

The Perfins of Mexico - Part 2

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The following is the continuation of my article in the September/October 2009 *Bulletin* (63:114-120) about the perfins of Mexico. This time we will discuss the their Officials, Punches and Specimen perfins.

The "C" prefixes are being used for perfins that are considered to be "Officials". This category may be moved to the "A" prefixes (Postal issues) at a later date as the *World Perfins Catalog* editor may decide to include "Official" usages with the "Commercial" usages.

The "P" prefixes are used for the various "Punches" that appear almost entirely on Revenue issues. This is probably only the tip of the iceberg for punches on Revenues. I have only been pursuing them for the past ten years, so I am sure others have been or will be found.

The "S" prefixes are used for the "Specimen" perfins used by the various Stamp and Stationery

manufacturers.

The only Dates of Usage that I know at the present time are 1929 and onward for pattern **C1** and 1899 - 1920 for pattern **C2**.

There have been a number of later issues (1975 - 1993) that have been showing up on eBay with pattern **M6** "Muestra" perfin (Spanish for Sample or Specimen). There is much speculation among the MEPSI (Mexico Elmhurst Philatelic Society International) club as to the authenticity of these perfins. It is speculated that either a collector or employee of the National Printery has been getting access to this perforator for philatelic purposes, which should only have been used many years prior to World War II. The MEPSI collectors are trying to get to the bottom of this particular issue. If they are successful, they will advise us. Unfortunately, I do not have an image of pattern **M6** to include in this article.

<u>Officials</u>	<u>Pattern and Description or User</u>
C1	FREY.
C2	G.deM. - Gobierno de Michoacan
<u>Punches</u>	
P1	Star - 4 mm
P2	Fat Star - 4 mm
P3	Crown (?)
P4	Arrow
P5	Clover
P6	L
P7	BC
P8	BC
P9	\$
P10	1/2
P11	*2
P12	PAID - 14 mm high (4 pins vertical)
P13	AMORTIZADO
P14	ASA/051
P15	PAGADO - 9 mm high
P16	PAGADO - 6 ½ mm high
P17	CANCELADO - 7 mm high
P18	CANCELADO - 7 mm high (slightly fatter letters)
P19	PAID - 14 mm high (5 pins vertical)
P20	ANULADO - 11 mm high
P21	Bank of ???/N.
P22	(HAVAN)A CUBA
P23	??N ANT??
P24	?28

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Official Patterns

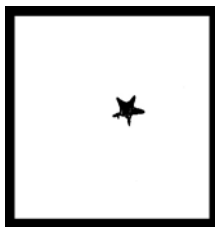


C1 - FREY.

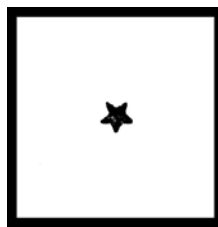


C2 - G.deM.

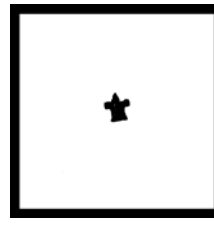
Punches



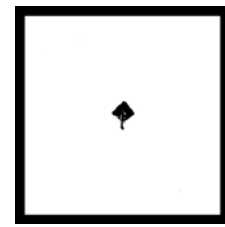
P1 - Star - 4mm



P2 - Fat Star - 4mm



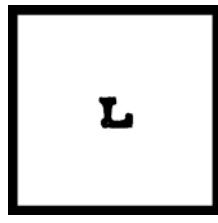
P3 - Crown (?)



P4 - Arrow



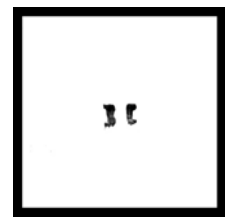
P5 - Clover



P6 - L



P7 - BC



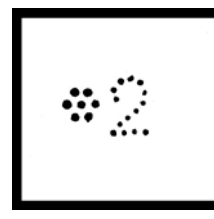
P8 - BC



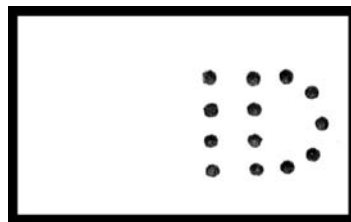
P9 - \$



P10 - 1/2 (partial)



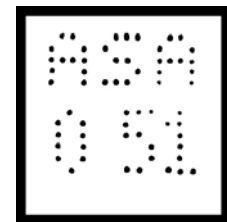
P11 - *2



P12 - PAID (14 mm high -
4 pins vertical) (partial)



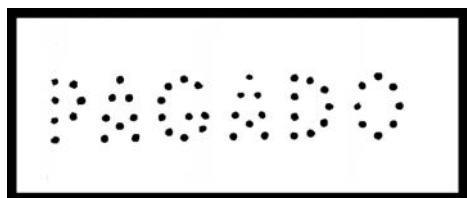
P13 - AMORTIZADO



P14 - ASA/051

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Punches (cont.)



P15 - PAGADO (9 mm high)



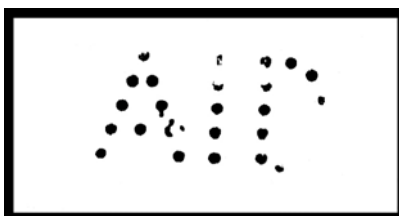
P16 - PAGADO (6 ½ mm high)
(partial)



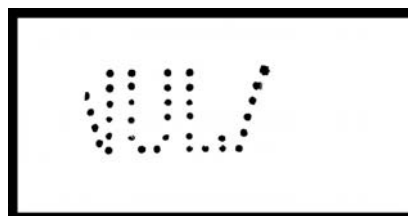
P17 - CANCELADO (7 mm high)
(partial)



P18 - CANCELADO (7 mm high - slightly fatter letters)
(partial)



P19 - PAID (14 mm high - 5 pins vertical)
(partial)



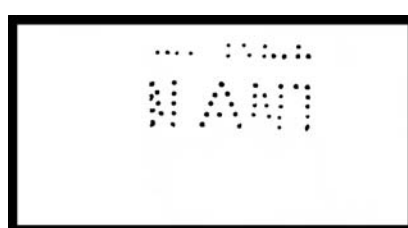
P20 - ANULADO (11 mm high)
(partial)



P21 - Bank of ???/N.
(partial)



P22 - (HAVAN)A CUBA
(partial)

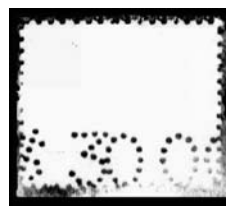


P23 - ??N ANT??
(partial)



P24 - ??8 (partial?)

Examples of Usage of Pattern P9 on Various Stamps



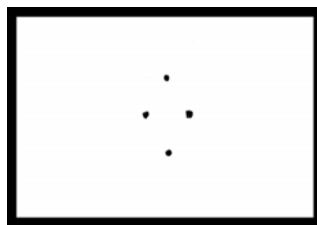
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Specimen	
S1	SPECIMEN - 4 mm high, 12 mm long
S2	Lateral Diamond - 4 holes - Stationery
S3	SPECIMEN - 5 mm high, 34 mm long - Stationery
S4	CANCELLED - 5 mm high, 40 mm long - Stationery
S5	SPECIMEN/BRADBURY WILKINSON & CO.LD/LONDON - Stationery
S6	(MUESTRA) - Spanish for Sample or Specimen (No Image Available)

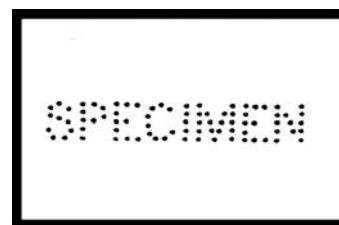
Specimen Patterns



S1 - SPECIMEN (4 mm high - 12 mm long)



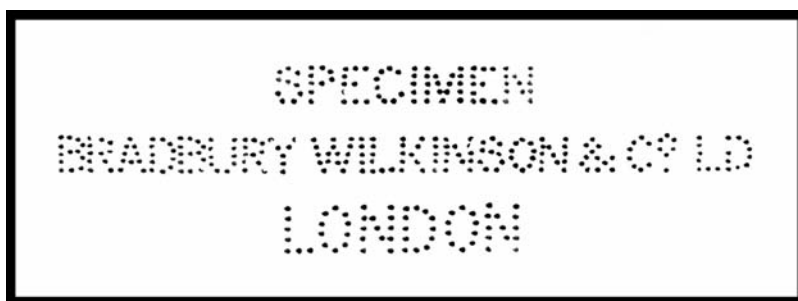
S2 - Lateral Diamond - 4 holes



S3 - SPECIMEN (5 mm high - 34 mm long)



S4 - CANCELLED (5 mm high - 40 mm long)



S5 - SPECIMEN/BRADBURY WILKINSON & Co. LD/
LONDON
(Partial)