

# 1935 airmail stamps

This air mail set, issued on 16th August 1935, was designed by Georg Jung who had designed the 1934 Costumes definitive set. Unlike that set, however, the air mail stamps were produced by the photogravure process at the State Printing Works. The numbers printed were:

5g purple	550,000	60g sepia	285,000
10g orange	480,000	80g brown	250,000
15g green	350,000	1S carmine	435,000
20g dull blue	390,000	2S deep olive green	165,000
25g dull purple	350,000	3S chestnut	130,000
30g brown red	330,000	5S deep blue green	130,000
40g olive green	305,000	10S slate-blue	105,000
50g deep blue	330,000		

The first printing of these stamps appeared in sheets of 5 x 10 without sheet edging, but the subsequent printings were issued with the sheet edging still attached. The stamps were line perforated 12½. The first mails franked with these stamps were flown from Vienna on the day of issue; mixed frankings with the 1925/30 issue are known. Different stamps show different aeroplanes - some with one engine, some three, and at least one glider! The set was valid until 31st October 1938. The designs have been described as follows:



5g purple. The castle of Güssing in the Burgenland. Here, in the south of that province, where three countries meet and the Raab traverses the land, and where the castle ruins of Neuhaus look down from the mountain, is one of the loveliest spots of Austria. A variety "cloud near the church spire" may be found on the 32nd stamp in the sheet. Another variety is a stroke on the front of the numeral 5 with an attached white spot.



10g orange. The pretty peninsula of Maria Wörth on the Wörthersee in Carinthia. The fresco of the Apostles in the "Winter Church" of Maria Wörth dates back to the 12th century and is the second oldest fresco in Austria.



15g green. Dürnstein is shown sheltering beneath the dominating ruins of the old castle and a baroque monastery tower. This is the little market town where the story of Richard The Lionheart and his minstrel Blondel is still remembered today. A variety on the 16th stamp in the sheet shows as a thinning of the upper boundary line underneath the Ö of Österreich.



20g dull blue. The village of Hallstatt, in Upper Austria, is picturesquely situated on a steep slope at the south west end of the Hallstättersee. In the charnel house are displayed thousands of bones and skulls, each named, which have been preserved there since the 15th century. They were transferred there from the graveyard and the graves reused because the lack of space between lake and mountain meant that the graveyard could not be expanded.



25g dull purple. Salzburg is shown, dominated by the fortress of Hohen-Salzburg which crowns the south east point of the Mönchsberg. Few Austrian towns can compare with Salzburg for beauty of situation. It lies on both banks of the Salzach, whose grey-white glacier water hastens down its broad

pebbly channel to join the Inn.



30g brown-red. Here is depicted the Schladminger Glacier on the Hoher Dachstein mountain (2995m) in Styria. The area is open all the year round to afford opportunities for climbing, skiing and other sports.



40g olive-green. This shows the Tyrolean lake of the Wettersee in the Ötztal valley. Ötztal, the longest lateral valley of the Inn, is remarkable for its varied scenery. Broad and fertile in the lower part, with fields of flax and maize and beautiful larch woods, higher up it contracts to a number of wild ravines. The Wettersee is a typical corrie lake, situated at the foot of the Wildgrat and the Brechkogel some 6km to the west of Umhausen - and 2km higher up. The prominent peak is the Dreirinnerkogel, and the building directly below the plane is the Erlanger Hütte.



50g deep blue. This value depicts the little village of Stuben high on the Arlberg mountain in the Silvretta Group on the frontier between the Vorarlberg, Tirol and the Swiss Grisons. There is a well-known plate error on this value as a constant variety: the 6th stamp on each sheet has a stroke resembling an apostrophe, between the 5 and the 0 in the numeral of value.



60g sepia. Here the aeroplane flies over St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna. This is the most important Gothic edifice in Austria, originally built by Ottocar of Bohemia in 1258 in the late Romanesque style. A Gothic choir with three apses was added in 1304, and the nave widened in 1359. The slender South Tower dates from 1365-1433; the North Tower was begun in 1450, never completed, and crowned by a cupola instead in 1556.



80g brown. Now the aeroplane flies on over Vienna; over the 15th century "Minorite" Church (i.e. belonging to the Franciscans or Friars Minor). Behind the Church may be seen the pyramid-like Hochhaus, a block of offices and flats erected in 1932.



1S carmine. A steamer on the Danube is shown on this stamp. It is passing the castle of Schönbüchel near the town of Melk in Lower Austria. Schönbüchel is the chateau of Count Vetter which was restored between 1819 and 1821. A plate error is found on this value: a break in the line under the second R in Österreich on the 36th stamp of each sheet.



2S deep olive-green. A viaduct on the Tauern Railway is shown. This line, begun in 1901 under the direction of K. Wurmb, was finished from Salzburg as far as Gastein in 1905 and carried on to Trieste by 1909. Boldly constructed along steep mountain slopes, it penetrates the main chain of the Tauern by a tunnel over 5 miles long.



3S chestnut. Here the aeroplane flies over a car travelling on the Grossglockner-Hochalpen road which was opened in this year (1935). This road goes up to a height of 2576m where it emerges on to a platform above the shrinking Pasterze glacier. The Grossglockner itself, Austria's highest mountain (3798m), appears in the background of this stamp.



5S deep blue-green. This value shows the Tiroler Zugspitzbahn, the cable car which runs from Ehrwald in the Tirol (1225m above sea level) almost to the top of the Zugspitze (2950m). The actual summit is in Germany and the Zugspitze is the highest mountain in that country. The cable car was opened in 1926, is 3.6km long and ascends 1.7km. The main suspension cables are 62mm dia and weigh 87 tonnes each!



10S slate-blue. The last stamp of this set portrays a yachting scene on the Attersee, or Kammersee, in Upper Austria. This is the largest Alpine lake in Austria. Towards the north the banks gradually flatten, to the south rises the finely shaped Schafberg, and to the south-east is the broad ridge of the Höllen-Gebirge.

### Examples (philatelic!)





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