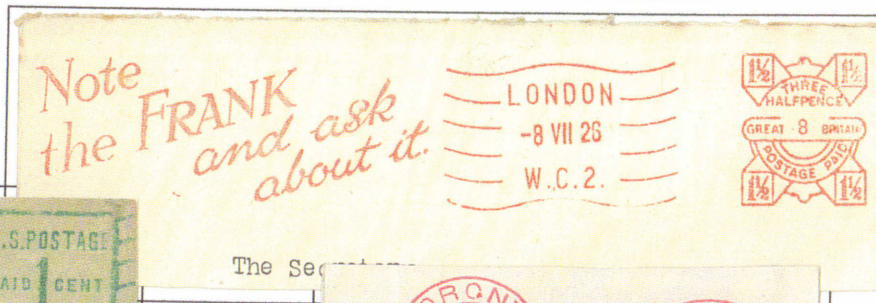
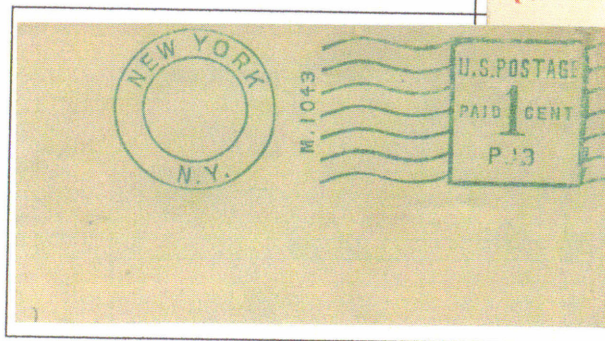
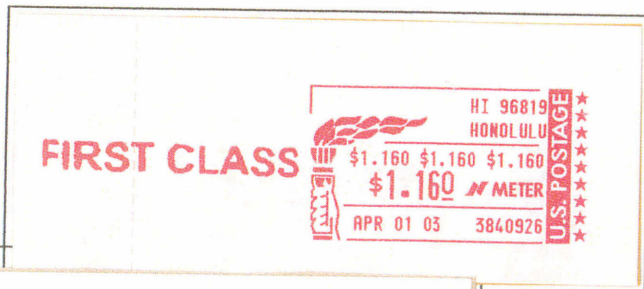


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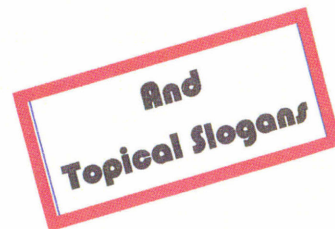
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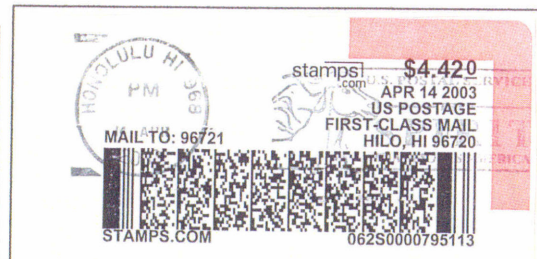
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What Do We Collect?



Computer Meter Stamps



The First Postage Meters

Early Postage Meter Experiments

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Di Brazzi Coin Operated
New York 1897



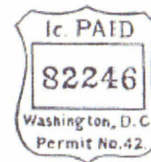
Kahrs
Oslo Norway 1900



Uchermann-Krag
Norway Post Offices 1903



Moss Coin Operated
New Zealand 1904



Pitney Bowes
Washington 1912



Pitney Bowes
Chicago 1913

Early Production Postage Meters

United States—Pitney Bowes 1920

First US production postage meter mailed from Pitney Bowes offices 10 December 1920. The first outside use is 5 August 1921. Due to resemblance to existing permit designs this design was discontinued and last known use is dated 15 April 1922.

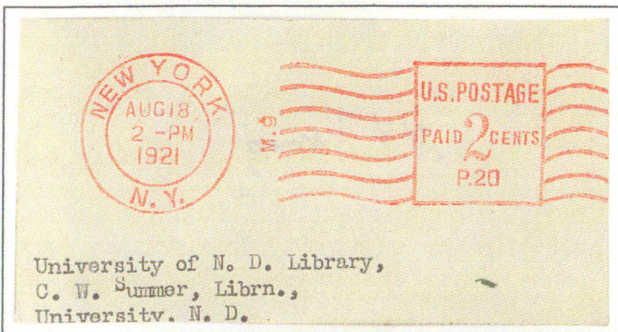


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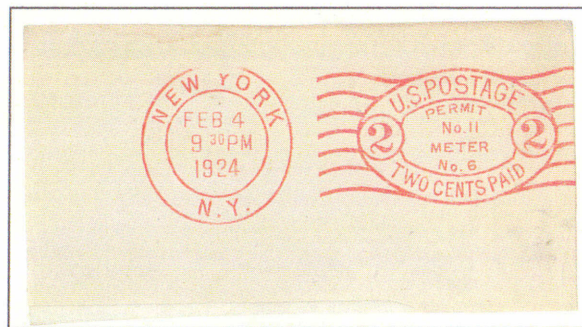
New Zealand is the first country to operate postage meters continuously from about 1906.

United States—Pitney Bowes 1922

The US oval design replaced the square design as early as 19 January 1922.



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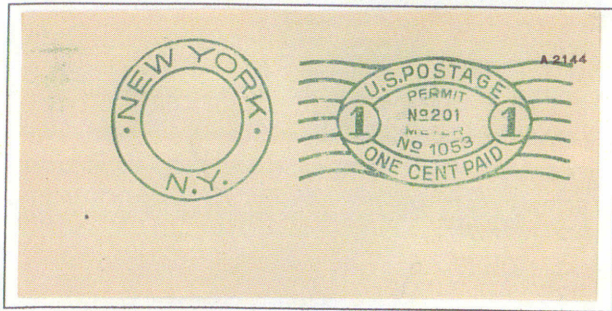
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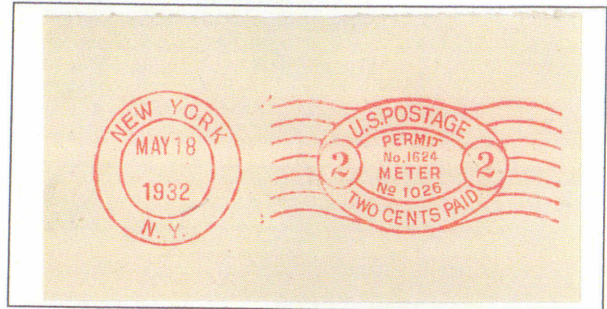
Canada — Pitney Bowes 1923

The first Canadian meter design was similar to this example. The lines below "Canada" and above "Postage" sometimes were more curved in the original hand cut indicia.

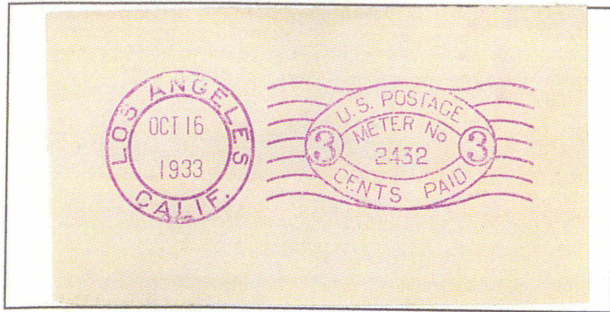
Other Early U.S. Postage Meter Companies



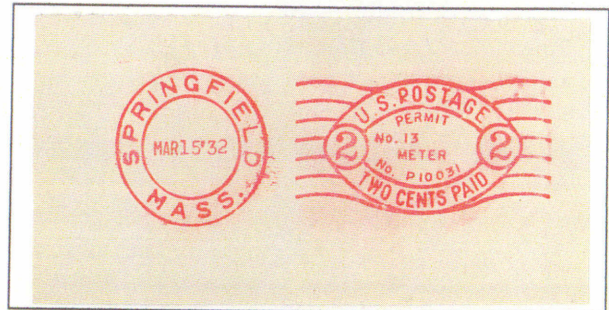
Mail-O-Meter, 11 October 1922



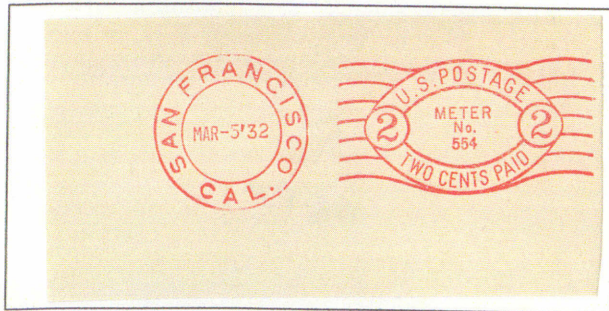
International Postal Supply Company, 5 June 1925



Whitlock Metered Mail Company, 4 September 1929



Continental Postage Meter Corporation, 1 February 1930



United States Postage Meter Company, December 1931



National Cash Register Company, 19 January 1931



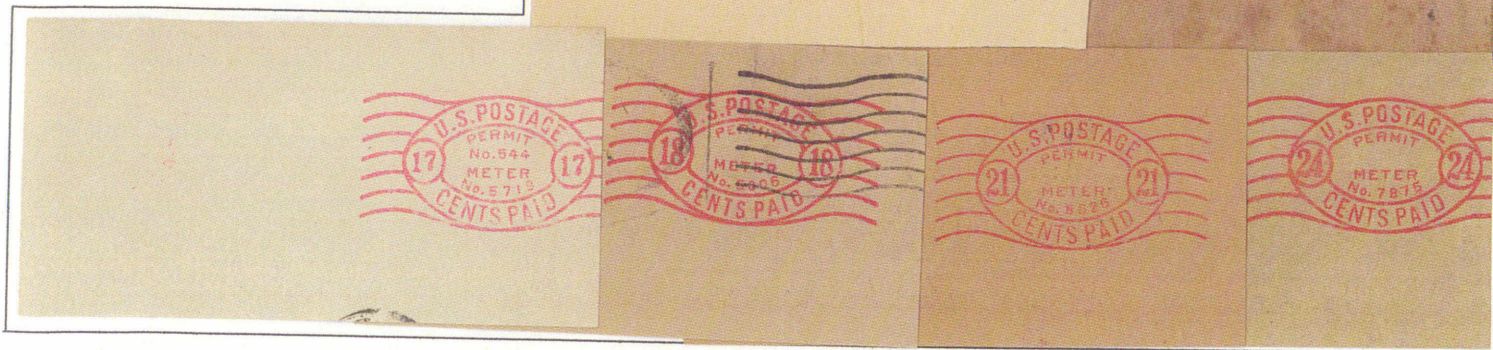
Multipost Company, 4 March 1933

After the success of Pitney Bowes, other companies applied to the US Post Office for permission using similar designs. The NCR cash register tape was the only variant design at that time. Note: Mach Postograph Company also put two meters in service in 1925 but examples are very rare and expensive.

Methods of Printing Postage Value

Single Value Meters

Single value meters could print only one postage value. To change the postage value the meter was removed from the mailing machine and replaced with another meter. Each of the impressions shown represent a different postage meter.



Multi Value Meters

Multi Value Meters could print several values. The "Double Rate" type had the entire indicia for each rate on a wheel. The "Single Rate" type had a single indicia with a hole through which the value stamp could print.



Double Rate Meter. Each value represents an entirely different indicia.



Single Rate Meter. Value prints through center of indicia.

Omni Value Meters

Omni Value Meters can print decimal values (and sometimes fractions) over a range of values from zero to .99 or 9.99. All modern postage meters worldwide are of this type.



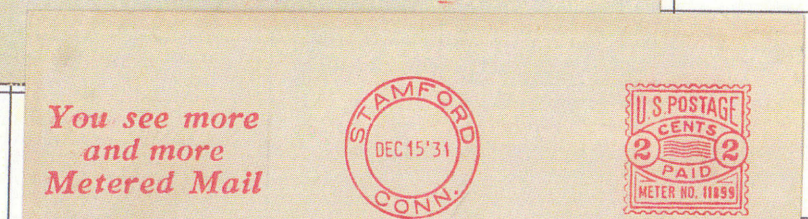
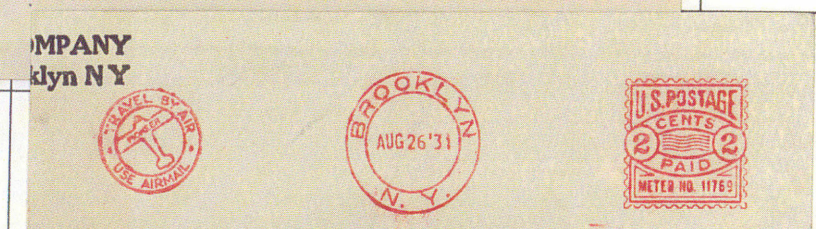
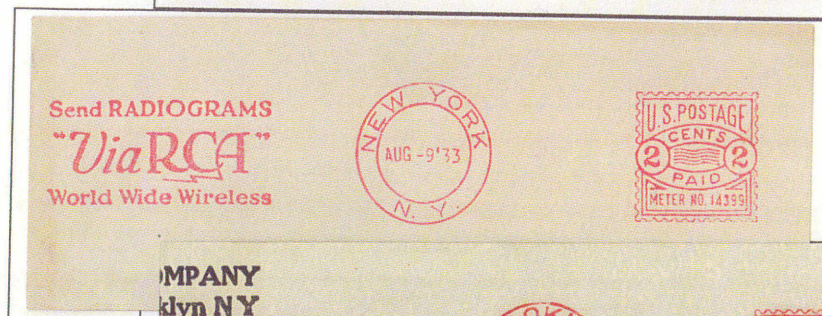
The First Topical Slogans

In the U.S. the early meters were not designed to print an advertising slogan. Thus, meters had to be modified and were first used on an experimental basis in the late 1920's. Three oval Pitney Bowes meters were modified to accommodate a slogan. Three commercial users participated in the test: **The Postage Meter Co.** (Stamford), **Shell Petroleum Corp.** (St. Louis), and **Curtis Publishing Co.** (Philadelphia). These three covers represent the first advertising slogan use in the U.S.



The Second Generation Topical Slogans

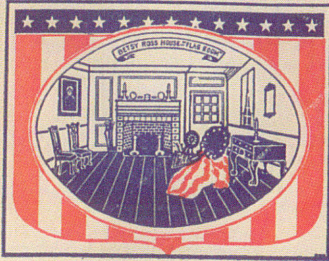
The multi-denominational postage meters that replaced the single-denominational ovals were the first to have the slogan printing option as a standard feature. Shown here are several of the earliest slogans placed into commercial use.



Modern Topical Slogans
Philately and Stamp Shows

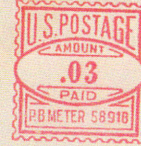
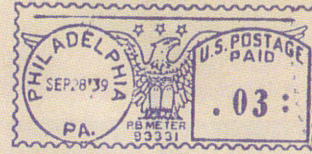
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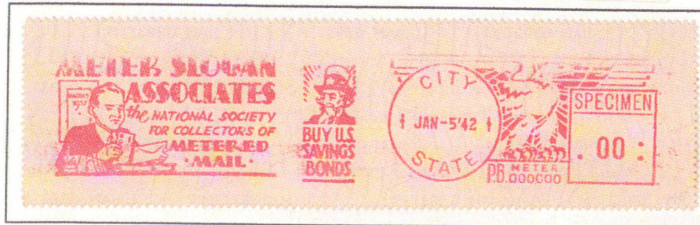
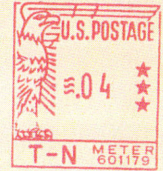
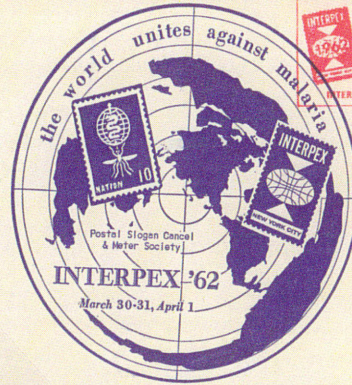


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Modern Topical Slogans Space, Satellites and Rockets

Topical slogans have become one of the most popular specialties in meter philately today. A collection build around one theme can be a significant challenge. Here is one example.

RAYTHEON MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Excellence in Electronics

WALTHAM 54, MASSACHUSETTS

VOICE OF THE SATELLITES !



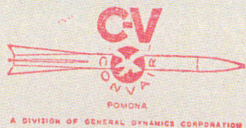
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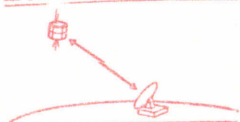
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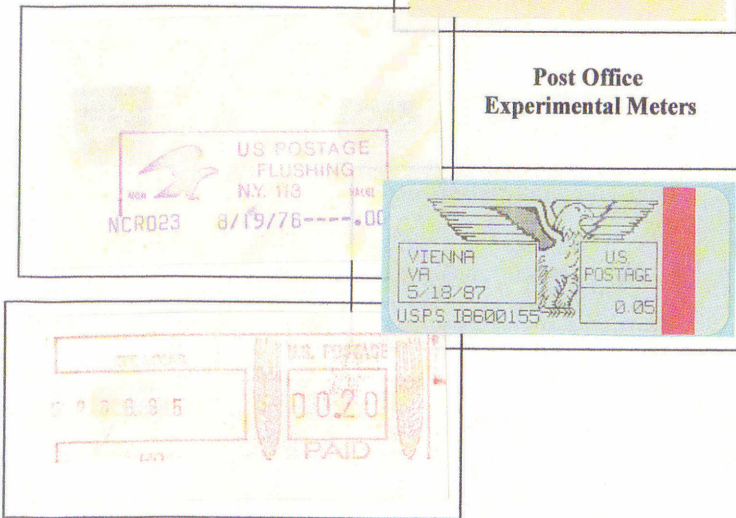
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Post Office Meters and Automated Vending Postage

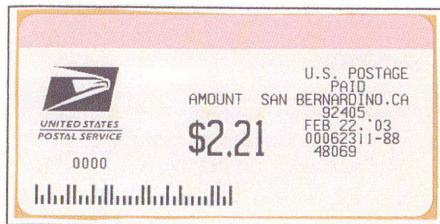
Classic Post Office Meters



Post Office Experimental Meters



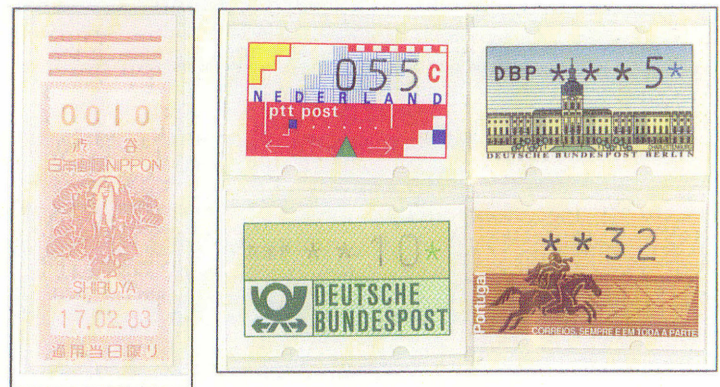
Current Post Office PVI Meters



Frama Vending Stamps



Klussendorf Vending Stamps



Matsushita Vending Stamps

Autopost Experimental Vending Stamps



APC Vending Stamps

Compared with the Automat stamps of other parts of the world, the APC tends to produce a very poor quality stamp.



Photostamps and Computer Postage Stamps

Photostamps and Computer Postage Stamps, are they meters or stamps? There is some controversy here. We collect them anyway.



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Computer Postage



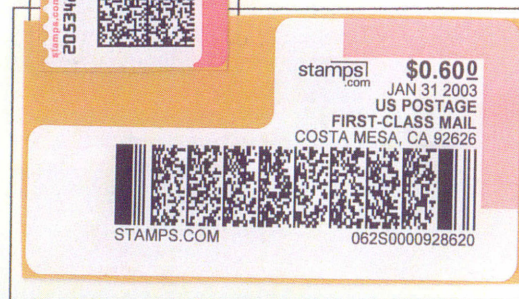
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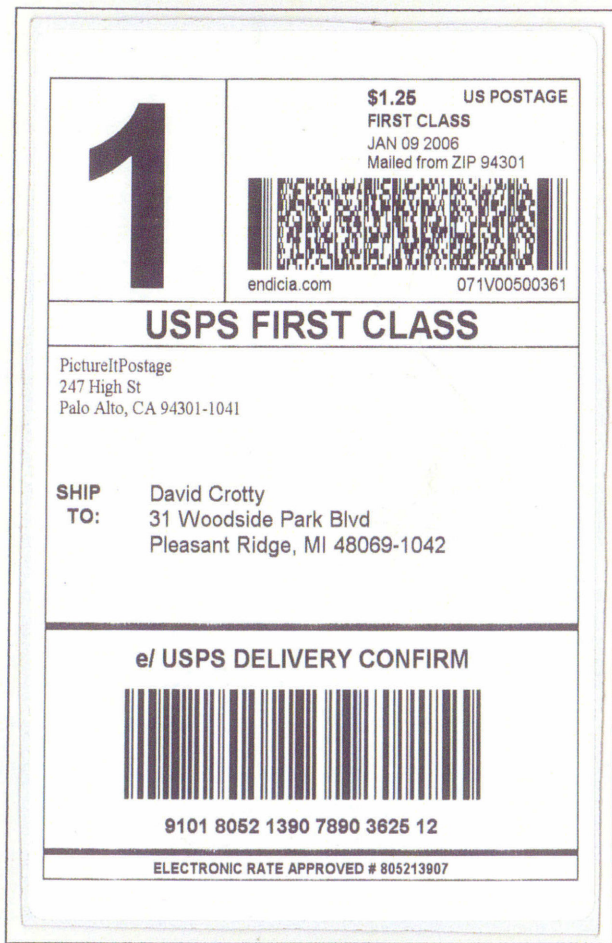


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Modern Digital Meters

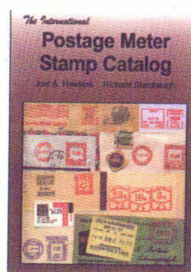
Meter Migration Mandate: all postage meters must be fully digital by late 2006 in Canada and late 2008 in the U.S.



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