

The Perfins of Mexico

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This is the fourth article in a series discussing my work in updating the America's portion of the *World Perfins Catalog*.

This time we are starting to look at the perfins of Mexico. This current article will discuss the Postal and Revenue patterns. The Officials and Punches will be discussed in a subsequent article due to space limitations.

You will note that I have added a few new patterns to Mexico (**A17.5**, **A24**, **A25** and **B34.5**). I doubt that these will be the last additions. Hopefully this

will encourage our Latin American neighbors to add to the list.

The "A" prefixes are for perfins in Postal issues and the "B's" are for Revenues. The Revenue patterns have been broken out into two categories. First, we cover the normal revenue usages. The second part deals with the usage of perfins on "Customs" (Aduanas) revenues which were used at all of the Ports of Entry into Mexico. This last area is very likely to expand somewhat as more information surfaces.

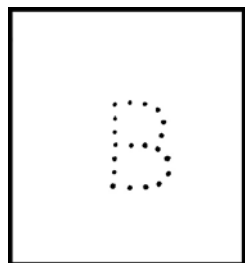
| <u>Postal Patterns</u> | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Perfin</u> | <u>Pattern</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>Date(s) of Usage</u> |
| A1 | B | Bartning y Suc | 1884 – 1898 |
| A2 | Cia./F.M. | Compania de Ferrocarril Mexicano | 1899 – 1914 |
| A3 | DUN | R. G. Dun & Co. | 1903 – 1916 |
| A4 | F.V. | ? | 1904 |
| A5 | G.L./&Cia/SU.cs | ? | 1899/1913 |
| A6 | H.S. | ? | 1896 |
| A7 | J.A./y/C.S. | Julio Albert y Cia. Sucs | 1899 – 1903 |
| A8 | J F & Co | Johannsen Felix & Co. | 1910 – 1917 |
| A9 | M | Melchers | 1884 – 1887 |
| A10 | MB/&/CS | ? | 1903 |
| A11 | M.M./S.S./C. | Mexico Mine & Smelter Supply Co. | 1903 |
| A12 | MOS/LER | Mosler Safe Company | 1910 - ? |
| A13 | N/C/B | National City Bank | 1938 - ? |
| A14 | NP/&T | National Paper & Type Company | 1910 – 1917 |
| A14.9 | R | ? | 1899 – 1891 |
| A15 | R.B./&C. | Roberto Boker & Cia | 1899 – 1910 |
| A16 | RIC(o)/LTD | Royal Insurance Company, Ltd | 1899 – 1917 |
| A17 | R/M | ? | 1903 |
| A17.5 | R.P.D. | ? | 1935 |
| A18 | SG | ? | 1903 – 1910 |
| A19 | TB. | ? | 1886 – 1890 |
| A20 | V.E./&C | ? | 1903 |
| A21 | "design" | ? | 1903 - ? |
| A22 | "anchor" | ? | 1910 - ? |
| A23 | "omega" or "horseshoe" | ? | 1905 – 1915 |
| A24 | 11 | ? | 1899 |
| A25 | "cross" | ? | 1925 |

Notes:

1. Pattern **A8a** was deleted as being a probable duplicate of **A8**.
2. Pattern **B13** was reassigned as pattern **A23** since it has only been seen on postally cancelled stamps.

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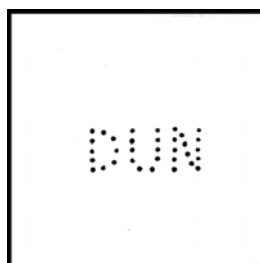
Postal Patterns



A1 - B



A2 - Cia./F/M.



A3 - DUN



A4 - F.V.



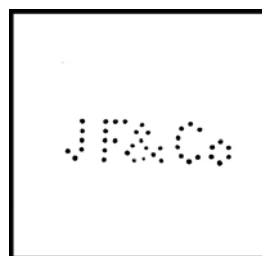
A5 - G.L./& Cia/SU.cs



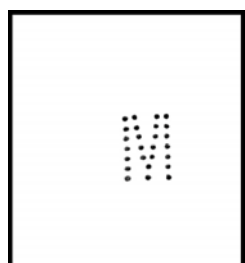
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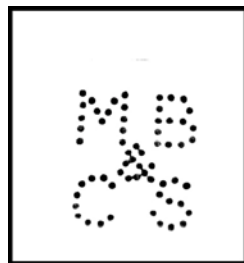
A7 - J.A./y/C.S.



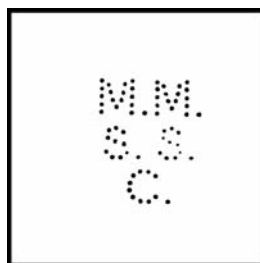
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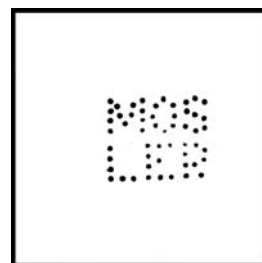
A9 - M



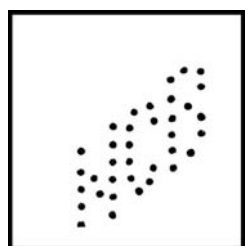
A10 - MB/&/CS



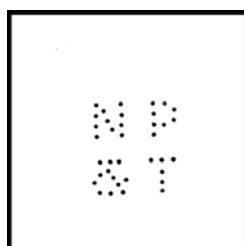
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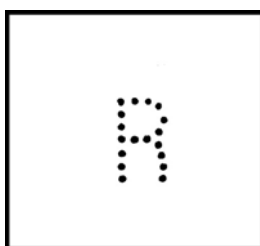
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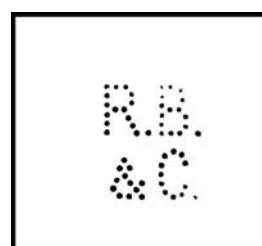
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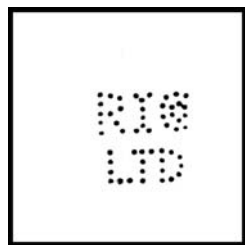
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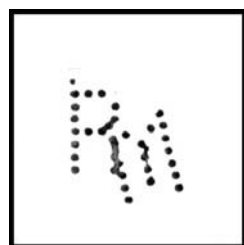
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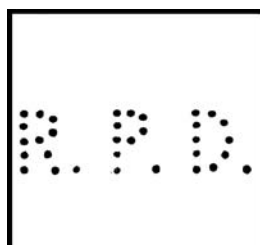
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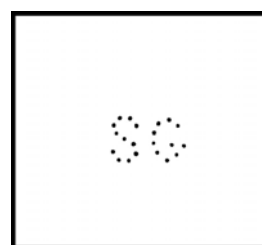
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A17 - R/M



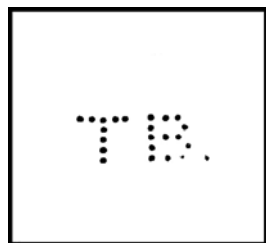
A17.5 - R.P.D.



A18 - SG

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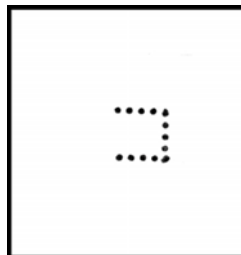
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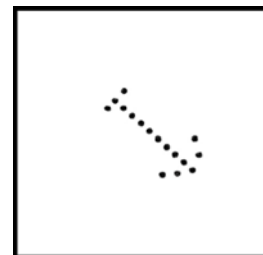
A19 - TB.



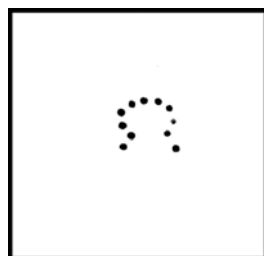
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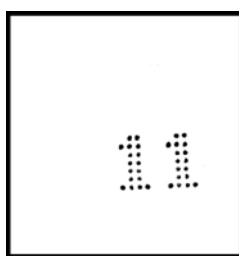
A21 - "design"



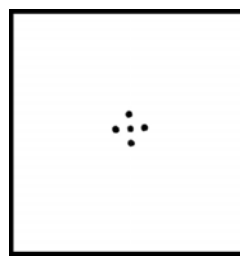
A22 - "anchor"



A23 - "omega" or
"horseshoe"



A24 - 11



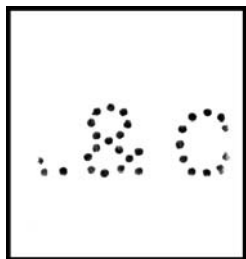
A25 - "cross"

| <u>Revenue Patterns (normal usage)</u> | | | |
|--|-------------------|--|-------------------------|
| <u>Perfin</u> | <u>Pattern</u> | <u>Company or Purpose</u> | <u>Date(s) of Usage</u> |
| B1 | A.&C | ? | 1897 - ? |
| B2 | AM | ? | ? |
| B3 | B | Bartning y Suc | 1883 |
| B5 | H.S. | ? | 1895 - ? |
| B6 | M | Melchers | 1887 – 1892 |
| B7 | TB. | ? | 1890 - ? |
| B8 | T.S. | Todos Santos | ? |
| B9 | U.D.Co. Ld | Union Discount Company of London, Ltd | 1899 - ? |
| B9.5 | 11 | ? | ? |
| B10 | 5 | ? | 1890 |
| B10.1 | 555 | ? | ? |
| B11 | 5 | ? | ? |
| B12 | 29 | ? | ? |
| B13.5 | DURANGO | ? | ? |
| B14 | MONTERREY | Precious Metals | ? |
| B15 | NOGALES | Precious Metals | ? |
| B16 | TAMPICO | Precious Metals | ? |
| B17 | PIEDRAS NEGRAS | Documents & Internal Revenue | ? |
| B18 | VERACRUZ | Documents | ? |
| B19 | VERACRUZ | Documents & Internal Revenue | ? |

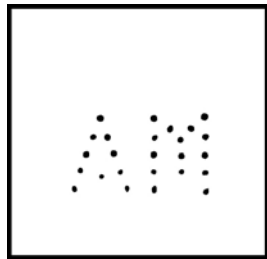
Note: Patterns **B9.5 – B12** are seen on postal stamps with revenue cancels.

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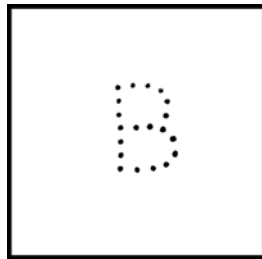
Revenue Patterns (normal usage)



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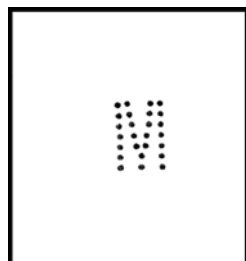
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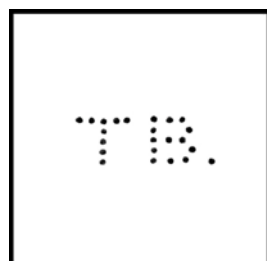
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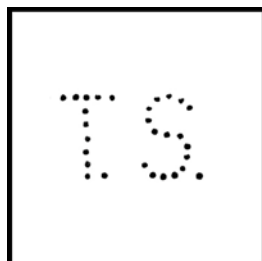
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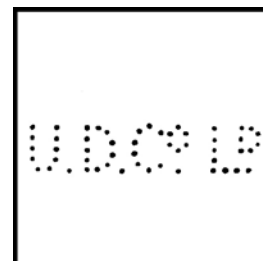
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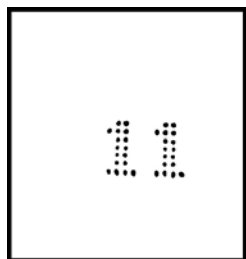
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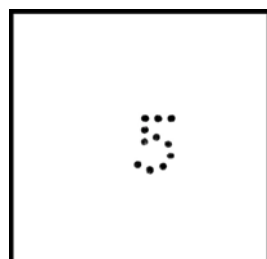
B8 - T.S.



B9 - U.D.Co.Ld



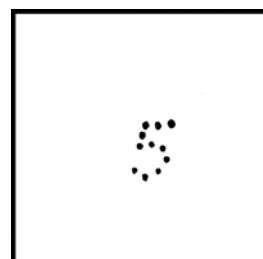
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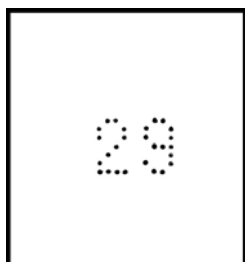
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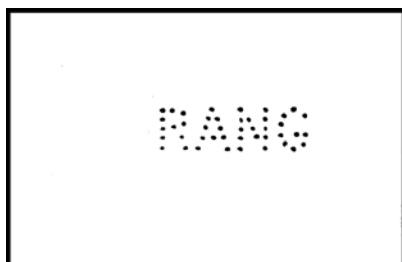
B10.1 - 555



B11 - 5



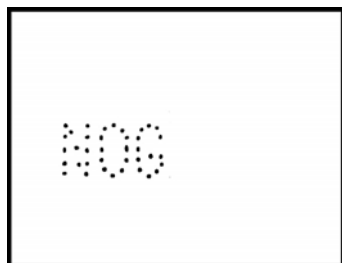
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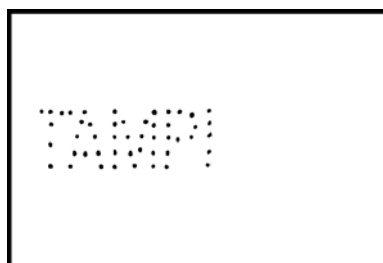
B13.5 - DURANGO (partial)



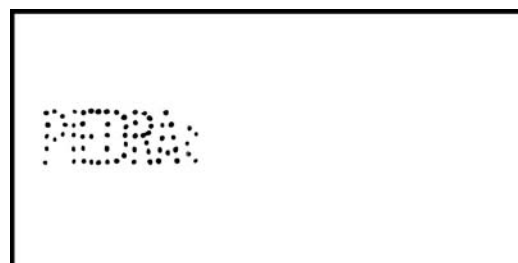
B14 - MONTERREY



B15 - NOGALES (partial)



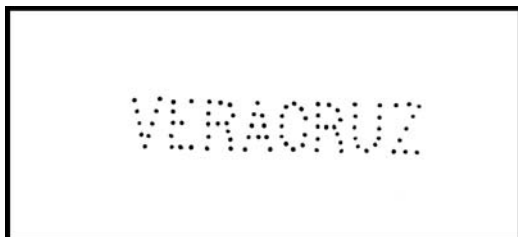
B16 - TAMPICO (partial)



B17 - PIEDRAS NEGRAS (partial)

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Revenue Patterns (normal usage) (cont.)



B18 - VERACRUZ



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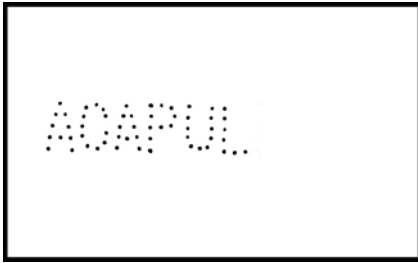
| <u>“Customs” (Aduanas) Revenue Patterns (Ports of Entry usage)</u> | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Perfin</u> | <u>Pattern</u> | <u>Port of Entry</u> | <u>Date(s) of Usage</u> |
| B20 | ACAPULCO | Acapulco | 1885 - 1896 |
| B21 | ALTATA | Altata | 1885 - 1896 |
| B22 | ASCENSION | Ascension | 1885 - 1896 |
| B23 | Cde S. LUCAS | Cabo san Lucas | 1885 - 1896 |
| B24 | CAMPARGO | Campargo | 1885 - 1896 |
| B25 | CAMPECHE | Campeche | 1885 - 1896 |
| B26 | JUAREZ | Juarez | 1885 - 1896 |
| B27 | FRONTERA | Frontera | 1885 - 1896 |
| B28 | Y del CARMEN | Y del Carmen | 1885 - 1896 |
| B29 | LAREDO | Laredo | 1885 - 1896 |
| B29.5 | LAREDO | Laredo | 1885 - 1896 |
| B30 | MATAMOROS | Matamoros | 1885 - 1896 |
| B31 | MIER | Mier | 1885 - 1896 |
| B32 ^(Note 2) | NOGALES | Nogales | 1885 - 1896 |
| B33 | PASO DEL NORTE | Paso del Norte (Ciudad Jaurez) | 1885 - 1896 |
| B34 | PIEDRAS NEGRAS | Piedras Negras | 1885 - 1896 |
| B34.5 | LA PAZ | La Paz | 1885 - 1896 |
| B35 | PROGRESO | Progreso | 1885 - 1896 |
| B35.1 | PUERTO ANGEL | Puerto Angel | 1885 - 1896 |
| B35.6 | TODOS SANTOS | Todos Santos | 1885 - 1896 |
| B36 | TAMPICO | Tampico | 1885 - 1896 |
| B37 | TIJUANA | Tijuana | 1885 - 1896 |
| B38 | TUXPAN | Tuxpan | 1885 - 1896 |
| B39 | VERACRUZ | Veracruz | 1885 - 1896 |
| B39.1 | VERACRUZ | Veracruz | 1885 - 1896 |
| B39.2 | VERACRUZ | Veracruz | 1885 - 1896 |

Notes:

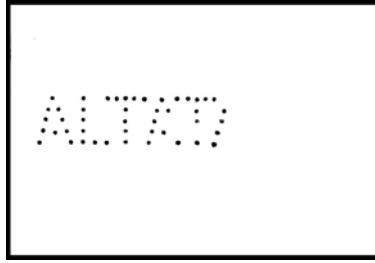
1. There is a good chance that usage of perfins at other Ports of Entry will be discovered. Pattern **B34.5** LAPAZ was just recently found.
2. Pattern **B32** is known, but I do not have a copy to show on the following pages.

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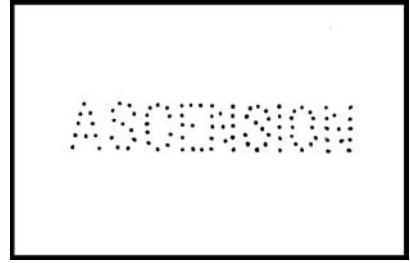
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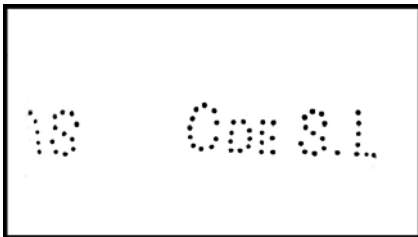
B20 - ACAPULCO (partial)



B21 - ALTATA (partial)



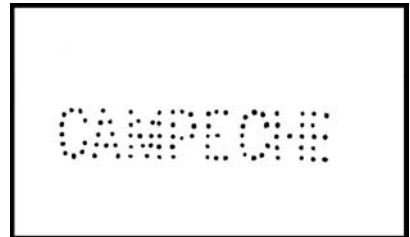
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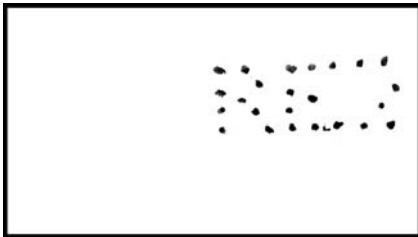
B23 - Cde S. LUCAS (partial & split)



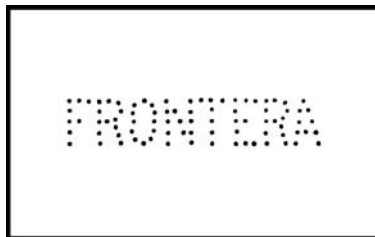
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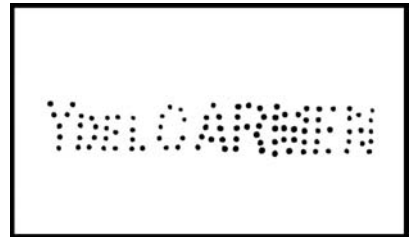
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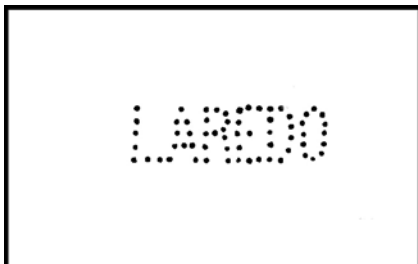
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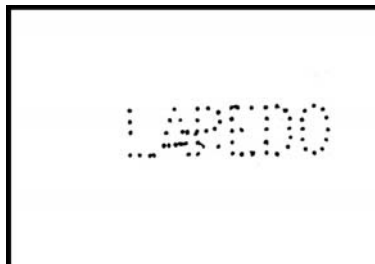
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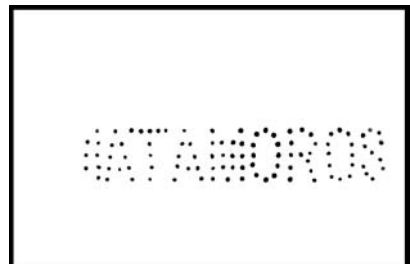
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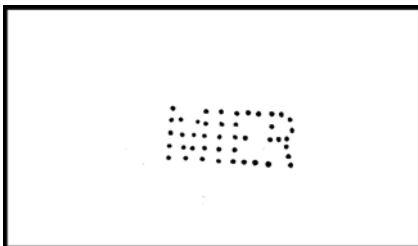
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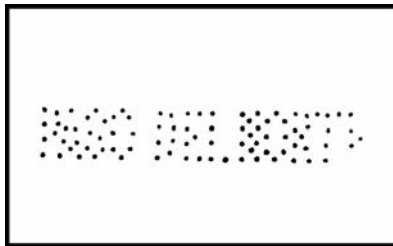
B29.5 - LAREDO (partial)



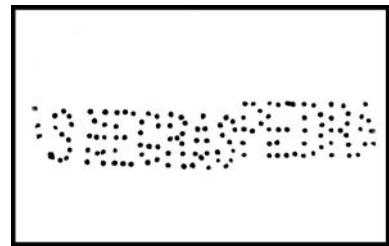
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B31 - MIER



B33 - PASO DEL NORTE
(partial)



B34 - PIEDRAS NEGRAS
(split)

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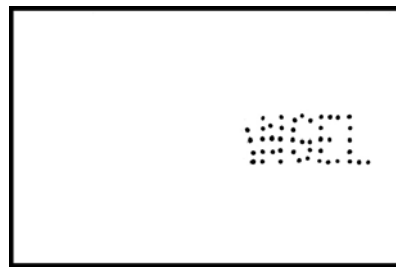
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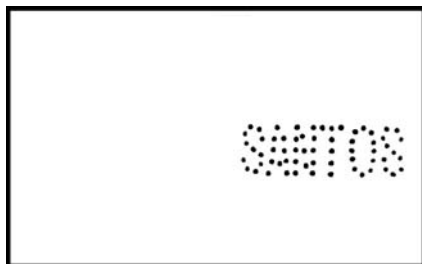
B34.5 - LA PAZ



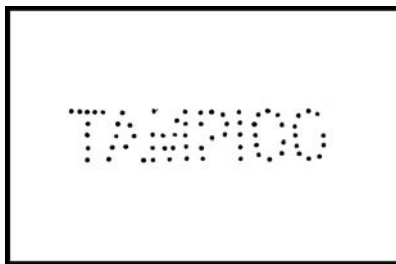
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B35.1 - PUERTO ANGEL (partial)



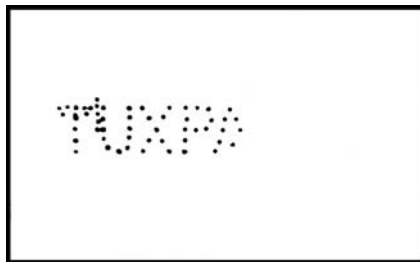
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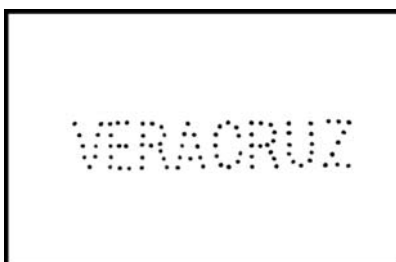
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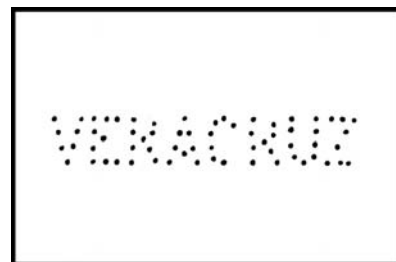
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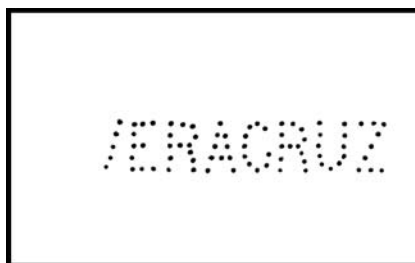
B38 - TUXPAN (partial)



B39 - VERACRUZ



B39.1 - VERACRUZ



B39.2 - VERACRUZ (partial)