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Meter of the Month

My Meter of the Month, recently acquired by Peter Mantell, depicts a GviR (Design D) Frankopost Simplex specimen dated February 1951. It comes on a promotional card and is shown in full below:



Peter has also acquired a similar card from January 1951 that depicts a GviR UPF Midget specimen. These cards may well have been made available at an exhibition – if anyone is able to supply any further details, please let me know.



Acknowledgements

My thanks this month go to Jim Ashby, Jon Aitchison, Dave Baker, Ray Downing, Peter Mantell, Richard Peck, Peter Wood and Ray Woodward-Clarke for their reports, communications or contributions.

Latest Numbers

Below is the list of 'latest numbers' as at the end of November 2013 – with updates shown in red. Please could I have the next reports by 28th December - thanks. In the list below, the part of the serial number that directly relates to the model is underlined.

Frama (UK)

Matrix F2, F4, F6	<u>F1003356</u>	25.11.13	Reported by PM
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Francotyp-Postalia

Optimail 25/35	<u>F04115154</u>	09.08.13	See MN 154
Centormail 240/300	<u>FC5110668</u>	05.06.13	See MN 152
MyMail / PostagePro	<u>FM2655540</u>	03.09.13	See MN 155
PostBase	<u>FP6110331</u>	06.08.13	See MN 154
Ultimail	<u>FU3117271</u>	08.07.13	See MN 153

Neopost

IS-330	<u>N1052705</u>	06.08.13	See MN 154
IS-350	<u>N1181546</u>	20.05.13	See MN 151
Various upgraded	<u>N1240655</u>	08.08.13	See MN 155
IJ-80/90/110	<u>N1254486</u>	02.03.13	See MN 149
IS-460 (Ex IJ-50)	<u>N1373678</u>	23.04.13	See MN 150
IS-420 (Ex IJ-30)	<u>N1385456</u>	06.02.13	See MN 148
IS-440 (Ex IJ-40)	<u>N1390685</u>	22.08.13	See MN 154
IS-480	<u>N3028290</u>	22.11.13	Reported by PM
IS-240 / IS-280	<u>N3317360</u>	25.11.13	Reported by AN
IS-5000/6000	<u>N5001589</u>	02.10.13	See MN 156

Pitney Bowes

DM50, 55	<u>PB099074</u>	15.03.13	See MN 149
DM160i/220i	<u>PB162510</u>	22.11.13	Reported by AN
DM50, 55	<u>PB345809</u>	24.10.13	Reported by AN
DM 810, 900 etc.	<u>PB527641</u>	18.03.13	See MN 151
Connect+ 1000 etc.	<u>PB551781</u>	26.11.13	Reported by AN
Connect+ 10FC etc.	<u>PB556622</u>	31.10.13	Reported by PM
DM 400, 450, 475	<u>PB619341</u>	02.10.13	See MN 156
DM100i, 150i etc.	<u>PB877597</u>	14.11.13	Reported by PM

Advanced Mail Codes

AAGA-UL	N3027730	10.09.13	See MN 155
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Correction

Please note that in last month's list of latest numbers, the date for PB556611 should have read 18.10.13 and not 18.11.13 – my apologies.

Latest Number Images

Here are images of the latest numbers reported this month – with contributor's initials shown in the bottom left of the image.



Pitney Bowes Connect+ Coloured Franks

This month we have 3 new coloured franks from Connect+ FC machines. The first is supplied by Ray Downing and celebrates 50 years of the University of Kent. This slogan is, in fact, a little premature as it is inscribed "1965-2015 The UK's European University".



The other two are from Peter Mantell. The frank from PB556517 was shown on page 151-4 as a latest number, but now it appears with a Breast Cancer Awareness slogan.



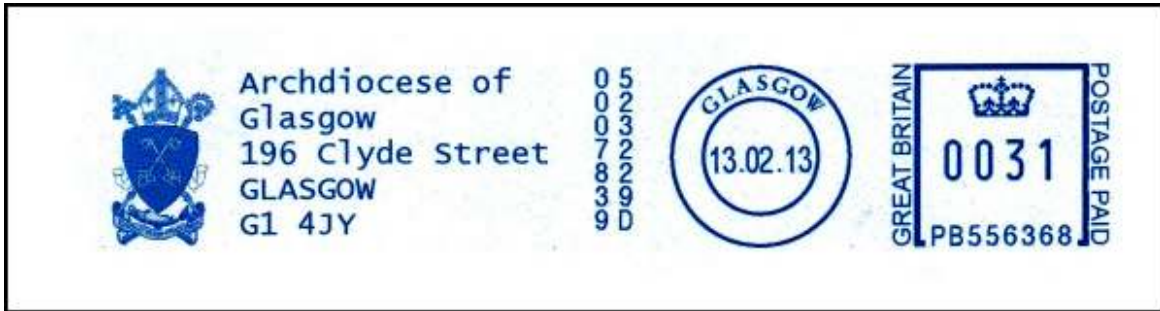
Meter Correction Handstamp

Your editor reports this handstamp from Nottingham Mail Centre, with the inscription: "INCORRECTLY DATED / 26 NOV 2013 / NG MC METERS DEPT". The user is a company called Metex Engineering, NG9 4AB.



Meter Thematics

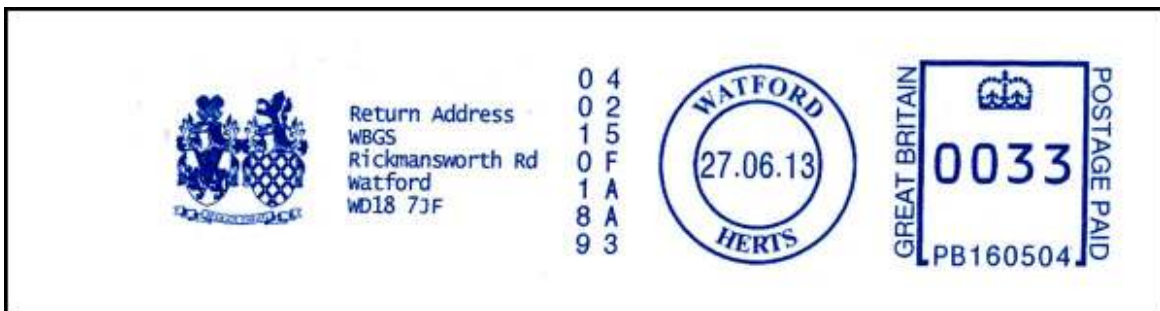
Peter Mantell sends this attractive coat of arms with a religious theme from the Archdiocese of Glasgow.



Peter also sends this nice coat of arms from the King's College School, London SW1.



Dave Baker supplies this attractive coat of arms from the Watford Boys Grammar School (WBGS).



My meter thematic of the month award, however, goes to this magnificent dog-thematic Printed Postage Impression (PPI), found by your editor. This is the latest in a long running series of attractive designs from a company called Charnwood, who manufacture heating stoves and based in the Isle of Wight.

