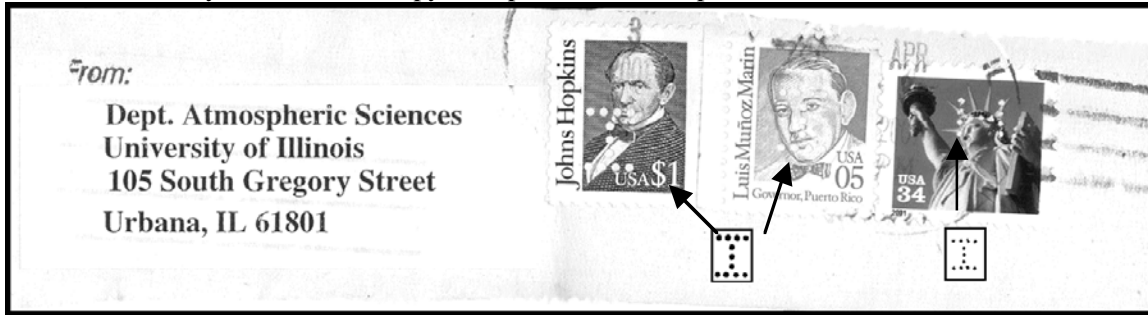


# New State of Illinois Pattern Surfaces

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In his recent mail Bob Combs spotted what appears to be a new perfin for the State of Illinois. Alongside two stamps perfined with the familiar I0.5 Bob noted a new pattern that is smaller (5 1/2 mm vs. I0.5's 6mm) and punched with pins of a smaller diameter. The new pattern is punched through a copy of the current 34¢ Statue of Liberty stamp. Below is a copy of the stamps on cover. The illustration of the pattern is presented simply to show a comparison of the old and new pattern. (Editors note: I created the illustration of the patterns using Photoshop to “invert” the pattern). Bob wonders if anyone else has a copy or copies of this new pattern?



Editor's note: I also would like to get an off cover version of this pattern or a copy of it off cover to properly illustrate it.