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SECTION 5

NVI (No Value Indicated) Stamps



A new version of the Machin series began in 1989 without specific denominations but marked instead by class of service “1st” or “2nd”. These are termed NVI or No Value Indicated stamps. They prepay items up to 60g in weight, but may also be used as part postage for heavier items. Initially they only had validity on inland mail, but this was gradually extended, first to mail to the EC and finally to all overseas destinations.

Most pre-security NVI stamps were issued in window booklets, listed in Section 23, but both “1st” and “2nd” also appeared in various prestige booklets.

EQUIVALENT VALUES AT DATE OF ISSUE

<i>Effective</i>	<i>1st Class</i>	<i>2nd Class</i>
5.9.88	19p	14p
2.10.89	20p	15p
17.9.90	22p	17p
16.9.91	24p	18p

CATALOGUE NUMBERING

Stamps are coded as F(irst) or S(econd) plus printer H(arrison), W(alsall) or Q(uesta) and serially numbered. Straight edges are shown SET, SEB, SRT and SRB as previously.

Harrison printings have been from the Jumelle (Jum) machine with APS rotary (rough) perforations or from Chambon (Chmb) with comb (clean) perforations.

The number of stamps in the pane and the booklet initial selling price are quoted as, for example, 10(£1.90). These prices will locate the respective booklet in Section 23. In some cases a dual price reference needs to be given (e.g. £1.90/£2.00) since there are further entries in that Section and tariffs had changed in the interim.

Colours. Initially the colour of 1st values was black (1989), but then changed to orange-red (1990), to correspond with national definitives at the equivalent first-class rates. The 2nd was initially bright blue (1989), then dark blue (1990), to correspond with the national definitives at the equivalent second-class rates. However on 6th August 1991 the colour reverted to bright blue, where it has remained ever since.

Harrison

<i>CC No.</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Paper/Gum</i>	<i>Bands</i>	<i>Perf</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Booklet</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Price</i>	
(a) Harrison. Photo. Perf 15 x 14. A-phosphor									
SH1SET	2nd	Bright blue, s/e top	FCP/DEX	CB	APS	22.8.89 22.9.92	10 (£1.40/£1.50) 10 (£1.80)	DP126	2.00
SH1A/SET	2nd	Bright blue, s/e top, translucent paper	FCP/DEX	CB	APS	22.8.89	10 (£1.40)	DP126	2.50
SH1SEB	2nd	Bright blue, s/e bottom	FCP/DEX	CB	APS	22.8.89 22.9.92	10 (£1.40/£1.50) 10 (£1.80)	DP126	2.00
SH1A/SEB	2nd	Bright blue, s/e bottom, translucent paper	FCP/DEX	CB	APS	22.8.89	10 (£1.40)	DP126	2.50
SH2SET	2nd	Bright blue, s/e top	FCP/DEX	CB	Comb	28.11.89	4 (60p)	DP135	2.75
SH2SEB	2nd	Bright blue, s/e bottom	FCP/DEX	CB	Comb	28.11.89	4 (60p)	DP135	2.75
SH2SRT	2nd	Bright blue, s/e right & top	FCP/DEX	CB	Comb	28.11.89	4 (60p)	DP135	3.75
SH2SRB	2nd	Bright blue, s/e right & bottom	FCP/DEX	CB	Comb	28.11.89	4 (60p)	DP135	3.75
SH3	2nd	Bright blue	FCP/DEX	SBR	APS	20.3.90	London Life	DP147	3.00
SH4SET	2nd	Dark blue, s/e top	FCP/DEX	CB	APS	7.8.90	10 (£1.50)	DP154	1.00
SH4SEB	2nd	Dark blue, s/e bottom	FCP/DEX	CB	APS	7.8.90	10 (£1.50)	DP154	1.00
FH1SET	1st	Black, s/e top	ACPB/DEX		APS	22.8.89	10 (£1.90/£2.00)	DP127	2.50
FH1A/SET	1st	Black, s/e top, translucent paper	ACPB/DEX		APS	22.8.89	10 (£1.90)	DP127	3.00
FH1SEB	1st	Black, s/e bottom	ACPB/DEX		APS	22.8.89	10 (£1.90/£2.00)	DP127	2.50
FH1A/SEB	1st	Black, s/e bottom, translucent paper	ACPB/DEX		APS	22.8.89	10 (£1.90)	DP127	3.00

CC No.	Value	Paper/Gum	Bands	Perf	Date	Booklet	Source	Price
FH3SET	1st	Black, s/e top	ACPB/DEX	Comb	5.12.89	4(80p)	DP136	6.00
FH3SEB	1st	Black, s/e bottom	ACPB/DEX	Comb	5.12.89	4(80p)	DP136	6.00
FH3SRT	1st	Black, s/e right & top	ACPB/DEX	Comb	5.12.89	4(80p)	DP136	8.00
FH3SRB	1st	Black, s/e right & bottom	ACPB/DEX	Comb	5.12.89	4(80p)	DP136	8.00
FH4	1st	Black, 4.5mm right band	FCP/DEX	2B* APS	20.3.90	London Life	DP147	4.50
FH4A	1st	Black, 5.5mm right band	FCP/DEX	2B* APS	20.3.90	London Life	DP147	6.50
FH5SET	1st	Orange-red s/e top	ACPB/DEX	APS	7.8.90 6.8.91	10(£2.00) 10(£2.20/£2.40)	DP155	1.00
FH5SEB	1st	Orange-red s/e bottom	ACPB/DEX	APS	7.8.90 6.8.91	10(£2.00) 10(£2.20/£2.40)	DP155	1.00

* FH4 shows an 11mm gap between bands, FH4A shows a 10mm gap.

Walsall

CC No.	Value	Paper/Gum	Bands	Date	Booklet	Source	Price	
(b) Walsall. Litho. Perf 14, except where marked. FCP stamps are A-Phosphor								
SW1SET	2nd	Bright blue s/e top	FCP/PVA	CB	22.8.89 6.8.91 6.8.91	4 (56p) 4 (68p/72p) 10(£1.70/£1.80)	DP128 DP128 DP172	0.80
						CB (S1)	DP 128, 172	12.50
SW1SEB	2nd	Bright blue s/e bottom	FCP/PVA	CB	22.8.89 6.8.91 6.8.91	4 (56p) 4 (68p/72p) 10(£1.70/£1.80)	DP128 DP128 DP172	0.80
SW1SRT	2nd	Bright blue s/e right & top	FCP/PVA	CB	22.8.89	4 (56p)	DP128	1.50
SW1SRB	2nd	Bright blue s/e right & bottom	FCP/PVA	CB	22.8.89	4 (56p)	DP128	1.50
SW2SET	2nd	Dark blue s/e top	FCP/PVA	CB	7.8.90	4 (60/68p) 10(£1.50/£1.70)	DP156 DP157 DP156	0.80 20.00
						CB (S1)		
SW2SEB	2nd	Dark blue s/e bottom	FCP/PVA	CB	7.8.90	4 (60/68p) 10(£1.50/£1.70)	DP156 DP157 DP157	0.80 20.00
						CB (S2)		
SW3SET	2nd	Bright blue, s/e top	FCP/DEX	CB	16.3.93**	10 (£1.50)	DP172A	1.25
SW3SEB	2nd	Bright blue, s/e bottom	FCP/DEX	CB	16.3.93**	10 (£1.50)	DP172A	1.25

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<i>CC No.</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Paper/Gum</i>	<i>Bands</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Booklet</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Price</i>	
FW1SET	1st	Sepia-black s/e top	FCP/PVA	2B	22.8.89	4(76p)	DP129	1.50
			FW1SET/NP	Missing phosphor (pl. W1W2)				
FW1SEB	1st	Sepia-black s/e bottom	FCP/PVA	2B	22.8.89	4(76p)	DP129	1.50
			FW1SEB/NP	Missing phosphor (pl. W1W2)				
FW1SRT	1st	Sepia-black s/e right & top	FCP/PVA	2B	22.8.89	4(76p)	DP129	2.00
				2B (I2)	22.8.89		DP129	25.00
			FW1SRT/NP	Missing phosphor (pl. W1W2)				
FW1SRB	1st	Sepia-black s/e right & bottom	FCP/PVA	2B	22.8.89	4(76p)	DP129	2.00
				2B (I2)	22.8.89		DP129	25.00
			FW1SRB/NP	Missing phosphor (pl. W1W2)				
FW2SET	1st	Orange-red s/e top	ACPB/PVA		7.8.90	4(80p) 10(£2.00)	DP159 DP160	1.00
FW2SEB	1st	Orange-red s/e bottom	ACPB/PVA		7.8.90	4(80p) 10(£2.00)	DP159 DP160	1.00
FW3SET	1st	Orange-red s/e top	ACPD/PVA		7.8.90 6.8.91	4(80p/88p/96p) 10 (£2.00/ £2.20/£2.40)	DP159A DP160A	1.00
FW3SEB	1st	Orange-red s/e bottom	ACPD/PVA		7.8.90 6.8.91	4(80p/88p/96p) 10 (£2.00/ £2.20/£2.40)	DP159A DP160A	1.00
FW4SET	1st	Orange-red s/e top, perf 13 *	ACPB/PVA		?10.90	4(88p)	DP159B	2.00
FW4SEB	1st	Orange-red s/e bottom, perf 13 *	ACPB/PVA		?10.90	4(88p)	DP159B	2.00
FW5SET	1st	Orange-red s/e top, perf 13 *	ACPD/PVA		?10.90	4(88p)	DP159C	2.50
FW5SEB	1st	Orange-red s/e bottom, perf 13 *	ACPD/PVA		?10.90	4(88p)	DP159C	2.50
FW6SET	1st	Orange-red, s/e top	ACPB/DEX		9.2.93 16.3.93	10(£2.40) 4(96p)	DP160B DP159D	1.00
FW6SEB	1st	Orange-red, s/e bottom	ACPB/DEX		9.2.93 16.3.93	10(£2.40) 4(96p)	DP160B DP159D	1.00

* Exact measurement of perfs is 12.8 x 13.2

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Questa

CC No.	Value		Paper/Gum	Bands	Date	Booklet	Source	Price
(c) Questa. Litho. Perf 15 x 14. A-phosphor.								
SQ1	2nd	Bright blue	FCP/PVA (white)	CBr CB (S1) CB (S2)	19.8.89	10 (€1.40)	DP130 DP130 DP130	1.25 7.50 7.50
SQ1A	2nd	Deep bright blue	FCP/PVA (white)	CBr CB (S1) CB (S2)	6.8.91	10 (€1.70)	DP130 DP130 DP130	2.50 9.00 9.00
SQ1B	2nd	Deep duller bright blue	FCP/PVA (cream)	CBr CB (S1) CB (S2)	3.92	10 (€1.70)	DP130 DP130 DP130	2.75 10.00 10.00
SQ2	2nd	Dark blue	FCP/PVA	CBr CB (S1) CB (S2)	7.8.90	10 (€1.50)	DP158 DP158 DP158	1.25 7.50 7.50
SQ3	2nd	Bright blue	FCP/PVA SQ3NP	SBR (4.5mm) SBR (12) Missing phosphor	25.2.92	Wales book	DP181 DP181 DP181	2.25 17.50 650.00
SQ4	2nd	Bright blue	FCP/PVA SQ4AB	SBR (3.5mm) Short additional band at upper-left	27.10.92	Tolkien book	DP186 DP186	1.50 7.50
FQ1	1st	Black	ACPB/PVA (CPL)*		19.9.89	10(€1.90/£2.00)	DP131	1.50
FQ1A	1st	Black	ACPB/DEX (HLS)*		9.89	10 (€1.90/£2.00)	DP131B	4.50
FQ2	1st	Black	ACPD/DEX (HLS)*		9.89	10(€1.90/£2.00)	DP131C	2.50
FQ3	1st	Orange-red	ACPB/PVA		7.8.90	10(£2.00)	DP161	1.10
FQ4	1st	Orange-red	ACPD/PVA		6.8.91	10(£2.20)	DP161 Low OBA	1.00
FQ5	1st	Orange-red	FCP/PVA FQ5NP	2B (9mm) Missing phosphor	25.2.92	Wales book	DP181 DP181	2.50 750.00
FQ6	1st	Orange-red	FCP/PVA	2B (7.75mm) 2B (S10)	27.10.92	Tolkien book	DP186 DP186	1.75 10.00

* Paper supplied by HLS has a creamy coloured gum, whereas CPL paper has a whitish gum.