

# 5 Notes regarding the catalogue

## Structure of the catalogue

Nummer	Farbe	Zeitraum	Bemerkung	VP/oM	⊙ / Δ	P5
00	-	1809 - 1811	handschriftlich	30	-	-
01	r	1814 - 1838		25	-	-
02	r	1839 - 1840		25	-	-
02	s	1840 - 1852		25	100	15
02	b	1852 - 1858		25	-	15
03	s	1851 - 1852		80	125	-
03	b	1852 - 1866		15	25	-
04	b	1863 - 1866		-	-	30

Nummer	Farbe	Nachverwend.	Bemerkung	PR	NDP	DR
03	b	1866 - 1868		50	75	-
03	s	1867 - 1875		100	20	20
04	s	1887 - 1893	nur auf Postschein	-	-	20

Abb. 5-01: example of the postmark listings

“Nummer“ (= Catalogue No.):

- The Number “00“ ist reserved for handwritten markings (before introduction of postmarks).
- Each postmark device gets its own sequential number.
- Change of design of a postmark (e.g. disappearance of a frame) will be indicated by a suffix “i“. Exception: intentional changes (adaptions) – in these cases a new number is assigned.

Form of postmark:

- Under the the image and catalogue number the form is stated: e.g. L1 (single straight line), R2 (double-spaced rectangle), K1 (single-circle) etc.

Dimensions:

- All dimensions are stated in mm.
- Dimension of marks can vary by paper thickness, colouring, stamp-angle etc..
- Dimensions of rectangel marks are stated by width x height.
- Dimensions of circlular marks are stated by diameter of the circle (from outside to inside).
- For all other types of marks a virtual frame around the complete postmark (including

overlength) is the basis for the dimensions (width x height).

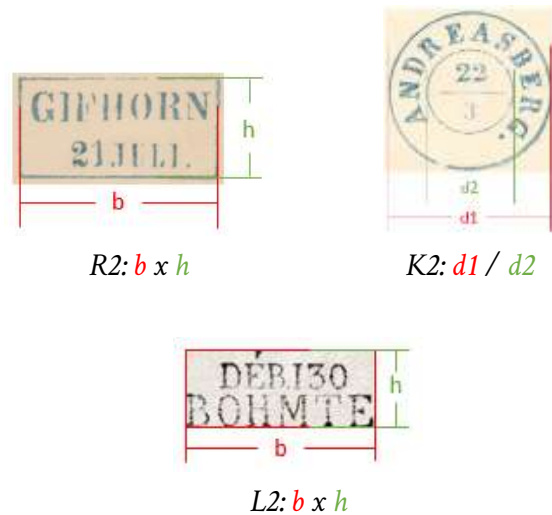


Abb. 5-02: Rules for dimensioning of postmarks

Colour:

- We list the colours b (blue), r (red), s (black) and v (purple) (for more details see chapter 4.4).
- For handwritten markings no colours are stated.

**Price columns:**

- VP/oM = Letter from the prephilatelic era (VP) or on stampless covers (oM) from times when stamps had already been issued (e.g. postage free letters or letters paid by the recipient).
- $\odot/\Delta$  = cancellation of a Hanoverian stamp or on fragment
- PS = usage on postal receipt
- PR = continuous use during era of Prussian post
- NDP = continuous use during era of Norddeutscher Postbezirk
- DR = continuous use during era of the German Empire after 1.1.1872

**Prices**

All prices are stated in €. Prices above 1.500 € will get a "LP" ("connoisseur's price").

**Price in column "VP/oM":**

- Prices are stated for complete and clear postmarks on a simple but complete cover.
- Datable covers with content: surcharge 50 %.

**Price in column " $\odot/\Delta$ ":**

- Prices are stated for (nearly) complete and fine postmarks on a single stamp or on fragment.
- The price is always in addition to the value of the stamps.
- on a postal stationery: no surcharge
- on a non datable cover: surcharge 50 %
- on a datable cover: surcharge 100 %

**Price in column "PS":**

- Prices are listed for complete and clear postmarks on postal receipts.

**Price in column "PR", "NDP" und "DR":**

- Prices are listed for (nearly) complete and clear postmarks on single stamps, fragments, postal stationery or stampless covers.
- non datable cover: surcharge 50 %
- datable cover: surcharge 100 %



Abb. 5-03: Examples of (nearly) complete postmarks, where the given prices are applicable



Abb. 5-04: Examples of incomplete postmarks → pricereduction to be applied accordingly

**Price-determination**

It is always delicate to determine a price. We tried to get a most „objective“ and realistic price. The price indicated is meant as a guideline. The price-relation between different postmarks is more important.

Generally speaking the price is the result of supply and demand.

The supply can be estimated by some figures:

- volume of postal services<sup>28</sup>
- operational lifetime of a postmark
- purpose of a postmark<sup>29</sup>
- sometimes special considerations like the existence of an archive etc.

<sup>28</sup> The volume of a postal service can e.g. be determined on the basis of the Statistic for the German Empire (1878) and some time-series analysis to classify the different post offices.

<sup>29</sup> A postage due marking is used less often than a normal postmark.

The demand is hard to estimate, since it depends on:

- collection trends
- popularity of a postmark type or form.
- popularity of the colour (e.g. red postmarks)
- “local“ (temporay) effects like the number of collectors of a specific location.

Prices realised at auctions etc. do not always help either, since the price is affected by special factors like a rare franking or the destination. In these cases it is quite difficult to extract the value of the mere postmark.

## Illustrations

The illustrations in the catalogue section are original copies and give an impression of shape, size and character. However, they cannot be used as a basis for authenticity checks. In individual cases, the illustrations have been processed, e.g. by removing ink lines.

## Postmark database

The basis for all catalogue entries in this handbook is the ARGE-internal database of postal locations and postmarks. In the future all additions and corrections will also be saved here - so that the database is always up to date.

Furthermore, the database contains additional information - among others:

- day-precise early and late dates for the use of a postmark
- references to the early and late dates (specific references to covers, auction lots or collections).
- additional illustrations of a postmark (various forms of wear, covers etc.)
- additional remarks on particularities, registered pieces etc.

The database is available to ARGE members on the website [www.arge-hannover.de](http://www.arge-hannover.de) under the menu item “Service → Datenbanken“.

Specific ARGE members can make amendments to the database.

## Additions and corrections

This manual has been compiled with great care. Nevertheless, it only represents our state of knowledge at the time of printing.

We would therefore be grateful for any corrections and additions to be included in the database and in a future edition.

In such a case please contact us by e-mail: [stempel@arge-hannover.de](mailto:stempel@arge-hannover.de)



Abb. 5-05: Extract of the database

## 6 Abbreviations in the catalogue section

### Catalogue number

- AUS = delivery mark
- BKS = mail box mark
- BP = travelling post office mark
- CHA = chargé (registration) mark
- DAT = date mark
- DE = disinfection mark
- EBS = railway station mark
- FP = military mail mark
- FRA = franco mark
- LBS = rural mail mark
- SST = silent mark
- TAX = tax mark
- PP = portpayé mark
- VE = pre-cancellation

### Form of postmarks

- E1 = single-line ellipse mark
- E2 = double-line ellipse mark
- K1 = single-circle mark
- K2 = double-circle mark
- K3 = triple-circle mark
- K7 = 7-circle mark
- L1 = single-line mark
- L2 = double-line mark
- L3 = triple-line mark
- R1 = single-line boxed mark
- R2 = double-line boxed mark
- R3 = triple-line boxed mark
- S2 = double-line segment mark
- WR1 = single-line wave-boxed mark
- WR2 = double-line wave-boxed mark
- ZR2 = double-line jags-boxed mark

### Colour of postmarks

- b = blue
- r = red
- s = black
- v = purple / violet

### Price columns

- VP/oM = pre-philately / without stamp
- ☉/Δ = on stamp or fragment
- PS = postal receipt
- PR = Prussia
- NDP = North German Union
- DR = German Empire

### Other abbreviations

- AKS = arrival postmark
- franz. = French
- Fstm. = principality
- hds. = handwritten
- Hztm. = duchy
- i.V.m. = in combination with
- JZ = year
- K/N = Knaur/Niebe (Lubeck-handbook)
- K/S = Knaur/Salm (Bremen Handbook)
- lt. = according to
- LP = connoisseur's price
- mm = millimeter
- Nachverwend. = continued usage
- StK = Staatskalender
- Stpl. = postmark
- TuT = Thurn and Taxis
- westph. = Westphalian

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### English-Version

Chapter 5 “Hinweise zum Katalogteil” (“Instructions for the use of the catalogue”) and chapter 6 “Abkürzung im Katalogteil” (“Abbreviations in the catalogue”) are also available in English. You may download the corresponding PDF at: [www.arge-hannover.clubdesk.de/service/links](http://www.arge-hannover.clubdesk.de/service/links)