

Lot Type Grading Description

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NEW ZEALAND**Lot 1357**

1357 ** A A1 **1996 Health (Road Safety) 40c Teddy Bear sheet stamp CP #T68a (SG 2000a), unmounted, CP Cat \$NZ2000 (£800). With the redrawn 40c for comparison. [A similar example sold at our auction of 30.9.2015 for \$625]**

The proposed design caused an outcry because the baby should have been facing the rear of the car to comply with safety regulations. The stamps were immediately withdrawn & redesigned. However, some were sold by NZ Post "in error" - they make a lot of "errors" - and commercially used examples are known, including on cover: see the next lot.

500

**Lot 1358**

1358 V A A1 - 40c Teddy Bear sheet stamp CP #T68a tied to local *Reader's Digest* cover by 'AUCKLAND/18JN96/NZ' cds, Cat £900 used but worth a large premium for being on cover.

1,500

**Lot 1359**

1359 ** A - 40c Teddy Bear self-adhesive stamp CP #T68b (SG 2003a), "unmounted", Cat \$NZ4500 (£1300). With the redrawn 40c for comparison.

1,000

NEW ZEALAND (continued)

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**Lot 1360**

1360 ** A - (Teddy Bear) M/S as SG MS2002 but from the original printing with the *Teddy Bear & Baby Facing Forwards* and 'SC 439' at upper-left unmounted, *Michel* Cat €12,000. Unlisted by *Campbell Paterson*. [With the *Joh Enschedé* folder in which it was supplied by the printers; and a normal M/S for comparison]

Gibbons, in a rather disingenuous footnote, state "There is no evidence to link these miniature sheets with New Zealand"!! which sounds like *NZ Post* "spin". According to our Dutch sources, the original M/Ss had been distributed by the printers, *Enschedé* in the Netherlands, to their staff before a recall was announced. Examples sold in the *Prestige* auctions of 9.2.2008 & 30.3.2012 for \$2415 & \$1840 respectively]

1,800