

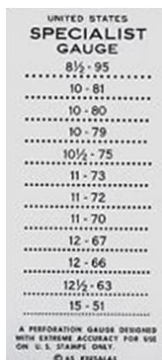
Workshop #2 – Specifications and Special Tools

Sample Captions:

- Apr. 2, 1940, Kansas City local post received Apr. 5
- Aug. 31, 1936, London to USA (international surface letter rate 1/ 6d, first 20 g), Constant Plate Variety: broken jewel in diadem; Th D12
- Mar. 20, 1941 (purple characters at left read: Japanese Occupation, Japan Year 16 (1941), Mar. 20)) Peking to unknown national address (domestic surface letter rate 5c, first 20g + additional rate 3c, second 20g)
- Dec. 6, 1942, Missouri (Kansas City) via Los Angeles Dec. 14, Airmail censor to Tokyo
- June 1943, Lone Jack, Missouri, registered airmail special delivery with Calcutta censor tape, to India, received June 12

Recommended Perforation Gauges:

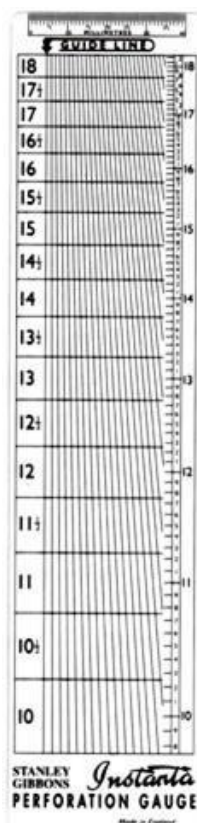
US Specialist Gauge for
Classic Stamps



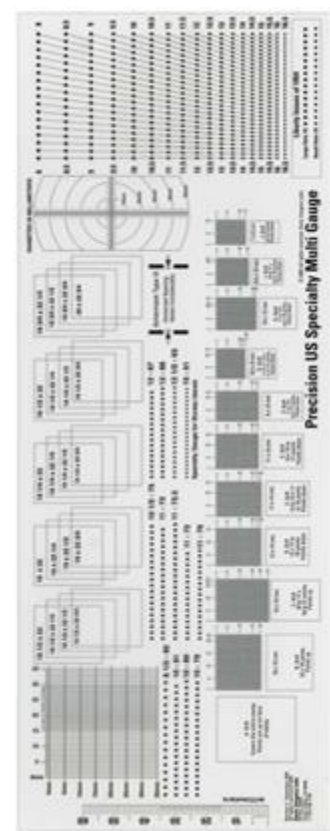
Canadian Specialized For
Classic Stamps



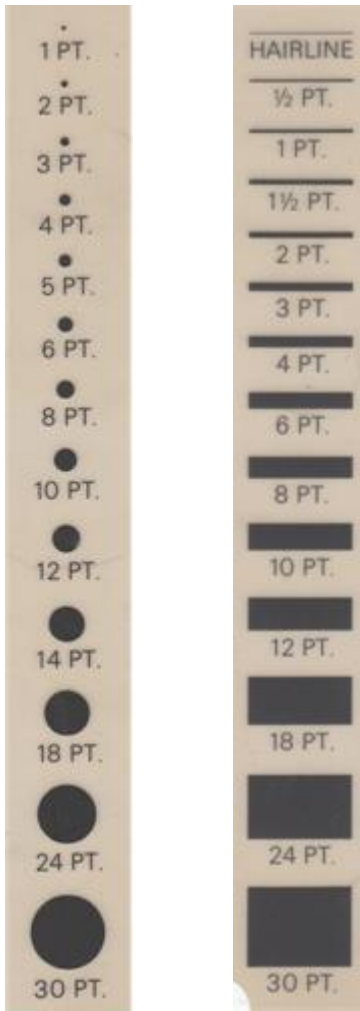
Instanta Gauge for
Worldwide Stamps



Precision Gauge for
US Stamps



Determining the Size of Bullets and Rules; Comparing Sans-serif with Serif Fonts:



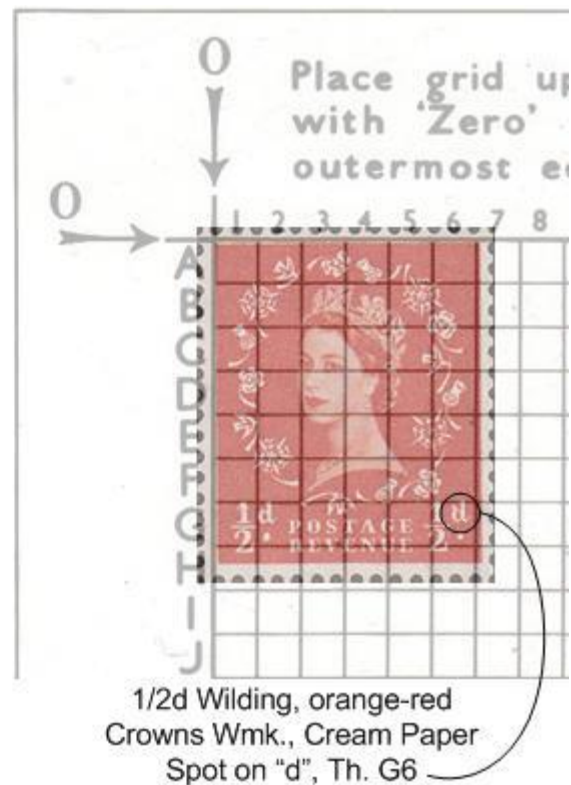
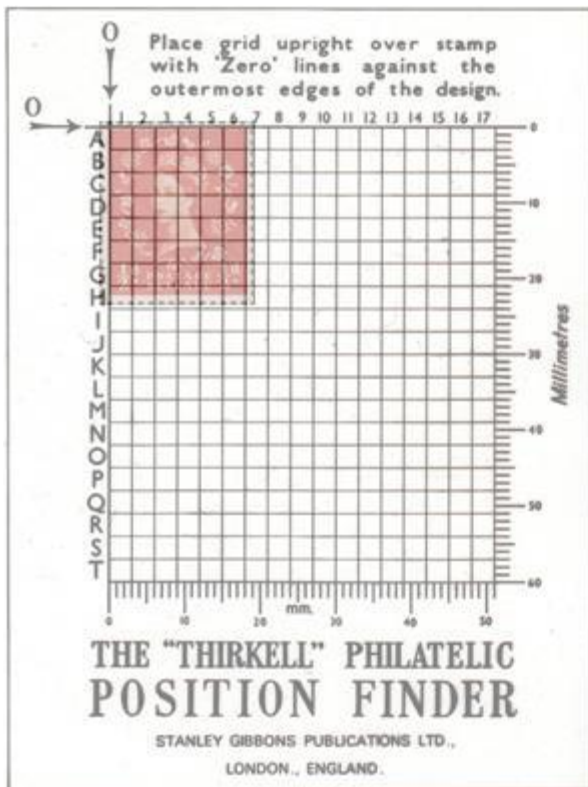
Arial (sans-serif font)

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ – 14 pt. upper case
 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz – 14 pt. lower case
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ – 12 pt. upper case
 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz – 12 pt. lower case
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ – 10 pt. upper case
 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz – 10 pt. lower case
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ – 8 pt. upper case
 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz – 8 pt. lower case

Times Roman (serif font)

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ – 14 pt. upper case
 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz – 14 pt. lower case
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ – 12 pt. upper case
 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz – 12 pt. lower case
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ – 10 pt. upper case
 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz – 10 pt. lower case
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ – 8 pt. upper case
 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz – 8 pt. lower case

Note: Both fonts have the same point size, but Times Roman is smaller than Arial.

Using the Stanley Gibbons “Thirkell Position Finder”:

The position identifier from the gauge (e.g. G6 in this example) would be added to a caption as Th. G6. For another example, refer to the second Sample Captions in this Tip Sheet.

Abbreviations for the Months of the Year:

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