

EMBLEM OF MALTA — DEFINITIVE STAMP ISSUE

Date of Issue	28th. January 1976.
Values	£M2.
Stamp Size	35mm x 30mm.
Art Designer	Chev. Emvin Cremona.
Printers	Printext Limited Malta.
Process	Lithography.
Perforation	13.6 x 13.9 (Comb.).
Watermark	"Maltese Crosses" pointing sideways.
Paper	Chalk Surfaced.
Gum	P.V.A.

Colours: Black, Red, Yellow, Blue, Brown, Ochre, Green and Gold.

Design: The stamp features the "Emblem of Malta".

Colour checks in the form of discs 3mm in diameter are seen in the right hand margin, next to the last stamps of the two bottom rows. Cumulative totals of progressive columns are seen in the top and bottom margins. Figures for these are 2.5mm high and printed in black.

The Printed Sheet consist of only one Pane. The Pane has fifty stamps made up of ten row of five stamps.

Plate/Pane numbers: These are seen under the first and second stamps of the bottom row. The colours are in the same order from left to right as the colour checks from top to bottom.

£M2 = IA x 8.

Perforation of Margins: The top margin is imperforate, whilst the bottom, left and right hand margins are fully perforated. The left hand margin is wider than the right.

Imprint Blocks: "PRINTEX LIMITED MALTA" is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row. Letters are 1mm high and printed in black. An Imprint block of four will also include the colour checks.

A special handstamp was used on the first day of issue.

This stamp is replacing the £M2 stamp showing the "Coat of Arms" which was issued on 31st. March 1973 and withdrawn on 1st. January 1976.

Up to 4 p.m. on the first day of issue, sales amounted to £M151,830.