

A HANDY CHECKLIST OF SCOTT CATALOGUE PREFIXES

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[*Ed. note: Chan Wright (1920–2002), of Eugene, Oregon, was also the major compiler of Linn’s Stamp Identifier, an original project of the Greater Eugene Stamp Society. The original of this article was published in The Federated Philatelist, Number 156, April 1998, the journal of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. Because most of our readers use this catalogue, I thought this listing would be a useful reference. I have revised and updated it to include additional entries (including the “R” series). Since Wright assembled this list, Scott has added many new prefixes and has expanded the listing in the catalogue Introduction section. This list does not include all the many suffix letters that also exist.*]

The *Scott Catalogues* list stamps and related items under each country by functional classes. In the Introduction to the 1998 Vol. 1, Scott lists 39 classes in addition to the “Regular” issues, and assigns a prefix for each. That is a lot of classes, right? Yes, but these are only the classes used by more than one country.

Over the past several years I have developed the following listing, which undoubtedly is incomplete. (Please note that Scott also uses letter prefixes followed by numbers to identify its stamp illustrations, and these prefixes may, or may not, agree with those used for the class of stamps.) I wonder whether Scott has a complete list. Note that the only “R” series included is the “RA” Postal Tax Series. There are about 30 other prefixes in the “R” Revenue Series.

A small, but interesting, collection could be made by trying to get at least one stamp in each of these classes.

—	Regular Issues	H	Acknowledgment of Receipt
AR	Postal Fiscal	I	Late Fee
B	Semi-Postal	IRC	International Reply Coupon
BK	Booklet Regular	J	Postage Due
BKC	Booklet Airmail	JQ	Postage Due, Parcel Post
C	Air Post	JX	Porte De Mar
CB	Air Post Semi-Postal	K, #K	Offices Abroad
CBO	Air Post Semi-Postal Official	KB	Offices Abroad Semi-Postal
CE	Air Post Special Delivery	L, #L	Local or Subsidiary Issues
CF	Air Post Registration	#LB	Local or Subsidiary, Semi-Postal (US: Semi Officials)
CL	Air Post Semi-Official	#LC	Local or Subsidiary, Air Post
CLEU	SCADTA Stamps	#LE	Local or Subsidiary, Special Delivery
CM	Air Post Military	LF	Local or Subsidiary, Registration
CO	Air Post Official	LH	Local or Subsidiary, Ack of Receipt
CQ	Air Post Parcel Post	LJ	Local or Subsidiary, Postage Due
CP, #CP	Commemorative Panel	LO	Local or Subsidiary, Official (US: Carrier Stamps)
CVP, #CVP	Computer Vended	LOX	Post Office Seals, Typeset
CVPT	Machine Set-up and Test Labels	#LP	Local or Subsidiary, Newspaper
#CVT	Computer Vended, Test	#LU	Local or Subsidiary, Envelope
CVUX	Computer Vended, Postal Card	M	Military, Regular
D	Pneumatic Post	MC	Military, Air Post
E	Special Delivery	MQ	Military, Parcel Post
EB	Special Delivery Semi-Postal	MR	War Tax
EO	Special Delivery Official	N, #N	Occupation, Regular
EP	Encased Postage	NB, #NB	Occupation, Semi-Postal
ER	Delivery Tax	NC	Occupation, Air Post
EX	Personal Delivery	NCE	Occupation, Air Post Special Delivery
EY	Authorized Delivery	NE	Occupation, Special Delivery
F	Registration	NJ	Occupation, Postage Due
FA	Certified Mail	NO, #NO	Occupation, Official
FX	Registry Exchange Labels	NP	Occupation, Newspaper
G	Insured Letter		
GY	Marine Insurance		

NRA	Occupation, Postal Tax	RM	Revenue, Embossed Paper
NSC	Numismatic Souvenir Cards	RN	Revenue, Stamped Paper
NU	Occupation, Envelopes	RO	Revenue, Proprietary Match
NUX	Occupation, Postal Cards	RS	Revenue, Proprietary Medicine
NUZ	Occupation, Postal Cards, Official	RT	Revenue, Proprietary Perfumery
O, #O	Official	RU	Revenue, Proprietary Playing Cards
OX	Post Office Seals	RV	Revenue, Motor Vehicle
OXA	Post Office Seals, Dead Letter Office	RVB	Revenue, Boating
OXB	Post Office Seals, Dead Letter Office Return	RVC	Revenue, Camp
OXF	Post Office Seals, Registry	RVP	Revenue, Park Pass
OXSP	Post Office Seals, Sea Post	RVT	Revenue, Trailer
OY	Life Insurance	RW	Revenue, Hunting Permit
P	Newspaper	RX	Revenue, Distilled Spirits
#P	Die and Plate Proofs	RY	Revenue, Firearms Transfer
PC	Postage Currency	RZ	Revenue, Rectification
PN	Postal Note	S	Franchise (US: Post Office Savings Stamps)
PR	Newspaper and Periodical	#S	Specimen Stamps
PS	Postal Savings Stamps	SC	Souvenir Cards
Q	Parcel Post	SP	Souvenir Pages
QE	Special Handling	T	Telegraph Stamps
QI	Special Insurance Labels	#TC	Trial Color Proof
QRA	Parcel Post, Postal Tax	TS	Treasury Savings Stamps
QY	Parcel Post, Authorized Delivery	U	Stamped Envelopes & Letter Sheets
R	Revenue, Documentary and General	UC	Stamped Envelopes & Letter Sheets, Air
RA	Postal Tax, Regular Issues	UCM	Stamped Envelopes, Military Air Post
RAB	Postal Tax, Semi-Postal	UO	Stamped Envelopes, Official
RAC	Postal Tax, Airmail	UX	Postal Cards
RAJ	Postal Tax, Postage Due	UXC	Postal Cards, Air
RB	Revenue, Proprietary	UY	Postal Cards, Paid Reply
RC	Revenue, Future Delivery	UZ	Postal Cards, Official
RD	Revenue, Stock Transfer	#V	Imperforate Coils
RE	Revenue, Cordials and Wines	W	Stamped Wrappers
REA	Revenue, Beer	WO	Stamped Wrappers, Official
REF	Revenue, Fermented Fruit Juice	WS	War Savings Stamps
RF	Revenue, Playing Cards	WV	Sanitary Fair Stamps
RG	Revenue, Silver	WX	Christmas Seals
RH	Revenue, Cigarette Tubes	X, #X	Provisional Stamps
RI	Revenue, Potato Tax	#XU	Provisional Stamped Envelopes
RJ	Revenue, Tobacco Tax	Y	Revolutionary Issue
RJA	Revenue, Narcotic Tax	YF	Revolutionary Issue, Registration
RJM	Revenue, Marihuana Tax	YP	Revolutionary Issue, Newspaper
RK	Revenue, Consular Service Fee	Z	Prefecture Stamps (Japan)
RL	Revenue, Customs Fee		