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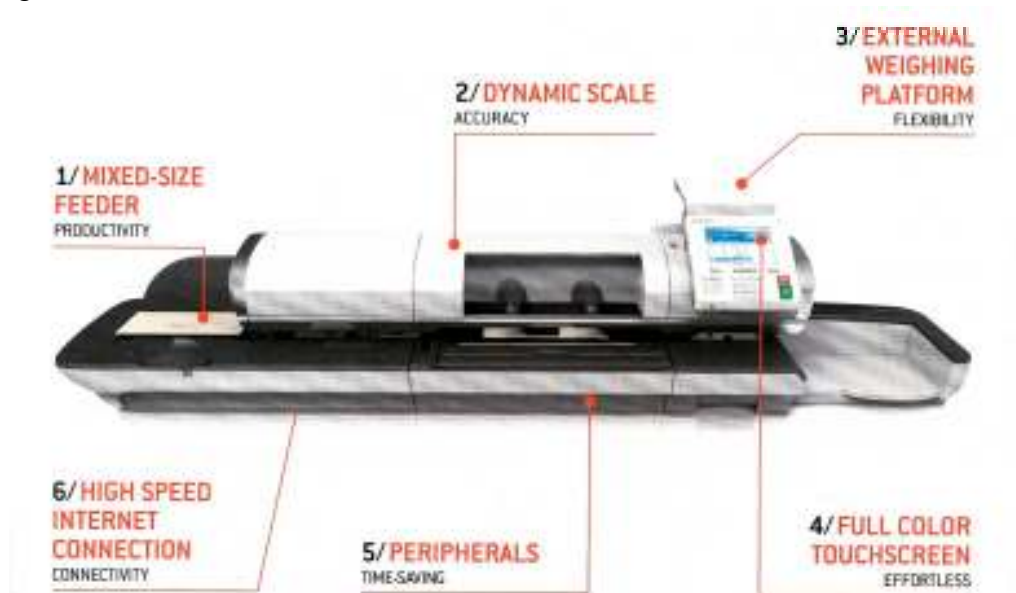
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Meter of the Month

Peter Huss kindly sends details of a new Neopost model, namely the IN-700 Series. The illustration shows a specimen frank from the 2013 Post-Expo exhibition in Austria.



Approval for the use of this new model is expected during November 2013 in the US and in Germany. Approval for use in the UK is expected within the next two years. The IN-700 is capable of processing items at a speed of 140 lpm or 75 lpm if the Dynamic Scale is used. The following, taken from the brochure, identifies the main sections of the machine.



Acknowledgements

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Latest Numbers

Below is the list of 'latest numbers' as at the end of October 2013 – with updates shown in red. Please could I have the next reports by 28th November - 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>F1003270</u>	30.08.13	Reported by PM, see below
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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>N3028063</u>	28.10.13	Reported by PM
IS-240 / IS-280	<u>N3316246</u>	08.10.13	Reported by AN
IS-5000/6000	<u>N5001589</u>	02.10.13	Reported by AN

Pitney Bowes

DM50, 55	<u>PB099074</u>	15.03.13	See MN 149
DM160i/220i	<u>PB162252</u>	03.10.13	Reported by AN
DM50, 55	<u>PB345560</u>	22.10.13	Reported by PM
DM 810, 900 etc.	<u>PB527641</u>	18.03.13	See MN 151
Connect+ 1000 etc.	<u>PB551780</u>	08.10.13	Reported by PM
Connect+ 10FC etc.	<u>PB556611</u>	18.11.13	Reported by PM
DM 400, 450, 475	<u>PB619341</u>	02.10.13	Reported by AN
DM100i, 150i etc.	<u>PB877082</u>	03.10.13	Reported by PM

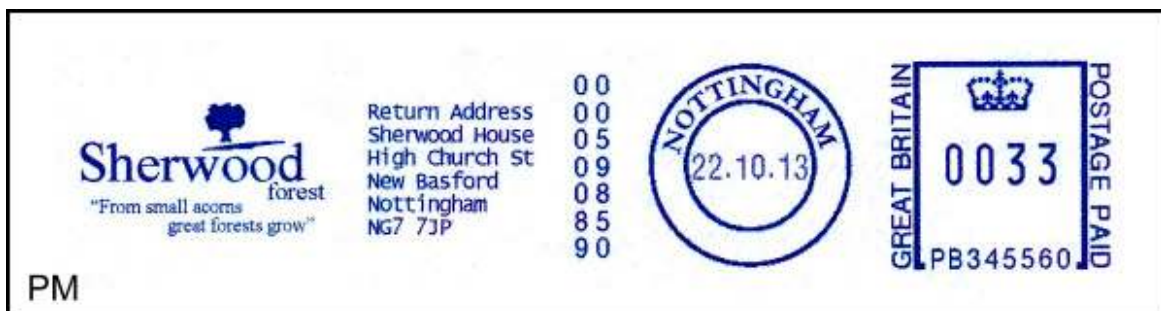
Advanced Mail Codes

AAGA-UL	N3027730	10.09.13	See MN 155
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The first image on the next page, F1003270, may look familiar. It is, in fact, the same design as the Meter Thematic of the Month in the August 2013 issue - see page 154-10. However, the serial number has changed and it is not known at this stage whether it is a replacement machine for the original F1002814 or a second machine that has recently been acquired by the user.

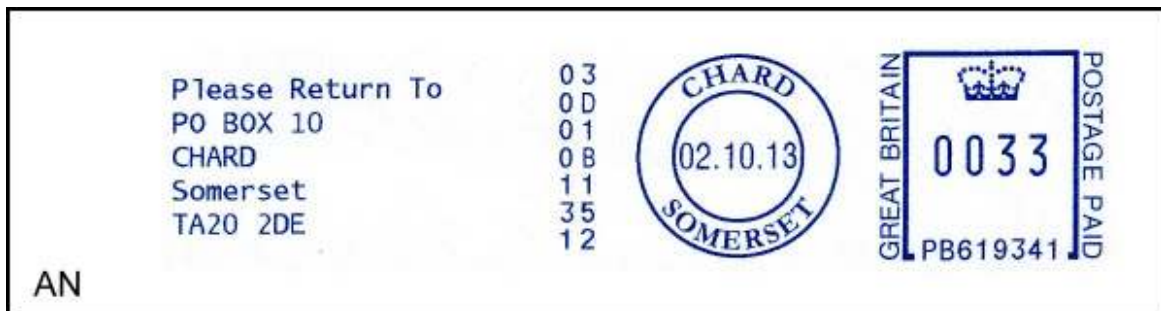
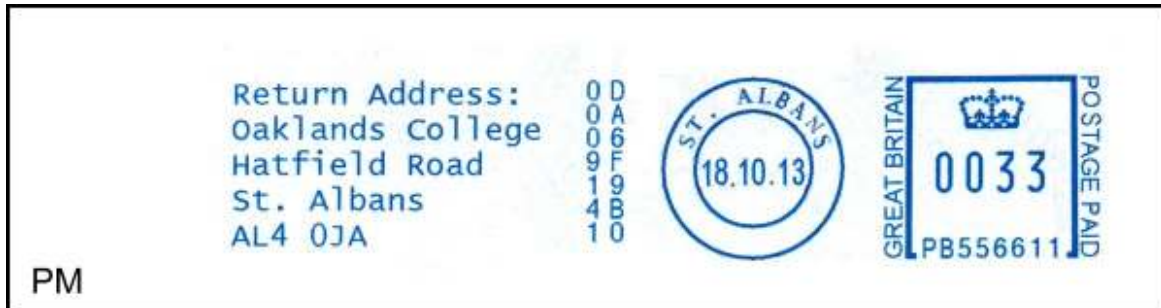
Latest Number Images

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



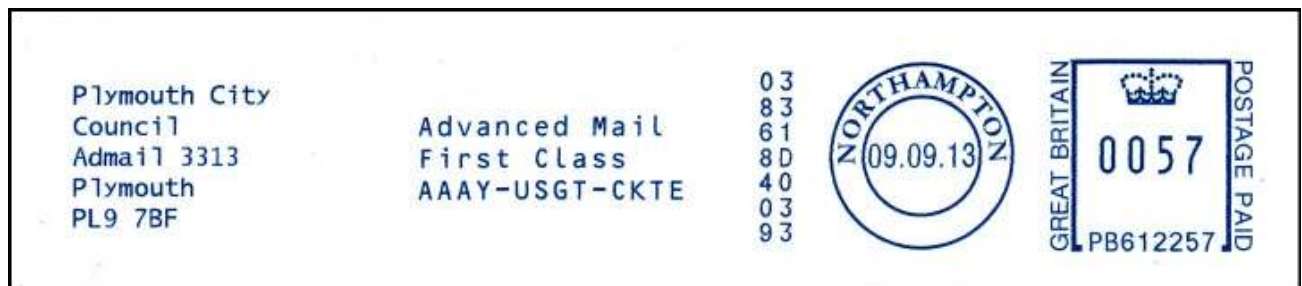
Latest Number Images Continued

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Recent Interesting Items

Peter Mantell asks why this item from Plymouth City Council should have a townmark of Northampton. An Internet search reveals that when a Traffic Penalty Notice is unpaid, Plymouth Council obtains a warrant from the Traffic Enforcement Centre at Northampton County Court when bailiffs will be instructed to recover the debt. The item has, presumably, been franked by the Traffic Enforcement Centre on behalf of Plymouth City Council. Examples with other Councils in the return address should, therefore, exist and any reports of these would be welcome.



Recent Interesting Items continued

The illustration below from Peter Mantell depicts a dated PPI, which are seldom seen. Furthermore, I think this is our first report of an example with an Advanced Mail block.

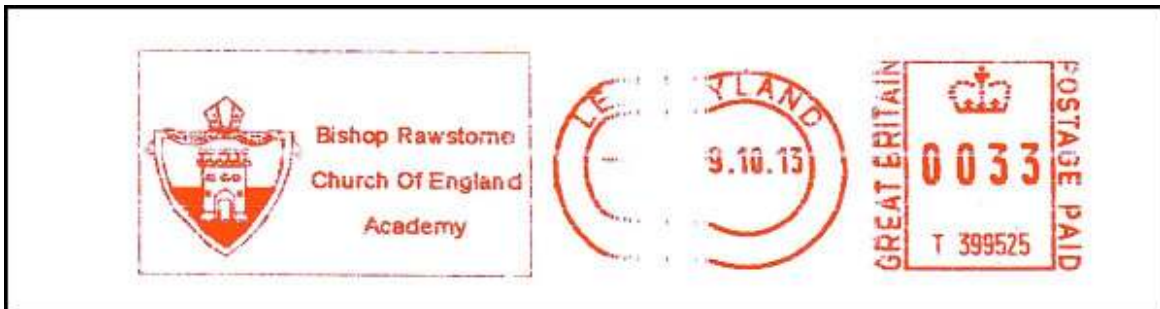


Peter Huss reports this Air Mail slogan from a Neopost IS-5000/6000 model.



Franking Errors

Peter Mantell reports this strange printing error on a Francotyp-Postalia Model T1000 where the printing appears to have paused, part of the way through the town die, leaving three columns of dots inbetween.

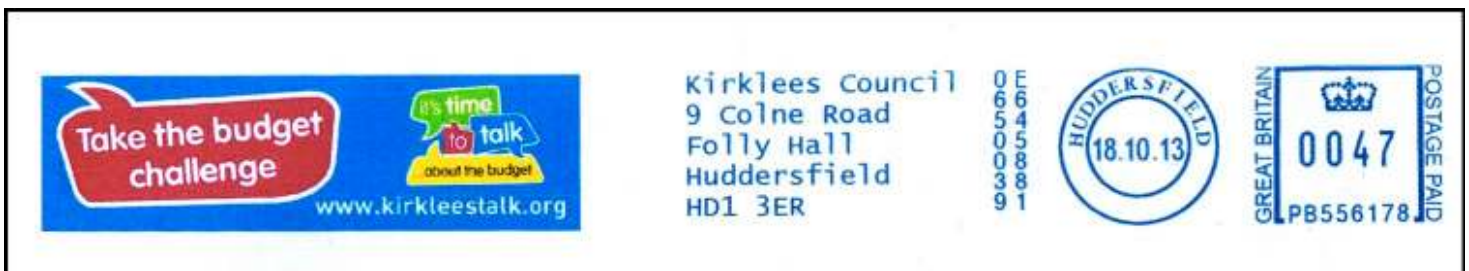
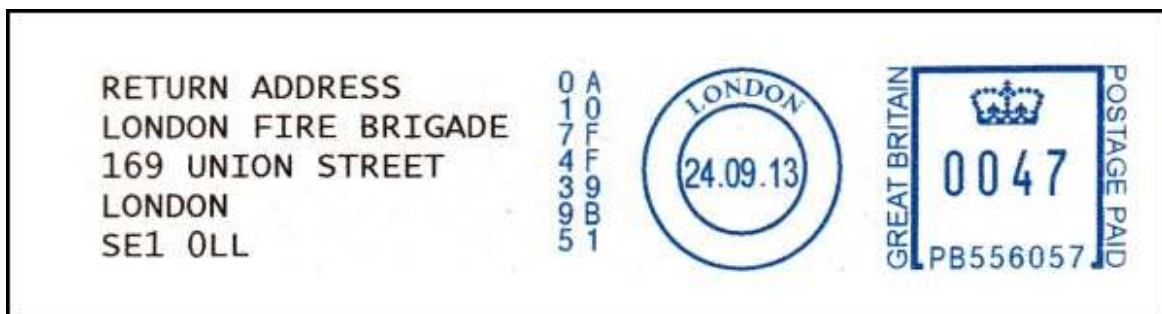
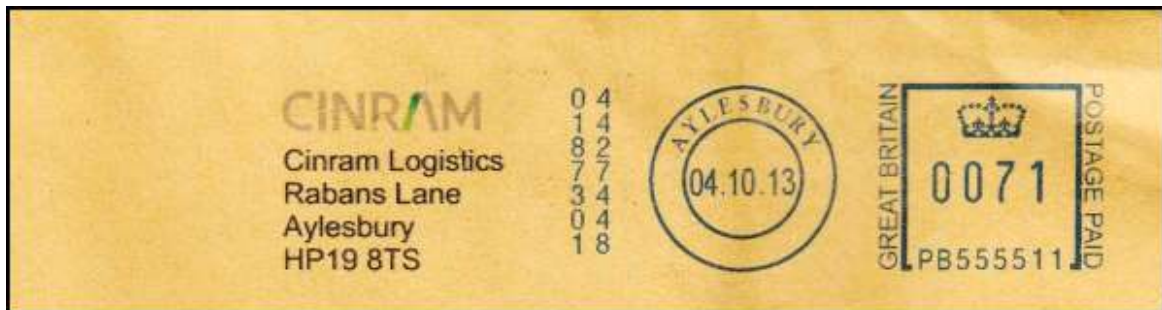


Peter Mantell also sends this frank from a Neopost IS-5000/6000 machine where the 'Advanced Mail' block has been double-printed and in a squashed manner. Strange!

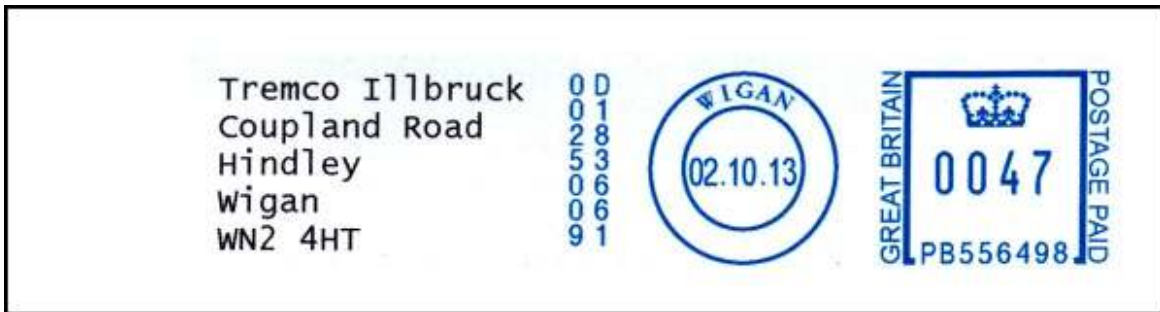


Pitney Bowes Connect+ Coloured Franks

This month we have eight new coloured franks from Connect+ FC machines. Peter Huss reports PB555470 and PB556001 whilst the others are from Peter Mantell. I must say that the monster from Kirklees Council, PB556178, deserves special recognition.



Pitney Bowes Connect+ Coloured Franks continued



Meter Correction Handstamp

Further to page 155-6, Ray Woodward-Clarke sends this 'ROYAL MAIL QUALITY CHECK' handstamp from 1989 – applied at Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire.



Meter Thematics – Past and Present

This Motor Racing thematic from 1982 was recently on sale on Ebay.



Peter Mantell reports this nice German thematic, advertising the October 2013 Dresden Marathon. The item has been franked by a company called 'Post Modern' – one of a number of companies that operate private postal services in Germany. The model of the machine that produced the frank is not known.



On page 142-8 we depicted this attractive owl thematic in red ink. Now Peter Mantell reports the same image from the same machine but this time in blue ink.



Your editor awards himself Meter Thematic of the Month with this rather unusual design from a company called Dragonmobility based in Cambridge.

