

JAPANESE CANCELLATIONS

Bisected Circle Types

(Maru-Ichi)

Type 4

Around 1890 the Japanese Postal Service changed their postal cancellation from a double to a single circle bisected horizontally. These lasted in use until 1909 in some offices, primarily for canceling stamps used for payment of telephone and telegraph fees. The two lines of inscription above the bar give the name (and usually the province) of the office. Below the bar, the first line gives the year and the month, reading from right to left, and the second line gives the day. In this particular cancel there is no indication of its usage as other types of this period do.

This type (4), was also used as a postmark on mail but only in small offices and only in the early years of period 1890-1909; in fact in offices so small that they only had one mail dispatch a day. Also, it was used in certain categories of small subordinate post offices (*yubin uketorisho*). It was also used from 1905-1909 on registered and other special handling mail.



HIDA SHIKAMA

Bisected Circle Type

[Maru-ichi]

Type 4



Osaka Mura

Bisected Circle Type

[Maru-ichi]

Type 4



Mino Gifu Biden



Shizunami

Bisected Circle Type

[Maru-ichi]

Type 4



Musashi Kumagaya



Musashi Matsuyama

Bisected Circle Type

[Maru-ichi]

Type 4



Etchizen



Shimono Toyama



Mikawa Ishiki

Bisected Circle Type

[Maru-ichi]

Type 4

Fukada



Bisected Circle Type

[Maru-ichi]

Type 4



Omi Nitsumata

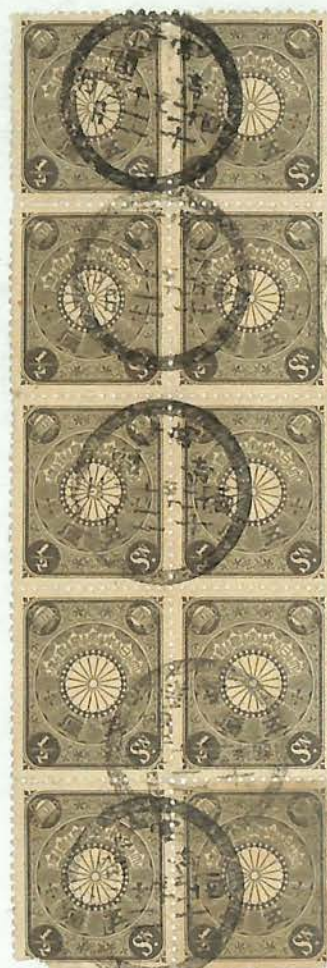
Bisected Circle Type



Mutsu Kujihamama

[Maru-ichi]

Type 4



Mutsu

Bisected Circle Type

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Yotsukura



Ise Ueno



Kensenuma Rikuzen

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Tsuruga Shizuoka Baba-Machi



Tango Kaetsu



Aki Yoshida
[Hiroshima-Ken]

Urakawa

Satsuma Saka

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Hida Takayama-Cho

[Maru-ichi]



Ise Yokkaichi Minami-Cho

Type 4



Nishio



Bigo Fukuyama



Bigo Sakano-Shi



Osumi Miyanoura



Kotohira

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Osaka Mansai-Bashi



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Kyoto-Fu Shimotate Horikawa



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Tosa Yamada Kochi-Ken



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Etchu Seki-Do



Etchu Go Hyaku Ishi



Oki Beppu

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Notto Udetsu Ishikawa-Ken



Nagato Shimonoseki
[Yamaguchi-ken]



Nagato Chofu
[Yamaguchi-Ken]

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Ogi Tosa-Ken

Yamato Ogataki



Unsen Nagai

Sado Ogi



Hizen

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FUR 4 1/2



HIDA TAIKANYA M 1

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These cancellations are found chiefly on the Koban and the Chrysanthemum Series which were the regular issues of the time. They were also used on whatever commemoratives were issued such as this wedding of the Crown Prince.

Postally Used



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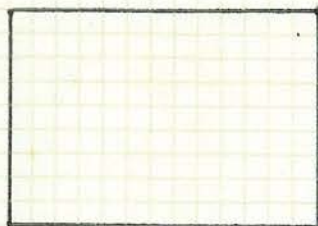
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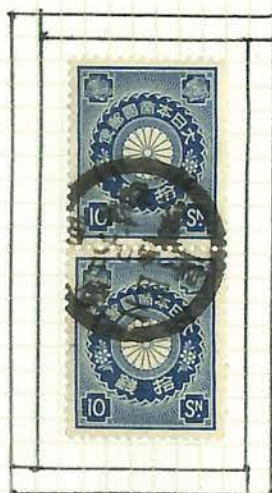
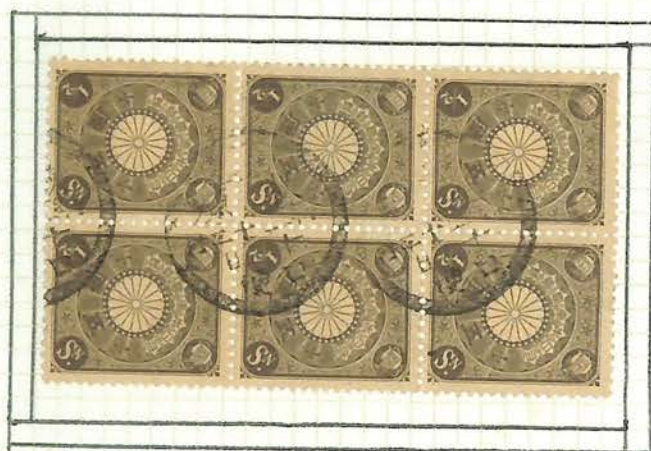


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COMB CANCELS

These are "star variants" of other comb types. Their common element is the star in D or E, which has been said in Japan to signify a mu-shuhai kyoku (an office that neither collects nor delivers mail). Generally this holds true but a few cases have been found from large city post offices. These cancels were for non-postal usage such as money orders or telephone receipts since all communications services were under governmental control.

7 May 1913

June 1912



OSAKA

MINATO-MACHI



FUKUOKA



HYOGO TSU KAMOTO



IBARAKI



HYOGO

1 Jan 1911

29 May 1912

4 Sep 1908



FUKUI EIHEIJI



HIROSAKI

HAMANO MACHI

AKOMORI-KEN



SHIHO-SHO-NAI
(JUSTICE DEPT
POSTAL BRANCH)





FUKUI ONO-E MACHI



FUKUI ONO-E MACHI



KANAZAWA
MINAMI-MACHI
KANAZAWA-KEN



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Trisected-Circle Cancel (Maru-Ni)

Postal Cancel

These are found chiefly on this Chrysanthemum Series stamps, but also on late-use examples of the New Koban Series. This was used in the home islands only in a few of the largest cities from 1901; postal types were discontinued in 1905, but many non-postal examples dated into 1909 can be found

16 Nov 1905



TOKYO
ASAKUSA



OSAKA
Umeda Station



OSAKA



YOKOHAMA
KANAGAWA-KUN





JAPAN

POSTALLY USED

February 23, 1925



COMB CANCEL

Taiwan

Non-postal usage

All the comb type cancels from Taiwan had horizontal rather than vertical lines in D and E unless one or both of those spaces had to be used for an inscription, as in certain maritime and railways postmarks from the island. The only other Japanese territory ever to use the horizontal lines in D and E was Hong Kong during the 1942-1945 occupation, and the Hong Kong markings always had 3 stars in C, unlike those of Taiwan. The Hong Kong 3 star markings were used postally.



NAWTO



30 Dec 1915



TAICHU

OINAGAKI

TAIHOKU

KIGO

30 TOKU FU KONA



JULY 10, 1912

JAPAN

Foreign Mail Cancellations

