

LINEAR POSTCANCEL TYPES **Type Number Key** March 20, 2019

LINEAR POSTCANCEL **DEVICE FAMILIES**

- 0 Single or Multi-Subject Handstamp with bars, and pending types of unconfirmed box or roller device
- 1 Single or Multi-Subject Handstamp, just text, no lines or bars
- 2 Single-Subject Box Handstamp
- 3 Station Box Handstamp, with town and state in same box
- 4 Multi-Subject Box-Roller or Handstamp, horizontal or vertical, with box line between subjects
- 5 Alt. Box-Roller, town box alternating with state box
- 6 Station Alt. Box-Roller, station box alt. with town / state box
- 7 Multi-Subject straight-line Roller or Handstamp, horizontal or vertical, with no box lines between subjects
- 8 Wavy-Line Roller (not yet in catalogue)

LINEAR POSTCANCEL **TEXT STYLES** (refer to Root Styles Illustrated, a chart of first two-digit combinations)

First digit after decimal point. To sort *number of lines of text* and *capitalization* combinations.

- .1 Single Line of text - town, state, All Caps AC
- .2 “ “ “ , both capitalized (upper and lower case) U/L
- .3 “ “ “ , U/L town, AC state, * indicates the reverse
- .4 Two Line text - AC town over state, or other, as listed (town, state / station or zip code)
- .5 “ “ “ , both U/L
- .6 “ “ “ , U/L town over AC state. with* indicates inverse, AC town over U/L state
- .7 Three line text – AC two line town over state, or other, as listed (ie: town / station / state)
- .8 “ “ “ , all U/L
- .9 “ “ “ , U/L two top lines over AC bottom line. with*, inverse as .6 above

Second digit after the decimal point. To sort *full state name / abbrev.* and *serif / sans-serif* combinations.

- .01 Serif town and state, state name in full
- .02 “ “ “ “ “ “ abbr.
- .03 “ “ , sans-serif state in full
- .04 “ “ “ “ “ “ abbr.
- .05 Sans-serif town and state, state name in full
- .06 “ “ “ “ “ “ “ abbr.
- .07 “ “ “ , serif state in full
- .08 “ “ “ “ “ “ abbr.
- .09 open variable

Third digit after decimal point. To describe *letter type face or font*, for either serif or sans-serif styles.

- .001 town and state all equal but condensed type face
- .002 as .001, with Town *and* State initials in block capitals, or, with *, all state letters
- .003 town as .001, with *only* State initial(s) in block capitals, or, with*, all state letters
- .004 town and state all similar *medium* type face (**assumed for a two digit type number**)
- .005 as .004, but shaded or **bold** font
- .006 town and state all-equal *widest* type face, round O
- .007 nearly as .006, with *wider* type face than .004, not quite round O. Shaded, if serif font.
- .008 similar to .006, with box letter sans-serif font, or bar serifs, on serif fonts
- .009 as .006, but shaded or **bold** font

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LINEAR POSTCANCEL **TEXT STYLES** continued

NOTE: The Root Style Chart, and refinement of the type face in the third digit, still allows the heights of the letters to be different in *clearly* distinct devices of a similar style. Since the devices have predominantly rubber letters, spread impressions are almost normal. Use this fact in judging impressions, as to whether there is a distinctly different device. There are usually subtle *other* differences between distinct devices. Measure only light impressions to confirm or list a distinct type. Heavy impressions must usually be inferred to be from visually similar devices with smaller listed heights. "Seeing" the type is usually better than measuring it, unless you look for the logical expansion effect. Multiple copies of the same *type*, even from different towns, can be a good reference.

Fourth digit after decimal point. To express the *height of capital letters of the device*

- .0001 (1 mm or less)
- .0002 (2 mm or less)
- .0003 (3 mm or less)
- .0004 (4 mm or less)
- .0005 (4 to 5 mm) (**assumed for a two or three digit type number, i.e.: 2.46 or 2.425**)
- .0006 (more than 5 mm)
- .0007 (more than 6 mm)
- .0008 (more than 7 mm)
- .0009 (more than 8 mm)

Fifth digit after decimal point. To differentiate letter, text and line *spacing* varieties.

- .00001 *expanded* spacing between all letters
- .00002 " " " town or top line letters *only*
- .00003 " " " state or bot. line letters *only*
- .00004 town over state narrower than .00005
- .00005 " " " equal to comparative type (depend on next digit)
- .00006 " " " wider than .00005
- .00007 horizontal lines, narrower spacing than comparative type
- .00008 horizontal lines, wider spacing than comparative type
- .00009 vertical box-line spacing wider/longer than comparative type

Sixth digit after decimal point. To add further text distinctions.

- .000001 letters in *italic* font
- .000002 state in full with period w/p
- .000003 state abbr. no period n/p
- .000004 mixed letter font in one line
- .000005 state on line with zip code
- .000006 town with postal zone number
- .000007 town, state / station, or inverse, or town / station, state (for box rollers)
- .000008 town, state / zip code
- .000009 with 9 digit zip code