Great Britain Security Definitives

I have created these pages in response to requests from some users who wish to collect security definitives with date and source codes. There are quite a few with, obviously, more to come with new issues. There is also the possibility that there may be other source and date code combinations for existing issues, so please be aware that these pages are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Only security definitives containing a source code and/or a date code will appear on these pages. This will reduce the amount of duplication with existing Machin pages.

Some security definitives have the words 'Royal Mail' printed in iridescent ink across the stamp, and many of these also have date and/or source codes within this printing. A common example would be M12L instead of the word MAIL, meaning that the stamp was printed in 2012.

Source codes identify the source of the stamp, for instance FOYAL denotes a stamp from a four-stamp booklet. If there are no changes to 'ROYAL MAIL' on any of the printing, this is a stamp with neither source or date codes. The position of the codes on the stamp vary.

Below is an example of how the stamps and data will appear on these pages.

1st February 2010.

Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Printed in Photogravure.. Centre phosphor band. Perf 141/2 x14.



SC:MSIL YC:MA10 Additional data

Stamp with source code and year code



SC:---- YC:MA10 Additional data

Stamp with no source code, with year code



SC:MSIL YC:----Additional data

Stamp with source code, no year code

On the next page there is a table showing a list of source codes and the source of the stamps associated with them.

| 2nd & 1st: | Source | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| MAIL (no code) | Counter sheets | |
| MBIL | Business sheets | |
| MCIL | 'Custom' booklets | |
| MMIL | Miniature Sheet | |
| MPIL | Prestige booklet panes | |
| MRIL | Rolls | |
| MSIL | Booklets of six | |
| MTIL | Booklets of twelve | |
| | | |
| 2nd and 1st Large | | |
| ROYALMAIL (no code) | Counter sheets | |
| YBLM | Business sheets (2009) | |
| МВІ | Business sheets (2010) | |
| BIL | Business sheets (2011-13) | |
| MBIL | Business sheets (2014) | |
| FOYAL | Booklets of four (2009) | |
| MFI | Booklets of four (2010) | |
| FIL | Booklets of four (2011-13) | |
| MFIL | Booklets of four (from 2014) | |
| | | |
| Diamond Jubilee Definitive | | |
| MBND | Business sheets | |
| MCND | 'Custom' booklets of six | |
| MMND | Miniature sheet | |
| MPND | Prestige booklet pane | |
| MSND | Standard booklet of six | |
| MTND | Booklets of twelve | |
| | | |
| Long to Reign Over Us definitives | | |
| GC | 'Custom' booklets of six | |
| GM | Miniature sheet | |
| GP | Prestige booklet stamp | |
| GS | Standard booklet of six | |

'ROYALMAIL' printed backing paper:

From early 2016 self-adhesive Security definitives appeared with a repeated undulating 'ROYALMAIL' background in two sizes of grey text printed on the front of the backing paper. Initially the two sizes of grey text were printed upright: Type PB-Up (Printed Backing Upright). In early 2017 the background was changed so that alternate pairs of lines of the repeated 'ROYALMAIL' text were inverted in relation to each other. The pairs of lines can appear with the Large lettering above the small (Type PB-Ls), or with the small above the Large (Type PB-SL). In October 2018 a fourth type appeared on some PM64 booklets. In this type the 'ROYALMAIL' background, in two sizes of grey text, is all inverted (Type PB-Inv). Where they exist these differences are noted in the following pages.





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Queen Elizabeth II

10th March 2009.

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SC:MCIL YC:----

31st March 2009. Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Iridescent overprint. Printed in Photogravure. Two phosphor bands. Perf 14½ x14.

> 2nd Bright Blue



SC: MBIL YC:----

31st March 2009.

Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Iridescent overprint. Printed in Photogravure. Two phosphor bands. Perf 141/2 x14.

| 1st | 1st | 1st |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Gold | Gold | Gold |
| | | |
| SC: MBIL YC: | SC:MSIL YC: | SC:MTIL YC: |

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1st February 2010.

Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Iridescent overprint. Printed in Photogravure. Two phosphor bands. Perf 141/2 x14.



25th February 2010. Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Iridescent overprint. Printed in Photogravure. Two phosphor bands. Perf 14½ x14.



8th May 2010. Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Iridescent overprint. Printed in Photogravure. Two phosphor bands. Perf 14½ x14.

| 50p | 50p | 50p |
|--|--|-----------------|
| Brownish Grey | Brownish Grey | Brownish Grey |
| | | |
| | | |
| SC:MPIL YC:MA10 U slits break at bottom | SC:MPIL YC:MA10 U slits break at top & bottom | SC:MPIL YC:M11L |



8th May 2010. Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Iridescent overprint. Printed in Photogravure. Centre band. Perf 14½ x14.



8th May 2010.

Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Iridescent overprint. Printed in Photogravure. 2 bands. Perf 141/2 x14.





 SC:MPIL
 YC:MA10
 SC:MPIL
 YC:MA10

 U slits break at bottom
 U slits break at top & bottom









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26th October 2010. Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Printed in Photogravure. Centre phosphor band. Perf 14½ x14.













15th July 2011. Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Iridescent overprint. Printed in Photogravure. two phosphor bands. Perf 14¹/₂ x14.





Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Printed in Photogravure. Two phosphor bands. Perf 141/2 x14.



10th January 2012.

Elliptical holes. Printed in Photogravure. Two phosphor bands. Perf $14\frac{1}{2}x14$.



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3rd January 2013. Self-adhesive. Elliptical holes. U-shaped slits. Printed in Lithography. Two phosphor bands. Perf 141/2 x14.























SC:MPIL YC:M13L

Enschede Print





Deep Green



2p

Deep Green

SC:MPIL YC:M20L



2p

SC:MPIL YC:M13L

Cartor Print

2p

Deep Green

SC:MPIL YC:M19L







 $14 th\ May\ 2015.$ Elliptical holes. Printed in Lithography. Two phosphor bands. Perf $14\frac{1}{2}\,x\ 14.$



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9th September 2015. Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Printed in Photogravure. Two phosphor bands. Perf 14½ x 14.





22nd March 2016.

Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Printed in Photogravure. Two phosphor bands. Perf $14\frac{1}{2} \times 14$.



SC:---- YC:M16L

21st April 2016. Elliptical holes. Printed in Photogravure. Two phosphor bands. Perf 14½ x 14.



SC:REIGP YC:O16R

 $\label{eq:28th} \begin{array}{l} 28th \ July \ 2016. \\ \\ \mbox{Elliptical holes. Printed in Lithography. Two phosphor bands. Perf 14\% x 14. \\ \end{array}$

£1.05 Grey-Olive SC:MPIL YC:M16L

9th September 2016. Elliptical holes. Printed in Photogravure. Two phosphor bands. Perf 14½ x 14.












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 $\label{eq:5th} \begin{array}{l} 5 th \ June \ 2017. \\ \mbox{Elliptical holes Printed in Photogravure. Perf } 14 \ \ x \ 14. \end{array}$



14th December 2017. Elliptical holes. Printed in Lithography. Perf 14½ x 14.



SC:MPIL YC:M17L

 $\label{eq:23rd} 23rd\ January\ 2018.$ Elliptical holes. Printed in Lithography. Two phosphor bands. Perf 14½ x 14.



1st Large Bright Scarlet

SC:MPIL YC:M17L

SC:MPIL YC:M19L





 $13th \ February \ 2019.$ Elliptical holes. Printed in Lithography. Perf $14\frac{1}{2} \ x \ 14.$



14th March 2019. Elliptical holes. Printed in Lithography. Perf 14½ x 14.



 $19 th \ March \ 2019.$ Self-adhesive. U-shaped slits. Elliptical holes. Printed in Lithography. Perf $14\% \ x \ 14.$







 $\label{eq:sthmap} \begin{array}{l} 8th \; May\; 2020.\\ \mbox{U-shaped slits. Printed in Lithography. Perf\; 14\frac{1}{2}\;x\; 14. \end{array}$



SC:MPIL YC:M20L





23rd March 2021. Barcoded Security Machin. U-shaped slits. Printed in Photogravure. Perf 15x14½. Self-adhesive.



SC:MBIL YC:M21L

 $12 th \ August \ 2021.$ U-shaped slits. Printed in Photogravure. Perf 14½ x 14. Self-adhesive.

£1.70 Greenish Blue

SC:MPIL YC:M21L









