

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

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In the short history of independent Zimbabwe, the Government has accomplished numerous achievements in political, social and economic fields.

15c - Unity Accord

This stamp features the "two gallant sons" of Zimbabwe - the Zanu (PF) President and First Secretary Cde Robert Gabriel Mugabe and the PF-Zapu leader Cde Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo signing the "Unity Agreement" on December, 22, 1987. This was a great achievement to unite the two main political parties within the 9 years after independence. National Unity is a process of growth and development which unites the nation, establishes peace, guarantees political stability, law and order and accelerates socio-economic developments.



23c - Conference Centre



The stamp shows the Conference Centre complex constructed in Harare by a Yugoslav Company with the help of the local companies. The majority of the building materials were supplied by local companies and only certain essential materials such as the gold coloured aluminium sheets were imported. The complex has facilities for organising various activities and functions including local and international conferences.

30c – Education

This stamp illustrates that within the short period of independence, Zimbabwe has excelled in the field of education. The racial education system was abolished immediately after independence and replaced by a system that made the primary education compulsory.



35c - Earth Satellite

Featured in this stamp is the Intelsat Standard 'A' antenna at Mazowe Earth Satellite Station. The Earth Station is situated in the Mazowe Valley surrounded by hills to provide natural shielding of the antenna against interference from other earth stations and terrestrial radio systems. The antenna is orientated to the Intelsat V series satellite in the Atlantic Ocean region located in the geo-stationary orbit and thus enables Zimbabwe to connect directly with twelve countries in Africa, Europe and North America providing such services as telephone data, facsimile etc.



38c — National Sports Stadium

Depicted on this stamp is the giant National Sports Stadium. This magnificent 60,000 seater complex was designed with great architectural finesse by the Chinese Gansu Institute of Architectural Design and Survey. The complex is a most modern facility equipped with the latest electrical timing devices. The main feature of the stadium is the sports field which can withstand any tropical storm. The centre portion is a grassed football pitch designed for both national and international matches. Other important features of the stadium are the colour boards fed by the computer, V.I.P's reception etc.

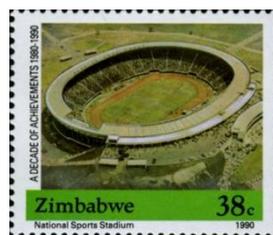
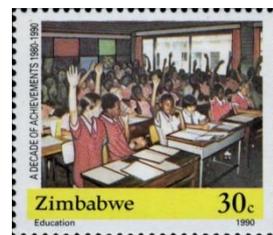
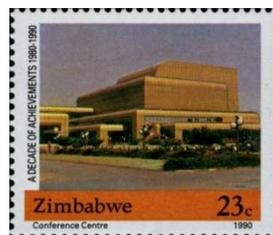


45c — Agriculture

The stamp shows a section of a maize field. The crop is a major source of basic staple food, a foreign exchange earner and a source of raw materials for the manufacturing sector. In Zimbabwe the Agricultural sector occupies a pivotal position in the economy. The grain products include maize, sorghum, rapoko, mhunga, wheat and barley. Other vital agricultural products are tobacco, which is Zimbabwe's highest single foreign currency earner, followed by tea, coffee, sugar, fruits and vegetables.



The Stamps



Catalogue listings

SG	ZSC ¹	Value	Description
786	213	15c	'Unity Accord'
787	214	23c	Conference Centre
788	215	30c	Education
789	216	35c	Earth Satellite
790	217	38c	National Sports Stadium
791	218	45c	Agriculture

Technical details

Stamp size:	All values	35 x 30 mm		
Sheet Size:	50 stamps (10 rows of 5 stamps), two panes per printed sheet			
Artist:	Photos retouched by Nancy Abrey			
Paper:	ZSC paper type D – HS8, fluorescent front and back, with cream PVA gum.			
Print colours:	Black, magenta, cyan, yellow			
Perforations:	SG 14½ x 14, ZSC 14¼ x 14 Top margin: Perforated through. Other margins: Imperforate			
Printer:	NatPrint, Harare, Zimbabwe			
Printer's Imprint:	Bottom Margin, below Row 10 Column 3. Imprint printed in black			
Cylinder numbers:	Top margin above R1/5. Colours from left – cyan, magenta, yellow, black			
Colour register:	Type TL 4– round boxed – right margin opposite R1/5. Colours reading down – cyan, magenta, yellow, black			
Sheet Value:	Top margin, above 1/1, printed in black.			
Sheet Number:	Type SN 4a with 'PTC' prefix, left margin opposite R1/1, reading down			
Print numbers:	15c	680,000	23c	350,000
	30c	230,000	35c	200,000
	38c	175,000	45c	200,000
Issue date:	17 th April, 1990			

Withdrawal from sale:

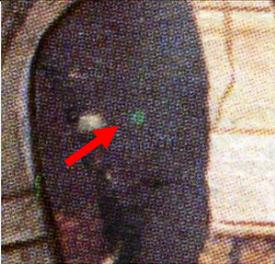
Demonetisation: 31st January, 1994

Listed varieties

No listed varieties have been noted

Unlisted Varieties

There are numerous small dots and specks in the printing of these stamps, particularly in the backgrounds. Some dots and specks shown below are a bit more distinctive, some may be constant. No significant varieties have been identified, to date.

 <p>15c: Cyan spot on sleeve of policeman. <i>(Courtesy Dave Trathen)</i></p>		
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First Day Covers

The cover numbering comes from the catalogue produced by Geoff Brakspear.

A pictorial first day of issue canceller was produced for this issued and was used by the Philatelic Bureau. Other first day cover cancellers continued to be used at main post offices.



ZW042.1 (PTC)



220 x 110 mm

Bibliography:

1. "The Zimbabwean Concise Postage Stamp Catalogue", published by Harare Stamp Company, edited by Ken Allanson, Mike Amos and Geoff Brakspear. The catalogue continues to be updated and expanded by Geoff Brakspear
2. PTC Philatelic Bureau Bulletin No 2 of 1990.