

150 YEARS OF HUNGARIAN STAMP PRODUCTION

standard edition, special editions and stamp set



Magyar Posta is commemorating 150 years of stamp production in Hungary by issuing a special souvenir sheet. The souvenir sheet, its special editions and the stamp set were produced based on the designs of the graphic artist Attila André Elekes. The sheets were printed by ANY Security Printing Company. The new issue will be available at first day post offices and Filaposta in Hungary from 28 May 2021, but may also be ordered from Magyar Posta's online store.

The first stamps made in Hungary were released in 1871. These were versions of the first editions of the Hungarian postal administration, which had become independent from the joint service with Austria in 1867. Because the copperplate presses ordered from Würzburg did not arrive on schedule, lithographic printing had to be used temporarily. However, transferring the design to stone was poorly executed, thus the sovereign's face on the first stamps was blotchy. These stamps with blotchy images of Franz Joseph came to be known as "Spotty Joes" in philatelic history and are among the most highly prized Hungarian stamp rarities. On 1 May 1871, six types of flawless lithographic stamps were marketed, and then from mid-June identical copperplate versions of them were gradually released.

Both the 15 krajcár lithographic and copperplate stamps appear on the souvenir sheet, the former in the stamp design on the left and the latter on the right. The frame shows a montage of details of the denominations of both series. The first single-image copperplate appears on the first day cover and the number 150, a reference to the jubilee, can be seen in the special postmark.

Order code:

2021210030011 (standard souvenir sheet)
2021210060012 (FDC)
2021211030011 (spec. perf. sheet)
2021212030013 (imperforated sheet)
2021213030011 (set)

Issued on: 28 May 2021

Face value: HUF 1,900 (*Supplementary denomination on the date of issue*) / The selling price of the stamp set is HUF 20,000.

Printing technique: 4-colour offset

Number of copies: 50,000 standard souvenir sheets, 5,000 red- and 5,000 green-numbered souvenir sheets, of which the serial numbers from 1 to 1,000 are included in the set. 1,000 copies of the black print were produced. This is only available as part of the set.

Imperforated size of souvenir sheet:

100 x 70 mm

Perforated size of the stamp within the sheet: 31.5 x 40 mm

Paper type: White, wood-free, surface-treated, gummed stamp paper with optical whitener

Printed by ANY Biztonsági Nyomda Nyrt. (souvenir sheets, black print); Pátria Nyomda Zrt. (folder), Postal printworks (Certificate)

Designed by Attila André Elekes

Source: Stamp Museum