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SOUTH AFRICA 1930 SGO13a/b/cw Official

Stock Code: P212002809

Official. 1930-47 "Set 6" (= 1931 issue) 1d "grey-black and carmine-rose", roto printing, wmk inverted, SG type O2 opt with 12.5mm space, right marginal block of eight from R8-9/9-12, showing varieties V4 ("Stop after OFFISIEEL on English stamp") on R9/10 & 12, and V5 ("Stop after OFFISIEEL on Afrikaans stamp") on R8/12, o.g. (lower row unmounted). R8/12 with minor gum blemishes, and a couple of bends, still fine fresh appearance. A scarce block with three stop varieties. Ex Matheson. (cat £174+). [Union Handbook O21, V4-5]

£125.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1930 SGO16a Official

Stock Code: P212002824

Official. 1930-47 "Set 6" (= 1931 issue) 6d "dull green and pale orange", roto printing, wmk inverted, SG type O2 opt with 12.5mm space, horizontal pair showing variety V4 ("Stop after OFFISIEEL on English stamp"), very fine unmounted o.g. Very scarce thus. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O23 V4]

£160.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1930 SGO16b Official

Stock Code: P212002826

Official. 1930-47 "Set 6" (= 1931 issue) 6d "dull green and pale orange", roto printing, wmk inverted, SG type O2 opt with 12.5mm space, horizontal pair showing variety V5 ("Stop after OFFISIEEL on Afrikaans stamp"), fresh large part o.g. Scarce. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O23 V5]

£100.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1930 SGO19, var Official

Stock Code: P212002573

Official. 1930-47 "Set 22" (= June 1948 issue) 2s6d "deep dull blue and chocolate", SG type O2 opt with 19.2mm spacing, from the still little understood "mixed font" 6x10 setting used only for upper half-sheets of this value, upper left corner block of four (R1-2/1-2), showing the important variety V2 ("Shorter OFFICIAL") on R1/1, very fine o.g. (stamps unmounted). A rare and desirable proving block, from a reported printing of just 200 half-sheets. Ex Matheson. [It is noteworthy that no Cyclometer number was recorded in the UHB, and only one by Hisey & Matheson.] [Union Handbook O115, V2]

£350.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1930 SGO19 Official

Stock Code: P212002746

Official. 1930-47 2s6d "Dull blue and chocolate", SG type O2 opt with 20mm space, block of six (2x3), neatly used with two strikes of PRETORIA cds, clearly dated "23 APR 47", confirming that it must come from one of the two small printings in 1946 (Set 20 or 20A) which were unlisted in the Union Handbook. The bottom pair with unobtrusive faults, but the upper block fine. A very interesting multiple for the specialist. Ex Matheson. (cat £330+). [Union Handbook unlisted, pre-dating Set 21, which only appeared in Nov 1947]

£195.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1930 SGO19a Official

Stock Code: P212002540

Official. 1930-47 "Set 20A" (= 19(44-)46 issue) 2s6d "dull blue and chocolate", English single showing variety "Diaeresis over second E of OFFISIEEL (dropped) and short (14.2mm instead of 15.2mm) OFFICIAL", used with small part cancels. Confirmed as R1/6, and distinct from the similar R6/3 variety in Set 21 (= SG O19c), which has OFFICIAL of normal length. Some faults (creasing and adhesion), still fine appearance and a very good proving example of this rarity, with few recorded. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook unlisted. Hisey & Matheson O105A]

£200.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO22b, var Official

Stock Code: P212001941

Official. 1935-49 "Set 19" (= 1941 issue) 1½d "brownish buff and dark slate-green", SG type O2 opt with 19mm spacing, upright wmk, right marginal block of 8 (2x4) from R15-18/5-6 with Cyclometer number "0973" and part right arrow, fresh o.g. (centre block unmounted). A fine proving multiple for this distinctive printing, the last of the 1½d large format. Shows opt variety V4 (R17/5, "Mark in top loop of S of OFFISIEEL"). This number referenced by both the Union Handbook and Hisey & Matheson. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O93, V4]

£150.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO22b Official

Stock Code: P212001942

Official. 1935-49 "Set 19" (= 1941 issue) 1½d "brownish buff and dark slate-green", SG type O2 opt with 19mm spacing, upright wmk, lower left corner block of 16 (4x4) with complete arrow, fresh unmounted o.g. Some folded perfs (and small piece of margin missing at lower left), still an excellent proving multiple for this distinctive printing, the last of the 1½d large format, and the only one with marginal arrows. Ex Matheson. (cat £400+). [Union Handbook O93, Ca]

£325.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO25 Official

Stock Code: P212002541

Official. 1935-49 "Set 20" (= 19(44-)46 issue) 1s "dark violet-brown and deep violet-blue", hyphenated with (narrow) 18.5-19mm spacing, upper left corner block of four, very fine unmounted o.g. A scarce positional multiple of this very distinctive printing. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O102]

£175.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO25var Official

Stock Code: P212002668

Official. 1935-49 "Set 23" (= 1949-50 issue) 1s "deep brown and dark violet-blue", SG type O2 opt (OFFICIAL at right) with 20mm spacing, final unscreened printing, right marginal vertical pair from R17-18/6 of a sheet, showing spectacular leftward misplacement of opt, leaving both stamps with "OFFICIAL" only, very fine unmounted o.g. A famous error, of which only five such pairs are considered to have survived (from sheet number "8020"), with horizontal pairs unknown. Briefmarkenprufstelle Basel cert (2005). Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O123 V2]

£950.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO25 Official

Stock Code: P212002542

Official. 1935-49 "Set 20" (= 19(44-)-46 issue) 1s "dark violet-brown and deep violet-blue", hyphenated with (narrow) 18.5-19mm spacing, lower left corner block of eight (2x4), very fine unmounted o.g. A scarce positional multiple of this very distinctive printing. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O102]

£350.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO25 Official

Stock Code: P212002543

Official. 1935-49 "Set 20" (= 19(44-)-46 issue) 1s "dark violet-brown and deep violet-blue", hyphenated with (narrow) 18.5-19mm spacing, right marginal block of four with red Cyclometer number "7970", very fine o.g. (lower pair unmounted). An attractive and desirable proving multiple of this very distinctive printing, being the number referenced in the Union Handbook, and illustrated by Hisey & Matheson (p. 103). Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O102]

£225.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO25, var Official

Stock Code: P212002569

Official. 1935-49 "Set 22" (= June 1948 issue) 1s "dark purple-brown and milky blue", hyphenated with 20mm spacing, from the fascinating "mixed font" setting used only for this printing, left marginal block of four with part arrow, showing the major variety V1 ("Shorter OFFISIEEL") on the right pair (R9-10/2), very fine o.g. (lower pair unmounted). An extremely scarce positional proving block, with V1 present on only four stamps (R9-12/2) in the setting, as against 20 examples of V2 ("Shorter OFFICIAL") and 16 of V3 ("Both words shorter"). Ex Matheson. [It is noteworthy that no Cyclometer number was recorded in the UHB, and only one by Hisey & Matheson, despite the reported delivery of 500 sheets.] [Union Handbook O114 V1]

£350.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO25, var Official

Stock Code: P212002570

Official. 1935-49 "Set 22" (= June 1948 issue) 1s "dark purple-brown and milky blue", hyphenated with 20mm spacing, from the fascinating "mixed font" setting used only for this printing, lower marginal block of four with part arrow, showing the major variety V3 ("Both words shorter") on the left pair (R19-20/4), fine o.g. A very scarce positional proving block. Ex Matheson. [It is noteworthy that no Cyclometer number was recorded in the UHB, and only one by Hisey & Matheson, despite the reported delivery of 500 sheets.] [Union Handbook O114 V3]

£225.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO25 Official

Stock Code: P212002572

Official. 1935-49 "Set 22" (= June 1948 issue) 1s "dark purple-brown and milky blue", hyphenated with 20mm spacing, from the "mixed font" setting used only for this printing, upper marginal block of four with arrow (R1-2/3-4), fine o.g. (upper pair unmounted). A very scarce positional block. Ex Matheson. [It is noteworthy that no Cyclometer number was recorded in the UHB, and only one by Hisey & Matheson, despite the reported delivery of 500 sheets.] [Union Handbook O114 Ca]

£250.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO25 Official

Stock Code: P212002666

Official. 1935-49 "Set 23" (= 1949-50 issue) 1s "deep brown and dark violet-blue", SG type O2 opt (OFFICIAL at right) with 20mm spacing, final unscreened printing, right marginal block of eight (R7-8/3-6), very fine unmounted o.g. A scarce multiple of this distinctive printing (the only one overprinted on "Issue 4", identifiable by the small mark before the head of the leading gnu, not present on "Issue 3"). Only 299½ sheets supplied (in half-sheets). Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O123]

£295.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO25var Official

Stock Code: P212002667

Official. 1935-49 "Set 23" (= 1949-50 issue) 1s "deep brown and dark violet-blue", SG type O2 opt (OFFICIAL at right) with 20mm spacing, final unscreened printing, horizontal pair showing pronounced OFFSET of the opt on reverse, fine unmounted o.g. A most unusual type of variety, seldom encountered in the "Official" series. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O123]

£150.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO27 Official

Stock Code: P212002661

Official. 1935-49 "Set 22" (= June 1948 issue) 10s "violet-blue and olive-sepia", SG type O2 opt (OFFICIAL at right) with 20mm spacing, upper left corner block of four, very fine o.g. (lower pair unmounted). Scarce positional multiple, from a printing of just 100 upper half-sheets. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O117]

£175.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO27 Official

Stock Code: P212002662

Official. 1935-49 "Set 22" (= June 1948 issue) 10s "violet-blue and olive-sepia", SG type O2 opt (OFFICIAL at right) with 20mm spacing, upper right horizontal pair, fresh unmounted o.g. Lightly folded perfs, nevertheless a scarce positional example, from a printing of just 100 upper half-sheets. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O117]

£100.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO28 Official

Stock Code: P212001936

Official. 1935-49 "Set 18" (= 1940 issue) 5s "black and myrtle-green", SG type O3 opt with "OFFICIAL" at left and 18mm spacing, upper right corner block of four, fresh o.g. (upper pair unmounted). One shortish perf at foot, still a fine positional multiple. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O89]

£150.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1935 SGO28a Official

Stock Code: P212001938

Official. 1935-49 "Set 18" (= 1940 issue) 5s "black and myrtle-green", SG type O3 opt with "OFFICIAL" at left and 18mm spacing, horizontal pair showing variety "Broken yoke-pin" on left stamp (R18/5), fine large part o.g. Very scarce. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O89, var]

£225.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1937 SGO32 Official

Stock Code: P212002246

Official. 1937-44 "Set 20A" (= 1944 issue) 1/4d "soft grey and blue-green", SG type O5 opt (OFFICIAL up at left, OFFISIEEL down at right with diaeresis on second E, 10mm spacing), top and bottom arrow blocks of four, unmounted o.g. (hinged in margins). A very scarce pair of positional multiples of this distinctive stamp, from an opt setting used only once, for a small printing of 600 half-sheets. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O96 Ca]

£175.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1937 SGO32 Official

Stock Code: P212002518

Official. 1937-44 "Set 20A" (= 1944 issue) 1/4d "soft grey and blue-green", SG type O5 opt (OFFICIAL up at left, OFFISIEEL down at right with diaeresis on second E, 10mm spacing), two right marginal blocks of four with Cyclometer numbers, respectively "7807" (R6-7/11-12, from an upper half-sheet) and "7448" (R17/18, from a lower half-sheet), very fine o.g. (three pairs unmounted). A very scarce and desirable pair of positional multiples of this distinctive stamp, from an opt setting used only once, for a small printing of 600 half-sheets. Both numbers referenced by Hisey & Matheson, with "7807" the only number listed in the Union Handbook. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O96]

£175.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1937 SGO32 Official

Stock Code: P212002539

Official. 1937-44 "Set 20A" (= 1944 issue) ½d "soft grey and blue-green", SG type O5 opt (OFFICIAL up at left, OFFISIEEL down at right with diaeresis on second E, 10mm spacing), right marginal block of eight (4x2, R9-10/9-12) with part arrow, fine unmounted o.g. A very scarce positional multiple of this distinctive stamp, from an opt setting used only once, for a small printing of 600 half-sheets, meaning that full side arrows are not available. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O96 Ca]

£150.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1949 SGO34 Official

Stock Code: P212001947

Official. 1949-50 "Set 23" 1½d "dull ochre and and dull bluish slate", SG type O6 opt (reading UPWARDS with 16.5mm spacing), left marginal arrow block of four, large part o.g. One stamp with tiny gum blemish, still fine appearance. Scarce positional multiple. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O120, Ca]

£100.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1949 SGO34 Official

Stock Code: P212001950

Official. 1949-50 "Set 23" 1½d "dull ochre and and dull bluish slate", SG type O6 opt (reading UPWARDS with 16.5mm spacing), block of four, used with central cds. Minor red mark at lower right barely detracts. (cat £170+). Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O120]

£110.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1950 SGO47a Official

Stock Code: P212002717

Official. 1950-54 "Set 29" (= Feb 1953 printing) 1s blackish brown and ultramarine, SG type O7 (stereo) opt, horizontal pair, unmounted o.g. The scarce and distinctive shade (described in the Union Handbook as "Dark sepia and milky blue", although Hisey & Matheson note that the vignette is almost black). Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O155]

£170.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1950 SGO47a Official

Stock Code: P212002718

Official. 1950-54 "Set 29" (= Feb 1953 printing) 1s blackish brown and ultramarine, SG type O7 (stereo) opt, horizontal pair, fine used. The scarce and distinctive shade (described in the Union Handbook as "Dark sepia and milky blue", although Hisey & Matheson note that the vignette is almost black). Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O155]

£190.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1950 SGO49a Official

Stock Code: P212002735

Official. 1950-54 "Set 25" 5s black and blue-green (unscreened roto), SG type O7 (stereo) opt, horizontal pair showing stamp varieties V5 "Broken yoke-pin" (R18/5) and V6 "Green spot right of POSSEEL" (R18/6), o.g. Right stamp with light gum creasing, still fine appearance and very scarce. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O138, vars]

£225.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1950 SGO50 Official

Stock Code: P212002736

Official. 1950-54 "Set 29" (= Feb 1953 issue) 5s black and pale blue-green (screened roto), SG type O7 (stereo) opt, lower marginal arrow block of four (R19-20/3-4), unmounted o.g. Scarce positional piece. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O157 Ca]

£225.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1950 SGO50b Official

Stock Code: P212002738

Official. 1950-54 "Set 30" (= Jan 1954 issue) 5s black and deep yellow-green (screened roto), SG type O7 (stereo) opt, lower right corner block of four (R19-20/5-6), with cylinder numbers "72" (frame) and "8" (vignette), unmounted o.g. Scarce. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O164 Cb]

£225.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1950 SGO51 Official

Stock Code: P212002721

Official. 1950-54 10s blue and charcoal, SG type O7 (stereo) opt, upper left corner block of four, unmounted o.g. (trace of hinge in margin). Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O132]

£175.00



SOUTH AFRICA 1950 SGO51 Official

Stock Code: P212002722

Official. 1950-54 10s blue and charcoal, SG type O7 (stereo) opt, lower right corner block of four, unmounted o.g. Ex Matheson. [Union Handbook O132]

£175.00