

# KET TO CATALOGUING

## SYMBOLS

* Unused	** Never hinged	O Used
☒ On cover	Δ On piece	S Specimen
⊕ Block of Four	ⓑ Block larger than four	E Essay
TC Trial Colour	DP Die Proof	PP Plate Proof

## MAJOR ABBREVIATIONS

c.d.s. = Circular Date Stamp; C.T.O = Canceled to Order;

F.D.C. = First Day Cover ; ms. = Manuscript; var. = Variety

### CONDITION

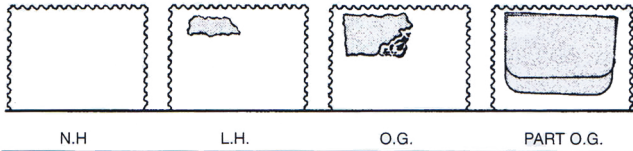
The various gradings of stamps are, in order; superb, extremely fine, very fine, fine. In the case of sets, large blocks, sheets, etc., the condition quoted represents the average, and quality above and below this standard can be expected.

**Mixed Condition:** In large lots, the condition is generally expected to range from fair to at best fine. Serious defects can be expected.

**Handstamp on reverse:** Denotes either a dealer, collector or indecipherable expert's mark.

**Signed by:** Denotes either the actual signature or mark of the expertiser. The absence of mentioning a signature does not reflect on the ability or knowledge of the party involved

### GUM:



Shaded portion can represent an actual hinge or the area disturbed by a hinge.  
n.h. = Never Hinged – unused with original gum in Post Office state and unmounted.

l.h. = Lightly Hinged – unused with full original gum showing some evidence of a previous hinge which may be present in part or entirely removed.

o.g. = Original Gum – unused with original gum somewhat disturbed by previous hinging which may still be present.

part o.g. = Part Original Gum – unused with original gum, large hinge remnants may or may not be present.

disturbed o.g. = Disturbed Original Gum – unused with original gum affected by sweating, glazing or mount disturbance; may not resemble the original gum.

unused = Unused without gum.

Ungummed = Unused without gum, as issued.

**BLOCKS OR SHEETS AND THEIR GUM:** Minor separations are the rule rather than the exception, in the case of blocks or sheets of any size. A few separations, around four perfs. per row, do not affect the value of a block or sheet and are not grounds for the return of a lot.

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\$300 - \$600	\$25
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