapers in Denmark and has a lot of journalists abroad, as well as many other connections. This is the reason that the perfin often is found outside of Denmark. The perfin has a catalog price of 1 kroner which is the minimum price in the Danish catalog (for perfins which are very common.) However the POL perfins have also been used on Government private Railroad stamps in the period (approximately) 1958-65. These Railroad stamps are uncommon and have a catalog value of 200 kroner.

I hope this information helps perfin collectors understand that the Danish POL perfin is an “ordinary” (commercial) perfin.

To complete the story, pattern # S60 in the Danish catalog was used by the Danish State Police in the period 1921-1948.

