

Instructions for Using the DDR 5-Year-Plan Issues Identification Charts

A total of (18) different stamp designs were used to create the (61) standard *Scott & Michel* catalogue numbers associated with the various 5-Year-Plan stamp issues, resulting in common stamp designs appearing on more than one stamp value.

Two charts are provided here to satisfy two levels of collecting needs:

- **General DDR 5-Year-Plan Issues Identification Chart** (General Chart), for use by general collectors wishing only to identify or verify stamp issues without regard for color, paper type or watermark varieties.
- **Advanced DDR 5-Year-Plan Issues Identification Chart** (Advanced Chart), which expands the General Chart to include all the *Michel* color, paper type and watermark varieties identified for each 5-Year-Plan stamp issued, for use by specialized collectors.

Plate flaws are not addressed in either chart.

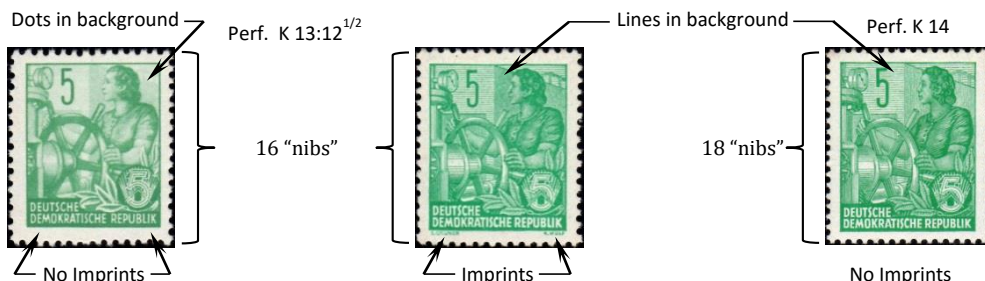
The organization of the charts provides any easy method for identifying any of the 5-Year-Plan stamp issues. The emphasis of the charts stresses the visual common and uncommon traits of any stamp within a given stamp value group. Thus identification of any stamp can be performed by a simple process of elimination by the traits present on the stamp in question. This process allows the user to check only the characteristics necessary to identify the stamp in question. The chart information has been taken directly from the *Scott* and *Michel* catalogue listings for each stamp issue and has been organized by column features for easy review.

A *Scott / Michel* cross-reference list is provided on the charts for both catalogue numbers and watermarks. The charts are set up to be used starting from the left column (Stamp Value) and working across in order through the right columns only until the stamp in question is identified: (Refer to the "Using the General Chart" Heading.)

(Stamp Value) → (Stamp Description) → (Imprint) → (Dots vs Lines in Background) → (Perforation) → (Watermark) → (Catalogue Number)

Chart Column Definitions: (Refer to stamp pictures below for details.)

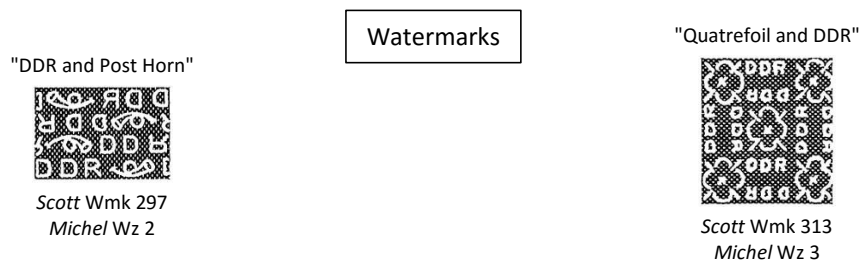
- **Stamp Value.** The (pfennig) value appearing on the stamp to be identified.
- **Stamp Description.** Describes the design subject(s) of the stamp value by catalogue number. The common design types are grouped together with design color differences in parentheses () for easy identification.
- **Imprint.** Stamp designer and engraver names appearing respectively on the left and right sides just below the bottom horizontal edge of the stamp design.
- **Dots vs Lines in Background.** Only the first 5-Year-Plan issue set utilized a screen printing process where the backgrounds appeared as patterns of dots, providing subtle shade pattern differences to define the design. All the remaining issues were typographed, where the background contrasts were created by lines of different thicknesses cut into the printing plates.
- **Perforation type.** All of the 5-Year-Plan issues utilized a "step and repeat" comb perforation process (K), which provided a consistent perforation hole and "nib" count on all stamps of the same perforation. This information can be useful when viewing a picture on the internet that is not actual size, or, if you are looking at an actual stamp at home and do not have a perforation gage handy. All of these stamps were perforated either K 13:12^{1/2} (16 vert. "nibs") or K 14 (18 vert. "nibs").



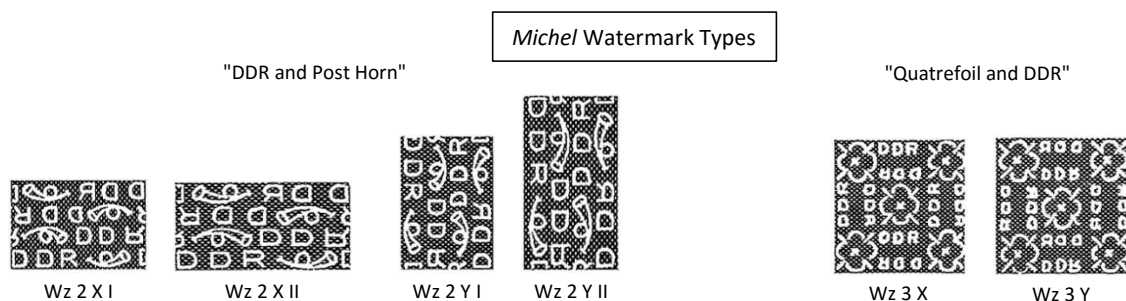
- **Watermarks.** All of the 5-Year-Plan stamp issues were printed on watermarked paper containing the "DDR and Post Horn" or the "Quatrefoil and DDR" watermark in different types and/or orientations. Both *Scott* and *Michel* watermark information is provided on the charts for each catalogue number to aid the user in identifying stamps under either stamp

catalogue system. Note that the *Scott* catalogue lists only the single generic watermark in each case, as shown below. This generic information is sufficient to identify the stamps in the General Chart and is included at the end of that chart for quick reference.

Generic Watermarks for use with the General Chart:



The *Michel* catalogue expands the watermark definition to include the two types (I, II) of the "DDR and Post Horn" watermark in both horizontal and vertical orientations and both the horizontal and vertically "flipped" orientations of the "Quatrefoil and DDR" watermark, as shown below. These watermark varieties can be found within the various 5-Year-Plan stamp issues and, in most cases, are required to define the complete *Michel* catalogue number for the stamp identification in question. (See "Using the Advanced Chart" Heading and description on the Advanced Chart for definition.) Both sets of watermark illustrations appear at the end of the Advanced Chart for quick reference.



- **Stamp Catalogue Numbers.** The *Scott* / *Michel* catalogue numbers are provided on the charts to aid the user in identifying stamps under either stamp catalogue system. Each row defines the column features for the stamp catalogue number appearing at the end of the row.

5-Year-Plan Stamp Color Varieties. While there are some minor color variations for a given stamp value among the different printing series, only one stamp is called out in the *Michel* catalogue with a color variety within a given series: #411 x. The color varieties are included in the Advanced Chart (*Michel* #411 x a and #411 x b).

5-Year-Plan Stamp Paper Types. All 5-Year-Plan stamp issues were printed on "gestrichenes" paper, a paper applied with a "chalky" or shiny coating on the side of the sheet used for printing. Only two (2) stamps were also printed on "gewöhnliches" or ordinary paper (*Michel* #416 y and #417 y) and are listed as varieties in the Advanced Chart.

Note for used stamp collectors:

5-Year-Plan Stamps canceled for philatelic purposes (indicated by the symbol ☉ in the *Michel* catalogue). Besides the common cancel-to-order (CTO) stamp sheets produced by the DDR on these issues, used 5-Year-Plan stamp collectors should note that all the 1953 – 1955 5-Year-Plan stamp series (*Scott* #155-#171 / *Michel* #362-#379, *Scott* #187-#204 / *Michel* #405 x-#422 x and *Scott* #227-#230A / *Michel* #453-#458) were reprinted in 1957 (Neudrucke ND) with (25) 4-block printed cancels on un-gummed sheets (100 stamps/sheet). There are minor variations in design size and color from the original printings. Refer to the *Michel* catalogue after each series' listing for identification details.

Using the General Chart

Chart Layout.

- The chart columns contain the stamp features required to identify the stamp and are organized in order of easiest to hardest visual identification on a stamp, with watermark identification at the end, as most casual collectors would prefer not doing this check unless absolutely necessary!
- The chart rows are grouped by stamp value so that all the different printings for a given stamp value can be found in one location – no more searching the catalogues trying to identify all the stamps of a given value that were printed!

- The column features supplied for each row of the chart represent the characteristics of the stamp catalogue number identified in the last column for each row, as taken directly from the *Scott* and *Michel* stamp catalogues.

Chart Objective.

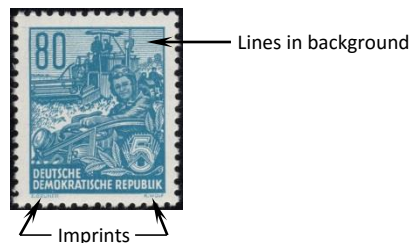
- In looking at the chart, one's first thought is that the stamp to be identified must be checked for all (6) column features to verify the catalogue number in the last column. But, there is a much simpler approach that requires the minimum number of stamp checks to identify the correct catalogue number for the stamp. Through the use of the chart information, many unnecessary stamp checks can be avoided, and most stamps can be identified quickly and easily.
- We simply take the converse approach to identification: rather than verifying all the entry characteristics that the stamp in question is, we eliminate chart rows (catalogue numbers) that the stamp in question is not, until the possibilities are reduced to (2) choices. At that point, it takes only one additional check to determine the catalogue number for the stamp. Remember, if one single feature check on the stamp in question does not match the feature entry in any row of the chart value group, that row (and catalogue number defined by that row) is eliminated from being that stamp.
- There are only (3) simple rules to apply in using this approach:

Rule 1. The stamp to be identified should never be checked for column features when all the column entries for the rows under consideration are the same – the chart already defines that feature as being present on all catalogue number possibilities. Simply skip that column and move to the next column.

Rule 2. Eliminating rows from contention. Rows can be eliminated only when column features contain different entries for the rows under consideration. To the extent possible, common column entries are grouped together to aid in identifying row matches and mismatches to a stamp column feature check. Any column mismatches eliminate the row from contention.

Rule 3. When the stamp value group has been reduced to only (2) possibilities, the stamp can be checked for any column feature with different entries for the two possibilities to determine the stamp catalogue number. Whichever row entry matches the stamp feature check is the stamp, because the row entry that does not match the stamp is eliminated.

Example 1. A simple (2) choice Identification.



- Step 1. **Check the stamp for stamp value.** → Result: The stamp value is **80 pf**.
Locate the 80 pf value Group on the chart. Note from the chart that only (2) different 80 pf stamps were issued.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz	Scott	Michel Standard
80 pf	Agricultural Workers		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	170	378
	Agricultural Workers	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	203	421 x

- Step 2. Apply **Rule 3** and identify all columns which contain different entries for the (2) rows.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz	Scott	Michel Standard
80 pf	Agricultural Workers		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	170	378
	Agricultural Workers	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	203	421 x

Step 3. **Check the stamp for whichever column feature you prefer.** By default, I will check the first column on the left, “**Imprint Present**”. → Result: **The imprints are present on the stamp.** → The top row feature (no imprint) does not match the stamp check and is therefore eliminated as a possibility. The bottom row feature has an imprint (x), and matches the stamp. The stamp is therefore defined by the bottom row, which is: *Scott #203 / Michel #421 x*.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz	Scott	Michel Standard
80 pf	Agricultural Workers		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	170	378
	Agricultural Workers	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	203	421 x

Example 2. Using the Chart for Row Elimination



Lines in background

Step 1. **Check the stamp for stamp value.** → The stamp value is **5 pf**.
Locate the 5 pf stamp value Group on the chart. Note from the chart that (4) different 5 pf stamps were issued.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz	Scott	Michel Standard
5 pf	Woman Mariner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	156	363
	Woman Mariner		Lines in background	14	313	3	476	577 B
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	188	406 x
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	330	577 A

Step 2. Go to the 2nd column “Stamp Design Description” and review column entries for the (4) stamp possibilities. Since all (4) column entries are the same (“Woman Mariner”), **Rule 1** applies: → Skip this column and go to the next column: “Imprint Present”.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz	Scott	Michel Standard
5 pf	Woman Mariner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	156	363
	Woman Mariner		Lines in background	14	313	3	476	577 B
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	188	406 x
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	330	577 A

Step 3. Review chart entries for the “Imprint Present” column: → The top (2) entries do not have imprints present and the bottom (2) entries do. → **Rule 2** criterion (different entries within a feature column) is met for row elimination:
Check the stamp for Imprint Present. → Result: **The imprints are present on the stamp.** The top (2) entries do not match the stamp check; therefore, they are eliminated at this step. The number of possibilities is now reduced to the (2) bottom rows. → **Rule 3** now applies.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz	Scott	Michel Standard
5 pf	Woman Mariner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	156	363
	Woman Mariner		Lines in background	14	313	3	476	577 B
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	188	406 x
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	330	577 A

Step 4. Apply **Rule 3**: Review the remaining column features for different entries in the (2) bottom rows: Result: The only remaining column feature with different entries is the Watermark column.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz	Scott	Michel Standard
5 pf	Woman Mariner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	156	363
	Woman Mariner		Lines in background	14	313	3	476	577 B
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	188	406 x
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	330	577 A

Step 5. **Check stamp for Watermark.** → Result: The stamp watermark is the “DDR and Post Horn” watermark – **Scott Wmk 297 / Michel Wz 2**. The bottom entry does not match the stamp check; therefore, the bottom row is eliminated. The top remaining row matches the stamp check: → the stamp catalogue number is **Scott #188 / Michel #406 x**.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz	Scott	Michel Standard
5 pf	Woman Mariner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	156	363
	Woman Mariner		Lines in background	14	313	3	476	577 B
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	188	406 x
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	330	577 A

Using the Advanced Chart

The Advanced Chart is set up to follow the same rules as described for using the General Chart above. As stated in the introduction, it is assumed that the user of the Advanced Chart is a philatelist who specializes in all the *Michel* listed varieties of the 5-Year-Plan issues. The (61) standard listings in the General Chart are now expanded in the Advanced Chart to include all (132) *Michel* listed catalogue numbers for color, paper type and watermark varieties. To accommodate this expansion, while keeping the chart at a manageable size for the review and row elimination processes, the watermark variety and catalogue number presentations have been compressed, as described below.

Advanced Chart for 5 pf example above without Watermark / Catalogue Number Compression: (1) row for each watermark type / catalogue number would be:

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz	Scott	Michel Standard
5 pf	Woman Mariner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 XI	156	363 XI
	Woman Mariner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 XII	156	363 XII
	Woman Mariner		Lines in background	14	313	3 X	476	577 B
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 XI	188	406 x XI
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 XII	188	406 x XII
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 YI	188	406 x YI
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 X	330	577 A

- Note that (3) extra rows would be required just to handle the watermark varieties and that reviewing the chart entries and eliminating rows would be more cumbersome.
- Now note the relationship between the watermark orientation (X, Y) + watermark type (I, II) and the final *Michel* catalogue number (highlighted in red in the same chart below):

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz	Scott	Michel Standard
5 pf	Woman Mariner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 XI	156	363 XI
	Woman Mariner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 XII	156	363 XII
	Woman Mariner		Lines in background	14	313	3 X	476	577 B
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 XI	188	406 x XI
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 XII	188	406 x XII
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 YI	188	406 x YI
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 X	330	577 A

- It should be very clear that *Michel* includes the watermark orientation and type in their catalogue numbers when there are (2) or more watermark varieties for the stamp. This fact allows us to reduce the watermark and catalogue number rows back to the General Chart size, as follows:
 - Express watermark orientations and types that affect the *Michel* catalogue number as a superscript beside the watermark number: Wz 2 XI, 2 XII, 2 YI become Wz 2^{XI, XII, YI}.
 - When the catalogue number is effected by the watermark, the possible additions to the Standard *Michel* catalogue number are displayed in the “+ Wz *type*” column.
 - When the stamp is checked for its watermark characteristics, and it appears in the “+ Wz *type*” column, it must be included in that stamp’s final catalogue number.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz (+ <i>Type</i>)	Scott Standard	Michel + Wz <i>Type</i>
5 pf	Woman Mariner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	156	363 XI, XII
	Woman Mariner		Lines in background	14	313	3 X	476	577 B
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	188	406 x XI, XII, YI
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 X	330	577 A

Example 1. Using the Advanced Chart.



Step 1. Check the stamp for stamp value. → The stamp value is 1 pf.

Locate the 1 pf value Group on the Advanced Chart. Note from the chart that only (2) different 1 pf stamps were issued.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz (+ <i>Type</i>)	Scott Standard	Michel + Wz <i>Type</i>
1 pf	Coal Miner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	155	362 XI, XII
	Coal Miner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	187	405 x XI, XII, YI

Step 2. All of the same General Chart rules apply in identifying the stamp through the Standard Catalogue Number column.

As this example is a simple (2) choice identification, **Rule 3** applies.

Identify Feature Columns with different entries for the (2) rows involved.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number		
					Scott	Michel	Scott	Michel	
					Wmk	Wz (+ Type)		Standard	+ Wz Type
1 pf	Coal Miner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	155	362	XI, XII
	Coal Miner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	187	405 x	XI, XII, YI

Step 3. **Check the stamp for whichever column feature you prefer.** By default, I will check the first column on the left, “**Imprint Present**”. → Result: **The imprints are present on the stamp.** → The top row feature (no imprint) does not match the stamp check and is therefore eliminated as a possibility. The bottom row feature has an imprint (x), and matches the stamp. The stamp is therefore defined by the bottom row, for which the *Scott* catalogue number is *Scott* #187 and the Standard *Michel* catalogue number is *Michel* #405 x.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number		
					Scott	Michel	Scott	Michel	
					Wmk	Wz (+ Type)		Standard	+ Wz Type
1 pf	Coal Miner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	155	362	XI, XII
	Coal Miner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	187	405 x	XI, XII, YI

Step 4. Note that from the chart you know the watermark is *Michel* Wz 2.

Check the stamp for Michel Watermark 2 Type. → The stamp watermark is in horizontal orientation (X) and is the “stretched” version (Type II) → XII.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number		
					Scott	Michel	Scott	Michel	
					Wmk	Wz (+ Type)		Standard	+ Wz Type
1 pf	Coal Miner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	155	362	XI, XII
	Coal Miner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	187	405 x	XI, XII, YI

Step 5. **Identify the complete Michel catalogue number** for *Michel* Standard catalogue number #405 x with the Wz 2 XII watermark variety. → Result: The *Michel* catalogue number is: #405 x + XII → **#405 x XII.**

The Advanced Chart utilizes this compression feature and is shown below for the 1 pf stamp example above. Note that the *Michel* catalogue number instructions are also included in the chart for quick review.

Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number		
					Scott	Michel	Scott	Michel	
					Wmk	Wz (+ Type)		Standard	+ Wz Type
<p>Depiction of <i>Michel</i> Watermark (Wz) Type in "<i>Michel</i> Watermark" and "<i>Michel</i> Catalogue Number" Columns: <i>Michel</i> Wz Type is expressed as a superscript, i.e., Wz 2 XI, 2 XII, 2 YI are expressed as Wz 2 ^{XI, XII, YI} <u>only</u> when the watermark type effects the final <i>Michel</i> catalogue number. Example: A 1 pf stamp from the chart is determined to be the standard <i>Michel</i> catalogue number <i>MI</i> #405 x, and the watermark is checked to be Wz 2 XII. The watermark type from Wz 2 ^{XII} is then added to the standard catalogue number to obtain the final <i>Michel</i> catalogue number for that watermark variety: #405 x + XII ==> #405 x XII.</p>									
1 pf	Coal Miner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	155	362	XI, XII
	Coal Miner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	187	405 x	XI, XII , YI

General DDR 5-Year-Plan Stamp Issues Identification Chart

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Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz	Scott	Michel Standard
1 pf	Coal Miner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	155	362
	Coal Miner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	187	405 x
5 pf	Woman Mariner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	156	363
	Woman Mariner		Lines in background	14	313	3	476	577 B
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	188	406 x
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	330	577 A
6 pf	German & Soviet Workers		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	157	364
	German & Soviet Workers		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	189	407 x
8 pf	Mother teaching Marxist principles		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	158	365
	Mother teaching Marxist principles	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	190	408 x
10 pf	Machinists (blue-green)		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	159	366
	Machinists (blue-green)		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	477	704 A
	Machinists (blue-green)		Lines in background	14	313	3	477a	704 B
	Machinists (blue-green)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	191	409 x
	Worker, Peasant & Intellectual (blue)		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	227	453
	Worker, Peasant & Intellectual (blue)		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	331b	578 A
	Worker, Peasant & Intellectual (blue)		Lines in background	14	313	3	331	578 B
12 pf	Worker, Peasant and Intellectual		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	160	367
	Worker, Peasant and Intellectual		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	192	410 x
15 pf	Teletype Operator		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	161	368
	Teletype Operator	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	193	411 x
	Steel Worker		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	227B	454
	Steel Worker		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	332a	579 A
	Steel Worker		Lines in background	14	313	3	332	579 B
16 pf	Steel Worker		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	162	369
	Steel Worker		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	194	412 x
20 pf	Bad Elster (olive)		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	163	370
	Bad Elster (olive)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	195	413 x
	Stalin Blvd. (carmine)		Lines in background	14	313	3	478	580 B
	Stalin Blvd. (carmine) + Debria label		Lines in background	14	313	3	478a	580 B Zf
	Stalin Blvd. (carmine)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	228	455
	Stalin Blvd. (carmine)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	333	580 A
24 pf	Stalin Blvd. (carmine)		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	163A	371
	Stalin Blvd. (carmine)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	196	414 x
25 pf	Locomotive Building		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	164	372
	Locomotive Building	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	197	415 x
	Locomotive Building	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	334	581 A

General DDR 5-Year-Plan Stamp Issues Identification Chart

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Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number	
					Scott Wmk	Michel Wz	Scott	Michel Standard
30 pf	Dancing Couple		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	165	373
	Dancing Couple		Lines in background	14	313	3	479	582 B
	Dancing Couple	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	198	416 x
	Dancing Couple	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	335	582 A
35 pf	Sports Hall, Berlin		Blue sky in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	166	374
	Sports Hall, Berlin		White sky in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	199	417 x
40 pf	Laboratory Worker (rose red)		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	167	375
	Laboratory Worker (rose red)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	200	418 x
	Zwinger Castle (rose violet)		Lines in background	14	313	3	480	583 B
	Zwinger Castle (rose violet)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	229	456
	Zwinger Castle (rose violet)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	336	583 A
48 pf	Zwinger Castle		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	168	376
	Zwinger Castle	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	201	419 x
50 pf	Launching Ship		Lines in background	14	313	3	481	584 B
	Launching Ship	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	230	457
	Launching Ship	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	337	584 A
60 pf	Launching Ship		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	169	377
	Launching Ship	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	202	420 x
70 pf	Dove & Family		Lines in background	14	313	3	482	585 B
	Dove & Family	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	230A	458
	Dove & Family	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3	338	585 A
80 pf	Agricultural Workers		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	170	378
	Agricultural Workers	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	203	421 x
84 pf	Dove & Family		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	171	379
	Dove & Family	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2	204	422 x

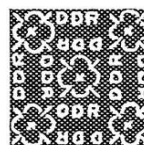
Watermarks

DDR and Post Horn
Watermark



Scott Wmk 297
Michel Wz 2

Quatrefoil and DDR
Watermark



Scott Wmk 313
Michel Wz 3

Advanced DDR 5-Year-Plan Stamp Issues Identification Chart

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Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number		
					Scott	Michel	Scott	Michel	
					Wmk	Wz (+ Type)		Standard	+ Wz Type
Depiction of <i>Michel</i> Watermark (Wz) Type in " <i>Michel</i> Watermark" and " <i>Michel</i> Catalogue Number" Columns: <i>Michel</i> Wz Type is expressed as a superscript , i.e., Wz 2 XI , 2 XII , 2 YI are expressed as Wz 2 ^{XI, XII, YI} <u>only</u> when the watermark type effects the final <i>Michel</i> catalogue number. Example: A 1 pf stamp from the chart is determined to be the standard <i>Michel</i> catalogue number <i>MI</i> #405 x, and the watermark is checked to be Wz 2 XII. The watermark type from Wz 2 ^{XII} is then added to the standard catalogue number to obtain the final <i>Michel</i> catalogue number for that watermark variety: #405 x + XII ==> #405 x XII.									
1 pf	Coal Miner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	155	362	XI, XII
	Coal Miner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	187	405 x	XI, XII, YI
5 pf	Woman Mariner		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	156	363	XI, XII
	Woman Mariner		Lines in background	14	313	3 X	476	577 B	
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	188	406 x	XI, XII, YI
	Woman Mariner	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 X	330	577 A	
6 pf	German & Soviet Workers		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	157	364	XI, XII
	German & Soviet Workers		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	189	407 x	XI, XII, YI
8 pf	Mother teaching Marxist principles		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	158	365	XI, XII
	Mother teaching Marxist principles	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	190	408 x	XI, XII
10 pf	Machinists (blue-green)		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	159	366	XI, XII
	Machinists (blue-green)		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 ^{X, Y}	477	704 A	X, Y
	Machinists (blue-green)		Lines in background	14	313	3 ^X	477a	704 B	X
	Machinists (blue-green)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	191	409 x	XI, XII, YI
	Worker, Peasant & Intellectual (blue)		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	227	453	XI, XII, YI
	Worker, Peasant & Intellectual (blue)		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 X	331b	578 A	
	Worker, Peasant & Intellectual (blue)		Lines in background	14	313	3 X	331	578 B	
12 pf	Worker, Peasant and Intellectual		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI, YII}	160	367	XI, XII, YI, YII
	Worker, Peasant and Intellectual		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	192	410 x	XI, XII, YI
15 pf	Teletype Operator ((bluish) violet)		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	161	368	XI, XII
	Teletype Operator [pale purpleviolet]	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	193	411 x a	XI, XII, YI
	Teletype Operator [(dark) violet]	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}		411 x b	XI, XII
	Steel Worker		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	227B	454	XI, XII
	Steel Worker		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 X	332a	579 A	
	Steel Worker		Lines in background	14	313	3 X	332	579 B	
16 pf	Steel Worker		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	162	369	XI, XII
	Steel Worker		Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	194	412 x	XI, XII, YI
20 pf	Bad Elster (olive)		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	163	370	XI, XII
	Bad Elster (olive)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	195	413 x	XI, XII, YI
	Stalin Blvd. (carmine)		Lines in background	14	313	3 X	478	580 B	
	Stalin Blvd. (carmine) + Debria label		Lines in background	14	313	3 X	478a	580 B Zf	
	Stalin Blvd. (carmine)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	228	455	XI, XII, YI
	Stalin Blvd. (carmine)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 X	333	580 A	
24 pf	Stalin Blvd. (carmine)		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	163A	371	XI, XII
	Stalin Blvd. (carmine)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	196	414 x	XI, XII, YI
25 pf	Locomotive Building		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	164	372	XI, XII
	Locomotive Building	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI, YII}	197	415 x	XI, XII, YI, YII
	Locomotive Building	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 X	334	581 A	

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Stamp Value	Stamp Design Description	Imprint Present x = Yes	Printing Type: Lithograph (dots) / Typograph (lines)	Perf.	Watermark		Catalogue Number		
					Scott	Michel	Scott	Michel	
					Wmk	Wz (+ Type)		Standard	+ Wz Type
30 pf	Dancing Couple		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	165	373	XI, XII
	Dancing Couple		Lines in background	14	313	3 X	479	582 B	
	Dancing Couple [chalky paper]	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	198	416 x	XI, XII, YI
	Dancing Couple [ordinary paper]	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}		416 y	XI, XII
	Dancing Couple	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 X	335	582 A	
35 pf	Sports Hall, Berlin		Blue sky in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	166	374	XI, XII
	Sports Hall, Berlin [chalky paper]		White sky in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	199	417 x	XI, XII, YI
	Sports Hall, Berlin [ordinary paper]		White sky in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}		417 y	XI, XII
40 pf	Laboratory Worker (rose red)		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	167	375	XI, XII
	Laboratory Worker (rose red)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI, YII}	200	418 x	XI, XII, YI, YII
	Zwinger Castle (rose violet)		Lines in background	14	313	3 X	480	583 B	
	Zwinger Castle (rose violet)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	229	456	XI, XII
	Zwinger Castle (rose violet)	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 X	336	583 A	
48 pf	Zwinger Castle		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	168	376	XI, XII
	Zwinger Castle	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	201	419 x	XI, XII
50 pf	Launching Ship		Lines in background	14	313	3 X	481	584 B	
	Launching Ship	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	230	457	XI, XII, YI
	Launching Ship	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 X	337	584 A	
60 pf	Launching Ship		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	169	377	XI, XII
	Launching Ship	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	202	420 x	XI, XII
70 pf	Dove & Family		Lines in background	14	313	3X	482	585 B	
	Dove & Family	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	230A	458	XI, XII
	Dove & Family	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	313	3 X	338	585 A	
80 pf	Agricultural Workers		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	170	378	XI, XII
	Agricultural Workers	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII, YI}	203	421 x	XI, XII, YI
84 pf	Dove & Family		Dots in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	171	379	XI, XII
	Dove & Family	x	Lines in background	13x12 ^{1/2}	297	2 ^{XI, XII}	204	422 x	XI, XII

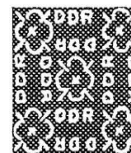
Watermarks

"DDR and Post Horn"



Scott Wmk 297
Michel Wz 2

"Quatrefoil and DDR"



Scott Wmk 313
Michel Wz 3

Michel Watermark Types

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Wz 2 X I



Wz 2 X II

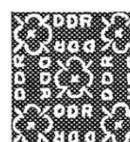


Wz 2 Y I

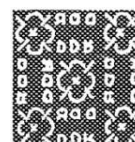


Wz 2 Y II

"Quatrefoil and DDR"



Wz 3 X



Wz 3 Y