

Precancel Device Contractors and Contract Periods

The table below is a listing of contractors for precancel devices since the Post Office Department started supplying devices in July 1913, the beginning of fiscal year 1914. Until June 30, 1976, the fiscal year ran from July 1 to June 30. Following a three month transition period, fiscal years now run from October 1 to September 30.

Legend

GPO	Government Printing Office, Washington, DC
B	Baumgarten, Washington, DC and later Laurel, MD
FB	Franklin Bauer Co., New York, NY
M	Henry Moss and Co., Brooklyn, NY
UE	United Electrotype Co., Nashville, TN
P	Potomac Electrotype Co., Washington, DC
CSW	Cooper Stamp Works, New York, NY
C	Chambers, Lodge, VA
L	Lloyd Manufacturing Co., Houtzdale, PA
H	Hanley Postal Supply Co., Erie, PA
E	Electroplate, usually 100-subject
H	Rubber handstamps, usually 25 subjects (although 10 subjects were available until at least fiscal year 1922)
WHE	Wide spaced hand electros, 25-subject or 10-subject, see below
NHE	Narrow spaced hand electros, 10-subject
V	Vinyl handstamps, 10-subject

<u>Fiscal Year or Time Period</u>	<u>Electroplate Contractor</u>	<u>Hand Device Type and Contractor</u>	
1914 through 1921	GPO	H	B
1922-23-24	FB	H	B
1925	FB	H	M
1926	UE	H	M
1927-28-29	UE	H	B
1930	P	H	B
1931-32	P	H	CSW
(See note a)			
1933-34	P	WHE (25)	C
1935-36-37-38	P	WHE (10)	P

<u>Fiscal Year or Time Period</u>	<u>Electroplate Contractor</u>	<u>Hand Device Type and Contractor</u>	
1939 through 1958	P	NHE (10)	P
1959	P	V	B
1960-61	P	V	L
1962	P	V	H
1963-64-65	P	V	B
1966-67	P	V	L
1968-69-70-71-72	P	V	B
7/1/72 through 3/31/97 (see note b)		V	L
4/1/97 through June 2007		V	B

Notes

- (a) Production of the Automatic Replacement devices began late in fiscal 1932, when a contract was already in place to produce rubber handstamps. Automatic replacement devices (25-subject) were made by Potomac Electrotypes, under an arrangement that apparently ended on June 30, 1932. At that time, Chambers took over manufacture of the hand electros.
- (b) By fiscal year 1989 electroplates were no longer a supply item. Contractor name(s) after fiscal 1972 and exact date of discontinuance is not known. The last electroplate to appear on a USPS device list was in May 1975.