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Date of Issue	16th. September 1975.
Values	1c3, 3c, 5c, 25c.
Stamp Size	24.5mm x 56mm (All values)
Art Designer	Richard England.
Printers	Printex Ltd. Malta.
Process	Lithography.
Perforation	13.7 x 13.8 Comb.
Watermark	"Maltese Crosses" pointing sideways
Paper	Chalk surfaced.
Gum	P.V.A

Values/Colours/Designs

- 1c3 — Grey, orange, black; floor plan of the pre-historic remains of Ggantija.
3c — Purple, orange, black; the old citadel of Mdina.
5c — Grey, orange, black; typical Maltese (in fact Gozitan) landscape.
25c — Brown, orange, black; the silhouetted walls of Fort St. Angelo.

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

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps are seen in the top and bottom margins. The figures for these values are 2.5mm high, and printed in black.

The Printed Sheet of each value consists of two Panes. Each Pane has fifty stamps, made up of five rows of ten stamps.

Plate/Pane numbers: These are seen under the first stamp of the bottom row. The colours are in the same order from left to right as the colour checks from top to bottom, in all four Panes.

1c3, 5c = IA x 2, IB x 2; 3c, 25c = IA x 3, IB x 3.

Perforation of Margins: The left hand, right hand and bottom margins, of all Panes, of all values are fully perforated. The top margins, of Panes "B" of all values, are fully perforated. The top margins, of Panes "A", of all values, are imperforated.

Registration marks in the form of a small square 4.5mm side, subdivided into four other small squares by means of two lines from the mid-points of each side of the 4.5mm square, or parts of these, can be seen on all Panes, of all values. In the top left and right hand margins of Panes "A" of all values can be seen whole squares of 4.5mm side, whilst in the bottom left and right hand margins, only small parts of this square can be seen. Again in the top left and right hand margins, of Panes "B" of all values, parts of this square can also be seen. In the bottom left and right hand margins of these Panes, no registration marks are seen. From a study of the perforations on all margins, Pane numbers, direction of watermark and the registration marks mentioned above, the Printed Sheet before cutting consisted of Pane "A" on top of Pane "B".

Imprint Blocks: "Printex Limited Malta" is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row. Letters are 1mm high and printed in black. A block of four will also include the colour checks.

A special handstamp was used for cancellation on the first day of issue and up to 12.30 p.m., sales amounted to £M65,367.