

GUATEMALA

“ the classics”

the pre U.P.U. Issues

1-3-1871 till 31-7-1881

In 1821 Guatemala achieved her independence from Spain, and the postal system which was already implemented, was further on developed.

In 1866 the Government of President Vicente Cerna decided that Guatemala should adopt postage stamps and there came a decree ordering the preparation of postage stamps, the values to be stated in decimal currency! They were ordered from France in the middle of 1866!

Their production was delayed by various reasons including extreme procrastination. It took a long time before the first die was completed and only in Sept. 1867 the 1 c. stamps were finished. It was only in December 1868 that the 5, 10 and 20 cents were also ready for shipment. In Feb. 1869 they arrived in Guatemala. It is unknown what caused the further delay between Feb 1869 and December 1870, when the decree was issued authorising the stamps.

Once Guatemala's first stamps were ready for sale, practical problems arose, the actual first date of use was set for 1 March 1871.

Postal rates had previously been expressed in Reals and now it was necessarily to express them in Centavos. The next development was that the supply of 1 c. exhausted and that President Cerna was overthrown in May 1871. He was the most powerful advocate of the decimal system.

The council of Ministers of the provisional government decreed that, as the 1 c. run out, the 5, 10 and 20c. stamps were sold for $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 reals and were accepted for postage at the same rates. The first issue was withdrawn in May 1875 when the new(third) issue became available.

Although already received in Aug 1872 the 2nd issue with the new stamps of 4 reals and 1 peso was issued in 1873. They were needed for postage to foreign destinations. Remarkable is that the decimal currency (centavos) was withdrawn for the actual currency in real and peso up till Guatemala became member of the U.P.U.

The proofs and stamps of the first issue were printed in Paris, France; the second issue in London, England, the third in the US, the fourth again in Paris and the fifth issue one more in the USA.

This traditional collection has the following chapters:

- first issue, 1871 with proofs, blocks, tete beches and covers with the various rates;
- second issue, 1873, the high values which became necessary because of lack of high denominations;
- third issue, 1875, the so called "Liberty head" issue;
- fourth issue, 1878, the so called "Indian woman" issue;
- fifth issue, 1879, the small Quetzal in Reales currency.

On 1 august 1881 Guatemala joined the U.P.U. , the decimal currency was adopted and new stamps were required with the new postal rates. issue

Literature: Goodman, the Postal History and Philately, volume 1, 1969



1 C.black, sunken isinglass-covered card (De La Rue, London)
Goodman DP1B



The engraving of the stamp, set in the middle of a solid colour circle,
indicating that the die was cut into the middle of a round piece of metal.
This item is in the chosen colour of the issued stamp
7 other proof colours exist, 3 sets exist(ed)

First issue
1 - 3 - 1871

All values, typographed by the Hôtel des Monnaies (French Government Mint), Paris, France, in sheets of 150 (15 rows of 10). The printing plate consisted 2 sheets with gutter (300 stamps)

The sheets of 150 show identical flaws, proving only one 150-subject master plate was made. The paper was surface-tinted, perforated 14 by 13 ½.

The 1 C. were needed to make the various rates of 6 (= ½ R.) and 12 C. (= 1 R.) as there were no 6 c. printed and the postage rate could only be formed by combination of 5 c. + 1 c. Therefore the apparently small stocks of 1 c. were quickly exhausted sometime in 1871.

On 26 Jan 1872 (9 months after introduction!) the Government decreed that, since the "stamps of minimum value" (= 1 c.) had run out, the 5c, 10c and 20c. would be sold for ½, 1 and 2 reals. They would be accepted for postage at the same rates, although the decree did not include a new rate schedule expressed in reals!

Later (but too late) large quantities turned up in the "unsold" remainders!

For the consequences for the rates see the introduction at the cover-section.

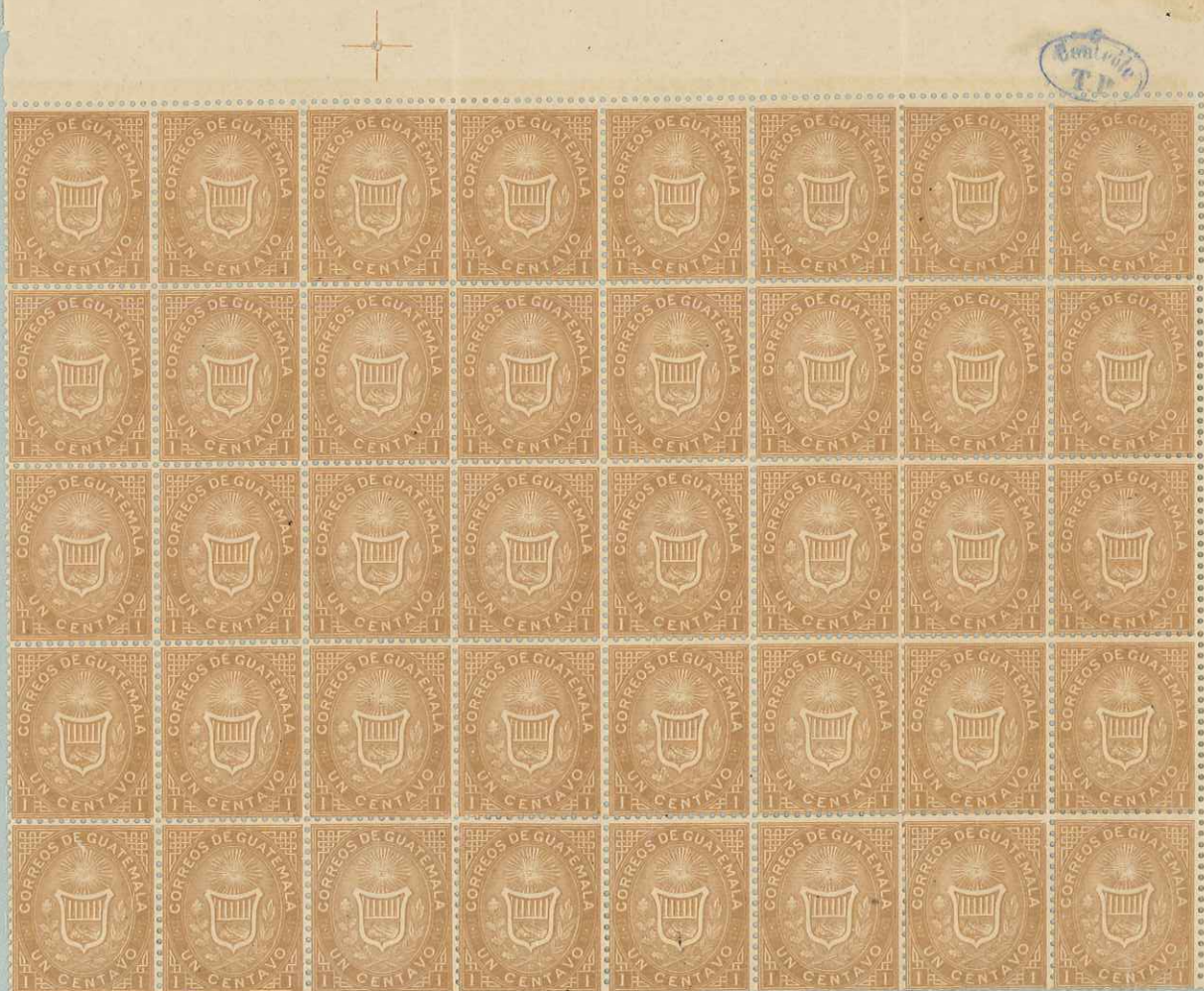
The issue was demonetized in (15) may 1875

First issue

Perforating cross

1 centavo perforated

Controle T.P.



First issue

1 centavo perforated



Light-brown

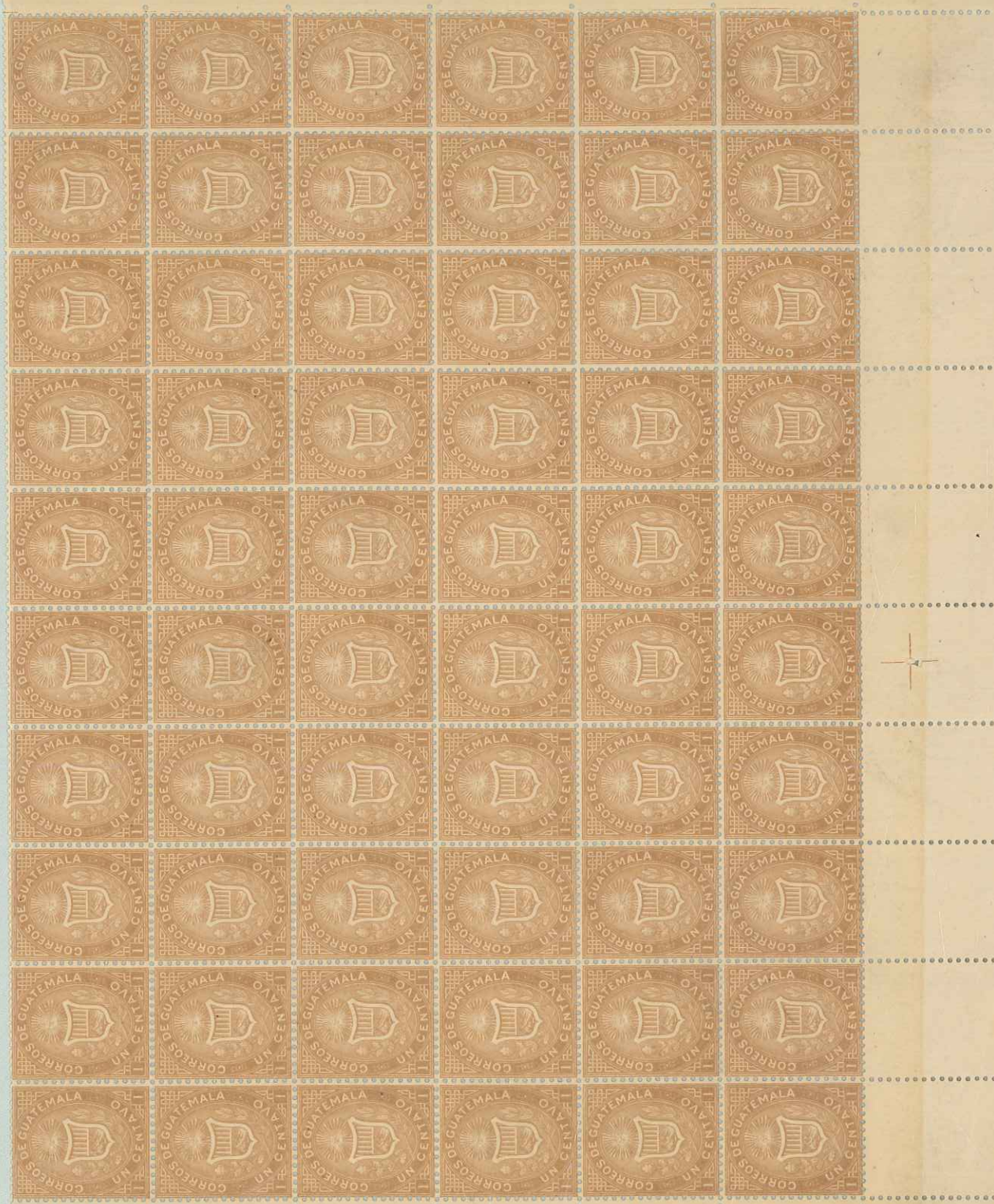


Dark-brown

First issue

1 centavo perforated

The Guatemalan stamps were a little larger than the French stamps. For using the same perforation machine the distance between the stamps had to be very narrow (1 mm.). This is the reason that practically all the frames were touched by the perforations



Block of 60, positions 91 – 150

first issue

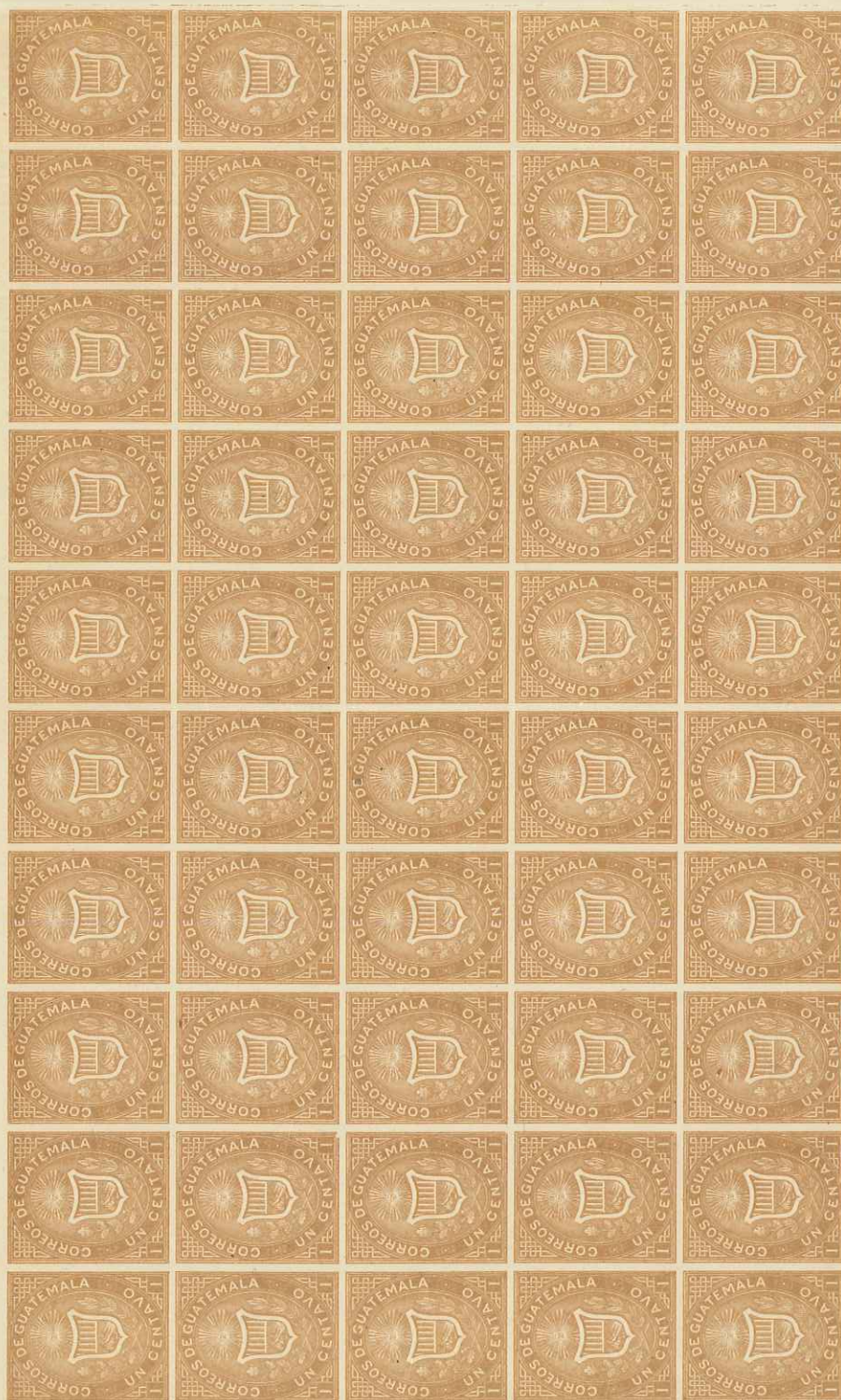
1 centavo imperforate

the sheets were printed without any border inscription, but each sheet received at top right or left bottom a control stamp "Controle T.P."

Controle
T.P.



perforation
guide mark



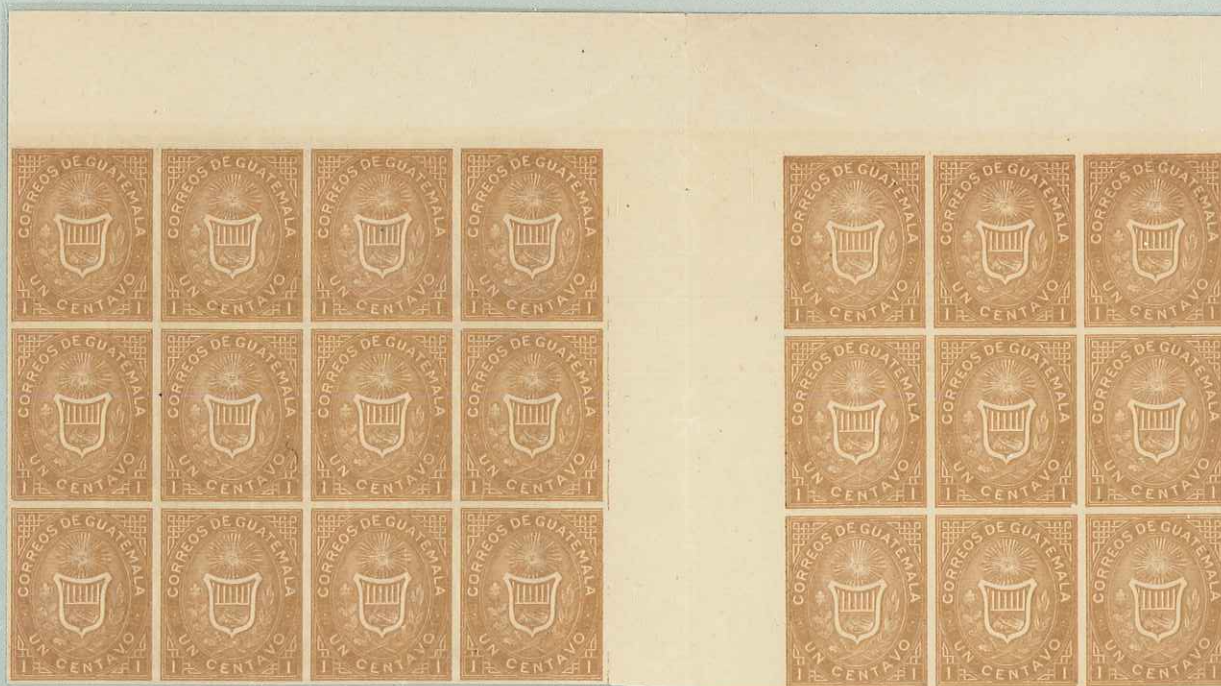
first issue

1 centavo imperforate

The stamps were printed in double sheets of 150 each with a gutter. These printing plates were regularly (always?) composed. That explains why the distance between the 2 PO sheets of 150 often differ.



Width of gutter: 21,6 mm



Width of gutter: 24 mm

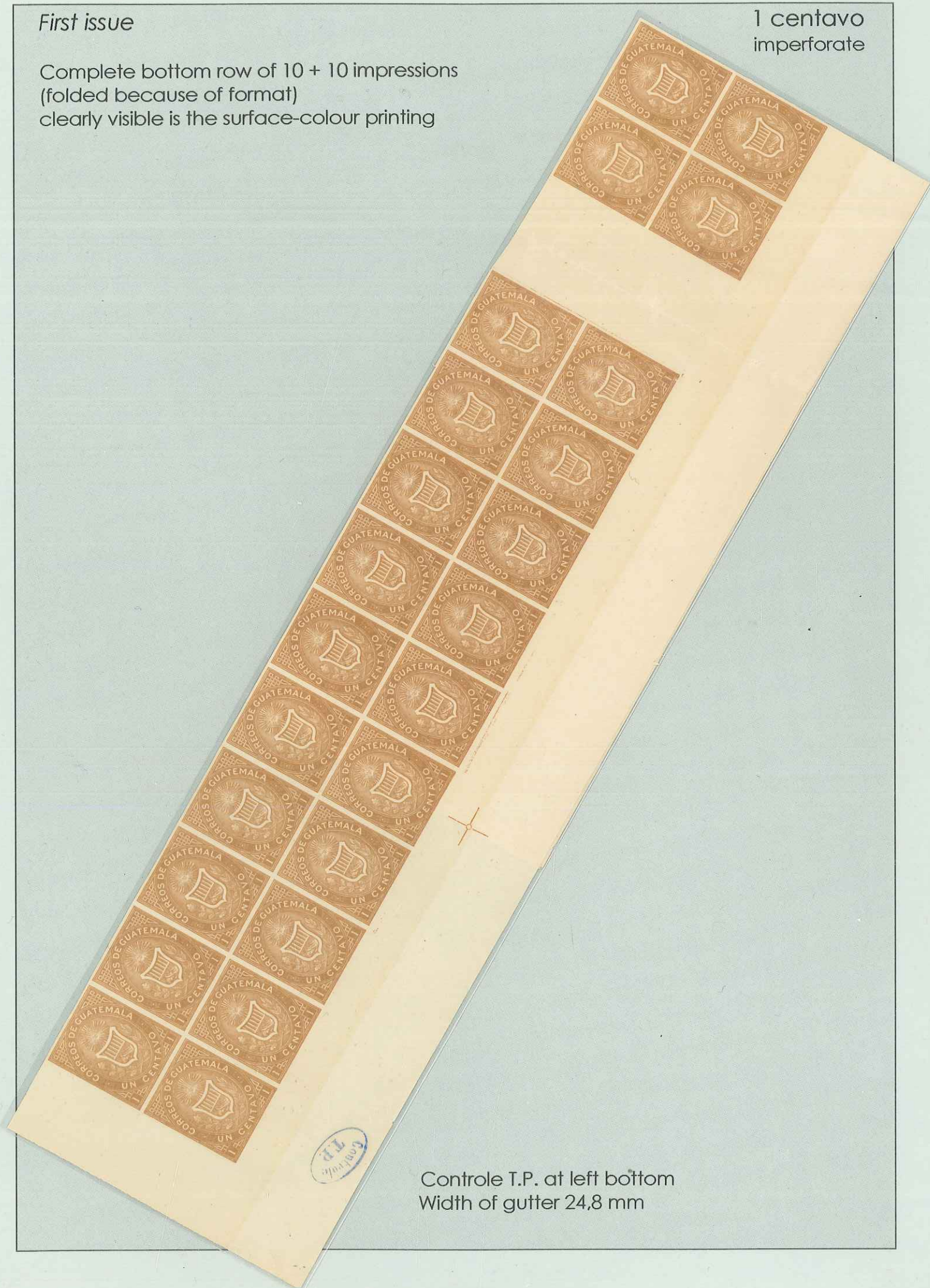


Width of gutter: 27 mm

First issue

Complete bottom row of 10 + 10 impressions
(folded because of format)
clearly visible is the surface-colour printing

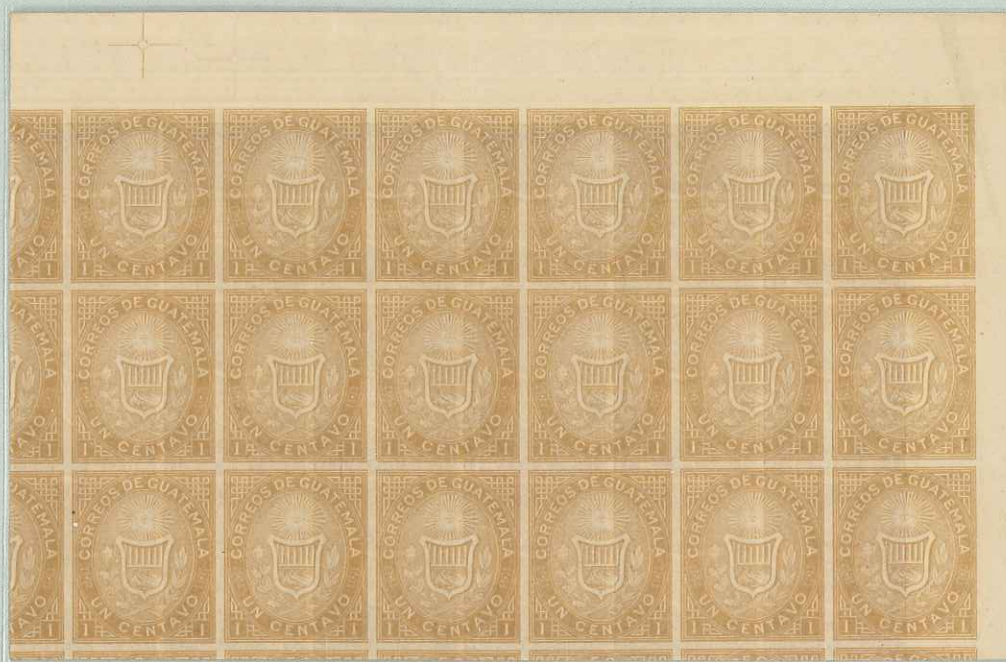
1 centavo
imperforate



Controle T.P. at left bottom
Width of gutter 24,8 mm

Imperforate and printed on both sides

Several sheets were printed on both sides, but these are all imperforate and one can guess that these sheets were unfinished and maybe used for trial printing.



On both sides one can see the perforation guide mark (a cross),
Here, on the back, above pos. 5 and on the other side also above pos. 5

Gutter on the front side
sheetfold

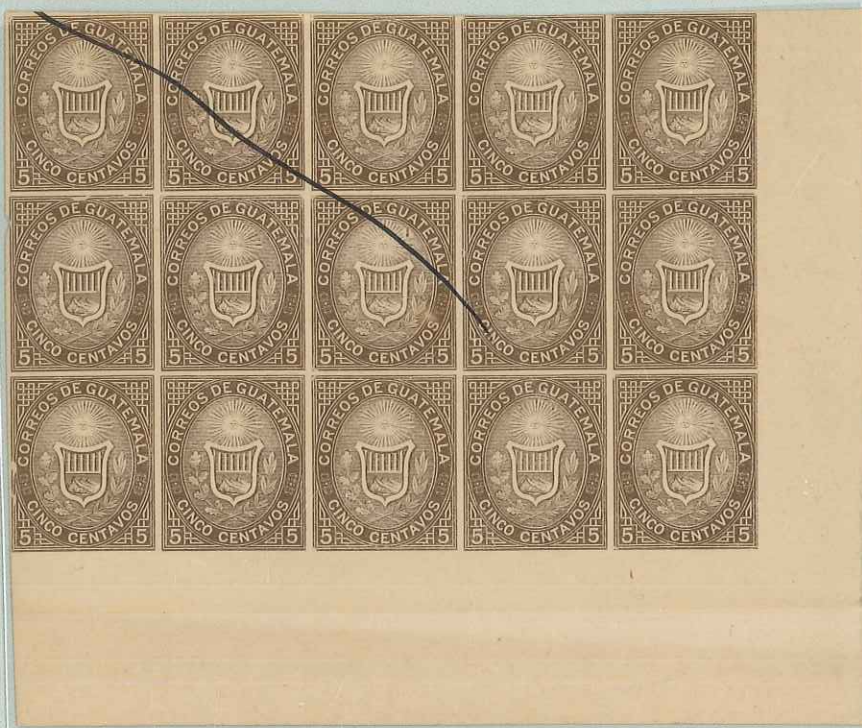


Shown is the "gum side" (these sheets never received gum), the gutter from the front side shines through the paper. One can see the fold in the original printing sheet of 2 sheets

First issue

5 centavos imperforate

Rejected (part) sheet



Although rejected, full gum!

Positions 125-130

135-140

145-150

First issue

5 centavos perforated

greybrown to deepbrown



pos. 28-30



pos. 38-40

pos. 46-50



pos. 56-60



pos. 66-70



pos. 76-80



pos. 86-90



pos. 96-100



There are several minor typographical flaws in different positions. Stamp no. 66 (first one in row 5) has a defective first "C" in CINCO giving the appearance of a "G".

Second largest block recorded

First issue

5 centavos (im)perforate

the " tête bêche " variety on position 10



the imperforate variety
few exist ex Spycher



Light brown



dark brown

the perforate variety

No. 90 100August 15, 19⁸⁰

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EXPERT COMMITTEE

We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the
applicant described as follows:

Country GUATEMALA Issue 1871 Denomination 5cColor bister brown Cat. No. 2cBrief description or additional
informationAll Catalogue numbers are Scott's unless
otherwise specified.

Tete-beche in block of four,
unused, o.g.
of which a photograph is attached and are of the opinion

that it is a genuine block of Scott 2a (two
stamps), and 2c (two stamps).-----

Markus Smith
For The Expert Committee
Chairman

submitted by Corinphila

First issue

5 centavos (im)perforate

the "tête bêche" variety on position 103

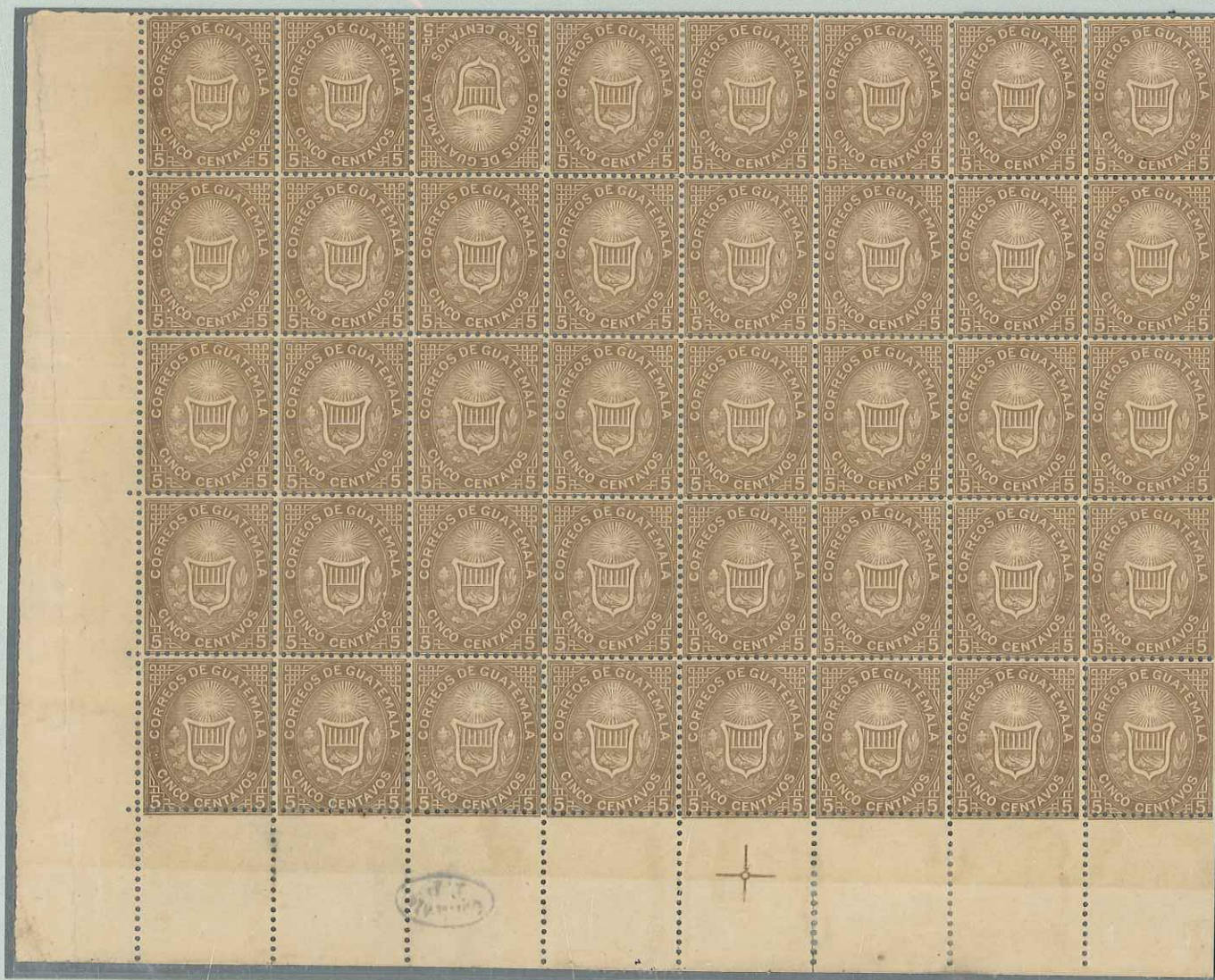


perforate
dark brown



imperforate
two blocks recorded

inverted cliché (pos. 103)



the largest recorded block with the tête bêche variety

First issue

10 centavos imperforate

Rejected part sheet

This is the only recorded cornerblock in which the 2 types are present



Wide "0" : positions 1-94 and 149

Narrow "0": positions 95 – 148 and 150

The wide "0" on pos. 149 is also the *only* position
In the bottom 5 rows, the rest all have the small "0".

First issue

10 centavos perforated



The **largest** recorded multiple, all stamps type I, wide "0", the gum was removed as the sheets got stuck together. Because of folding the block the perforation is loose on quite some places and reinforced. On top a cross with hole for placing the perforation machine on the correct place. The type I (wide "0" is in positions 1-94 and 150)

First issue

10 centavos imperforate

the 10 is printed with 2 types of "0"



type I
wide "0"



type II
narrow "0"



type I



type II



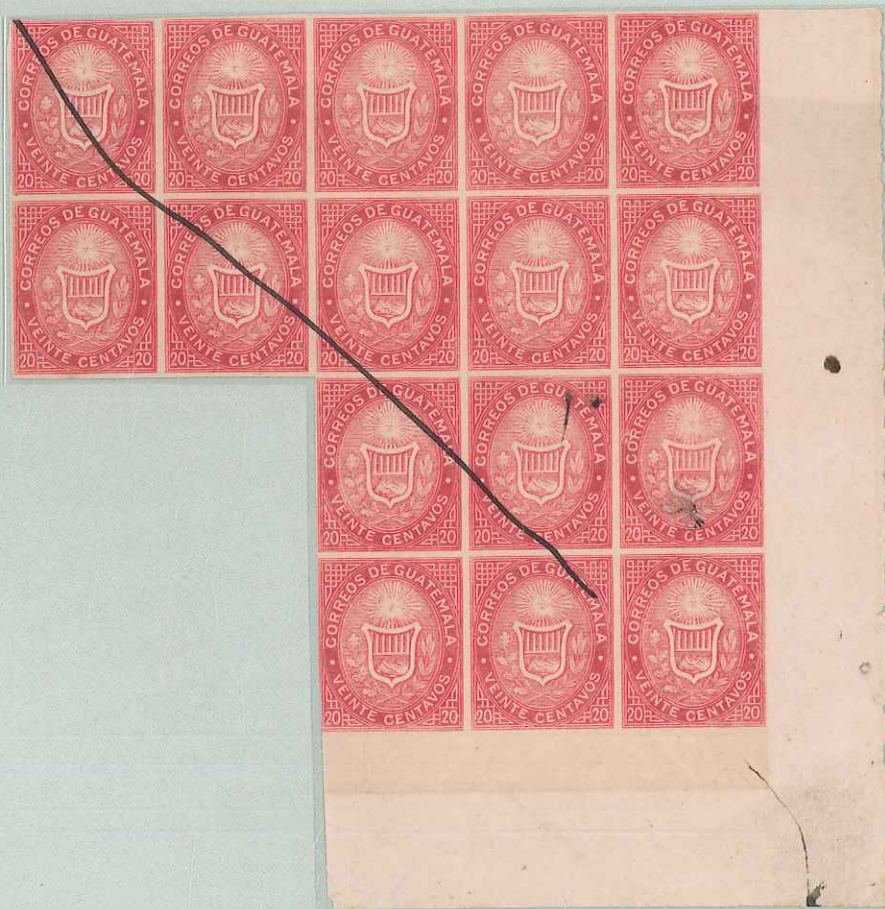
Block of 4 with type I and II

pos.	91	92	type	I	I
	101	102		II	II

First issue

20 centavos imperforate

Rejected (part) sheet



Although rejected full gum!

Pos. 116 - 120

126 - 130

138 - 140

148 - 150

First issue

20 centavos perforated



Second largest used multiple recorded
(block of 12 also known)
ex Spycher

Large numeral cancellations on 20 centavos



1 in red
Guatemala



5
Solola



6
Quezaltenango



22
Izabal



Besides the large numerals also datestamps were used from 1874 onwards. As the 1 C. was taken out of circulation in Jan. 1872 these datestamps do not exist on 1 C.

First issue

20 centavos (im)perforate

Error of colour
Blue instead of red

Only one sheet arrived, imperforate, in Guatemala. Perforation was done very poor in Guatemala, only a portion fit the machine. Perforated stamps are recorded mint and used. Only a few imperforates exist.



Perforate 14 x 13 ½

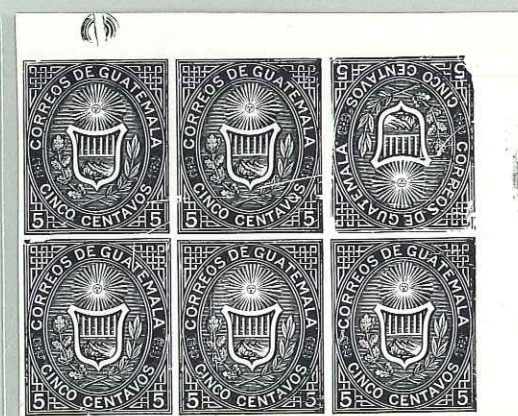


imperforate

First issue

reprints made by the Royal Philatelic Society

The late Walter Lind made a gift in 1946 to the RPSL consisting of the original plates of the 4 values of the first issue. The RPSL printed black impressions from this plate



Corner block showing the tête bêche variety on position 10

When the stamps were issued only large numerals were available. Not all the numbers were introduced during the period of the first issue. Also not all the large numerals have been identified with the according city name. Incidental since 1874 also datestamps have been used.

Used examples of the 1 cent. are extremely scarce, as they were only used between 1-3-1871 and the end of Januari 1872 (11 months), when the stock was exhausted!

on 1 centavo



numeral 1 = Guatemala

on 5 centavos



on 10 centavos



Guatemala planned to join the UPU but one realised that only in 1881. In the meantime they wanted to introduce the decimal currency in the late sixties. This is the reason the stamps were planned, printed and issued as such, postage value indicated in **centavos**. The real currency however was in reals and pesos (1 P. = 8 R.) and the cover rates were introduced as such but as the stamps were printed in centavos they calculated them as follows:

The postal rates in course from 1-3-1871, for a basic weight of ½ ounce in column 1. In column 2 the new rates starting in the end of jan 1872 in Reales!, but with 20 % discount, counted in centavos. As there were no more 1 Centavo stamps available, which were needed for making the (old) rates, they were obliged to do this!! All rates were now 5 c. or multiple 5 c.

	First rate period	Second rate period (first issue demonitized 15-5-75)
	1-3-1871	26-1-1872
Domestic	6 c (1/2 R)	5 c (1/2 R)
- double rate	12 C (1 R)	10 c (1 R)
American nations	12 C (1 R)	10 C (1 R)
- double rate	25 C (2 R)	20 C (2 R)
Foreign countries	25 c (2 R)	20 C (2 R)
- double rate		40 c (4 R)

6 C domestic rate

First rate period 1-3-1871 till 26-1-1872

Very few (6 !) covers survived from the first postage rate period from 1-3-1872 till 26-1-1872 !!



Cover franked with 5 + 1 Centavos, single domestic rate from Guatemala, large numeral "1" to Mazatenango.

2 domestic usage's know

First issue

25 C foreign rate

First rate period 1-3-1871 till 26-1-1872

Very few covers survived from the first postage rate period from 1-3-1872 till 26-1-1872 !!



1872, cover franked with 5 + 20 C. from Salama, with large numeral "24", via Guatemala city (5-1-1872) datestamp, Colon 25-1-72 (B.PO) to England. Arrival 26-2-1872. On front written "Recd.....Feb 26, last post". No due! (E.)

the only recorded cover with this rate

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GUATEMALA 1872 cover to Rotherham in England with 1871 5c bistre-brown and 20c rose-carmine (SG 2 + 4) with central large numeral '24' cancel in black. Guatemala City transit backstamp (5 Jan) and small COLON British P.O. transit cds (25 Jan). Manuscript endorsement "Recd ... Feb 26 last post"

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects

Notes: The large numeral '24' cancel was used in Salama. The overseas rate was 25c per half ounce. This was reduced to 20c at the end of January 1872. Horizontal filing crease affects the stamps at the top. *Ex Spycher*

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First issue

25 C double rate to the "America's"

First rate period 1-3-1871 till 26-1-1872

Very few covers survived from the first postage rate period from 1-3-1872 till 26-1-1872 !!



Lettersheet from Guatemala, franked with 5 + pair 10 C, with large numeral "1", datestamp 10-10-1871, to San Francisco (27-10-1871). Postage due marking in blue crayon "20" (cents),

the only recorded cover with this rate

First issue

10 C domestic rate

Second rate period from 26-1-1872 till Feb 1877



Letter franked with 2 x 5 C. for the double domestic rate, cancelled with the rare datestamp from Guatemala 6-5-1874 to Retalhuleu. Also the red "correos de Guatemala, PAQUETES" hand stamp, same date, indicating that the letter was sent by steamer,

2 covers recorded with this franking

Second rate period from 26-1-1872 till Feb 1877

The 6 c. postage corresponded to $\frac{1}{2}$ real, but as the stock of 1 c. stamps was exhausted, the postage was "reduced" to 5 c. on 26-1-1872 and still cost $\frac{1}{2}$ real!



Undated coverfront with large numeral 17 and the very rare boxed FRANCO, which identifies this cancel from Jutiapa and was sent to Guatemala, domestic letter rate 5 centavos. (E.) (not mentioned in the Goodman audit)



Domestic cover from Guatemala city, large numeral "1", to Mazatenango (E.)

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GUATEMALA cover front to Guatemala City with 1871 5c bistre-brown (SG 2) tied by large numeral '17' cancel and by boxed FRANCO marking both in black

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects

Notes: This particular FRANCO marking was used only in Jutiapa Ex Spycher

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Zatenango with numeral in black with

is genuine in

January 1872

December 2009

First issue

5 C domestic rate

Second rate period from 26-1-1872 till Feb 1877

datestamp cancels



Domestic cover from Guatemala to Antigua with datestamp "Guatemala 21-4-1874". Red "Correos de Guatemala PAQUETES", same date, this cancel was used when the cover was sent by steamer. This cover is the earliest of only 3 recorded covers with a datestamp. This datestamp was only introduced very early in 1874 which explain it's rarity (E)



Cover from Guatemala, with 6 x 1 C. with the rare datestamp Guatemala 6-3-1875 to Coban. Also there red "....PAQUETES", indicating that the cover was sent by steamer. The cover is franked with 1 C. (6x) in 1875, a very late use of this stamp which was already sold out at the end of jan. 1872 so that in fact the rates had to be reduced from 6 to 5 Centavos!! So this cover is in fact overfranked by 1 C. in a period that no 1 C. were available, so someone still had these and did not know the rate was reduced!

the only recorded cover with 6 x 1 Centavo

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Certificate GU/91212/26



GUATEMALA 1874 cover to Antigua with 1871 5c bistre-brown (SG 2) tied by fine GUATEMALA cds (21 Apr) in black with CORREOS DE GUATEMALA/PAQUETES cds in red alongside

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects

Notes: An early usage of this datestamp on cover. *Ex Cervera*

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First issue

10 C domestic rate

Second rate period from 26-1-1872 till Feb 1877



1872, domestic cover from Champerico, large numeral "11" to Guatemala city with 10 centavos for the double internal rate (only 3 double rate covers recorded). The 10 C. stamp is type II (large "0") which is the rarest of both types. (E.)



1872, domestic cover from Guatemala city, large numeral "1" to Mazatenango with 10 centavos for the double internal rate (only 3 double rate covers recorded). The 10 C. stamp is type II (large "0") which is the rarest of both types. (E.)

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GUATEMALA 1872 internal cover to Guatemala City with 1871 10c blue Type B (SG 3b) tied by large numeral '11' cancel in black

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects

Notes: The large numeral '11' cancel was used in Champerico. Rare double internal letter rate with just three covers recorded. Type B stamps are scarcer than Type A stamps. Corner fault on stamp at upper left at straight edge at right

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black with

genuine in

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s cover

ember 2009

First issue

10 C rate to the "America's"

Second rate period from 26-1-1872 till Feb 1877



1874 cover, franked with 10 C. special rate within the America's, with large numeral "22" , with boxed cancel alongside which identifies that "22" belongs to Yzabal ! and sent to Washington, USA.

On the reverse the "correos de Guatemala PAQUETES "transit 27-7-1874 and on front transit New York currency 8 Sep due 10 C. (E.)



1873 cover from Guatemala, franked with 10 C. special rate within the America's with large numeral "1" to New York. Here with the departure "correos Guatemala 26 Jan 1872" hand stamp and "N.Y. steamship 19 Feb "10"" (due!)(E.).

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GUATEMALA 1873 cover from Guatemala City to New York with 1871 10c blue Type A (SG 3) tied by large numeral '1' cancel in black with CORREOS/ GUATEMALA cds in blue (26 Jan) alongside. N.Y. STEAMSHIP/10 arrival rating

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects

Notes: The rate for mail addressed to the USA was reduced from 20c to 10c at the end of January 1872. Ex Spycher

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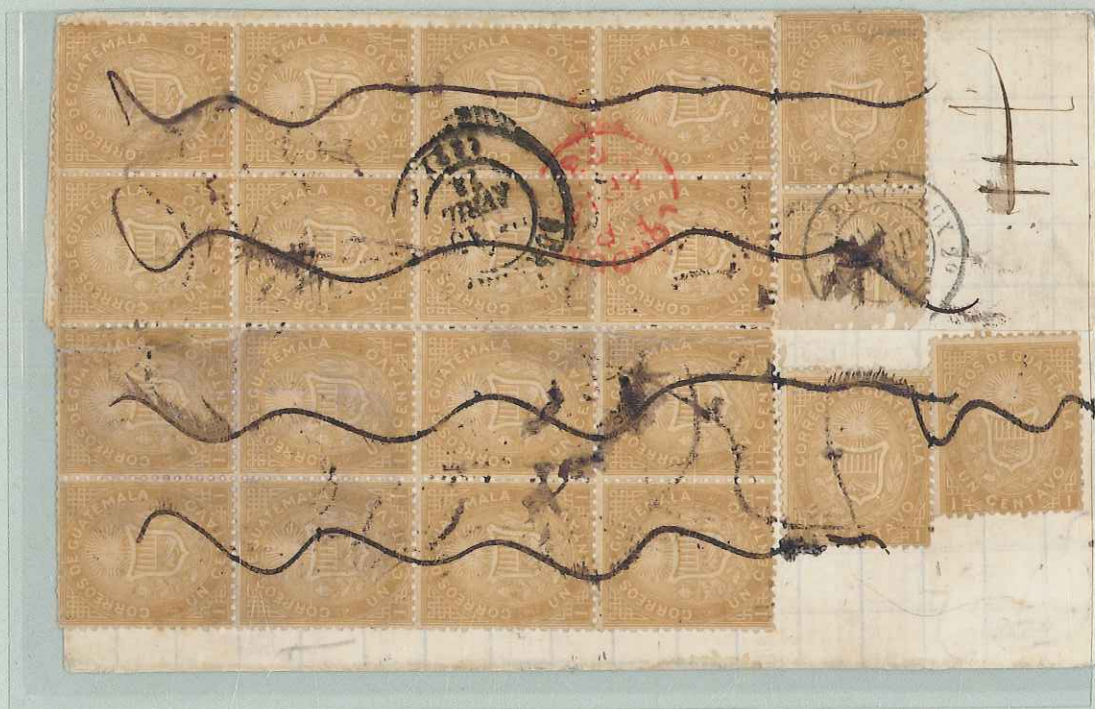
ass., USA with 1871
xed YZABAL marking
LA/PAQUETES transit
U.S. CURRENCY transit

on, it is genuine in

First issue

20 C foreign rate

Second rate period from 26-1-1872 till Feb 1877



Cover, franked with 20 c. from Guatemala (11-2-73) via Panama transit (15-3), London (14-4), "ANGL> AMB. CALAIS" (14-4) , "PARIS a BORDEAUX 2 " (14-4) to Bordeaux (15-4-73). Also accountancy marking GB / 1 F 90 C as Guatemala was not yet member of the UPU.

Foreign rate since the end of Jan. 1873 reduced from 25 c. to 20 c. (E.)

largest recorded franking of any value of the first issue

EXPERTISE DE TIMBRES-POSTE

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Certificat N° 3718

GUATEMALA - 1871 - ARMOIRIES

Yvert N°1

1c. bistre:

20 exemplaires oblitérés à la plume et cachets à date de passage et d'arrivée.

Les timbres sont collés au verso d'une lettre

au départ de GUATEMALA FEB 11 1873 avec marque d'échange et de transit ainsi que la taxe Française: 15 au tampon.

Pièce avec défauts, néanmoins **exceptionnelle**.

Il s'agit du plus grand affranchissement connu avec ce timbre.

Authentique.

Paris, le 6 octobre 2009



First issue

20 C double rate to the "America's"

Second rate period from 26-1-1872 till Feb 1877



1872, letter from Guatemala (31-7-1872), franked with 20 C. (double rate) with large numeral "1" to New York. Blue mark "Due 20 c." which is also incorporated in the arrival mark "New York, U.S. Notes, 19 Aug, 20" (due). Only two complete letters from this correspondence survived.

Second rate period from 26-1-1872 till Feb 1877

1872, cover from Guatemala, franked with 20 C. , large numeral "1", datestamp "correos Guatemala 27-9-1872" in blue, pen mark "via Panama"; transit "Colon British P.O., "GB 1 F 60 c" accountancy marking, transit London 12-11, Amb Calais 13-11 and arrival Paris 13-11. "12" (décimes) to be paid by the addressee. (E.)

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Certificate GU/91212/39



GUATEMALA 1872 cover to Paris endorsed 'via Panama' with 1871 20c rose-carmine (SG 4) with slightly doubled large numeral '1' cancel in black with CORREOS/GUATEMALA cds (27 Sep) in blue alongside. Small COLON British P.O. transit cds, 'GB1F60C' accountancy marking and handstruck '12' (decimes) arrival rating

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects

Notes: The overseas rate was reduced to 20c per half ounce from the end of January 1872. Ex Spyker

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Lithographed by Edward Matthews, London

20.000 printed

The purpose of this additional issue was to add higher values to the first issue in order to frank the covers for abroad.

Walter Lind studied this issue thoroughly and found that at least half of the 4 R. shows traces of a vertical guide line, left of the stamp, with a characteristic kink near the top.



guide line at left



guide lines at left

large numeral cancellations



red 1
Guatemala



red 1
Guatemala
**only recorded combination
with the first issue !!**



9
Mazatenango



25
Coban

Circular date stamps

Guatemala

Correos de Guatemala
Paquetes



6 jun 74



21 set 74



21 jun 76



6 jun 74
(also London transit)

Lithographed by Edward Matthews, London

10.000 printed



type 25
break in bottom line
under U
(marginal position)



type 8
white gap in left
outer frame line



type 1
break in bottom line
before right 1



type 100
injury to foot of
E of PESO



Pairs are the largest (un)used multiples recorded
less than 10 pairs known

datestamps



23 MAR 74



21 SET 76



7 EN (no year)

large numeral cancels



Black 1
Guatemala



red 1
Guatemala



6
Quezaltenango



Pre philatelic boxed FRANCO



1877, letterfront from Guatemala, franked with 1 peso, date stamp cancel Guatemala 20 Nov (77), red "correos de Guatemala PAQUETES 20 Nov" indicating that the letter was sent by steamer, via London (PAID 31 De 77), which was applied in error and "over" cancelled with (London) 26. In blue crayon "50" and at arrival in Cadiz red "M 1 P."

1 peso was the double foreign letter rate to overseas destinations for letters with a weight between $\frac{1}{2}$ oz and 1 oz. (E.)

4 double rate 1 Peso covers recorded, ex Spycher

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Certificate GU/91212/48



GUATEMALA 1877 cover front with oval sender's cachet to Cadiz in Spain endorsed 'Via Panama' in manuscript with 1873 'Arms' 1p yellow (SG 6) tied by GUATEMALA cds in black (20 Nov) with CORREOS DE GUATEMALA/PAQUETES cds in red (20 Nov) alongside. Unframed 'T' with manuscript '50' alongside, London PAID cds in red applied in error and deleted by upright oval London '26' cancel in black with 'M/1P.' arrival rating in red

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects

Notes: Double foreign letter rate. Only four covers recorded with the 1p value.
Ex Spycher

Brian Moorhouse

12 December 2009



1877, letter from San Jose to Marseille, franked with 4 reals, sent uncanceled probably directly by ship, via New York transit 12 Feb, where the stamp was tied by blue crayon line and indication "50".

Date stamp " ETATS UNIS / V. ANGL. AMB. CALF 24 Feb 77" at French port. On back ambulant "Lyon 25 Feb" and arrival "Marseille 25 Feb 77".

Manuscript 12 (décimes) arrival rating. (E.)



1877, Entire letter from Guatemala city to Chaux de Fonds, Switzerland franked with 4 R. with date stamp Guatemala 19 may 77 via Panama and London (22-6) Large T and blue crayon "50" applied in London and at arrival "100" (c.) due in red crayon.(E.)

unique second issue usage to Switzerland, ex S. Wyler

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Certificate GU/91212/27



GUATEMALA 1877 E.L. from San Jose to Marseilles with 1873 "Arms" 4r mauve (SG 5) tied by blue crayon line with NEW YORK transit cds (12 Feb), circular 'T' and manuscript '50' accountancy mark in blue. ETATS-UNIS/V.ANGL.AMB.CAL F cds (24 Feb) and manuscript '12' (decimes) arrival rating. Arrival backstamps

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects

Notes: The cover was undoubtedly handed direct to a ship and the stamp was probably marked in crayon in New York at the same time the '50' marking was applied. *Ex Spycher*

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12 December 2009

Third issue

15 April 1875

$\frac{1}{4}$ Real

Recess engraved & printed by Columbian Bank Note Co., Washington

The vast majority of this issue have no gum as most sheets got stuck and had to be soaked. The original gum was of a course brownish type. Such stamps are very scarce.

$\frac{1}{4}$ Reales , 970.000 printed



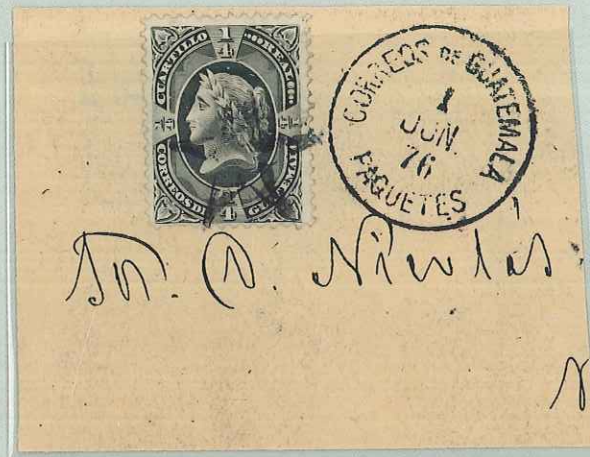
original gum



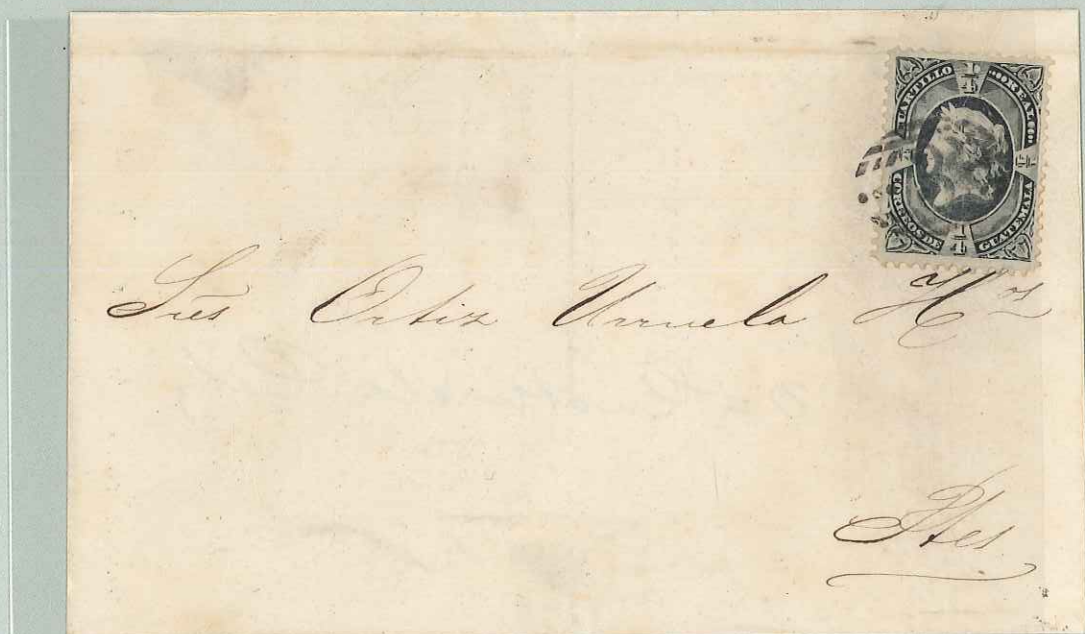
Marginal bottom inscription:
COLUMBIAN BANK NOTE CO.
WASHINGTON D.C.

Third issue

¼ R local letter rate



Large piece with ¼ R. used for local letter, 5 pointed star cancellation and additional date stamp "correos de Guatemala 1 Jun 76, PAQUETES" in black. Later this cancel which was originally intended to be used on covers sent abroad, were used domestic



Local letter(front) used within Guatemala city, cancelled "dot and block" numeral "3"

Third issue

½ Real



Die proof



Marginal bottom inscription:
COLUMBIAN BANK NOTE CO.
WASHINGTON D.C.



original gum

Third issue

½ R domestic rate



Double sided fragment with ½ R. cancelled by datestamp. Also "correos de Guatemala 5 Jan" (no year only a 7), PAQUETES" in black. This cancel which was originally intended to be used on covers sent abroad, but were later on used for domestic purposes.



1876, cover with ½ R., cancelled large numeral '6' for Quezaltenango to Retalhuleu (E.)

4 covers recorded

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Certificate GU/91212/40



GUATEMALA 1876 internal cover to Retaluleu with 1875 'Liberty' 1/2 r blue-green (SG 8) tied by large numeral '6' cancel with CORREOS DE QUEZALTENANGO cds (18 Apr) alongside both in black

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects

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12 December 2009

Third issue

1 Real

Real, 400.000 printed



Die proof

Marginal top inscription:
COMPANIA COLUMBIANA
DE BILLETES DE BANCO
WASHINGTON D.C.

Imprint in Spanish

Imprint in English

Marginal bottom inscription:
COLUMBIAN BANK NOTE CO.
WASHINGTON D.C.



original gum

Third issue

diagonal 1 Real used for $\frac{1}{2}$ R. domestic rate



1877, cover franked with bisected 1 R., making the $\frac{1}{2}$ R. domestic rate, from Mazatenango, large numeral '9' and date stamp 14/7/1877 to Quealtenango
Ex Hubbard and Spycher



1878, cover franked with bisected 1 R., making the $\frac{1}{2}$ R. domestic rate from San Felipe, large numeral '19' and date stamp 20/11/1878, both in BLUE
Ex Madden and Spycher

5 covers with bisected 1 Real recorded

Third issue

2 Real

2 Real, 240.000 printed



Die proof in black

Third issue

2 Real

2 Real, 240.000 printed



Original gum



Top marginal inscription:
COMPANIA COLUMBIANA
DE BILLETES DE BANCO
WASHINGTON D.C.



Marginal bottom inscription:
COLUMBIAN BANK NOTE CO.
WASHINGTON D.C.



Double vertical line perforation



1875, coverfront, franked with 2 R., cancelled date stamp "Guatemala 4-10-75", also the cancel "PAQUETES", used when the mail was sent by steamer, via New York 7-10 to London. Due marking T and cancel "50" to be paid by the addressee.



1876, large cover piece (addressee cut out), written "via San Jose de Guat", franked with 2 x 2 R. making the double foreign rate, from Guatemala city (large numeral "1") which became very worn and distorted after years) via Panama transit 1-5-1876. Partly visible the British 3/- (shillings). On back: bluegreen "correos de Guatemala Paquetes"



Large numeral 15

FISCAL STAMP

postally used during the "Liberty Head" period

Period April 1875 – October 1879



1876, Interior single rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ R. from Guatemala (date stamp as obliterator 29-11), red "correos de Guatemala PAQUETES from same date and sent to Quezaltenango (backstamped Quezaltenango 3-12-1876) and re-addressed to Guatemala. (The addressee Feliciano Garcia was chief private secretary to, the then, President of the Republic)

This is the only recorded full cover which had slipped through the mail as fiscal stamps never have been authorised for the payment of postage.

large numeral cancellations

This type was introduced in 1871 and were used until the early 1900's. They are quite difficult to find on this issue (1875-78). Identification of the cancel number can only be done by research of postal documents on which they are applied.

on ¼ Real



1

Guatemala City



2

Antigua



3

Chimaltenango



6

Quezalteango



19

Chiquimula

on ½ Real



2

Antigua



6

Quezaltenango



8

unidentified



9

Mazaltenango



12 (in violet)

San Felipe de Retalhuleu



15

Totonicapan



21 (in blue)

unidentified



24

Salama

on 1 Real



12

San Felipe de Retalhuleu

12 (in blue)



15

Totonicapan



17

unidentified



18

Zacapa



19

Chiquimula

19 (in red)



22

unidentified



24

Salama



25

Coban

Third issue

cancels

large numeral cancellations

on 2 Reals



2

Antigua



9

Mazaltenango



11

unidentified



14

unidentified



19

Chiquimula



22

unidentified



24

Salama



25

Coban

datestamps
GUATEMALA



26-12-75



27-10-?



19-8-75



7-11-75



7-12-76

stars

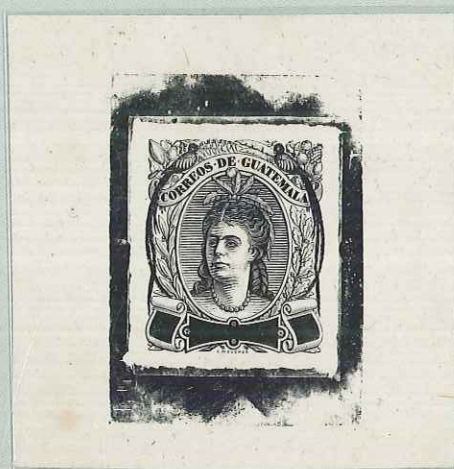


fancy



In this period there was (again) very little diversity in types of cancels

Typographed by A. Chaix & Co., Paris
(Imprimeria Centrale des Chemins de Fer)



Black die, without value indication
coarse white paper surrounded by irregular inked area



black, trimmed down to size
of die, white wove paper



green die, without value indication
coarse white paper cleaned surroundings



green, trimmed down to size
of die, white wove paper



Green die proof with value indication

Fourth issue

1878

plate proofs

all with value indication



Black imperforate plate proofs on India paper



Plate proof in issued colour



in issued colours, on trial paper, with moire surface print on face
perforated 13 1/2

Some sheets received the "LA CROIX FRERES " watermark. In principle these were only on the sheet-margins, but also rarely found on the stamps but always vertical and are scarce! The watermark "LACROIX FRERES" covers 6 stamps in only very few sheets



LA



ACR



OIX



FR



RE



RER



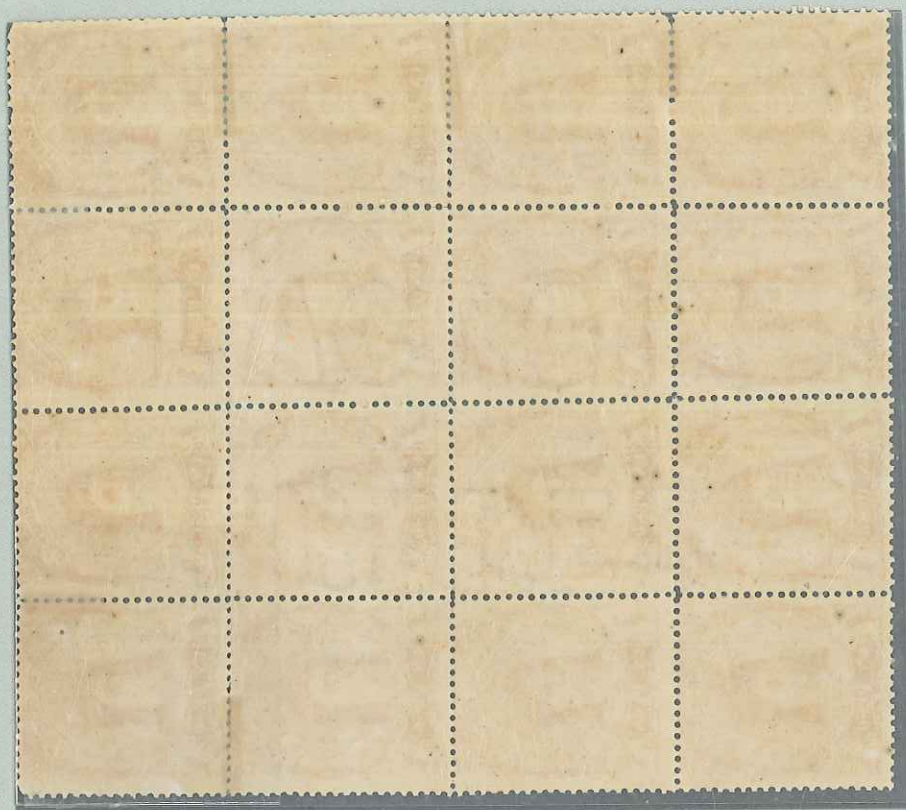
The stamp at right has part of wmk
Stamps pos. 13-16 (this is right margin stamp!)



The stamps at left have part of wmkLACRO...., reading up
Stamps pos. 17-20 and 25-28 (left margin stamps!)

The watermark "**LACROIX FRERES**" covers 6 stamps in only very few sheets

The 1 peso was the only value which was printed in sheets of 50



Complete watermark in vertical rows 2/3

This block can not be plated as there are only 4 constant plate flaws in the sheets of 50.



LA



ROI



OIX



X



L



ACR
forged postmark!



OIX



IX

As explained the watermark "**LACROIX FRERES**" covers 6 stamps in only very few sheets. After that, the sheets were covered by a surface colour with on the margins the colourless impression (not a watermark) "**CORREOS DE GUATEMALA**" on three sides of the sheet (not on top). The sheet of 1 peso has the impression on all margins.

27-28



35-36

43-44

51-52

59-60

67-68

75-76



The sheets were printed in a peculiarly way! Top row only 4 values and 4 blanks, the rest of the sheet 12 rows of 8 stamps, totalling 100 stamps (only the 1 peso was printed in sheets of 50). The reason was that it was easier to count as 8 Real was 1 peso, so here 2 full rows for 1 Peso.



½ Real in top of the sheet block of 12, with 4 blank spaces. The watermark, reading up, "LACROIXFRERES" covers 6 stamps in a few sheets, here " ..ROIX " on pos.11-12 +blanks.



At the left bottom there is the imprint (below positions 93-96):

"IMPRIMERIE CENTRALE DES CHEMINS DE FER--A CHAIX ET Cie RUE BRUGERE, 20, A PARIS--"

On position 94 there is the plate flaw "white dot on right shoulder"



marginal Imprint:

ARTHUR MAURY
80 Rue Saint-Lazare
PARIS

below pos. 100



½ real imperforated block of 7, right top of the sheet with the 2 blank spaces.
As there is no surface colour these are plate proofs.

Positions: 4-blanks
10-11-12
18-19-20



Right marginal block showing partial printing on pos. 84 and 91-92
The surface colour is clearly visible!



Imperforate between stamps



Double perforations



Pos. 31-32 and 39-40
White dot below : M" of MEDIO



Pos. 21-22: dot in scroll above
right ½ in pos. 22



pos. 37-40: broken tail-feather of bird at
left near the " ½ " of pos. 37 (left stamp)

stamps used as fiscals
owing to a shortage of revenue stamps in 1878

12

Por \$ 50.



Recibí del Sr. Admón de Lico-
res, cincuenta Pesos, sueldo que como
Contador devengué en el presente mes
Salamá Diciembre 31 1878.
José R. Coutiño

This is a receipt for money paid out by the departmental government at Slama 31-12-1878. The stamp has a pen-and-ink endorsement saying the stamps were valid as stamped revenue paper ("papel sellado"), art 15 of the Law.

stamps used as fiscals
owing to a shortage of revenue stamps in 1878



N.º 102.

Recibí del Sr. Almon de Rentas de

Habiéndolo con-
firmado al art 15
de la ley del ramo.
Flores Julio 12/78.
Sr. Villacortas

este Departt.º la suma de 15 p.º 3 r.º quin-
ce pesos tres reales, sueldo que me correspon-
de por 39 días, a razón de 3 r.º reales diarios, por
haber acompañado la Comisión de la me-
dida de Madera, en los Cortes.

Y para seguridad extendo el presente
recibo en Flores a 13 de Julio de 1878.

Don Gaspar

Bernabe Requena

This is a receipt for money paid out by the departmental government at Flores on 13-7-1878. Below the stamp there is the remark saying the stamps were valid as stamped revenue paper according art 15 of the Law.



1880 postal stationery cover of ½ Real uprated with additional franking 7 x ½ R, making the 4 Real single rate to London, England. The stamps cancelled by star cancels.

On the reverse red transit "correos Guatemala 9-12-1880" and arrival London 11-1-1881. As such, only recorded franking.

ex Cervera, Lange

sample without value



1879 postal stationery with ½ R additional franking for the domestic rate from Guatemala (21-4-1879) to Cuyotenango, with hand written "muestra sin valor" (sample without value").

only recorded item, ex Spycher



1880, domestic ½ rate cover from Mazatenango to Retalhuleu
with single circle datestamp "correos de Mazatenango 17-6-1880"
ex Madden, Spycher



1881, cover from Quezaltenango, large blue numeral "6" and corresponding
datestamp "correos de Quezaltenango 2-4-1881" to Las Mercedes.



1879, cover franked with 2 stamps of $\frac{1}{2}$ R, making the double domestic rate from Mazatenango (numeral "9" and corresponding datestamp 13-7-1879) to Retalhuleu. Only recorded double rate domestic cover !
ex Cervera, Lange, Spycher



Arthur
Maury
on margin
pos. 100

Block of 32 (positions 69-100) with the full marginal inscription:
**"IMPIMERIE CENTRALE DES CHEMINS DE FER--A CHAIX ET Cie RUE BRUGERE, 20,
 A PARIS—15072-7"** and at right: **ARTHUR MAURY 80 rue Saint-Lazare PARIS**

Fourth issue

2 Reales

On right margin the colourless surface inscription: ".....OS DE GUATEMALA"



OS DE GUATEMALA

pos. 44

pos. 100

Inscription:
ARTHUR MAURY
80, rue Saint-Lazare
(PARIS)

largest recorded imperforate multiple of 2 Reales



Positions:

3 - 4

9 - 12

17 - 20

top marginal right corner block of 10, with 2 blank spaces

VARIETIES on 2 reals



white dot in ball of right numeral "2 " in position 31

Positions: 21 - 24

29 - 32



Position 47: broken "2" at right , (left stamp in the pair)

Perforation varieties



Double perforation horizontally
Position 97-100



Double vertical perforation



6 "blind" perf's



imperforated pair

setting varieties



right stamp lower down

One of 2 recorded combination covers with British Honduras



1878 Large part cover from Zacapa (large numeral "18" and according datestamp 3-8-1878), "via Belize" (manuscript indication), Belize 5-8-78, where the 1/- was cancelled by "0", for the full pre-payment to destination (stamp either affixed at departure or in Belize).(C.)

The cover was originally franked with a pair of 2 R., which was the correct overseas rate. One stamp has been torn off and the cover was reduced at right!

ex Cervera, Lange, Spycher

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GUATEMALA 1878 cover to London trimmed at right with 1878 'Indian Women' 2r rose-red (SG 12) tied by large numeral '18' with CORREOS DE ZACAPA cds alongside (3 Aug) both in black. Endorsed 'Pr Belize' with added British Honduras 1/- green tied by barred oval 'o' cancel with BELIZE cds alongside (15 Aug)

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects but please carefully read the notes overleaf

Notes: This cover originally had a 2 x 2r franking and was missing one stamp. It was trimmed to mask the missing stamp. Early use of an Indian Women stamp and one of just two known Guatemala /British Honduras combination covers

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stamps used as fiscals

owing to a shortage of revenue stamps in 1878



Factura Política de la Alta Verapaz
Coban Mayo veintitres de mil
ochocientos, treinta i ocho.

Habilitado

Origase a los codenun-
ciantes que alude el presentado,
y sitense por medio de sus respec-
tivas Municipalidades-

Sierra

" "

Man. Ponce
rio

Se libraron Ordenes a los Alcaldes de
esta Ciudad i Barahona i se notifi-
có al presentado. No firmo por no
saber.- Cert Ponce

This is a receipt for money paid out by the departmental government on 23-5-1878.
The stamp has the date "mayo 1878"

This page shows the development of postage traffic and the introduction of postage due stamps in the United States



1880, coverfront with 2 R single rate to the USA, from Guatemala city (20-6-1880) to California, with hand stamped "10 cents" (due) applied at arrival. Apparently the US did not have any postage due stamps in June 1880 available.

(2 cover(front)s recorded)



1880, cover from (probably) Guatemala city to Ohio, franked with 2 R. single rate to the USA, with at arrival duplex "New York 1 July, DUE 10 cents" and a 10 cents postage due. Arrival Ohio 2-7.

2 covers recorded with postage due stamps from the USA. ex Spycher



bright violet



offset



Left upper corner block showing the blanks and pos. 1-2 and 5-8



Clearly visible shifted clichés , the line perforation from 13,2 ("official") to 13,5



Block from the top of the sheet, pos. 1-4, 6-12, 14-20



On the bottom margin:

pos. 71-75,81-85,91-95

**"IMPRIMERIE CENTRALE DES CHEMINS DE FER--A CHAIX ET Cie RUE BRUGERE,
20, A PARIS—15074-7"** (company's order number)

Still lightly visible the surface colour with inscription "CORREOS DE GUA...."



This block shows clearly the irregular positions of some of the stamps, certainly from the left vertical rows 1 and 2, which are shifted upwards.

(horizontal) row 5: pos. 29-33

6: pos. 37-41



Marginal block with double vertical perforation in the first vertical row
(horizontal) row 5: 29 - 32

6: 37 - 40

7: 45 - 48

Clearly visible the shifted impressions in vertical (also sheet) row 1 and 2



1878, the only recorded (cover)front to the Netherlands, franked with 4 R. with blue crayon and date stamp Guatemala 19-7-1878, no tax/due markings at arrival.



1881, cover franked with 4 R. from Guatemala, star cancellation and octagonal date stamp Guatemala 14-1-1881, "via Panama", TPO Bologna-Milan 12-2-81 to Napoli. Manuscript "16" and taxed at arrival T 1-10 accountancy marking and postage dues added for that amount, tied Napoli 15-2

the only recorded "Indian Woman" cover to Italy
ex Cervera, Spycher

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Certificate GU/91212/41



GUATEMALA 1881 cover to Napoli endorsed 'Via di Panama' with 1878 'Indian Women' 4r lilac (SG 13) with central "star" cancel in black with CORREOS/GUATEMALA octagonal datestamp (14 Jan) in red alongside. 'T/1-10' accountancy marking, manuscript '16' arrival rating and added 10c, 40c and 60c postage dues

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects

Notes: The only recorded 'Indian Women' cover to Italy

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12 December 2009

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50

Different colours of the 1 peso.
Blocks from the right side of the pane of 50



Positions 5 – 10 / 45 – 50

Plate flaws:

Pos. 25 white spot in hair on right side

Pos. 37 white spot in tablet above "U "

In position 49 still visible the traces of the name "Mouchon" below the value tablet

One of the most well known plate flaws of Guatemala is the thick "P" on 1 p. position 32



Positions:
31 **32**



Positions: 31-**32**-33
41-42-43



Double vertical line perforation
Positons 9 – 10

large numeral cancellations

As there are hardly any official records the large numeral cancels only can be determined by covers on which the corresponding date stamp is applied !



"6" Quezaltenango



"11" Salamá



"14" Escuintla



"15" Totonicapam



"17" Huehuetenango



"18" Zacapa



"19" Chiquimula



"20" Esquipulas



"24" Salama



"25" Coban



"29" (Tejutla)

the " small quetzal " issue in real currency

Recess engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., New York
on white paper in sheets of 100 stamps, arranged 10 x 10.



composite black and green die proof on
sunken card with vignette mounted in centre



die proof on card, trimmed down to size of die



plate proof on thin paper



Multiples are hard to find

The choice of postmarks found on this issue is also very limited !



FRANCO cancel from
prehilatelic period



large numeral "1 "
Guatemala



datestamp
"correos de Guatemala"



star



Printed matter from Quezaltenango to Paris, franked with ¼ R. and datestamp "correos de Quezaltenango" 18-2-1880. French "ETATS UNIS PAQ. FR, BREST 2, 29 Feb 80". Accountancy mark cancel double applied in red and blue!!

Only recorded document with ¼ R

Fifth issue

1879

1 Real

Die proofs



Red brown with pen cancelled
"Muestra primera" first proof



Brownish ocre



yellow brown and green
centre pasted in



Plate proof on India paper

Fifth issue

1 Real

1 Real 100.000 printed



Top marginal inscription: "AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY"



Block of 25
Second largest recorded multiple

the number of different postmarks on 1 Real is also very limited



large numeral "6"
Quezaltenango



datestamp
Guatemala
28-8-80



star



fancy type



1880, coverfront with bisected 1 R. used as ½ R, paying for the interior rate from Chiquimula (large numeral "19" and datestamp 3 Dec 80, both in red) to Guatemala city.

Only recorded usage, ex Walter Lind, Hubbard, Spycher

GUATEMALA



174



174



174

GUATEMALA

1898



PERF 12



PERF 12:14



PERF 14:12



INV. OVPT.



GUATEMALA

1898



PERF 12



PERF 12:14



PERF 14:12



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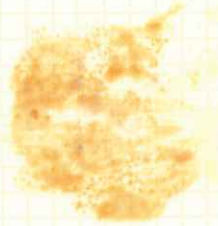


DOUBLE OVPT, ONE INV.

GUATEMALA

1898

1/50 · 1/75 · 6/100 · 6/150 · 6/200 · 10/20 WERE ISSUED IN AUGUST,
1/25 · 6/10 · 6/20 IN SEPTEMBER



96 RABINAL



INV. OVPT.



INV. OVPT.

GUATEMALA

1898



ISSUED IN MAY

INV. OVPT.



GUATEMALA

1898



GUATEMALA

1898



GUATEMALA

1898



GUATEMALA

1898



TOP OF '1898' CHIPPED



GUATEMALA

1898



GUATEMALA

1898



GUATEMALA

1898



ENTAVO



ENTAVO

GUATEMALA

1898



GUATEMALA

.1898



DOUBLE SURCHARGE

GUATEMALA

1898



GUATEMALA

1898



GUATEMALA

1898



GUATEMALA

1891-1898

1898 PROV. AND 1891-1895 REG. STAMPS

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Guatemala

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Alemania

Herrn Lud. Berger
Bohlweg 1^{III}

Braunschweig

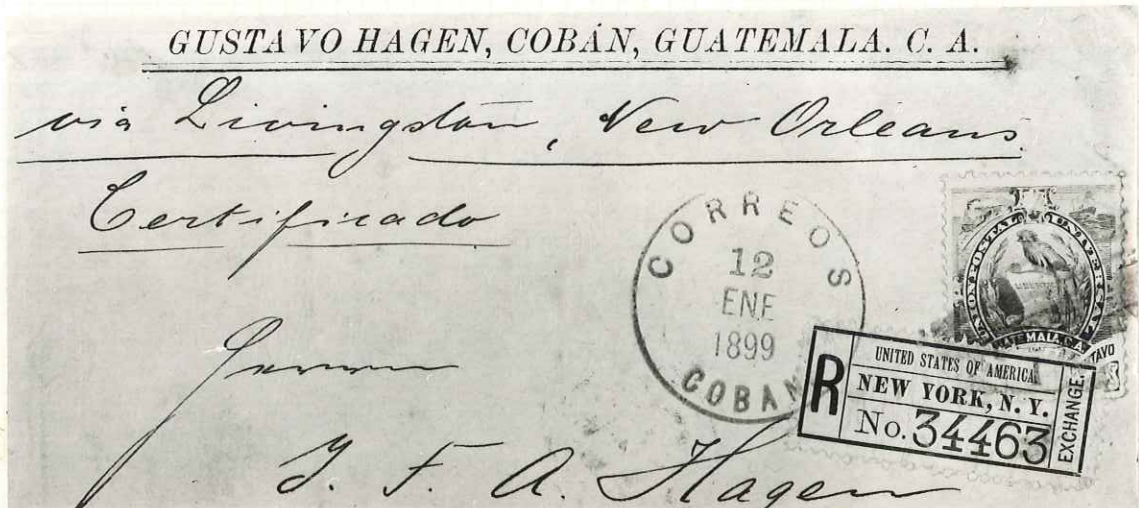
Rückschein

FRONT OF COVER



GUATEMALA

1898



FRONT OF COVER



GUATEMALA



SEÑOR DON

C. GALLUSSER

GERENTE DEL "BANCO DE GUATEMALA" 17 JUN 1898

1.1

Guatemala

FEB 7



SEÑOR DON

C. GALLUSSER

GERENTE DEL "BANCO DE GUATEMALA"

Guatemala

GUATEMALA

1899



GUATEMALA

1900



INV



INV

GUATEMALA

1900 1 CENTAVO 1	1900 1 CENTAVO 2	1900 1 CENTAVO 3	1900 1 CENTAVO 4	1900 1 CENTAVO 5	1900 1 CENTAVO 6
1900 1 CENTAVO 11	1900 1 CENTAVO 12	1900 1 CENTAVO 13	1900 1 CENTAVO 14	1900 1 CENTAVO 15	1900 1 CENTAVO 16
1900 1 CENTAVO 21	1900 1 CENTAVO 22	1900 1 CENTAVO 23	1900 1 CENTAVO 24	1900 1 CENTAVO 25	1900 1 CENTAVO 26
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1900 1 CENTAVO 41	1900 1 CENTAVO 42	1900 1 CENTAVO 43	1900 1 CENTAVO 44	1900 1 CENTAVO 45	1900 1 CENTAVO 46

PLATE I

THE PROVISIONAL ISSUE OF 1900. Left side of surcharge setting.

NC = Not constant

GUATEMALA

1900

PLATE 1 LEFT SIDE OF SURCHARGE SETTING.



GUATEMALA

1900

PLATE 2



1900 1 CENTAVO	1900 1 CENTAVO	1900 1 CENTAVO
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PLATE II

Right side of surcharge setting

GUATEMALA

1900



GUATEMALA

1900

ENGRAVED



ENCOMIENDA - PARCEL POST



1902

ENGRAVED



GUATEMALA

1900



GUATEMALA

1900

ENGRAVED



GUATEMALA

1900



GUATEMALA

1900



GUATEMALA

1900

ENGRAVED



GUATEMALA

1900



GUATEMALA

1901



DOUBLE SURCHARGE



WITH CHIPPED 'U'
(POS. 19)

GUATEMALA

1901



DOUBLE SURCHARGE



BROKEN >2<

GUATEMALA

1902



>1< MISSING IN >NACIONALES<

GUATEMALA

1902



PLATE FLAW — TOP CURVE MISSING FROM THE ›9‹
AND UPPER HALVES FROM THE ›0‹ AND ›2‹ IN ›1902‹



›1‹ MISSING IN ›NACIONALES‹

GUATEMALA

1902

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GUATEMALA

1902-1903



WITH THE 6c ON 25c
DOUBLE SURCHARGE / ONE INVERTED

GUATEMALA

1902



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