

SPECIMENS OF THE SPANISH PHILIPPINES – UP-DATE

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This article updates the information on Spanish Philippine specimens addressed in the April 1988 issue of the Philippine Philatelic News. Since that article, new information has been obtained from several collectors and auctions.

The up-date, as shown in **Tables 1 and 2** of this article, corresponds to the tables in the 1988 article.

If anyone has any additional information on specimens of the Spanish period, please contact IPPS, or Don Peterson, 7408 Alaska Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20012.

TABLE 1

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIMEN TYPES OF THE SPANISH PHILIPPINES

TYPE 1. Handstamped "MINISTERIO DE ULTRAMAR MUESTRAS" in two lines. The top line "MINISTERIO DE ULTRAMAR" has sans serif letters. The bottom line "MUESTRAS" has serif letters. 15mm by ?mm. Blue. No gum. Found on 1871-1879 issues.

TYPE 2. Handstamped "MUESTRA" with sans serif letters. 2mm by 14mm. Smooth yellow-white gum. Red. Found on 1886-1896 issues.

TYPE 3. Handstamped "MINISTERIO DE ULTRAMAR MUESTRAS" in two lines. All letters sans serif. 17mm by 42-1/2mm. Violet. Smooth white gum. Found on 1890-1896 issues.

TYPE 4. Typeset "MUESTRA" with sans serif letters. 1-1/2mm by 10-1/2mm. Violet. Smooth white gum. Found on 1897 issues.

TYPE 5. Typeset "MUESTRA" with sans serif letters. 3mm by 13mm. Violet. Smooth white gum. Found on 1897-1898 issues.

TABLE 2
KNOWN OCCURENCE OF SPECIMEN TYPES ON
POSTAL AND NEWSPAPER ISSUES OF THE SPANISH
PHILIPPINES

<u>Scott No.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
39 (cardstock)	VR				
40	R				
40 (cardstock)	VR				
41 (cardstock)	VR				
42 (cardstock)	VR				
43 (blue color proof)	R				
45	VS				
46 (rose color proof)	R				
47	R				
48	R				
50	R				
51	R				
52	VS				
54	VS				
56	VS				
57	VS				
58	VS				
64	VS				
140		S	VS		
141		S	VS		
142			VS		
143		S		S	VS
144		S	VS		
145		S			
146		S			
147			VS		
148			VS		
149		S			
150		S			
151		S			
152		S			
153		S	VS		
154 (PROOF)			VR		
155			VS		
156		S	VS		
157		S	VS		
158		S	VS		
159		S			
160		S			
161		S			
162		S	VS		
163		S			
164		S	VS		
165		S	VS		
166		S	VS		
167		S			
168		S	VS		

<u>Scott No.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
169		S	VS		
170		S	VS		
171			VS		
172		S	VS		
173		S			
174		S			
175		S	VS		
176			VS		
177		S			
178		S			
179		S		S	
180				R	
192					S
193					S
194					S
195					S
196					S
197					S
198					S
199					S
200					S
201					S
202					S
203					S
204					S
204 (imperf proof)					R
206					S
207					S
208					S
209					S
210					S
211					S
P1		S			
P2		S			
P3		S			
P4		S			
P5		S			
P7			VS		
P8			VS		
P9		S			
P11			VS		
P12			VS		
P13		S			
P15			VS		
P16			VS		
P17		S			
P18			R		
P19			VS		
P20			VS		

Note: Relative scarcity is indicated by S=scarce, VS=very scarce, R=rare, and VR=very rare.

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