

The Definitive Issue of 1920-21

Whilst the previous definitive issue was still valid a further 'Arms' set was designed by Professor Renner and printed by typography on thin white paper; all except the 7½Kr were also printed on thick grey paper. The set contained two distinct yet similar designs with the 80h, 1Kr, 1½Kr, and 3Kr values in one design and the 4Kr, 5Kr, 7½Kr and 10Kr values in the other. The stamps were comb perforated 12½. The principal reason for this issue was to reduce the cost of printing the high values. The set was invalidated on 31 July 1922, but could be used for official uprating of stationery till 30 September.



ANK	Face	Colour(s) on white paper	Colour(s) on grey paper	Issued (Kroiss)	Number**
312	80h	Rose	Rose	Apr 1920	105,775,000
313	1Kr	Light-brown; black-brown	Brown; black-brown	May 1920	102,100,000
314	1½Kr	Green	Green	Feb 1921	27,270,000
315	2Kr	Light-blue; dark-blue	Blue; deep-blue	Apr 1920	142,280,000
316	3Kr	Light-green & black-green; <i>Light-green & blue-green</i>	Light-green & black-green; <i>Dark-green & black-green,</i> <i>Light-green & blue-green</i>	Aug 1921	39,955,000
317	4Kr	Claret & red	Red & dark-lilac; <i>Dark-red & black-lilac</i>	Aug 1921	51,000,000
318	5Kr	Claret & lilac	Light-lilac & red-violet; <i>Dark-lilac & red-violet</i>	Aug 1921	65,780,000
319	7½Kr	Yellow & brown	[not issued on grey]	Dec 1921	9,450,000
320	10Kr	Violet & blue; <i>Violet-blue & greenish-blue</i>	Dark-blue-violet & blue	Aug 1921	16,825,000

- ** The number is for both white and grey papers together.
- Italicised colours are rare and expensive.
- Political forgeries of the 80h are known, inscribed Judischösterreich instead of Deutschösterreich.

There are two well-known plate flaws occurring in this issue, which whilst not rarities by any means are well worth watching out for:



On the 1Kr value with both papers, a 'H' form may be seen in the feathers of the left wing inside the sickle blade. This occurs five times in each sheet on alternate rows.

On the 7½Kr value, the top stroke of the '7' at the left is shortened



The issues on white paper



The issues on gray paper
(the 7½Kr wasn't issued on grey)

