

# The PhilateliKid

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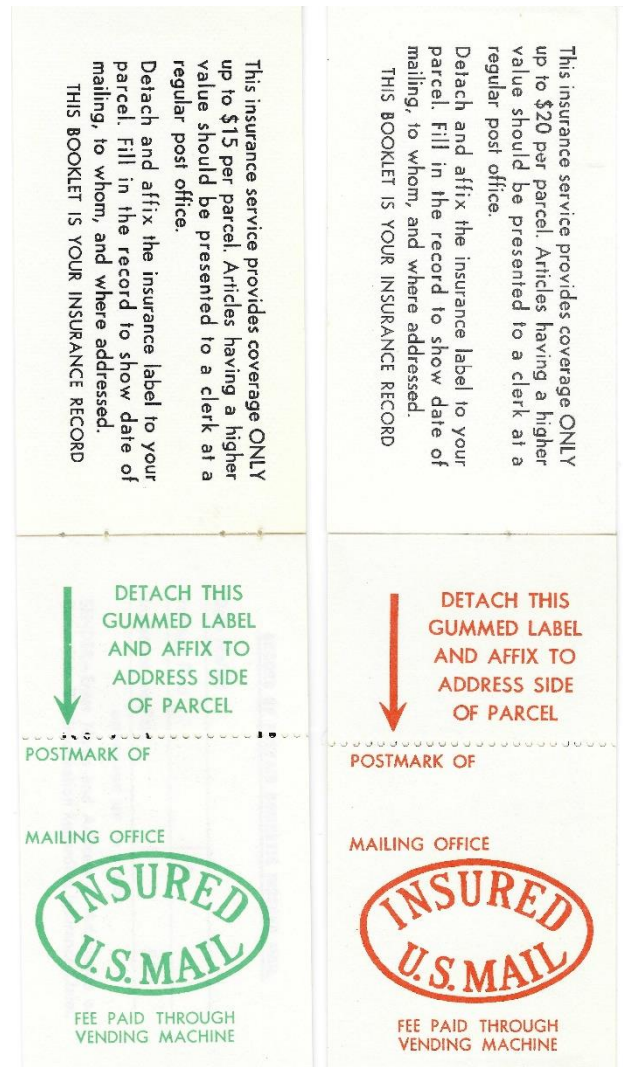
In the May 2022 issue of *The PhilateliKid*, we began brief descriptions of various “Back of the Book” (“BOB”) listings in the Scott Catalogues. We looked at stamps which begin with the letter “B,” “C,” “CE,” “CL,” “CM,” “CB,” “CO,” “E,” “D,” “F,” “FA,” “J,” “K,” “O,” “PR,” “PN,” “PS,” “WS,” “BK,” “Q,” “JQ,” “QE,” “CVP,” and “WX.” This month we will look at the prefix QI.

**Stamps Beginning with the prefix “QI.”** (The second letter is a capital “i” not the number “1.”)

Postal Insurance stamps were sold only in vending machines. They were sold in cardboard folded booklets which contained only one stamp. The first Postal Insurance stamp Scott number QI1 cost 10¢ and paid insurance up to \$10. It was issued on August 19, 1965 and saw limited use in just three post offices which were located in Wheaton, Maryland, Austin, Texas, and Canoga Park, California. Sales of QI1 were discontinued on March 21, 1966, meaning it was for sale just 7 months and 2 days. QI1 is the only Postal Insurance stamp that has a catalog value of over \$15. The Scott catalogue prices it at \$140. Postal Insurance stamps are collected in mint condition in the booklet. Used stamps apparently exist, but are not priced in Scott. A dash “ – ” is used by Scott indicating that not enough sales of used stamps have occurred to determine a value. Interestingly, the Scott 2023 catalogue has the following note: “Values in used column are for used stamps.”

Scott Catalogue identifies five different Postal Insurance stamps, but in the footnotes indicates that QI2, QI3, and QI4 were revalued by adding postage stamps.

When collecting these stamps in booklets, note that the first three booklets for QI1, QI2, and QI3 used two staples for each booklet. QI4 and QI5 booklets did not use staples. Booklets using staples have staples that during the decades they were saved have discolored to be a brown color as a result of oxidation. In other words, they got rusty. Sometimes the rust actually has bled onto the booklet. This is normal. In fact, if the staple has not rusted, it probably is a modern staple that was added after the rusty staples were removed. Look carefully at the illustrated stapled booklets.



Note: Not only did the front of the booklets change, sometimes a hand correction to the value (see the 25¢ handwritten) occurred. The backs of the booklets are quite interesting. I don't own a copy of Q11, so I do not know what the back of the booklet looks like, but Q12 and Q13 promote the use of ZIP Code, featuring Mr. ZIP. On Q13 he is standing on a map of the contiguous 48 states, tipping his cap with his right hand, and holding a couple letters in his left hand. The top letter even has a stamp affixed, but it is just a black dot.

**Vended Postal Insurance Record**  
 MAXIMUM COVERAGE \$15  
 (See inside of cover)

**20¢**  
 FEE

ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR ZIP CODE AS A PART OF YOUR ADDRESS

POD FORM 3815

**Domestic Vended Postal Insurance Record**  
 MAXIMUM COVERAGE \$15  
 (see inside of cover)

**20¢**  
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**Domestic Vended Postal Insurance Record**  
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**25¢**  
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POD FORM 3815

THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS ONE:  
**DOMESTIC PARCEL POST INSURANCE STAMP**  
 (\$15 MAXIMUM COVERAGE PER PARCEL)  
 DEPOSIT 40¢ FEE TO PURCHASE

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**DOMESTIC PARCEL POST INSURANCE STAMP**  
 (\$15 MAXIMUM COVERAGE PER PARCEL)  
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THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS ONE:  
**DOMESTIC PARCEL POST INSURANCE STAMP**  
 (\$20 MAXIMUM COVERAGE PER PARCEL)  
 DEPOSIT 45¢ FEE TO PURCHASE




The back covers of the final two booklets, Q14 and Q15, have advertisements to "Collect Souvenir Pages." The very tiny print is legible under magnification. The Q14 booklet back features a souvenir page with a First Day of Issue cancellation dated June 26, 1978, for the 15¢ stamp commemorating Photography, Scott number 1758. The Q15 booklet back features a souvenir page with a First Day of Issue cancellation dated August 26, 1980, featuring four different 15¢ stamps showing coral reefs, Scott numbers 1827-30. One final interesting note, the last booklet back, Q15, has the new USPS logo.

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