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## Face Different Stamps

When I began collecting stamps 62 years ago, I wanted one of each different stamp. About 15 years ago I inquired if anybody knew how many different – **face** different – stamps the United States has issued. Nobody knew. To this date, I still do not have an answer, so I decided to make a catalog myself of face different stamps issued by the United States beginning in 1847.

Just in case you think all that is necessary is to look at Scott's Catalogue, check out the highest number assigned, and that is how many different stamps has been issued, think again. Are Air Mail stamps included? If a pane of stamps has many face different stamps on it (say 20 different stamps) it is entirely possible that only one (1) Scott number has been assigned, with lower case letters for each face different stamps. For example, between Scott 3104 and 3106 s is just one stamp, Scott 3105, right? Wrong. Scott 3105 has fifteen (15) face different stamps, identified in Scott as 3105a through 3105o. Also, Scott assigned more than one number to stamps that are the same, except for minor variations such as type of paper used. See Scott 335, a 5¢ blue colored stamp. One just like it – exactly the same face appearance, but printed on a different type of paper is Scott 361. Scott 335 has a catalog value of \$2.25 used, but Scott 361 in used condition has a value assigned (used) of \$20,000.00. (Different paper is only difference.)

The first challenge I faced in listing all face different stamps was:

### What constitutes a face different stamp?

Seemed like an easy concept, so I put it in writing and soon discovered it is not easy at all.

Here is the list I prepared to determine if a stamp is face different. I am asking my readers to carefully look at this list and see if you can find any glaring errors or omissions. Please let me know your thoughts.

What makes a stamp face different?

Description

Different Same

Original design not used before

D

Design used before - size different by 5% + or -

D

Ex: Scott 1898A and 2228 "Stagecoach 1890s"

Design used before -size different by less than 5% + or -

S

Design used before - color off by 1 color of rainbow

D

Design used before - color off by shade (lighter or darker)

S

Design used before - different perforations	S	
Design used before - different die cuts	S	
Design used before - imperforate	S	
Design used before - booklet format	S	
Design used before - coil format	S	
Design used before - different printing method	S	
Design used before - different denomination	D	
Design used before - denomination in different location	D	Ex: Circus Wagon 1991-1992 denomination or
Design used before -denomination uses "0"	D	Ex: Circus Wagon 1991-1992 denomination "5
Design used before - denomination omitted	D	Ex: 2002 Toy mail wagon with "First Class" or
Design used before - denomination changed from a number to "Forever"	D	
Design used before - denomination uses ¢ or \$ instead of blank	D	Ex: Omnibus 1¢ in 1983 and 1 in 1986 - Scott
Design used before - different border	D	Ex: 1997 football coaches with red bar above
Design used before - different type of paper	S	
Design used before - watermark different	S	
Design used before - different paper color - by 1 color of rainbow	S	
Design used before - very minor changes in design	S	Ex: secret marks, recutting
Design used before - significant changes in design	D	Ex: unshaven George Washington 5¢
Design used before - microprinting added	S	
Design used before - tiny date outside design added/changed/omitted	S	
Design used before - changes outside of border for printer/designer	D	
Design used before - cancelled	S	Ex: a mint stamp is the same as a cancelled st
Design used before - precancelled	S	
Design used before - perfined	S	
Design used before - Overprinted	S	Ex: Scott 552 and Scott 658 and Scott 669; Sc
Design used before - tete beche	S	
Post office will not sell stamp alone - must be bought with different stamps	D	Ex: An entire pane with each stamp different
Design used before - selvage different	S	
Design used before - inverted center	S	
Design used before - tagging added/changed/omitted	S	
Design used before - grill added/ changed/ omitted	S	
Design same as before - adhesive different or omitted	S	
Design same as before - different size pane	S	
Design same as before - perforations located differently	S	Ex: Off-center design due to perforations
Design same as before - freaks and oddities	S	
Design same as before - color(s) missing	S	Ex: Same design, just not all colors present
Design same as before - with or without guidelines	S	Includes line between coil pairs
Design same as before - plate number different or omitted	S	Found on modern coil stamps beneath design
Design used is same but by different country	S	ex: Scott US 4074 and Scott Canada 2156

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