

Correogramas

Introduction

Correogramas are a very peculiar kind of postal stationery and to our knowledge known only from Mexico. When the Postal and Telegraph Services were merged as a single Government Department in 1933, a new service was introduced by Presidential Decree on Oct. 1, 1933: The Correograma or mail-o-gram. It was intended to substitute the local telegraph services. In 1935, the unsuccessful merger was dissolved. But the Correograma service continued under the Post Office Department.

From **Oct. 1, 1935 to May 31, 1956** the service was for local usage only in Mexico City and a few other larger cities. Starting **June 1, 1956**, the service was expanded from local to domestic and international use. The last Correogramas were issued in **1977**

They were to be given **preference in handling** over any other type of mail by the fastest possible means.

Unused Correogramas are –with the exception of some rare issues with very small printing runs- easy to find.

Used Correogramas especially of the **early issues** are **very rare**.

Literature: "Postal Stationery of Mexico", Publisher: The United Postal Stationery Society, Inc. (UPSS) 2017

Correogramas are folded Lettersheets with two gummed flaps and a lined interior. Until 1966 they had a window for the address. The special paper used for the window was somewhat transparent. It tends to get brownish with time. For some time two different watermarks were used.



Normal stamp



Essay

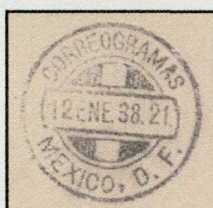
1948 issue. **Without** printer's name under stamp. Probably an **essay**.

Only known.

1933 issue with "Seal of Mexico"



The **first** issue has no **picture** on the back and no watermark. **Double lined** circle for the stamp



Backstamp (100%)

Correctly used within Mexico City. Sent 6 pm. Arrival cancel 9pm on back.

1935 issue with "Seal of Mexico"



With picture of the pyramids of San Juan de Teotihuacan on the back. No watermark. Single lined circle for the stamp.



Sent from branch post office 2, May 13, 1942 at 5pm. Received at the GPO at 6pm. Ready for delivery at 7pm.

1948 issue

Now with stamp imprint: "Monumento a Los Niños Heroes"



CORREOGRAMA now on the address side and no longer on the top flap.

The address had to be written on the inside of the lettersheet.

After folding it was visible through the window.



Used in 1950 to Mexico DF

Due to ageing of the transparency film the address is barely visible on the folded lettersheet.



Stamp engraved.

-7. AUG. 1952 on the lower item marks the date it was received by the UPU in Bern



Local use in 1951 Mexico DF

Because of the darkened transparency film the address has been written on the front of the sheet.

1950 issues

Stamp imprint: "Michoacán dancer" Small "30"



MERCANTIL BOND

Stamp engraved.

First issue with watermark MERCANTILE BOND horizontal White interrupted gum.



MERCANTIL BOND

1955 Local use in Mexico DF

With yellowish interrupted gum.



Stamp: Photogravure. With large halo around head and name in stamp.



Local use in 1961 Mexico DF. Stamp: light carmine. White paper
1962 international use from Acapulco to Hollywood. Brownish paper

1956 issue

Stamp imprint "Ponciano Arriaga"

"60" with flat top



A 100% increase in rate. Now 60 Centavos. Stamp engraved.

New watermark: "Fenix Bond"



Local use in 1957 Mexico DF

This issue is rarely seen used.

1963 1st & 2nd prov. issues

60 Cents Arriaga Die II. Photogravure. Head with small halo
and 40 Cents Tabasco Stone Head

First issue
40 C. stamp
engraved.
Printers
name
16.5mm.

Remite _____
Domicilio _____

REPUBLICA MEXICANA
CORREOGRAMA



Remite _____
Domicilio _____



Second issue
40 C. stamp
Photogravure.
Printers
name
14.5mm.

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CORREOGRAMA

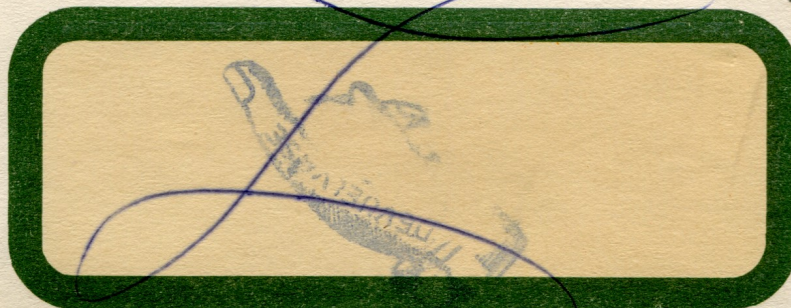


SERVICIO ESPECIAL

HG 10

A. S. I. A.
DE MEXICO, D. F.-A. C.
CERRO DE LAS TORRES 395
MEXICO 21, D. F.

Remite _____
Domicilio _____



SERVICIO ESPECIAL



1964 Sent from Mexico DF. (Front only) Used Correogramas of the provisional issues are very scarce.

1967 issue

1 Peso engraved "Convent and carved head at Hidalgo"

Printers name under stamp measures 16.5mm and starts directly under the stem of the "P" of Peso.



By airmail from Saltillo to Wetzlar, Germany.

Upated with 1 Peso for airmail

1968 issue

1 Peso engraved "Convent and carved head at Hidalgo"

Printers name now abbreviated T.I.E.V.



This issue has no watermark.

1975 & 1977 issues

3 Pesos Zapatos (shoes) of the EXPORTA series

Exists either **without** (1975) or with "Mercantile Bond CFP" watermark (1977).



The color of the **format** is **dull green** on the **1975** issue without watermark and **dull or dark green** on the watermarked **1977** issue



1975 issue used internationally **Merida**, Yucatan to **Brussels** Belgium

1964 issue

1 Peso lithographed Convent and carved head at Hidalgo

Printers name under stamp measures 14.5mm and starts to the right of the stem of the "P" of Peso.



In 1964 the new **olive green** stamp from the **Arqueologia** series was ready.

This is the **last issue with a window**.

Same paper and format as previous issues. Without watermark



September 1964 local use.