

Lot Type Grading Description

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QUEENSLAND

183	P	A	1882 Large Chalons 2/6d in lake-brown imperforate plate proof on thin card with very fine 'SPECIMEN' perfin of 80 holes, margins good to large, affixed to a larger piece endorsed "Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co" below. Rare. Very few 2/6d proofs of any type are recorded. [Plate proofs perforated 'SPECIMEN' were produced by <i>Bradbury Wilkinson</i> as trade samples. <i>Bernie Manning's</i> similar proof - not on backing card - sold for \$874]	750
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BRITISH EMPIRE SPECIMEN STAMPS

In recent years, 'SPECIMEN' and CTO stamps have become ever more popular. The relatively low numbers produced means that such material is generally very scarce. And a lack of care on the part of the UPU and/or the postal agencies means that defects - especially perforation problems - should be expected. Much of the material released by various receiving authorities is far from pristine: often the stamps have been soaked off ledger pages & in many cases fugitive inks have faded. The collection offered here, with strength in the Reign of KEVII, is by far the most extensive we have handled: note that further extensive selections are included in the 'Eureka' Australian Colonies catalogue. The quality generally is at least as fine as can be expected. Much of this material, from an unknown source, has full unmounted gum but also exhibits some tropicalisation. There is also some material that is truly superb! Such matters have been taken into account in our gradings. References are to the pioneering work by Marcus Samuel (1976), James Bendon's monumental "UPU Specimen Stamps 1878-1961" (2015) & "The De La Rue Collection" edited by Frank Walton.



Ex Lot 1589

1589	**	A/B	1937 Coronation Omnibus Issues Aden to Virgin Islands sets punctured 'SPECIMEN', some perf faults & other small defects and the gum a little tropicalised, unmounted (though we noted a few with small adhesions). Inspection strongly recommended. The only such Omnibus set we have seen offered. (45 sets)	2,000
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Ex Lot 1635

1635	*	A/B	FALKLAND ISLANDS: 1929-32 Whale & Penguin ½d to £1 SG 116-126 with Horseshoe Punctures, a couple of small faults on the lower values, Cat £1000. (11)	750
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Ex Lot 1734

1734	*	A/A-	MALAYA MALAYAN POSTAL UNION: 1936-38 Postage Dues SG D1-6 plus 20c SG D13 all with diagonal perfin, Cat £365. (7)	300
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Ex Lot 1789

1789	*	A/A+	PITCAIRN ISLANDS: 1940 KGV I Pictorials (very scarce & in demand) & 1947 Victory issues punctured 'SPECIMEN', later issues to 1972 mint, lightly mounted & generally superb!, Cat £1950+ (unmounted). Believed to be from the <i>Belgian Post Office Archives</i> . (133)	1,000
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BRITISH EMPIRE SPECIMEN STAMPS (continued)

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Ex Lot 1791

1791 **/* A/A+ **RHODESIA:** 1898-1908 New Designs 2½d to £10 between SG 80 & 93 complete as per *Gibbons* each with 'SPECIMEN' perfin, the 2/6d & 3/- are mounted, otherwise unmounted, Cat £900+ (mounted). [Superior to the 'Lionheart' mounted set that sold for £480. **NB:** on the £1 the perfin is Horizontal] (10) 1,000



Ex Lot 1792

1792 * A/A- - 1898-1908 New Designs ½d to £10 between SG 75 & 93 each with 'SPECIMEN' perfin, lightly mounted, Cat £900+ (mounted). Includes the seven denominations to 5/- not listed by *Gibbons* or *James Bendon*. [**NB:** on the £1 the perfin is Vertical Reading Upwards. Also, on the 2d the perfin is *Inverted*] (17) 2,000



Ex Lot 1793

1793 * A - 1898-1908 New Designs ½d 1d 2d 2½d 6d 1/- & £1 each with italicised diagonal handstamp, lightly mounted. For presentation sets & apparently the only seven denominations prepared. (7) 400



Ex Lot 1794

1794 * A - 1898-1908 New Designs ½d 1d 2d 2½d 6d 1/- & £1 each with italicised diagonal handstamp, lightly mounted. (7) 400



Ex Lot 1795

1795 * A/A+ - 1898-1908 New Designs ½d 1d 2d 2½d 6d 1/- & £1 pairs each unit with italicised diagonal handstamp, lightly mounted & mostly superb! (7 pairs) 850

BRITISH EMPIRE SPECIMEN STAMPS (continued)

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Ex Lot 1796

1796 Ω B - 1898-1908 New Designs 2½d & £1 both with 'ULTRAMAR' handstamp - *Inverted* - in violet, a few short perfs, no gum. (2) 200



Ex Lot 1797

1797 * A - 1905 Opening of Victoria Falls Bridge 1d to 5/- SG 94-99, hinge remainders, Cat £425. (6) 300



Ex Lot 1798

1798 * A - 1905 Opening of Victoria Falls Bridge 1d to 5/- SG 94-99, the 5d with the *Perfin Inverted & Reversed*, Cat £425+. (6) 400



Ex Lot 1799

1799 Ω A/B - 1909-12 'RHODESIA' Overprints ½d to £1 SG 100-113, 7/6d with corner fault, plus 1909-11 Surcharges SG 114-8 all punctured 'SPECIMEN', several values with the *Perfin Reversed or Inverted & Reversed*, most with no gum, Cat £600. (17) 450