

Swiss Postal Envelope Production Errors

Introduction to Postal Stationery Exhibit

From 1867 to 1886 Switzerland issued postal envelopes with imprinted denominations of 5, 10, 25 and 30 centimes, a total of 34 major varieties distinguished by envelope sizes, imprinted stamp positions, impressed control marks, watermarks and flap shapes. Production errors include double embossings, albino imprints and very uncommon misplacements of the denominations.

Inside-Out Stamp

Only recorded 30c stamp inside-out due to envelope paper folding error.
Only other recorded folding error on 10c envelope used within Switzerland.



Inside-out stamp on 1871 envelope **accepted for partial payment** of 50c/15gr international letter. Aubonne via German Postal Union over Austria to Abo, **Finland** (part of Russia), Aug. 11, 1873. St. Petersburg transit backstamp. No more than 10 Sitting Helvetia covers recorded to Finland before UPU.

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References

Zumstein, *Specialized Catalog and Handbook of Postal Stationery of Switzerland*, 2010

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