

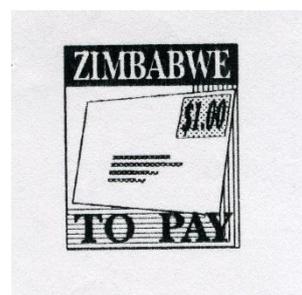
1995 TO PAY LABELS

Issued 17th January 1995

The release of the second set of To Pay labels was announced on an erratum slip placed into Bulleting No 1 of 1995, for the definitive issue. The slip stated the values of the labels and that it would be released on 17th January 1995, the same day as the definitive issue.

The eight labels issued were in the same design featuring an envelope with "To Pay" printed over it.

The first 5,000 sheets of each value were delivered on 3rd January 1995, with the balance on 3rd February 1995.³



Concept design for issue, by PTC employee

The Labels



Catalogue listings

| SG | ZSC ¹ | Value | Description |
|-----|------------------|-------|--|
| D34 | D12 | 1c | Lemon |
| D35 | D13 | 2c | Yellow-orange |
| D36 | D14 | 5c | Mauve |
| | a. | | Spot on top of 'P' of "PAY" (Cyl 1A R9/5) |
| | b. | | Non-fluorescent back (Paper type P) |
| | ba. | | Spot on top of 'P' of "PAY" (Cyl 1A R9/5) |
| D37 | D15 | 10c | Pale Blue |
| D38 | D16 | 25c | Bright reddish-violet |
| | a. | | Broken frame above 'W' of Zimbabwe and 'C' curl in address lines (Cyl 1A R9/4) |
| | b. | | Chamfered top line of address lines (Cyl 1A R10/7) |
| D39 | D17 | 40c | Bright blue-green |
| | a. | | Broken line of value frame (Cyl 1A R9/3) |
| D40 | D18 | 60c | Red-orange |
| D41 | D19 | \$1 | Brown |

Technical details

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| Stamp size: | 26 x 22 mm |
| Sheet Size: | 100 stamps (10 rows of 10 stamps), two panes per printed sheet |
| Artist: | Internal within PTC |
| Papers: | First released, 1995 ZSC paper type D – HS8, another type of lithographic paper, fluorescent front and back, PVA cream gum. 5c reprint – 13 th October 1998 ZSC paper type F - Although still officially described as HS8, the paper properties changed in 1996. This is fluorescent front but non-fluorescent back and the gum is whitish PVA. The main change is that as the base paper does not contain optical brighteners the gummed side is non-fluorescent, but nowhere near as dark as paper E under UV. |
| Print colours: | Single colour as described under catalogue |
| Perforations: | Comb Perf: SG 14½, RSC 14¼ Right margin: Perforated through Other margins: Imperforate |
| Printer: | NatPrint., Harare, Zimbabwe |
| Printer's Imprint: | Type PI 16, bottom margin below columns 5 and 6. Imprint printed in colour of the label |
| Cylinder numbers: | Cyls. 1A & 1B bottom margin under R10/1, printed colour of the label. |
| Colour register: | Type TL 4 – round boxed - left margin opposite R10/1, printed in colour of label |
| Sheet Value: | Bottom margin, below R10/10, printed in colour of label |
| Sheet Number: | Opposite R10/10, with prefix “PTC”, type SN7, reading down, reprint with an ‘R’ with reprint number |

Print numbers:

The number of printing and volumes researched by Cecil Russell from actual orders placed by and delivered to the post office. ³

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|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|
| 1c | 1,280,000 | 2c | 1,260,000 | 5c | 1,240,000 |
| 10c | 1,200,000 | 25c | 1,200,000 | 40c | 1,260,000 |
| 60c | 1,260,000 | \$1 | 1,260,000 | | |

5c (R1) 920,000

Issue date:

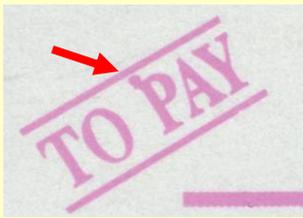
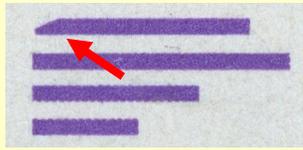
17th January, 1995 (no postal notice necessary)

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Unnecessary, labels continued to be used by post offices until they had run out

Listed 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. Some of the colours of the labels make spotting varieties difficult, for example on the 1c and 2c values

| | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| <p>5c:</p> <p>ZSC D14a and 14ba</p> <p>Spot on 'P' of PAY Cyl 1A R9/5</p> |  | <p>25c:</p> <p>ZSC D16a</p> <p>Broken frame line above 'W' and 'C', curl in address lines Cyl 1A R9/4</p> |  |
| <p>25c:</p> <p>ZSC D16b</p> <p>Chamfered top on line of address Cyl 1A R10/7</p> |  | <p>40c:</p> <p>ZSC D17a</p> <p>Break in box around value Cyl 1A R9/3</p> |  |

Unlisted varieties

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| | <p>40c: Green spot before 'c' of value, Cyl 1B R9/1</p> <p><i>(Courtesy Narendhra Morar)</i></p> |
| <p>25c: Various R10/7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White scratch below 'IM' of Zimbabwe • Small campher to 2nd line of address • Break in frame of envelope above value <p><i>(Courtesy Narendhra Morar)</i></p> | <p>\$1: Break in box around value</p> |

First Day Covers

The Post Office did not produce first day covers for postage due labels. The purpose of the labels is for making up deficiencies in the payment of postage on mail. It could be suggested that a true first day of use of the postage due labels should have been payment of deficient postage.

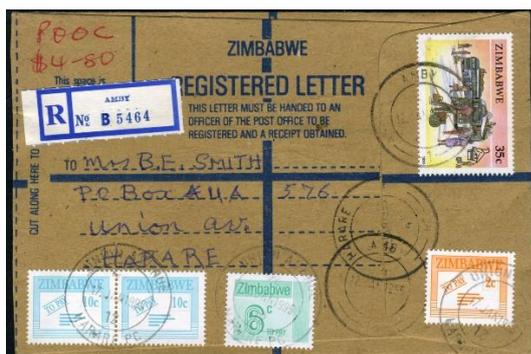
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| <p>First Day Cover produced by Zimbabwe Stamp Company</p> | <p>First Day Cover produced by Geoff Brakspear (12 produced)</p> |

In addition, a cover has been identified where the To Pay labels have been postmarked with the Mutare First Day of Issue cancellation. This is certainly in breach of normal post office rules and regulations.

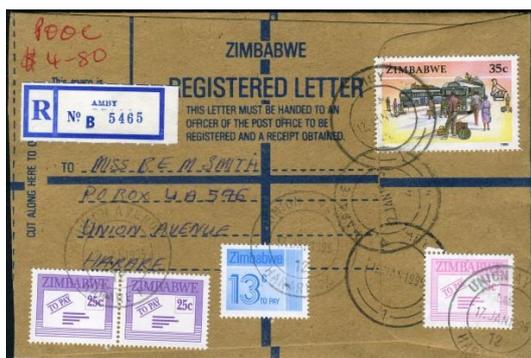


Registered covers, however, were produced to show the correct use of the postage due labels on the first day of release. These covers are all undoubtedly philatelic, where they were posted prior to the release of the 1995 To Pay labels in order to have them used on the date of release. All covers were posted at Amby Post Office, where normally registered post should have the correct postage paid for at the time of acceptance. These three covers have the names of three different people, and are all addressed to the same Union Avenue post office of the Smith family.

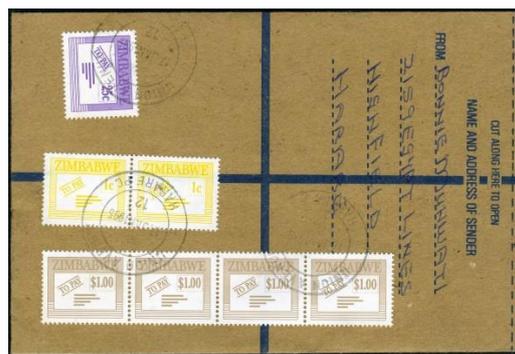
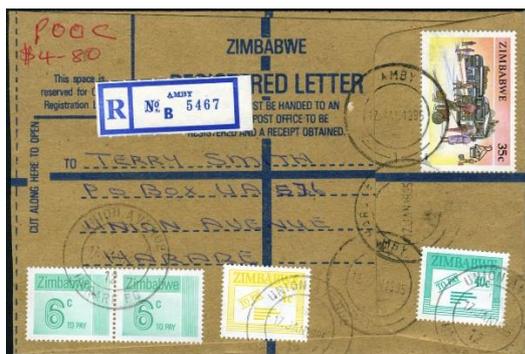
However, possibly in an endeavour to use up the remaining 1985 To Pay labels, these were also included in the taxed amount of £4.40 each. Shown below are the fronts and back of the covers.



1995 labels used are 1c, 2c, 10c, 25c, 60c & \$1, with 6c and 13c 1985 To Pay labels



1995 labels used are 5c, 25c, 40c, 60c & \$1, with 6c and 13c 1985 To Pay labels



1995 labels used are 1c, 25c, 40c & \$1, with 6c 1985 To Pay label.

Related Material



Delivery labels from packaging containing the 100 sheets of the second printing of the 5c To Pay label. Each label is independently printed, with the value of the label and sheet numbers hand written in. Each of the labels above are for the delivery of sheet numbers 6201 to 6300. The original printing was for 1,240,000 labels, or 6,200 sheets. These packages therefore hold the first 100 sheets of the second printing.

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