

# TECHNOLOGY TODAY A NEW DAWN IN ZIMPOST

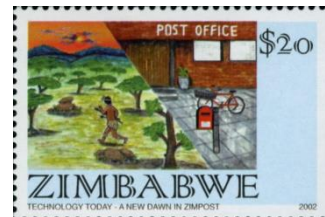
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This is of two stamps is the result of a Zimbabwe Schools Stamp Design Competition which was held during the middle of 2001. The competition which was held throughout schools in Zimbabwe for the design depicting 'Technology Today a New Dawn in Zimpost'.

The theme of the competition was to reflect on the history of postage in Zimbabwe from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century when mail was conveyed on foot by mail runner to the present day where long distances are now covered in very short times due to technological advancements both in mail processing and transportation. Four prizes were awarded for the four best designs submitted.

**\$20:** The First Prize was awarded to Agreement Ngwenya a male student of Magwegwe Secondary School in Bulawayo. The design reflects local mail.



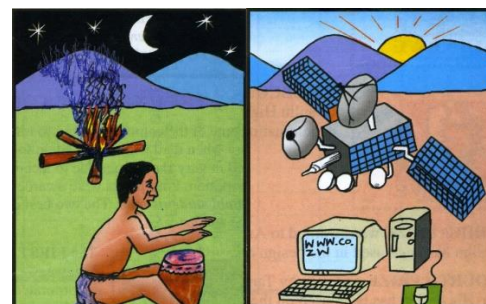
**\$70:** The second prize was awarded to Kudzai Chikomo a male student of Chaplin High School in Gweru. The design reflects overseas postage.



The third prize was awarded to Ashley Zirobwa a female student of Anderson School in Gweru. Her design has been used on the First Day Cover.



The fourth prize was won by Tamuka Makuluni a male student of Bumburwi Primary School in Gweru. The design was used in the Bulletin, although here the two pictures have been split horizontally



## Catalogue listings

SG	ZSC <sup>1</sup>	Value	Description
1091	517	\$20	Local Post by Agreement Ngwenya
1092	518	\$70	International Post by Kudzai Chikomo

## Technical details

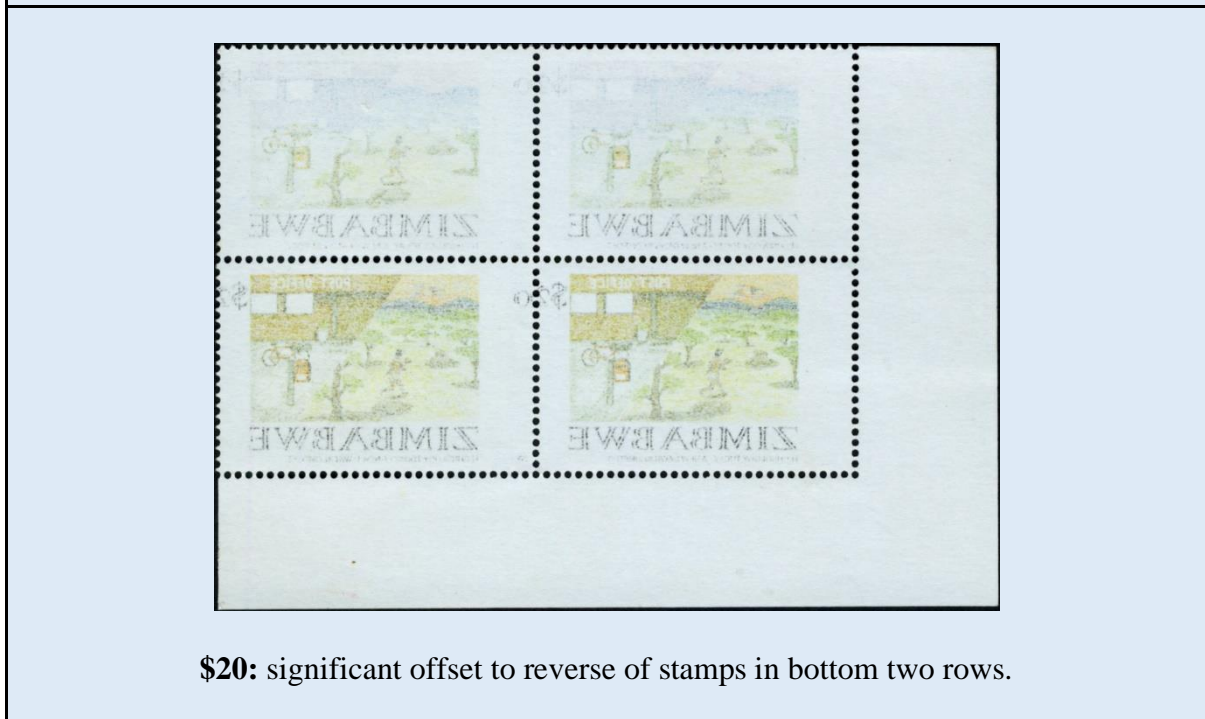
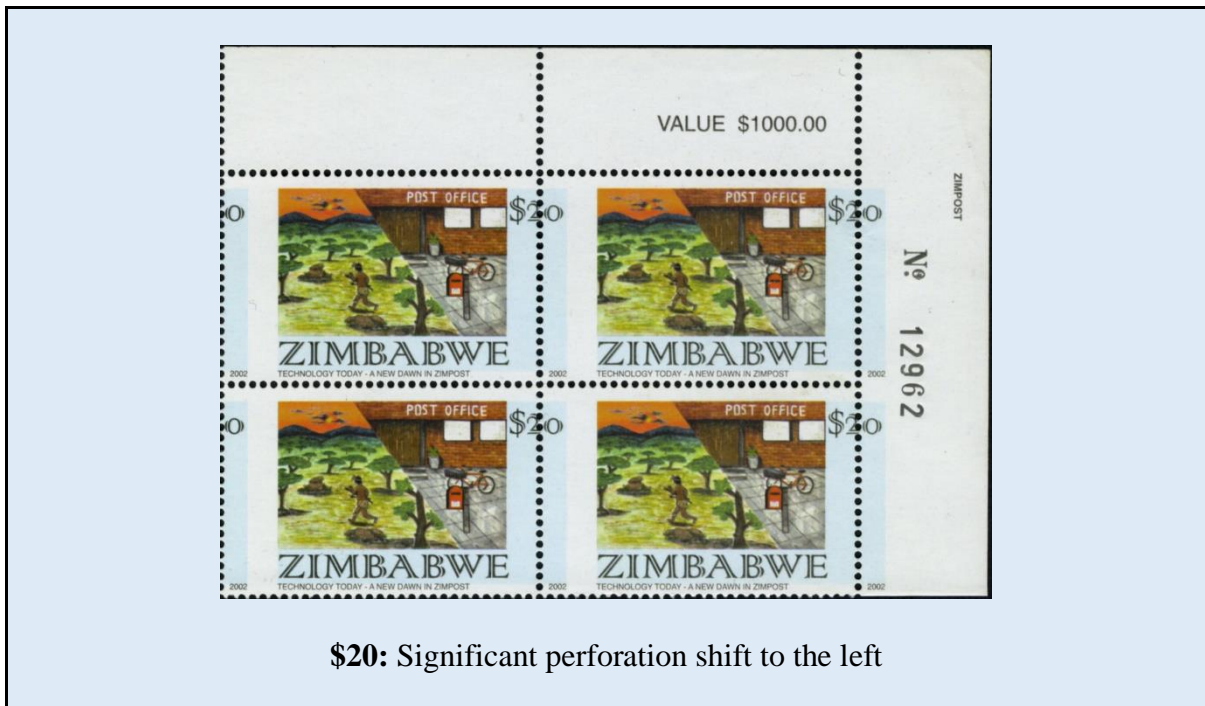
<b>Stamp size:</b>	All values	42 x 28 mm		
<b>Sheet Size:</b>	50 stamps (10 rows of 5 stamps), two panes per printed sheet			
<b>Artist:</b>	Artists as stated, Cedric Herbert prepared the stamp designs			
<b>Paper:</b>	ZSC paper type H - another HS8 type paper. The paper is off-white and non-fluorescent front and back, PVA creamish gum. The shade intensity of the gummed side may vary occasionally under UV.			
<b>Print colours:</b>	Cyan, magenta, yellow & black			
<b>Perforations:</b>	SG 14½, ZSC 14¼ Top margin: Perforated through. Other margins: Imperforate			
<b>Printer:</b>	NatPrint, Harare, Zimbabwe			
<b>Printer's Imprint:</b>	Bottom Margin, below Row 10 Column 3. Imprint printed in black			
<b>Cylinder numbers:</b>	Top margin above R1/1. Colours from left – cyan, magenta, yellow, black			
<b>Colour register:</b>	Type TL 4– round boxed – left margin opposite R1/1. Colours reading down – cyan, magenta, yellow, black			
<b>Sheet Value:</b>	Top margin, above R1/5, printed in black.			
<b>Sheet Number:</b>	Type SN 7 with printed 'ZIMPOST' prefix, right margin opposite R5/10, reading down			
<b>Print numbers:</b>	\$20	2,610,000	\$70	240,000
<b>Issue date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> October, 2002			

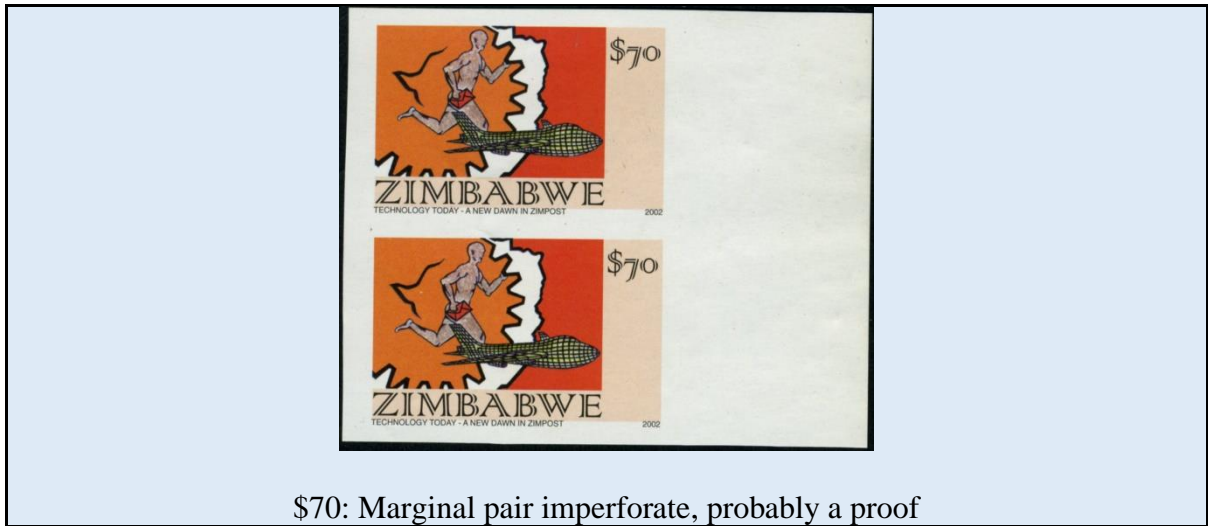
## Listed varieties

No listed varieties have been noted, save the variety in the papers of the miniature sheets.

## Unlisted Varieties

There are numerous small dots and specks in the printing of these stamps, particularly in the backgrounds.

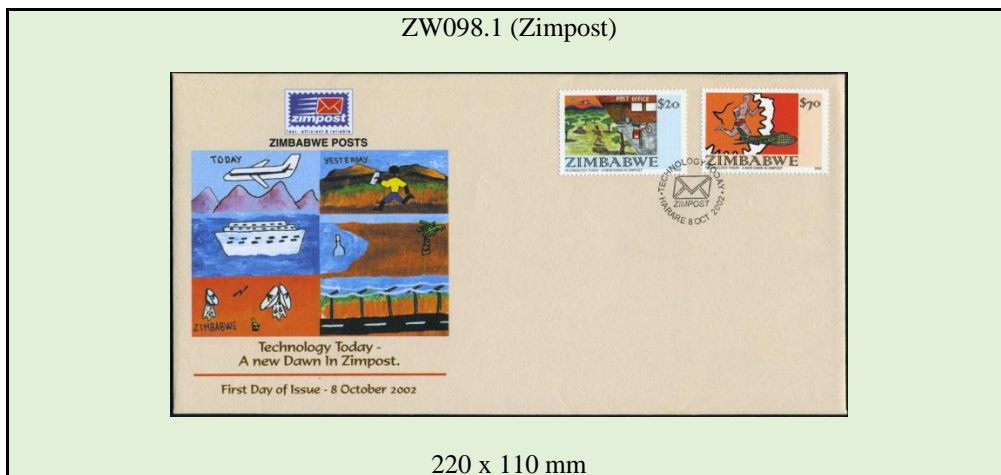
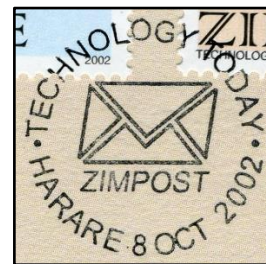




## First Day Cover

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.

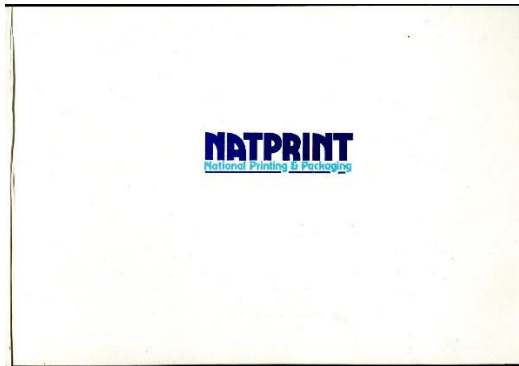


## Related Material

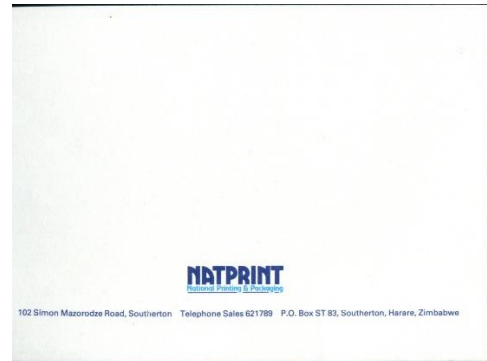
### Natprint Proof Presentation Cards

Presentation cards produced by Natprint with imperforate proofs of the stamps to be issued. The presentation cards were forwarded to the PTC for approval of the final product.

*(Courtesy of Jefferson Ritson)*



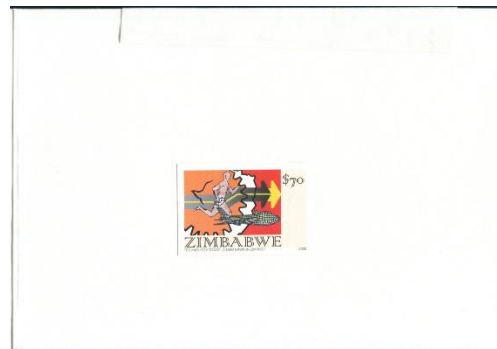
Front cover



Inside front cover



\$20 stamp



\$70 stamp

### 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. Zimbabwe Post, Philatelic Bureau Bulletin No 5 of 2002