

The British Non-Denominated Definitive Series **1989-2016**

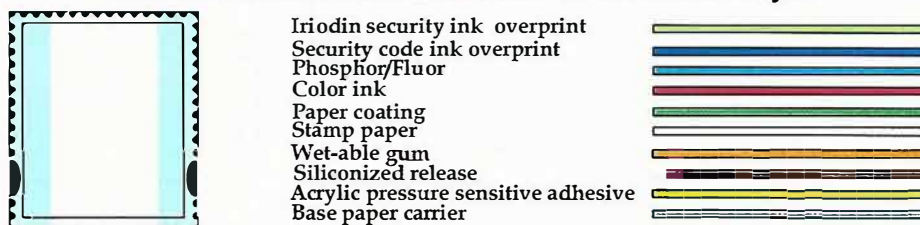
A Study in Production Materials, Printers and Process and the Resulting Varieties

Purpose: This is an exhibit of stamps which documents the introduction, variety and expansion of non-denominated or No-Value-Indicated (NVI) printings in the United Kingdom.

Treatment: Royal Mail introduced NVIs in 1989. Starting as a simple set of 1ST & 2ND class Machin postage stamps, this effort has grown to encompass additional letter rates and National & Country stamp designs.

This period of stamp production encompasses many of the significant technological changes to U.K. definitives that continue to require a stamp to be a complex, multi-layered, mechanisation-interactive device. Forces compelling these qualities of modern U.K. definitives include Post Office service and cost considerations, regulatory, nationalism and environmental factors, security, ease of use and rate escalation – all across multiple printers. The chapters of the exhibit will explain at a specialist level the resulting evolution of the NVI definitives.

The Modern British Definitive's Construction Layers



Scope: The exhibit includes trial and production printings of National and Country releases.

▪ Rare items are enclosed by a red-lined gold frame.



▪ Difficult and Scarce items are denoted as such.

1ST & 2ND Class 'Blind' Trials

Because the NVIs were an outgrowth of the Machin series, trial material is largely limited to new technology introduction or regulatory factors. For those reasons, the trials shown are chronologically out of sequence from the first NVI printings.



Post Office Red



Ultra-marine

Scarce with 24 known mint copies of both 1st & 2nd Class

In 1995 the British Disability Discrimination Act was passed to take effect in 1998. Royal Mail took the opportunity to review the NVI stamps from the standpoint of ease of use by the visually impaired. The large numeral design was not adopted.

Exhibit Chapter Plan

- Ch. 1 - Trials, & Early Printings 1989-1992*
- Ch. 2 - A Convergence of Innovation 1993-1995*
- Ch. 3 - Evolution of Packaging, Fluor, Color and a New Non-Denominated Designation 1995-1999*
- Ch. 4 - Machin NVIs 2000-2008*
- Ch. 5 - Security, Forgeries and an Expansion of NVI Service Classes 2009-2013*
- Ch. 6 - Regional-Country Printings*