

# Paper Folding's on Greek stamps

**Poorly printed stamps** are having a defective appearance and aesthetic variations compared to the regular stamps. These differences are mainly due to accidental causes or carelessness during printing.

When printed stamps are checked by representatives of the issuing Postal Service, the poorly printed ones are destroyed. Sometimes, however, stamp sheets are circulated by Post Offices which contain defects that are not obviously noticeable.

A fascinating adventure for philatelists is the search for poorly printed - defective stamps. Many of these have been studied and published in journal articles.

**One type of poorly printed stamps are those showing paper folding's.**

Sometimes the paper, when placed on the press, is folded and then it is printed folded. When the fold is straightened after printing, the stamp shows a white portion, depending on the fold.



The exhibit shows Greek poorly printed stamps from the issue of the Large Hermes Heads to recent ones, which result from the folding of the printing paper and have the following peculiarities:

1. They are not repetitive as is the case with "plate" errors
2. They are not easily detectable during printing due to their gum
3. They are usually only apparent after the stamps have been "washed" as a result of the gum removal; and
4. They are accidental.

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## Definitive & Commemorative issues

1861-1882: Large Hermes Head



1886-1901: Small Hermes Head



1906: Olympic Games



## Definitive & Commemorative issues

1911 & 1919: "Engraved" issue



## Definitive & Commemorative issues

1912-1923: "Lithographic" issue



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1912-1913: "ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΙΣ" overprint



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1913: 1912 Campaign



1916: "ET" overprint



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1930: Independence



1942-1944: Landscapes



1943: Children's welfare



## Definitive & Commemorative issues

1945: Glory



1945: Franklin D. Roosevelt



1945: "No" anniversary



## Definitive & Commemorative issues

1947-1951: Dodecanese union



1954-1955: Ancient art



1956: Royal families



1961: Tourist publicity



1964: Royal Wedding



1973: National Benefactors



## Charity issues

1937-1938: Social Welfare Fund



1939: Queens



1941: Social Welfare Fund



## Charity issues

1947: Postal staff Welfare Fund



1948: Restoration of Thessaloniki Monuments Fund



1953: Ionian Islands Earthquake Fund



## Air post issues

1952: Grammos – Vitsi



1954: N.A.T.O.



## Postage Due issues

1890-93: Vienna issue



1902: London issue



1914-18: "Lithographic" issue

