

Specialities of Ottoman Philately (VI)

Varieties of the Duloz 1876 5 Piastres Foreign Mail Stamp

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Inverted Overprint

The 5 piastres stamp with inverted overprint is very rare and is only known to exist unused. Based on the positioning within the sheet of the known stamps, a maximum of 3 sheets may have existed. The field positions in the sheet of 150 stamps are identified as 31–40 (a complete horizontal row) and field position 63 (single stamp within a row). All these are documented below.



Fig. 1: Block-of-ten (5×2) with one stamp featuring the inverted overprint (field pos. 63).



Fig. 2: Vertical pair with inverted overprint (field pos. 40).

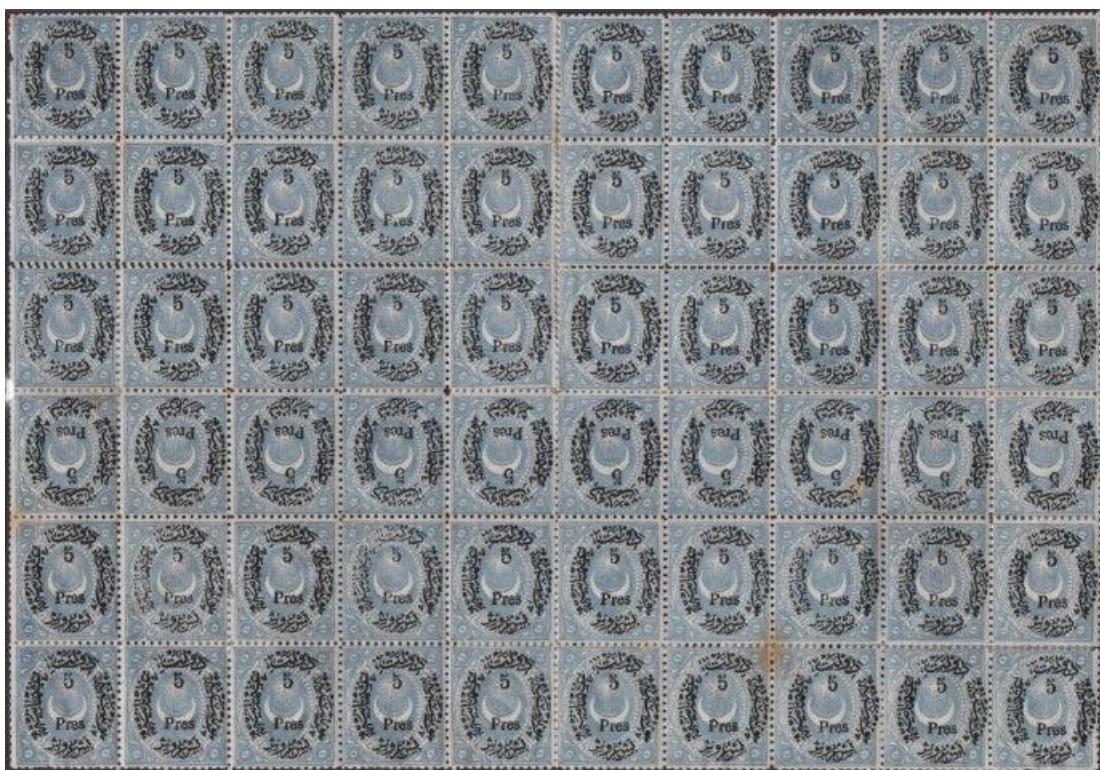


Fig. 3: Part sheet of 60 stamps featuring a complete row with inverted overprint (field pos. 31–40). Only known part sheet with a complete row of inverted overprints (ex Passer).

Part-Perforated Stamps



Fig. 4:

Part sheet of 30 stamps with the lower two rows only partly perforated. This created two varieties:

1. unperforated on two sides,
2. unperforated on one side.