

## PANAMA

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LOCATION — Central America  
between Costa Rica and Colombia  
GOVT. — Republic  
AREA — 30,134 sq. mi.  
POP. — 2,778,526 (1999 est.)  
CAPITAL — Panama

Formerly a department of the Republic of Colombia, Panama gained its independence in 1903. Dividing the country at its center is the Panama Canal.

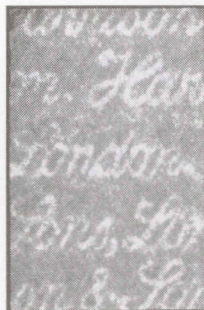
100 Centavos = 1 Peso  
100 Centesimos = 1 Balboa (1904)

Catalogue values for unused stamps in this country are for Never Hinged items, beginning with Scott 350 in the regular postage section, Scott C82 in the airport section, Scott CB1 in the airport semi-postal section, and Scott RA21 in the postal tax section.

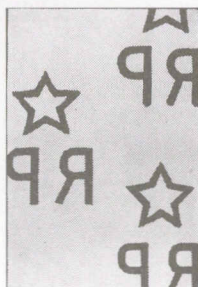
## Watermarks



Wmk. 229 — Wavy Lines



Wmk. 233 — "Harrison & Sons, London." in Script



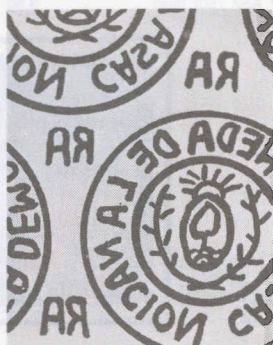
Wmk. 311 — Star and RP Multiple



Wmk. 334 — Rectangles



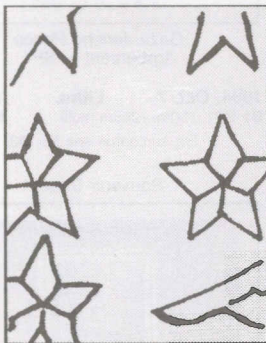
Wmk. 343 — RP Multiple



Wmk. 365 — Argentine Arms, Casa de Moneda de la Nación & RA Multiple



Wmk. 377 — Interlocking Circles



Wmk. 382 — Stars

Wmk. 382 may be a sheet watermark. It includes stars, wings with sun in middle and "Panama R de P."

Issues of the Sovereign State of Panama Under Colombian Dominion  
Valid only for domestic mail.



Coat of Arms

1878 Unwmk. Litho. Imperf.  
Thin Wove Paper

1 A1 5c gray green 25.00 30.00  
a. 5c yellow green 25.00 30.00

2 A1 10c blue 60.00 60.00  
3 A1 20c rose red 40.00 32.50  
Nos. 1-3 (3) 125.00 122.50

## Very Thin Wove Paper

4 A2 50c buff 1,500.

All values of this issue are known rouletted unofficially.

## Medium Thick Paper

5 A1 5c blue green 25.00 30.00  
6 A1 10c blue 65.00 70.00  
7 A2 50c orange 13.00  
Nos. 5-7 (3) 103.00 100.00

Nos. 5-7 were printed before Nos. 1-4, according to Panamanian archives.

Values for used Nos. 1-5 are for hand-stamped postal cancellations.

These stamps have been reprinted in a number of shades, on thin to moderately thick, white or yellowish paper. They are without gum or with white, crackly gum. All values have been reprinted from new stones made from retouched dies. The marks of retouching are plainly to be seen in the sea and clouds. On the original 10c the shield in the upper left corner has two blank sections; on the reprints the design of this shield is completed. The impression of these reprints is frequently blurred.

Reprints of the 50c are rare. Beware of remainders of the 50c offered as reprints.

## Issues of Colombia for use in the Department of Panama

Issued because of the use of different currency.



Map of Panama

A3 A4  
1887-88 Perf. 13½  
8 A3 1c black, green .90 .80  
9 A3 2c black, pink ('88) 1.60 1.25  
a. 2c black, salmon 1.60  
10 A3 5c black, blue .90 .35  
11 A3 10c black, yellow .90 .40  
a. Imperf., pair  
12 A3 20c black, lilac 1.00 .50  
13 A3 50c brown ('88) 2.00 1.00  
a. Imperf.  
Nos. 8-13 (6) 7.30 4.30

See No. 14. For surcharges and overprints see Nos. 24-30, 107-108, 115-116, 137-138.

1892 Pelure Paper  
14 A3 50c brown 2.50 1.10

The stamps of this issue have been reprinted on papers of slightly different colors from those of the originals.

These are: 1c yellow green, 2c deep rose, 5c bright blue, 10c straw, 20c violet.

The 50c is printed from a very worn stone, in a lighter brown than the originals. The series includes a 10c on lilac paper.

All these stamps are to be found perforated, imperforate, imperforate horizontally or imperforate vertically. At the same time that they were made, impressions were struck upon a variety of glazed and surface-colored papers.

1892-96 Engr. Perf. 12  
15 A4 1c green .25 .25  
16 A4 2c rose .40 .25  
17 A4 5c blue 1.50 .50  
18 A4 10c orange .35 .25  
19 A4 20c violet ('95) .50 .35  
20 A4 50c bister brn ('96) .50 .40  
21 A4 1p lake ('96) 6.50 4.00  
Nos. 15-21 (7) 10.00 6.00

In 1903 Nos. 15-21 were used in Cauca and three other southern Colombia towns. Stamps canceled in these towns are worth much more. For surcharges and overprints see Nos. 22-23, 51-106, 109-114, 129-136, 139, 151-162, 181-184, F12-F15, H4-H5.

## Nos. 16, 12-14 Surcharged:



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## 1894 Black Surcharge

22 (a) 1c on 2c rose .50 .40  
a. Inverted surcharge 2.50 2.50  
b. Double surcharge  
23 (a) 1c on 2c rose .40 .50  
a. "CENTAVO" 2.50 2.50  
b. Inverted surcharge 2.50 2.50  
c. Double surcharge

## Red Surcharge

24 (c) 5c on 20c black, lil 2.50 1.50  
a. Inverted surcharge 12.50 12.50  
b. Double surcharge  
c. Without "HABILITADO"  
25 (d) 5c on 20c black, lil 3.50 3.00  
a. "CENTAVOS" 7.50 7.50  
b. Inverted surcharge 12.50 12.50  
c. Double surcharge  
d. Without "HABILITADO"  
26 (e) 5c on 20c black, lil 6.00 5.00  
a. Inverted surcharge 12.50 12.50  
b. Double surcharge  
27 (f) 10c on 50c brown 3.00 3.00  
a. "1894" omitted  
b. Inverted surcharge  
c. "CENTAVOS" 15.00  
28 (g) 10c on 50c brown 12.50 12.50  
a. "CENTAVOS" 32.50  
b. Inverted surcharge

## Pelure Paper

29 (f) 10c on 50c brown 4.00 3.00  
a. "1894" omitted 7.50  
b. Inverted surcharge 12.50 12.50  
c. Double surcharge  
30 (g) 10c on 50c brown 10.00 10.00  
a. "CENTAVOS"  
b. Without "HABILITADO"  
c. Inverted surcharge 25.00 25.00  
d. Double surcharge  
Nos. 22-30 (9) 42.40 38.90

There are several settings of these surcharges. Usually the surcharge is about 15½mm high, but in one setting, it is only 13mm. All the types are to be found with a comma after "CENTAVOS." Nos. 24, 25, 26, 29 and 30 exist with the surcharge printed sideways. Nos. 23, 24 and 29 may be found with an inverted "A" instead of "V" in "CENTAVOS." There are also varieties caused by dropped or broken letters.

## Issues of the Republic Issued in the City of Panama



Stamps of 1892-96 Overprinted

## 1903, Nov. 16

## Rose Handstamp

51 A4 1c green 2.00 1.50  
52 A4 2c rose 5.00 3.00  
53 A4 5c blue 2.00 1.25  
54 A4 10c yellow 2.00 2.00  
55 A4 20c violet 4.00 3.50  
56 A4 50c bister brn 10.00 7.00  
57 A4 1p lake 50.00 40.00  
Nos. 51-57 (7) 75.00 58.25

## Blue Black Handstamp

58 A4 1c green 2.00 1.25  
59 A4 2c rose 1.00 1.00  
60 A4 5c blue 7.00 6.00  
61 A4 10c yellow 5.00 3.50  
62 A4 20c violet 10.00 7.50  
63 A4 50c bister brn 10.00 7.50  
64 A4 1p lake 50.00 42.50  
Nos. 58-64 (7) 85.00 69.25

The stamps of this issue are to be found with the handstamp placed horizontally, vertically or diagonally; inverted; double; double, one inverted; double, both inverted; in pairs, one without handstamp; etc.