

SECURITY MACHINS

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On 17 February 2009 a new form of Machin definitive appeared with a non - water soluble layer of gum between the paper and the self - adhesive gum with U shaped slits. This was done to prevent the re - use of un - cancelled stamps, preventing them being soaked off envelopes for re - use.



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From 17 February 2009 the Machin stamp began to include security features that include U shaped slits and with overall iridescent multiple "Royal Mail" overprint into the design from here on.



ROYAL MAIL

PREPRINTED HORIZON STAMPS/LABELS FOR SPECIAL DELIVERY

Trials of a Pre-printed Horizon Stamps/Labels for Special Delivery postal items (£4.95) started on 8th June 2009 and was conducted out of the Camden Town Post Office in North West London.

These Stamps/Labels were oversized Machins measuring 58.5mm x 65mm and printed in pale 'gold' with full bleed (no white frame around design). **1LG – 1st Class large letter and A- Airmail.**

The Queens Head itself was produced using the wavy line 'ROYAL MAIL' pattern printed in micro text pale 'gold'. The background was also a pale gold colour, albeit this was a near solid colour. Perforations were die cut and have no ellipses. Within the design area itself, additional die cuts consisting of curves and straight lines surround the Queens portrait. **1L – 1st Class letter and 1LG – 1st Class large letter.**

The stamps/labels were not printed with phosphor lines and were printed on self - adhesive paper.

