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Date of Issue	5.11.93	12.2.94
Values	3c+1c, 10c+2c, 25c+3c	5c, 44c
Stamp Size	31mm x 44mm	31mm x 44mm
Designer	Harry Borg	Frank Ancilleri
Printers	Printex Limited	same
Process	Lithography	same
Perforation	14x13.9	14x13.9
Watermark	Maltese Crosses Upright	Maltese Crosses Upright
Paper	Chalk Surfaced	same
Gum	P.V.A.	same

Colours

Issues X and Y were printed in the four-colour process using the standard CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black) process colours for each value. The progressive sheets of each value, in issues X and Y were printed in the following order: Black, Cyan, Magenta and Yellow.

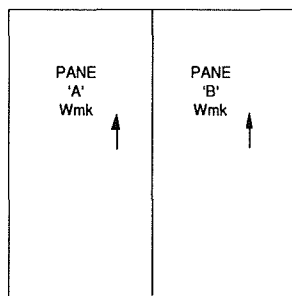
Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter are seen in the right hand margin, next to the last stamp of the bottom row in all Panes of all values, in issues X and Y. The colours from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers, from left to right, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps are seen in top and bottom margins, printed in black, in all Panes, of all values, of issues X and Y.

Printed Sheets

The Printed Sheets of each value, in issues X and Y consisted of two Panes, A and B. Each Pane has fifty stamps made up of ten rows of five stamps. All values, in issues X and Y, are of the vertical format.

Perforation of Margins



The left hand margin of Panes A, of all values of issue X, and the 44c value of issue Y, is imperforate. The other three margins of Panes A and the four margins of Panes B are all perforated. In the case of the 5c value of issue Y, the right hand margin of Panes B is imperforate, whilst the other three margins of Pane B and the four margins of Panes A are all perforated. Other printing marks could have been seen at the top and bottom of the left hand margin of Panes A and at the top and bottom of the right hand margin of Panes B, in all values, of issues X and Y.

Plate/Pane Numbers

These are seen under the first stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values, of issues X and Y.

Issue X	3c+1c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4
	10c+2c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4
	25c+3c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4
Issue Y	5c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4
	44c	=	1Ax4, 1Bx4

From a study of details given, the Printed Sheets of all values, of issues X and Y, before cutting into Panes, would look as shown in the figure. Looking at the printed sheets as shown, stamps would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark in all values, of issues X and Y is upright. Perforator ran from left to right in all values of issue X and the 44c value of issue Y, but from right to left in the 5c value of issue Y.

Imprint Blocks

The Imprint "Printex Limited Malta" is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y. Letters are 1 mm high and printed in black. An imprint Block of four will also include the colour checks. Special hand postmarks, incorporating motifs, were used for cancellation on the first day of issue.

Issue X remained on sale up to March 10, 1994 and issue Y up to February 15, 1995, unless stocks were previously exhausted. Up to 12.45pm on the first day of issue, sales amounted to Lm21,600 (issue X) and Lm21,259 (Issue Y).