

**SERIES 2**

**1977 - 1981**

*Paper Identification*

*Surface*

<b>Origin</b>	<b>England</b>
<b>Weight g/m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Watermark</b>	<b>MEX-MEX (Scott type 300)</b>
<b>Satin Finish</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Type of Luminescence</b>	<b>Phosphorescence on front</b>
<b>Gum characteristics</b>	<b>Dull matte</b>
<b>Type of gum</b>	<b>Synthetic</b>



MEX\_MEX watermark



1981 - 3,000,000 (h)



1979, 80, 81 - (c) 97,980,000 (h) 4,020,000



Perf 11 - 1979, 81- 65,912,950 (h)



Perf 14 - 1979, 80, 81, 82 - 112,790,800 (c)



1979, 80, 81 - 24,000,000 (c)



1979, 80 - 10,750,000 (c)



1978, 79 80 - 23,194,800 (c) 28,805,200 (h)



1980, 81 - 25,550,000 (c)



1979, 80 - 3,500,000 (c)



1979, 80 - 6,000,000 (c)



1979, 80 - 2,150,000 (c)



1980 - 450,000 (c)



1979 - 20,000,000 (c)



1977, 78, 79, 80, 81 - 255, 080,000 (c) 5,000,000 (h)



1981 - 1,500,000 (h)



1979, 80 - 84,180,000 (c)



1981 - 48,490,000 (c)



1980 - 1,000,000 (c)

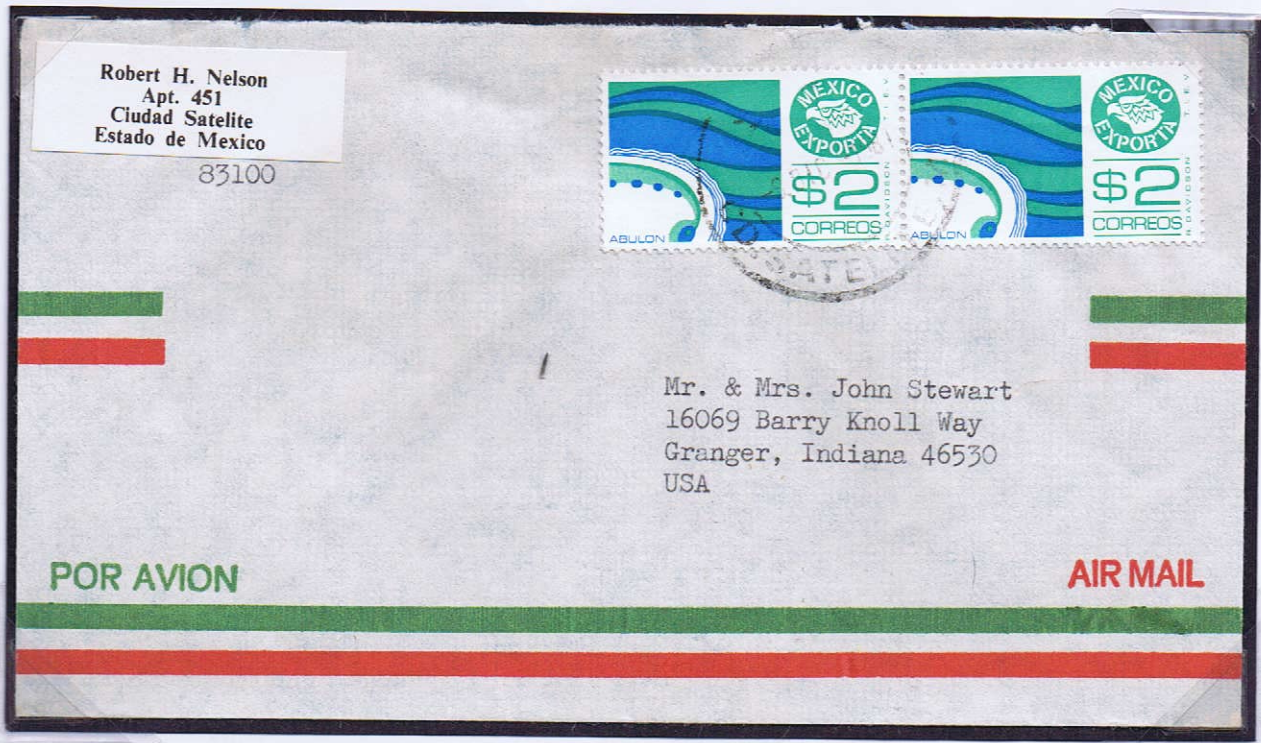


1981 - 10,000,000 (c)



1980 - 600,000 (c)





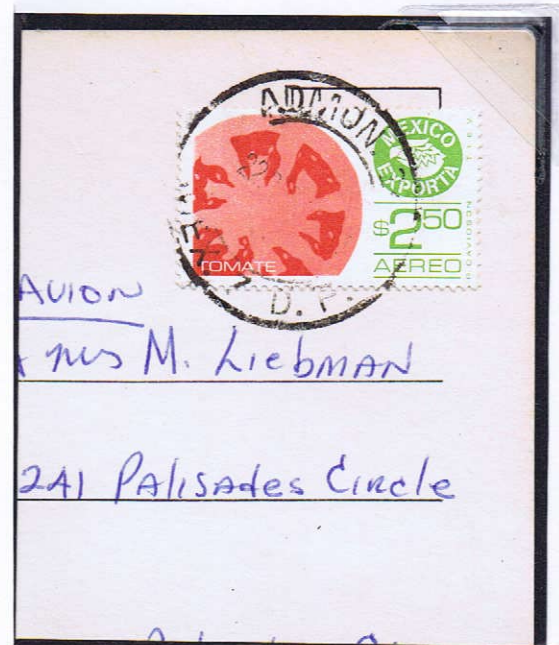
2 x \$2.00 pearl, correct rate to N America (Tariff 31 – 1 Jan to 31 Dec 1981)



2 x \$20.00 Series 2 plus 2 x \$1.00 Series 3, both surface stamps, on registered airmail large letter to the USA (287 x 226 mm).

Letter rate: 250 to 500g (Tariff 31) - \$32.00 postage plus \$10.00 registration.





\$2.50 airmail correctly used for letter rate to North America (Tariff 30) and for a postcard to N. America when the rates were increased on 1 January 1981 (Tariff 31 valid until 31 Dec 1981).



\$10.00 airmail citrus paying correct registration rate on letter to Europe, postage \$7.00 (Tariff 31 Zone C ). The \$3.00 is from series 3 and the \$4.00 from series 1.



SERIES 3

1981 - 1989

Paper Identification

Surface

Origin	England
Weight g/m <sup>2</sup>	65
Watermark	No
Satin Finish	No
Type of Luminescence	Fluorescence both sides
Gum characteristics	Bright white clear glossy
Type of gum	Synthetic

This series was unusual in that the paper was used in two distinct periods. The first from 1981 to 1983 and the second between 1987 and 1989.

In the later period some of the same stamp designs were used for different values and a security burelage was added on high values.



1981- 38,741,500 (h) 21,258,500 (c)



Perf 11 -1981- 14,506,300 (h)



Perf 11.5 -1981 - 15,292,400 (h)



1981- 30,000,000 (h)



1981 - 22,000,000 (c)



1987 - 22,655,000 (c)



1987 - 42,385,000 (h)



1989- 16,339,900 (c)



1989 - 7,392,000 (c)



1989 - 7,779,000 (c)



1989 -5,370,000 (c)

Burelage introduced 1985





1981 – 15,149,250



1981- 10,000,000 (c)

*Paper, Gum and Perforation*

This series is distinctive for its thin onion skin paper. The paper is readily identified because the design can be seen through the paper from the reverse. The gum is glossy.



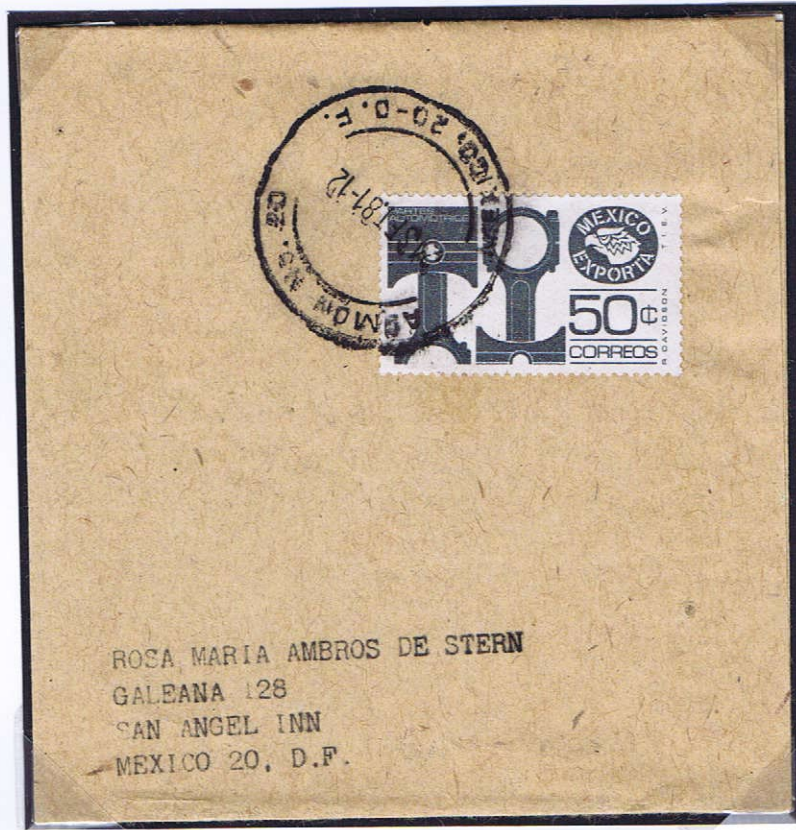
An additional perforation sub-type was used in this series and only for the 1.60 peso bicycle. Designated C5 (comb) it had two control pins in the center of the stamp.

*Colour Varieties*

Throughout the issue the printing on the two presses yielded different colours. The comb perforation is also an example of VOB type C1 with no pins in the margin.







Correct periodical (newspaper) rate for local use within a town or city. (Tariff 30). Only single rate for use of the 50c



\$10 tequila paying registration rate to occupier plus \$4 airmail 1 Jan 1982 to 1 Jan 1983 (Tariff 31) Registered 18 January 1983 should have been the new tariff 32, registration \$20, airmail postage \$8.





\$200 citrus used to make up \$1700 rate to Europe (Tariff 45: 1 Feb – 26 Dec 1990)



\$600 jewelry with \$900 (series 10) for \$1500 letter rate (Tariff 45) to North America.



# SERIES 4

1980 -1982

## Paper Identification

## Surface

Origin	England
Weight g/m <sup>2</sup>	97
Watermark	No
Satin Finish	No
Type of Luminescence	Phosphorescence both sides
Gum characteristics	Dull matte
Type of gum	Synthetic

A paper similar to that used for Series 1 and 2. The main distinguishing feature that separates Series 4 from Series 1 is the dull gum compared to the glossy gum.



1981, 82 - 44,032,650 (h)



Perf 11 -1981 - 18,976,950 (h)



Perf 11.5 -1981, 50,000,000 (h)



1981, 82 - 25,380,000 (c)



1980, 81 - 11,400,000 (c)



1981, 82 - 24,514,450 (h)



1981 - 19,395,000 (c)



1981 - 6,374,450 (c)



1982 - 2,000,000 (c)



The number of air stamps was reduced from earlier series.



1981, 82 - 28,175,750 (c) 31,250,500 (h)



1981 - 9,810,000



1981, 82 - 10,946,000 (c)



1982 - 1,200,000 (c)

*Varieties*



37.5mm plate (Die 1)



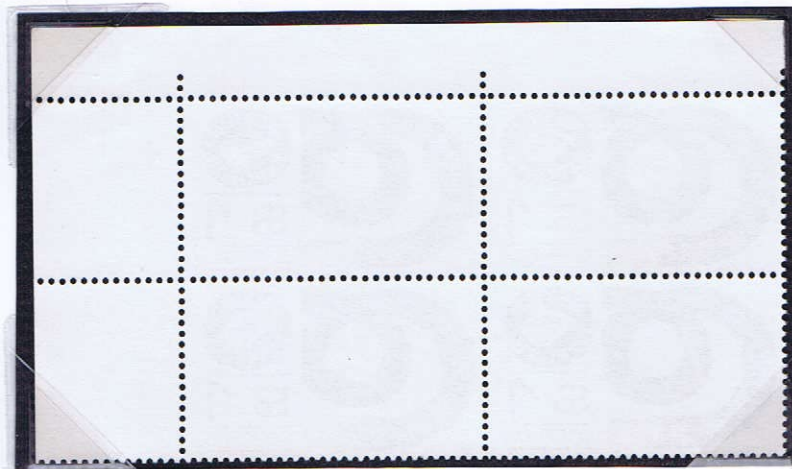
36.5mm plate (Die 2)

A second die was produced for the 20 peso stamp that commenced with series 4. The measurements are taken from the edge of the text on the left to the text on the right.

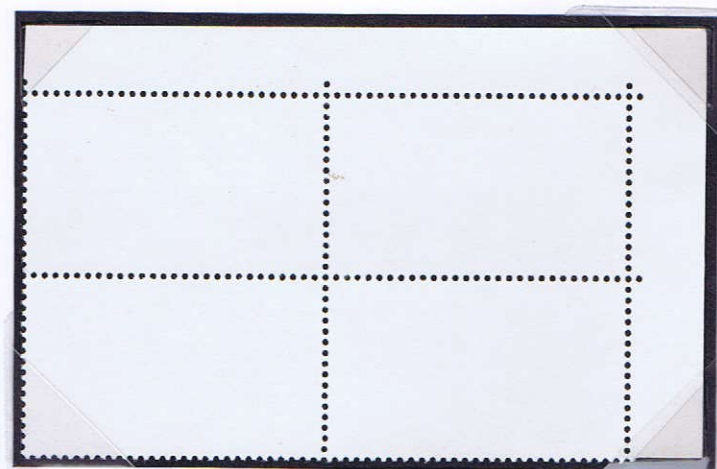
Printing 36.5mm - 5,374,450 37.5 mm 1,000,000

*Gum*

The series 4 gum is much duller than series 1 and this is the main distinguishing feature



Series 4



Series 1



As series 4 is difficult to separate from series 1 on cover, examples with late 1982 usage onwards will be used.

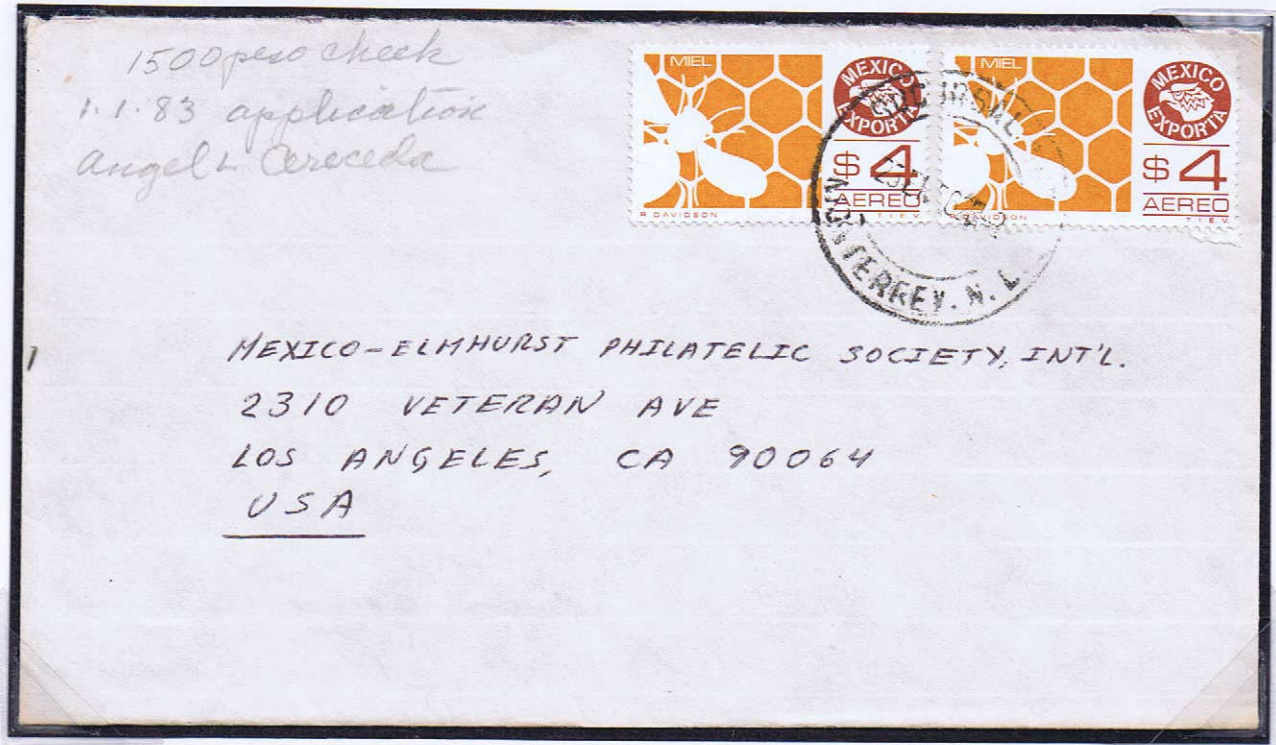


Use of \$1, \$2 and \$5 as make up to an \$8 value that did not exist in definitive stamps. (Tariff 32)



\$2 pearls added to \$14 commemorative (the S American rate stamp) to make up postage of \$16 to Europe for which no stamp existed. (Tariff 33)



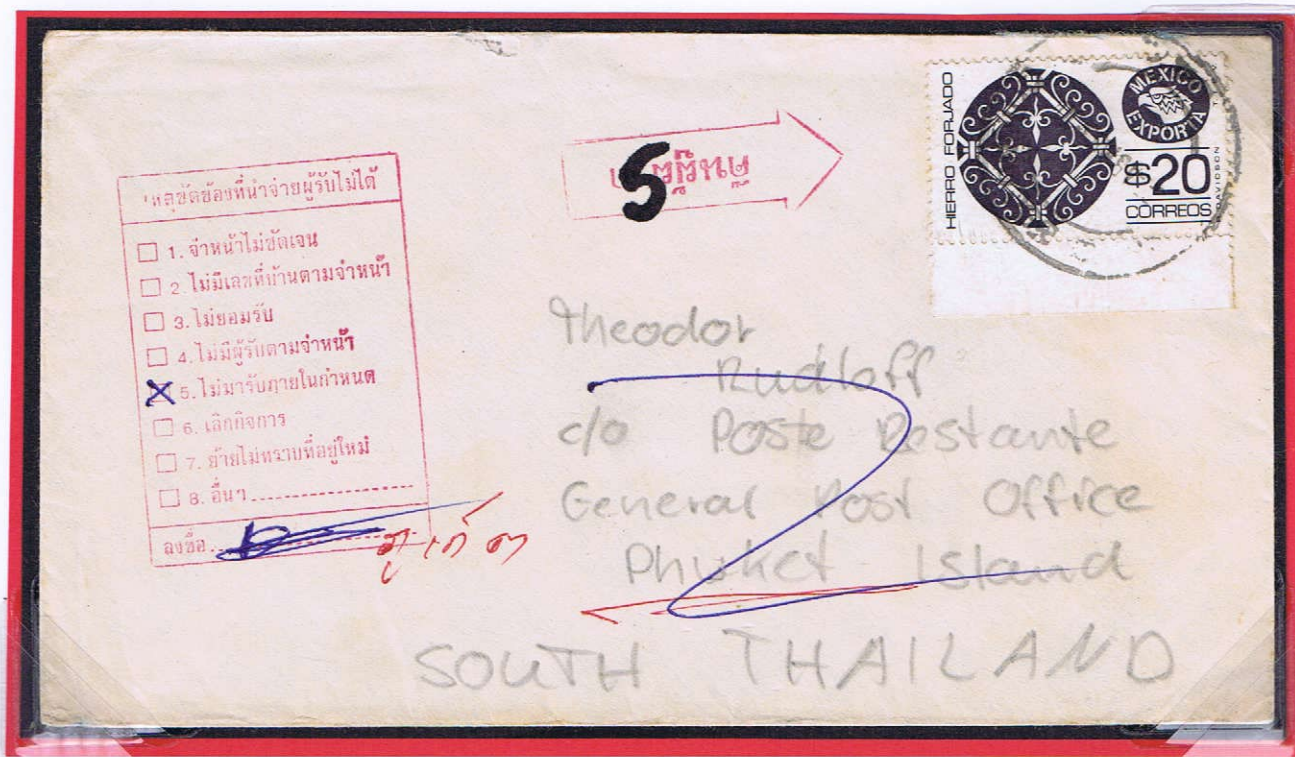


2 x \$4 honey paying airmail rate to the USA (Tariff 32: 1 Jan 1982 – 31 Dec 1982)



Unusual usage:- 4 Peso (Correct Mexican postage to USA) posted and delivered in the USA without penalty. Mailing address is in California.





Single usage, overpaying \$18p rate to Asia and Oceana (Tariff 33: 1 Jan 83 - 30 Dec 83). Stamp is Die 2.



Use of \$50 jewelry to pay registration fee (Tariff 34: 1 Jul 1983 - 31 Dec 1983). Double rate postage of \$40 - over 10 grams. Forged iron stamp is also die 2 light black colour.



# SERIES 5

1981 - 1983

## Paper Identification

## Surface

Origin	England
Weight g/m <sup>2</sup>	80
Watermark	No
Satin Finish	Yes
Type of Luminescence	Fluorescence on face
Gum characteristics	Brilliant white
Type of gum	PVA

This was the first issue not to use any phosphorescence and the stamps tend to have a brighter appearance. The low values continued to be produced even though there were no postal rates that used fractions of a peso



1983 - 2,445,000 (c)



1981,2 - 18,256,100 (h)



1982 - 40,990,200 (c)



1983 - 24,520,000 (c)



1981 - 4,750,000 (c)  
Size 37.1 mm  
Dot in V of Davidson



1982, 83 - 5,117,600 (h)  
In 1982 the stamp was reprinted with a 36.5 mm design size - no dot in V



1982 - 7,637,850 (h)



Perf 11 x 11.5 - 1983 - 20,577,650 (h)



1981, 82, 83 - 46,375,000 (c)



1982 - 11,605,000 (h)



Perf 11 x 11.5 - 1983 - 17,447,500 (h)





1983 - 25,000,000 (h)



Perf 11 x 11.5 - 1983 - 9,903,250 (h)



1983 - 6,547,350 (c)



1983 - 9,540,000 (c)  
36.0 mm Plate



1981 - 15,341,100 (c)  
36.5 mm Plate



1983 - 415,000 (h)  
37.5 mm Plate

All of the 36.0 mm stamps have a visible plate flaw. In the lower right-hand quarter of the wrought iron, the bottom left iron curl appears broken.

The second most scarce normally issued stamp.



1983 - 8,274,350 (c)



1983 - 7,699,250 (c)



1983 - 3,166,200 (c)



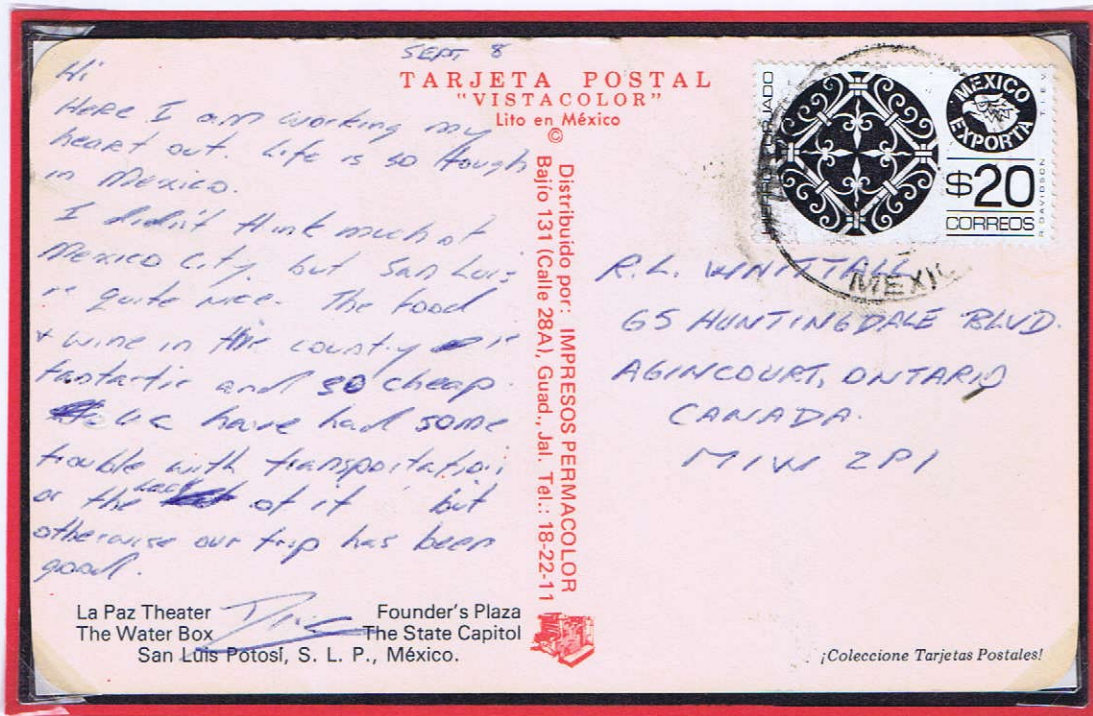
1983 - 2,289,500 (c)



Airmail - 1983 - 4,700,000 (c)



Series 5 and 6 contain the same values with the main difference being the UV response on the reverse being dark bluish in series 5 and a lighter, brighter blue colour for series 6. Where possible stamp corners on the covers have been lifted to determine the response, and classify the stamp.



- Top - 4 x \$5 plus \$4 all series 5, airmail postage to Europe (Tariff 34 – 1 Jul 1983 to 31 Dec 1983)
- Bottom - Scarce \$20 – 37.5mm, plus the stamp has a plate flaw, white spot near the eagle's beak. Airmail postage to North America (Tariff 34)