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Imperf



1000p
Print

Imperf
GUM PVA

Imperf



200p:S113
3rd print

Imperf
PVA-D

Cylinder No S-113
Only cylinder No recorded
for Imperf in this variety

Imperf



30p Print
Imperf GUM-PVA-D 

Imperf



50p Print
Imperf GUM:PVA 

Imperf



10p Print
Imperf GUM PVA 

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Blind Perforation

Perforation which has not been punched out due to blunt, broken or missing perforating pins. This is usually caused by lack of pressure between paper and pin leaving the paper depressed or unmarked as opposed to a hole punched out of the paper.



200p
3rd print
13x13
GUM
PVA-D

50p-G80
3rd print
13x13
2H
GUM
PVA-D



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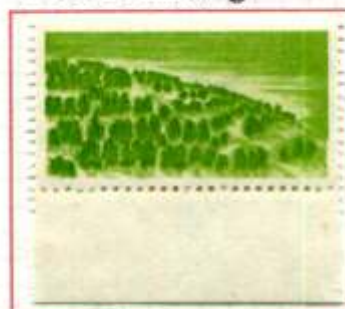
Colour Partially Omitted (Freak)



In multi colour printing the presence of foreign matter between paper and one of the cylinder yeilds different effect as shown besides.

Green Omitted

Colour Missing



Colour Omitted - Brown missing



Value Partially Omitted

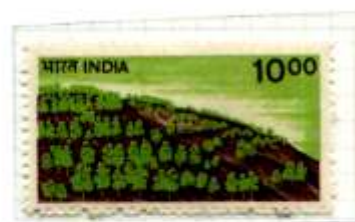
1000

3rd Print



13x13

PVA



Normal Stamp
(For Comparison)

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Perforation Error



200p

3rd Print



Imp x13

PVA

Perforation (Freak)

Block of 4

Left (2) stamps totally imperf

Right stamps cut by perf at slant angle

Double Perforation

Top Horizontal pair perf double

(Both horizontal & Vertical Comb).



200p

3rd Print



13 x13

PVA

Verticle Imperf between



200p



PVA

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Misperf

Misplaced perforation are usually caused by a defect in the devices used for ensuring the proper positioning of the perforation in relation to the design.

100p:R71 25p:J28

3rd print 1st print

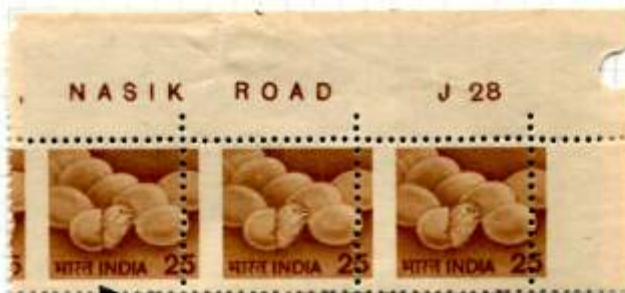


13x13

14x14½

PVA

PVA



200p:S42

3rd print



13x13

PVA-D



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Ink flaws- Dry Print

Underinking produces stamps with thin and weak appearance, usually termed as 'dry print'.



1000p
3rd print

13x13
PVA-D

100p:R45
3rd print

13x13
PVA-D



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Dry Print

A stamp having a weak appearance from an under-inked plate is called dry print.

It happens when ink runs out during printing. The severity of effect ranges from ordinary to extreme.

200p:S9

1st print



14x14½

PVA



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Ink flaws

Colour Spread/Smear

Ink blobs



50p:G78

3rd Print



13x13

PVA-D

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Freaks - Joined Paper

For continuous printing in rotary printing presses when rolls of paper are joined end-to-end by overlapping, a seam is formed at the junction creating a double thickness of paper. Stamps often printed on such junction of the rolls so that part impression of one stamp appears on both pieces of paper. Though stamps printed on these seams should go to printer's waste but occasionally these double paper stamps slipped into post office stocks.

The variety is often found in definitive stamps and is usually exhibited by opening the paper joint at front side and exposing the unprinted area of underneath paper.



100p
2/3rd print

13x13
PVA

25p
1st print

14x14½
PVA

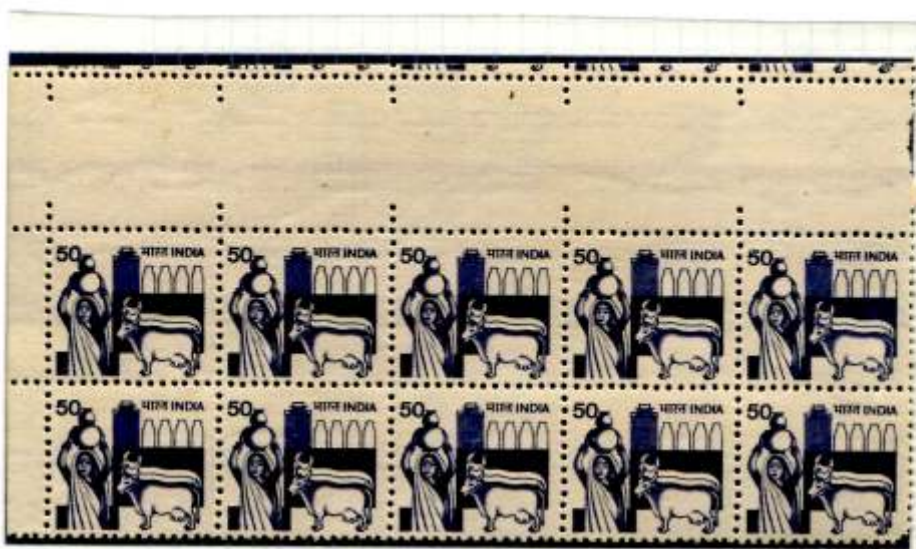


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Miscuts

Miscut stamps result when during production sheets become misaligned as they pass through cutting equipment.

Miscut sheets often yield unusually large selvage or gutters or part of the adjoining pane and sometimes reveal partial or complete marginal markings that otherwise would have been trimmed away.



50p



13x13

PVA



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Paper fold - Perforation Error

Inadvertent paper fold involving only a corner of a sheet may occur either prior to printing or at any stage subsequent to printing and the out-come varies depending on the stage where it occurs.

When corner of a paper is folded forward it results in corner stamps with extra area on side of fold-over.



5p
1st Print
GOI
14x14½
PVA



15p

14x14½
PVA



20p

13x13
PVA



50p

13x13
PVA

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Pre-Printing Paper Crease

When paper with internal creases is fed into the press and after printing the creased or folded area is straightened it reveals an unprinted area. In most case sheets go into perforation machine with such creases and as a result stamps bearing creases become larger than normal stamps when creases are opened.



G-14

1st Print



13x13

PVA

100p



PVA



M-13

3rd Print



13x13

PVA



25p

1st Print



14x14½

PVA



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Constant Flaw

Constant flaws result from small imperfection in plate making process or subsequent damage to the printing plate or cylinder during production. When a constant flaw occurs in only one position on the printing base, the term often used is plate flaw.

'D' of India Broken



200p



13x13

PVA

'Broken' Frame



225p



13x13

PVA

T2/5Row/6th Stamp/PII

India (Smudged)



Long ₹

P43/Row 10/9th Stamp

Frame Broken



C46/P1/2/10th Stamp

15p:C46



13x13

PVA

15p:P43



13x13

PVA

Dot offer India



15p:C46



13x13

PVA

20p



13x13

PVA



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Doctor's Blade - Color Error

25p - J11

50p - G37

100p - R15



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Perforation Error

Smaller
Stamp
Size

Double
Perf

G-34

3rd Print



13x13

PVA



Perforation Shift

NEW GUMMING-WET WELL & PRESS

I.S.P. NASHIK-ROAD. G 40

G-40

3rd Print



13x13

PVA

