Errors of the Australian Colonies/States and the History of Their Discovery

Background

Historically, from 1850 to 1912, the Australia Colonies either sourced the printing designs and plates from the major London stamp printing firms or produced them locally. Both in London and domestically during this sixty two year period, many different printing techniques were used to produce postage stamps across all the colonies, including lithography, recess printing, and typography. During the course of this printing, errors in stamp production appeared, with many of these errors now prized by collectors keen to enhance their collections. The most common errors encountered in stamp production of the Australian Colonies include:

- ◊ Imperforate between pair
- ◊ Double print
- ◊ Printed on both sides
- ◊ Inverted overprint
- ◊ Errors of watermark
- ◊ Imperforate between stamp and margin
- ◊ Double impression
- ◊ Double overprint
- ◊ Double perforation
- ◊ Offsets on reverse

Historical philatelic references

From 1880 to around 1950, there were a large number of philatelic journals in Australia and the United Kingdom keen to publish new developments and varieties in philately. Many of the articles in Australia were almost direct copies of their counterparts in the home country, and vice versa. England was well served by the "London Philatelist", "The Philatelic Record" and "The Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal." In Australia, the leading philatelic publications were "Vindin's Philatelic Monthly", the "Australian Philatelist" and the "Australian Stamp Journal". Each of these publications (and a number of others) were integral in providing philatelists with information of the discovery of new errors culminating with their listing in to the Stanley Gibbons British Empire catalogue the following year. The publication of the Brusden White catalogue in 2004 provided a major boost to the collector awareness of errors in the 1901-1912 Federal Period.

Treatment and relative rarity of the material

This exhibit displays many of the major errors from the Australian Colonies/States. Many of the errors are quite rare, and record confirming the number of recorded examples is provided for many of the items displayed , together with the history of their discovery from the various philatelic publications of the day. Stamps contained within a bold black box signify examples of significant rarity, generally with ten or less examples recorded.

Stamps that have an *(E)* in the description have been certified as genuine by a recognised authority. Finally, most errors have been given a date when they were listed in the Stanley Gibbons British Empire or Brusden White catalogues, the most popular references for this subject.

Exhibitor research

The exhibitor has conducted extensive research into the history of the discovery of each of the errors. The major philatelic publications researched include all the major philatelic journals and auction houses from the 1880's to the present predominantly from the United Kingdom and Australia. This research provided evidence of the discovery of each error and their rarity and availability to collectors. In addition, public collections in both countries have been visited to record examples displayed in these institutions.

Principle References:

"Commonwealth & British Empire Stamps 1840-1970" published by Stanley Gibbons
Philatelic Journals: *"Australian Philatelist"; "Australian Stamp Journal"; "London Philatelist"; "The Philatelic Record"; "Philately from Australia"; "The Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal"; "Vindin's Philatelic Monthly".*
Principle Stamp Auction House Catalogues: *"David Feldman"; "Christies Robson Lowe"; "H.R. Harmer"; "Millennium Philatelic Auctions"; "Moss Green"; "Prestige Philately"; "Robson Lowe"; "Rod Perry Auction Galeries"; "Spink"; "Stanley Gibbons Australia"; "Gary Watson"*

Victoria
26th January 1857
Watermark Large Star
Imperforate


1d Yellow green
Error – Printed on Both Sides (E)

First reported in the London Philatelist in March 1896, it was listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 1923. Two used examples are recorded, with the other stamp residing in the Royal Collection. Both are cancelled by the Barred Numeral 4 of Sandhurst. At the left is a scanned image of the front of the stamp.

Ex Ferrari, Purves, Perry, Barelli


1d Yellow Green
Error – Offset


4d Vermillion
Error – Offset


4d Dull Red
Error – Offset


4d Vermillion
Error – Printed on Both Sides (E)

First reported in the London Philatelist in October 1897, it was listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 1958. Two used examples are recorded, with the other stamp residing in the Royal Collection. At the left is a scanned reproduction of the front of the stamp.

Ex Purves, Perry, Barelli

Victoria

26th January 1857
Watermark Large Star
Imperforate

4d Dull Rose
Error – Offset

4d Dull Rose
Error – Offset

12th August 1857
Watermark Large Star
Rouletted 7 - 9

4d Dull Rose
Error – Offset

4d Reddish Pink
Error – Offset

January 1858
Good Quality Wove Paper
No Watermark
Rouletted 7 - 9

4d Reddish Pink
Error – Imperforate Horizontally Between Pair (E)

This error was first reported in Ewan's Weekly stamp News in December 1902 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1917. Two examples are recorded.

Victoria

Although publications of the Beaded Oval series, 1d Netted Corners, and the 6d Adapted Design have been written by Purves, and some research performed by the Australian States Study Circle, very little is known of the watermark errors and their relative scarcity.

1st August 1860
Watermark Value in Words
Perforation 12

4d Rose red
Error – Watermark Reversed

4d Rose red
Error – Watermark Inverted

4d Rose pink
Error – Watermark Inverted and Reversed

4d Rose red
Error – Double Perforation

4d Rose pink
Watermark Single Line 4
Error – Watermark Inverted

22nd June 1861
Perforation 12

6d Black
Watermark "SIX PENCE"
Error – Watermark Inverted

Although not mentioned in the Purves monograph on the Victorian Woodblocks, this particular stamp was from the Purves collection, who recorded only two examples of this error.

Ex Purves, Geitenbeek

Victoria
1st October 1861
Perforation 12

1d Pale Green
Watermark "ONE PENNY"
Error – Watermark Inverted

1d Yellow Green
Error – No Watermark

1d Yellow Green
Watermark Double Lined "1"
Error – Watermark Inverted

26th April 1862
Watermark Single Lined 6
Perforation 12

6d Black
Error – Imperforate Between Stamp and Margin at Top

There is no record of this error in any contemporary literature and it is the only recorded example.

6d Grey Black
Error – Watermark Inverted

This error was first reported in the Australian States Study Group Newsletter in April 1983.

6d Black
Error – Watermark Reversed

This error was first reported in the Australian States Study Group Newsletter in April 1983.

Victoria

More research appears to have been conducted by Purves and contemporary collectors on the watermark errors of the Laureatted series. The general consensus is that all the watermark errors are scarce to rare, with the sideways watermark errors being particularly rare.

April 1864
Watermark Single Lined Numerals

1d Green
Perforation 13
Error – Watermark Inverted

This error was first reported in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" in January 1930.

1d Green
Perforation 13
Error – No Watermark

This scarce error occurred when the stamp was printed on a miss-placed sheet, outside the line of the watermark.

1d Pale Green
Perforation 13
Error – Double Strike on "ONE"

This is the most dramatic double strike error on the 1d value. It is very scarce in unused condition.

1d Bluish Green
Perforation 13
Error – Printed Double (E)

This error was first reported in the mid 1950's before being listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1958. Two examples are recorded.

Ex Perry, Holness

2d Violet

2d Dull violet

Perforation 12
Error – Watermark Reversed

2d Dull violet

2d Dull lilac

Perforation 13
Error – Watermark Inverted

This error was first reported in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" in November 1929.

Victoria
April 1864
Watermark Single Lined Numerals

2d Dull Violet
Perforation 13
Error – No Watermark (E)

This scarce error occurred when the stamp was printed on a miss-placed sheet, outside the line of the watermark.

2d Violet
Perforation 12
Error – Double Strike on "TWO PENCE"

This constant error occurred through faulty electrotypes. Examples in unused condition are rare.

2d Dull Violet
Perforation 12
Error – Double Strike on "TWO PENCE"

A couple of covers are recorded across all printings of the 2d vale with the Double Strike of "TWO PENCE" error.

Victoria
April 1864
Watermark Single Lined Numerals

2d Grey
Perforation 13
Error – Double Perforation

4d Deep rose
Perforation 13
Error – Watermark Reversed

This error was first reported in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" in October 1929.

4d Deep rose
Perforation 13
Error – Watermark Inverted and Reversed

This error was first reported in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" in October 1929.

4d Deep rose
Perforation 13
Error – No Watermark

Although there are no contemporary reports regarding this error, it was known to collectors given the recordings of the 1d and 2d values.

4d Deep Rose
Perforation 12
Error – Printed Double (E)

This error was first reported in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" in October 1929 and is the only example recorded which led to its listing in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 1958.

Ex Purves, Perry, Hollness

4d Pink
Perforation 12
Error – Watermark 8 (E)

This is one of the great watermark errors of Victoria and was first reported in "Vindins Philatelic Monthly" in July 1894 (this example is now lost) and it was listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1899. Two examples are recorded, this one being the most recent find in 2008.

Victoria

April 1864
Watermark Single Lined Numerals

6d Blue
Perforation 13
Error – Watermark Reversed

1/ Blue/ Blue
Perforation 13
Error – Watermark Inverted

This error was first reported in the "Australian States Study Group Newsletter" in August 1980. Mint examples of the watermark errors are very scarce.

1/ Blue/ Blue
Perforation 12
Error – Double Perforation

1/ Blue/ Blue
Perforation 12 x 13
Error – No Watermark

1/- Blue/Blue
Perforation 13
Error – No Watermark and Offset

There are no reports of this error in early philatelic literature and this is the only recorded example.

January 1864
Emergency Printing on Perkins Bacon Paper
Watermark Double Lined 4

4d Deep Rose
Error – Imperforate Between Stamp and Margin at Top

The first recording of this error was when it was photographed in "The Stamps of Victoria" by Geoff Kellow in 1990. It is the only recorded example.

Ex Purves, Perry

Victoria

January 1864
Emergency Printing on Perkins Bacon Paper
Watermark Double Lined 4

4d Deep Rose
Error – Value Omitted

There are no early philatelic reports regarding the discovery of this error, although Purves owned examples in the 1960's. There is an albino impression of the value visible at the base and it was caused by a break up to the make ready during printing. About six to eight examples are known, with this being the only cover recorded. *Ex Purves*

December 1865
Emergency Printing on De La Rue Paper
Watermark Incorrect Single Lined Numerals

2d Grey
Watermark Single Lined "8"
Error – Watermark Inverted

2d Grey
Watermark Single Lined "8"
Error – Double Strike on "TWO PENCE"

Victoria

December 1865
Saunders Paper
Watermark Single Lined Numerals

4d Rose Red
Error – Watermark Reversed

This error was first reported in the "Australian States Study Circle Newsletter" in August 1980.

4d Rose Red
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left (E)

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952 and listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 2010. It is the only recorded example.

10d Dull purple/ Pink
Error – Watermark Inverted

This error was first reported in the "Australian States Study Circle Newsletter" in August 1980.

2/- Greenish blue/Green
Error – Watermark Reversed

This error was first reported in the "Australian States Study Circle Newsletter" in August 1980.

2d Grey
Watermark Single Lined "4"
Error – Double Strike on "TWO PENCE"

Unused examples of the Double Strike errors are very scarce.

Victoria

August 1867
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 13

1d Bluish Green
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left (E)

1d Green
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right (E)

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952, although no distinction was made between the shades and the direction of the watermark. These errors were listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 2010. Less than half a dozen examples of each are estimated to exist.

1d Yellow green
Error – Watermark Reversed

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952.

2d Violet
Error – Watermark Reversed

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952.

2d Dull lilac
Error – Watermark Inverted and Reversed

This error was first reported in the "V/Crown Watermarks" by Purves in 1964.

2d Lilac
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left (E)

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952 and listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 2010. Possibly half a dozen examples are estimated to exist.

Victoria
August 1867
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 13

3d Yellow Orange
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right (E)

3d Dull Orange
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right (E)

This error was first reported in the "V/Crown Watermark" monograph by J.R.W. Purves in 1958 and was listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 2010. The Yellow Orange shade is particularly rare, being the only example recorded. About half a dozen examples of the Dull Orange shade are estimated to exist.

3d Bright Orange
Error – Watermark Reversed

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952.

3d Bright Orange
Error – Double Perforation

4d Dull Rose
Error – Watermark Reversed

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952.

4d Dull Rose
Error – Double Perforations

4d Dull Rose
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952. It was mentioned as a note in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 1958 before being listed in 2005. Approximately a dozen examples are estimated to exist.

Victoria
August 1867
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 13

6d Blue
Error – Watermark Reversed

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952.

6d Blue
Error – Watermark Inverted

This error was first reported in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain " in April 1930. Mint examples are very scarce.

6d Blue
Error – Watermark Inverted and Reversed

This error was first reported in the "V/ Crown Watermarks" by Purves in 1964

6d Blue
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right (E)

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952 and listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 2010. Two examples are recorded.

6d Blue
Error – Double Perforations

8d Red Brown/Pink
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left And Double Perforations

8d Red Brown/Pink
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right

This error was first reported in the "Australian Philatelic Record" in March 1929. It was mentioned as a note in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 1958 before being listed in 2007. About a dozen examples are estimated to exist.

Victoria

August 1867
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 13

1/- Light Blue/ Blue
Error – Watermark Inverted and Reversed

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in December 1973. Mint examples are scarce.

5/- Blue / Yellow
Error – Watermark Reversed

This error was first reported in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" in March 1933 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1958. It is a relatively scarce error, with no mint examples recorded.

September 1867
Watermark Double Lined Numerals
Perforation 13

2d Grey Lilac
Watermark Double Lined 4
Error – Watermark Inverted

1d Deep Yellow Green
Watermark Double Lined 1
Error – Watermark Reversed

This error was first reported in the "Australian States Study Circle Newsletter" in August 1980.

4d Dull Rose Red
Watermark Double Lined 4
Error – Watermark Reversed

6d Dull Blue
Error – Watermark
Double Lined "2" (E)

This error was first recorded in 1874 and was reported in the "Australia Philatelist" in September 1895 and listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 1899. Eight examples are known, including one in the Royal collection.

Ex Purves, Perry

Victoria

September 1867
Watermark Words
Perforation 13

1d Pale Yellow Green
Watermark "SIX PENCE"
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right (E)

This stamp was first recorded when an example from the T.W. Hall collection was auctioned in London in 1939. It was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2009. Three examples are recorded.

September 1867
Watermark Words
Perforation 13

6d Dull Blue
Error – Watermark "SIX PENCE" Reversed

6d Dull Blue
Error – Watermark "SIX PENCE" Inverted

This error was first reported in the Australian Stamp Monthly in September 1931.

28th January 1870
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 12

2d Dull Lilac
Error – Double Perforation

2d Dull Lilac
Error – Mixed Perforation 12 and 13(E)

This stamp is perforated 12 all round with an additional vertical perforation 13 at right thereby creating the error. This stamp was discovered in 2015 and will be listed in the 2017 edition of the Stanley Gibbons catalogue. It is the only recorded example.

Victoria

August 1873
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 13

½d on 1d Green
Error – Mixed Perforation 13 and 12(E)

This stamps is perforated 13 all round with an additional perforation 12 at right thereby creating the error. It first came to the notice of collectors when this stamp was auctioned by Spink in April 2006 and was listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2014. It is the only recorded example.

October 1873
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 13

1d Yellow Green
Error – Double Perforation

1d Yellow Green
Error – Mixed Perforation 12 and 13

This stamp is perforated 12 x 13 all round with an additional vertical perforation 12 at left thereby creating the error. Two examples are recorded.

2d Deep Lilac Mauve
Error – Double Perforation

2d Deep Lilac Mauve/Green
Error – Double Perforation

Victoria

October 1873
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 13

2d Deep Lilac Mauve/Green
Error – Mixed Perforation 12 and 13 (E)

This stamp is perforated 13 all round with an additional vertical perforation 12 at right thereby creating the error. This stamp was discovered in 2015 which led to its listing in the 2016 edition of the Stanley Gibbons catalogue. It is the only recorded example.

1/- Indigo Blue/Blue
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left

This error was first reported in the "Australian Philatelic Record" in July 1929 and was listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2005. Contemporary publications state that about a dozen copies exist, although only seven have been recorded to date including two in the Royal collection.

1st July 1876
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 13

"EIGHT PENCE" on 9d Lilac Brown/Pink
Error – Surcharged "FIGHTPENCE"

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1949 and was listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1958. Only 500 examples were printed and thirteen examples have been recorded, one in the Royal collection.

Ex Gartner

October 1873
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 13

1/- Indigo Blue/Blue
Compound Perforation 13 x 12
Error – Double Perforation

The compound perforation of 13 x 12 is a very rare stamp with only one other example recorded. This stamp showing the double perforation 13 at base is the second, and the only example showing the error.

1/- Pale Blue/Blue
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left

The existence of this error in a different shade and printing from the Indigo Blue at the left was unknown to collectors until the Molnar sale of Victoria in 2012. This is the only recorded example which led to its listing by Stanley Gibbons in 2016.

Victoria

August 1879
Watermark Single Lined "10"
Perforation 12½

8d Red Brown/Pink
Error – Watermark Reversed

November 1880
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 12½

4d Rose Carmine
Error – Offset

4d Rose Carmine
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right (E)

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952 and listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 2010. It is the only recorded example.

December 1886
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 12½

1d Yellowish Green
Error – Double Perforation

4d Bright Mauve Rose
Error of Colour Printed in Lilac (E)

Reference to the similarities of colour between the 2d and 4d values of the Naish design was first recorded in correspondence with the Comptroller of Stamps in February 1887 where it was stated that 50 sheets were printed in violet ink instead of magenta.

The error was first reported in the "London Philatelist" in August 1900 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1909. Eight unused singles and two pairs have been recorded.

Unused - Ex Harvey, Perry
Used - Ex Purves

Victoria
June 1896
Watermark V/Crown Type 3
Perforation 12½

½d Deep Carmine Red
Error – Watermark Upright

This error was listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1997. Prior to the discovery of this block, mint examples of this error were very rare. This is the largest recorded multiple.

Victoria
June 1896
Watermark V/Crown Type 4
Perforation 12½

½d Emerald
Error – Double Perforation

1d Brownish Orange
Error – Double Perforation

1d Brownish Orange
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right

This error was first reported in the "Australian Stamp Monthly" in June 1938 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2005. This is the only multiple recorded.

1½d Apple Green
Error – Double Perforation

2d Violet
Error – Double Perforation

2d Violet
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left

This error was first reported in "Ewans Weekly Stamp News" in January 1910 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2000. It is much scarcer than the 1899 printing. This is the only multiple recorded.

Victoria
June 1896
Watermark V/Crown Type 3
Perforation 12½

3d Buff
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2005. It is much rarer than the 1899 printing and only three examples are recorded.

1/- Brownish Red
Error – Watermark Upright

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952 and was listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 2005. It is very scarce, and the unused copy is the only recorded example.

Ex Purves

June 1899
Watermark V/Crown Type 4
Perforation 12½

½d Emerald
Error – Watermark Upright

This error was first reported in the "Philatelic Journal" in May 1901 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1999. It is rare in mint condition.

1d Rosine
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left

1d Rosine
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right (E)

This error was first reported in "Ewans Weekly Stamp News" in January 1910 and was listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 2005, although they do not make the distinction between the watermark error facing left or facing right. Two used pairs are recorded, the other being in the Royal collection. Two mint examples are the only recorded examples.

Victoria
June 1899
Watermark V/Crown Type 4
Perforation 12½

2d Violet
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2000. Mint examples are rare with three singles and this block of four the only recorded examples. Two used pairs are known, with this used block of twelve being the largest recorded multiple.

Ex Purves

3d Bistre Yellow
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right

This error was first reported in the "Australian Philatelic Record" in July 1929 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2005. Probably less than eight examples are known with this being the only multiple, a rejoined pair.

5d Red Brown
Error – Double Perforation

Victoria

29th January 1901
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 12 x 12½

½d Blue green (Die I)
Error – Double Perforations

½d Blue green (Die I)
Error – Watermark Upright

This error was listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1999.

1d Dull Red (Die II)
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2000.

1d Pale Rose Red (Die III)
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2000. Mint blocks are scarce.

1d Dull Red (Die II)
Mixed Perforations 12½ and 11 (E)

Although the compound perforation error was listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1959, it wasn't recognised as a separate mixed perforation error until its listing by Brusden White in 2004. One other example is recorded.

Victoria

29th January 1901
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 12 x 12½

1½d Brown Red/Yellow
Error – Double Perforation

Double perforations in the Victorian Federal period have been popular with collectors since the stamps were issued. The mint block at the right has horizontal and vertical post office repairs.

Ex Molnar

1½d Dull Red Brown/Yellow
Error – Mixed Perforations 12½ and 11 (E)

This block is perforated 12½ all round with an additional horizontal row of perforation 11 at top thereby creating the error. Although the compound perforation error was listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1959, it wasn't recognised as a separate mixed perforation error until its listing by Brusden White in 2004. Eight mint examples are recorded, with this being the only multiple.

Victoria

29th January 1901
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 12 x 12½

1½d Brown Red/Yellow
Error – Watermark Upright

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2000.

3d Dull Orange Brown
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left

This error was first reported in "Ewan's Weekly Stamp News" in January 1910 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1998.

9d Dull Rose Red
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Left

This error was first reported in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" in May 1902 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1998.

2/- Blue/Rose
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right (E)

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in June 1976 with the discovery of a used pair and listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 2004. This mint stamp, discovered in 2010 is the only recorded example.

Victoria

29th January 1901
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 12 x 12½

5/- Rosine and Blue
Error – Imperforate Between
Stamp and Margin at Base

This error was first reported in the "Australian Philatelic Record" in August 1930 and only two examples are recorded. At least two sheets were printed with this error, one watermark upright, and this example which shows the watermark inverted.

Ex Purves

July 1905
Watermark Crown/A
Perforation 12 x 12½

½d Blue Green
Error – Watermark Upright
Double Perforations

The watermark upright error was known by collectors virtually from the time of issue. The double perforation error was first reported in "Ewans Weekly Stamp News" in September 1909 and listed by Brusden White in 2004. The last unit shows evidence of an official post office repair on the reverse.

½d Blue Green
Error – Imperforate Between Stamp and Margin at Base

Four pieces are known of this error, with this strip of four being the second largest multiple recorded. It was listed by Brusden White in 2004.

Victoria
July 1905
Watermark Crown/A
Perforation 12 x 12½

1d Rose Red
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right

The watermark sideways error was first reported in Ewan's Weekly Stamp news in January 1910 and listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 1998.

1d Rose Red
Error – Double Perforation

This error was first reported in the Stanley Gibbons Monthly journal in September 1906 and listed in the Brusden White catalogue in 2004.

1d Pale Rose - (Perf. "OS")
Error – Double Perforation

There is a horizontal post office repair strip between the two vertical pairs.

Victoria
July 1905
Watermark Crown/A
Perforation 12 x 12½

2d Reddish Violet
Error – Double Perforations

This error was first listed by Brusden White in 2004.

9d Pale Rose
Error – Double Perforation

There are no early reports in philatelic literature regarding this error and it was listed in the Brusden White catalogue in 2004.

9d Dull Brown Red
Error – Watermark Sideways Facing Right

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in March 1952 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2005. It is quite scarce, with most used examples known perforated "OS". One mint copy is recorded.

1/- Yellow Orange
Error – Double Perforation

There are no early reports in philatelic literature regarding this error and it was listed in the Brusden White catalogue in 2004. It is very scarce on this value.

Ex Perry

Victoria
July 1905
Watermark Crown/A
Perforation 11

½d Blue Green
Error – Double Perforation

There are no early reports in philatelic literature regarding this error and it was listed in the Brusden White catalogue in 2004.

1d Rose Red
Error – Double Perforation

There are no early reports in philatelic literature regarding this error and it was listed in the Brusden White catalogue in 2004. It is interesting to note that the block on the right is perforated 11 by the small holes and large holes machines.

The CA monogram strip is the only monogram piece recorded. Two are known with the JBC monogram.

(Strip of 6) Ex Pack, Gartner, Perry

Victoria

July 1905
Watermark Crown/A
Perforation 11

2d Bright Mauve
Error – Double Perforation

There are no early reports in philatelic literature regarding this error and it is not listed in the Brusden White catalogue.

July 1905
Watermark Crown/A
Perforation 12 x 12½ and 11

½d Blue Green
Error – Mixed Perforation 12½ and 11

This block is perforated 11 all round with an additional vertical line perforated 12½ at right creating the mixed perforation error. Although the compound perforation error was listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1959, it wasn't recognised as a separate mixed perforation error until its listing by Brusden White in 2004. This is the second largest recorded multiple of this error with a sheet exhibiting ten examples residing in the Rod Perry collection.

1d Rose Red
Error – Mixed Perforation 12½ and 11

This stamp is perforated 12½ all round with an additional vertical line perforated 11 at top creating the mixed perforation error. Although the compound perforation error was listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1959, it wasn't recognised as a separate mixed perforation error until its listing by Brusden White in 2004. It is scarce in mint condition.

Victoria
July 1905
Watermark Crown/A
Perforation 12 x 12½ and 11

1d Pale Rose
Error – Mixed Perforation 12½ and 11

These pairs are perforated 12½ all round with an additional vertical line perforated 11 creating the mixed perforation error. Although the compound perforation error was listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1959, it wasn't recognised as a separate mixed perforation error until its listing by Brusden White in 2004. Used examples are scarce.

2d Reddish Violet *(E)*
Error – Mixed Perforation 12½ and 11

This stamp is perforated 12½ all round with an additional horizontal line perforated 11 at top creating the mixed perforation error. It was listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in 1959 as a compound perforation variety. Three examples are recorded in mixed perforations.

3d Ochre
Error – Mixed Perforation 12½ and 11

This block is perforated 12½ all round with an additional vertical line perforated 11 at left creating the mixed perforation error. Although the compound perforation error was listed by Stanley Gibbons in 1959, it wasn't recognised as a separate mixed perforation error until its listing by Brusden White in 2004.

The original block contained seven stamps showing the mixed perforation. It has been broken down in to three pieces of which this is the largest known multiple of the error.

Ex Pack, Gartner, Perry

Victoria

1st August 1912
Watermark V/Crown
Perforation 11½ x 12¼

9d Rose Carmine
Error – Double Perforations

This error is not recorded in the Brusden White catalogue and only one other single is known.

November 1912
Watermark Crown/A
Perforation 11½ x 12¼

1d Rose Carmine
Error – Watermark Sideways

This error was recorded by Purves in the "Victoria: Crown Over A Watermarks" in 1964 and listed by Stanley Gibbons in 2000. This CA monogram block is the only example recorded.

Ex Gartner, Perry

29th June 1912
Watermark Crown/A
Perforation 11½ x 12¼

2d Reddish Violet
Error – Double Perforations

This error was first reported in "Philately from Australia" in December 1952 and listed in the Brusden White catalogue in 2004. Unusually it shows the double perforations both vertically and horizontally.