

IRISH FREE STATE - ISSUE 9T
HARRISON CONTROL BLOCK with OVERPRINT by ALEX. THOM

CONTROL REFERENCE TC140
T22 PERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
 REFERENCE T48
 SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 PRINTER'S PLATE 96 Printing B

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
 'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2A

(umm)



€170



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

€190

Printing B 'T22' control slopes down to the right

Break in outer frame of stamp R19/12 (T48I)



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(2 x m)



€10

CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced (block of 3)

Printing B 'T22' control slopes down to the right

Overprints display shift to the right



€30

CONTROLS

T22 PERF. (CL127) - TC140



T48
R19/12 Frame break

T48 / TC 140

T48 / CL127 (60 x umm)
R22 Perforated.
Printer's Plate 96 Printing **A**
Plate Characteristics
Control horizontal, jubilee line under
R20/12 thins on left upper edge.
R19/12 Frame line break.
Dot R17 right side jubilee line at 9mm.

'Saorstal' Overprint Setting 1

Varieties

T48a Reversed 'Q' for 'O' in 'ONE' R15/9

T48l Frame line break at 8.5mm R19/12

Excellent positional example, but with
some perf. separation

E900

T 22

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U23 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
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PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
PRINTER'S PLATE 91b

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type II

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2

Scarce control which displays Overprint Setting 1
Previously not recorded with this setting.

Purchased March 2014, estimated value Euro 450

(umm)



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

Large reversed '1' in right margin

Nick in right frame of stamp R19/12 and nick in adjacent jubilee line at
12.75mm (T48m)

€450

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U23 IMPERFORATE

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SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 97b
with CONTROL TYPE U23a

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 2

WATERMARK W14 - Type II

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2

ex T.E. Field collection
 Purchased April 2013 MacDonnell Whyte Euro 260

(3 x umm incl. control)



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

Full width stamp perforation in right margin

€400

CONTROL REFERENCE TC143
U23 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 97b
with CONTROL TYPE U23a

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 2

WATERMARK W14 - Type II

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CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'C' watermark in right margin

Full width stamp perforation in right margin

(3 x umm incl. control)

€400

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T22 IMPERFORATE

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REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 86
with CONTROL TYPE T22a

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 2

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

Overprints display shift to the right (UF9u)

(5x umm incl. control)

€70

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HARRISON CONTROL BLOCK with OVERPRINT by ALEX. THOM

CONTROL REFERENCE TC139
T22 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK
PALE ROSE SHADE

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 94
with CONTROL TYPE T22c

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2

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CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

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T22 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK
PALE ROSE SHADE
PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 94
with CONTROL TYPE T22c

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

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CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

Reversed '1' in right margin

€40

(5x umm incl. control)



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

Control 'T22' with more pronounced slope to the right .
At this stage notional plate 94 assigned and may be a second
printing from this plate if the assignment is correct.

Reversed '1' in right margin

Overprints display a left shift (UF9u)

€40

(5x umm incl. control)

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T22 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 94
with CONTROL TYPE T22c

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WATERMARK W14 - Type III

Plate ?

Notional plate
selection 94



Setting 2.1

Slope more pronounced ?



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PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 94
 with CONTROL TYPE T22c

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CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES
 'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

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€30

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CK with OVERPRINT by ALEX. THOM



REFERENCE TC184PT
IMPERFORATE

OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48DB
& DULL BLACK INK

HARRISON & SONS
L PRINTER'S PLATE 94
CONTROL TYPE T22c

RIAL PRINTING
T CONTRACTOR THOM
OVERPRINT SETTING 1

MARK W14 - Type III

ON COMB SETTING - Type 2

1d Scarlet with Dull Black Overprint T48DB.
Proof Reference PR23

Royal Mint Plate 94 Characteristics

No jubilee markings adjacent to stamps.

Harrison Control Characteristics

'T22' impression bold, in particular the '22'.

Second '2' with indent underside of base.

Top of 'T' to jubilee line 1.9mm.

Thom Overprint Setting 1 Characteristics

Dull black ink. Measurements R20/10,11,12

A 20.00mm, B 40.60mm.

Setting Variants

R20/11 '1' slightly lower than '9' in '1922'.

Example from a block of 18 - see Appendix 6.



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

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CONTROL REFERENCE TC184PT
T22 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
 REFERENCE T48DB
 SCARLET & DULL BLACK INK
 Bright Scarlet Shade

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 94
 with CONTROL TYPE T22c

TRIAL PRINTING
 OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
 'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2

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CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

Setting 1 from a 12 x 10 pane setting

€70



PCT184 T48DB T22 Imperforate
Printer's Plate 94, Overprint Setting 1

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CONTROL REFERENCE TC139
T22 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
 REFERENCE T48
 SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 106
 with CONTROL TYPE T22d Ptg. A

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
 'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

Reversed '1' watermark in right margin

Control warrant letter 'T' displays damage to left serif
 (Further printing of control type T22d)

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CONTROL REFERENCE TC139
T22 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
 REFERENCE T48
 SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 106
 with CONTROL TYPE T22d Ptg. A

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
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CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

Control warrant letter 'T' displays damage to left serif
 (Further printing of control type T22d)

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T22 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 106
with CONTROL TYPE T22d Ptg. A

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced
Reversed '1' watermark in right margin

Control warrant letter 'T' displays damage to left serif
(Further printing of control type T22d)

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T22 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE TBC
with CONTROL TYPE T22f

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

Reversed '1' watermark in right margin

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

Bevel on left serif of crossbar of 'T'

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€20

CONTROL REFERENCE TC139
T22 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE TBC
with CONTROL TYPE T22g

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

Reversed '1' watermark in right margin

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

Bevel on right serif of crossbar of 'T'

€20

(fm)

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T22 PERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
PRINTER'S PLATE 91b

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'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

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CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

Overprints display shift to the left (UF9u)

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CONTROL REFERENCE TC140
T22 PERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
 REFERENCE T48
 SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 PRINTER'S PLATE 96 Printing A

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
 'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2A



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

'A2' in right margin

Printing A 'T22' control in line

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CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

Printing A 'T22' control in line

CONTROL REFERENCE TC140
T22 PERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
 REFERENCE T48
 SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 PRINTER'S PLATE 96 Printing A

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
 'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

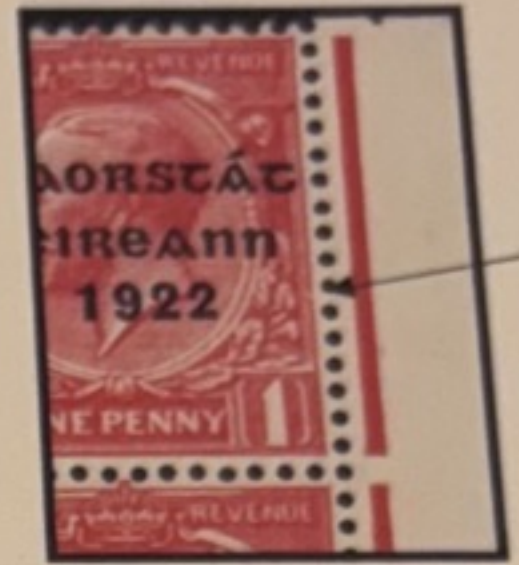
WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2A

(4x umm incl. control)

CONTROLS

T22 PERF. (TC140)



T48l
R19/12 Frame break



TC140
T22 Perforated.

Printer's Plate 96 Printing A
Plate Characteristics
Jubilee line under R20/12 thins on left
upper edge with indent.
R19/12 Frame line break.
Dot R17 right side jubilee line at 9mm.

'Saorstat' Overprint Setting 1

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Varieties

T48cc Accent inserted by hand R15/12
Accent fine with curve

T48l Frame line break at 8.5mm R19/12

Excellent positional example,
ex T.E. Field collection

(varieties umm)



5550

Control Block Examples



TC140 T48 T22 Perforate - Printer's Plate 96 Ptg. B, Overprint Setting 1
Variant Reversed 'Q' for 'O' stamp 9 from row 15 (R15/9)
Image taken from Dulin's book and not true to colour

The G.B. Plate 96 variant containing the reverse Q in ONE flaw also shows a frame break in position R19/12. This variant of the base plate has yet to be recorded in the un-overprinted state.

That there were at least two printings of this base plate is evidenced by the different positions of the screwed-in Control T22.

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R19/12
Frame Break

Reversed Q in ONE Flaw

G.B. Plate 96 R15/9 Second Printing: Overprint Setting 3

Thom Saorstát Overprint

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PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 106
 with CONTROL TYPE T22m Ptg. B

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 'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2A

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CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

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CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

(5x umm incl. control)

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CONTROL REFERENCE TC185PT
T22 PERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48DB
SCARLET & DULL BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 106
 with CONTROL TYPE T22m Ptg. A

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
TRIAL PRINTING
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2A



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

Trial overprint using dull black ink by Thom

(umm)

E130



1d Scarlet with Dull Black Overprint T48DB.
Proof Reference PR23

Royal Mint Plate 106 Characteristics

No jubilee markings adjacent to stamps.

Harrison Control Characteristics Printing A

Control 'T22' in line.

Serifs on crossbar of 'T' damaged & misshapen.

Top of 'T' to jubilee line 2.0mm.

Thom Overprint Setting 1 Characteristics

Dull black ink. Measurements R20/10,11,12

A 20.00mm, B 40.60mm.

Setting Variants

R20/11 '1' slightly lower than '9' in '1922'.



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PLATE 91b

the margins only. The basic GB stamp is recorded of this variety in conjunction with Mi. 26 I var., Hib. T48c var.

ATTEST

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IRELAND

1922-23 3-line "Saorstát" overprint in blue-black by Alex Thom Ltd. on GB 1912 1d red with watermark Multiple Cypher, bottom right sheet corner block of 21 (3x7) with Control U22, perforated through the bottom margin. The Overprint is from Setting 1 with the missing accent over the second A in Saorstát from Row 15/12 *inserted by hand inverted*. The block is mint with full original gum with slight wrinkling, never-hinged, with faint gum stains on the top right stamp and in the bottom margin, and is

genuine

and is free of hidden defects at the time of examination.

Centring, perforations, placement of the overprints and other characteristics clearly identify the block illustrated on the page attached to this certificate.

Michel 26, 26I var.★★, Stanley Gibbons 53, 53b var.★★,
Hibernian T48, T48ca★★

f.d.R.



Prüfgebiete: Gibraltar, Irland, Malta

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PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
PRINTER'S PLATE 91b

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type II

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2

(5 x umm incl. control)



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

Large '1' in right margin

Nick in vertical frame line of stamp R19/12 and nick in adjacent jubilee line (T48m)

€75

CONTROL REFERENCE TC141
U22 IMPERFORATE

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REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

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PRINTER'S PLATE 91b

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CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

Large '1' in right margin

Nick in vertical frame line of stamp R19/12 and nick in adjacent jubilee line (T48m)

Accent inserted by hand & inverted and reversed (T48ca)

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U22 IMPERFORATE

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WATERMARK W14 - Type II

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2



(5x umm incl. control)

CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced & large '1' in right margin

Nick in vertical frame of stamp R19/12 and in adjacent jubilee line (T48m)

Blurred double accent stamp R20/10 (UF9v)

€75

CONTROL REFERENCE TC141
U22 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
 REFERENCE T48
 SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 PRINTER'S PLATE 91b

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
 'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type II

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced & large '1' in right margin

(4x umm incl. control)

Nick in vertical frame of stamp R19/12 and in adjacent jubilee line (T48m)

Overprints display downward shift (UF9u)

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U22 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
PRINTER'S PLATE 91b

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type II

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2

(6 x umm incl. control)



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced & large '1' in right margin

Nick in vertical frame of stamp R19/12 and in adjacent jubilee line (T48m)

Overprints display upward shift (UF9u)

€80

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U22 IMPERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 116
with CONTROL TYPE U22a

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type II

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

(5x umm incl. control)

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U22 PERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
PRINTER'S PLATE 91b

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2A



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

(5x umm incl. control)

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced and with large '1' in right margin
Nick in frame of stamp R19/12 and with nick in adjacent jubilee line (T48m)

€75

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U22 PERFORATE

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 REFERENCE T48
 SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 PRINTER'S PLATE 93

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
 'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

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WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2A



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES
 Distinctive marks in jubilee line adjacent to Row 20

(5x umm incl. control)

€40

CONTROL REFERENCE TC142
U22 PERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
 REFERENCE T48
 SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 PRINTER'S PLATE 93

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
 'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 2

WATERMARK W14 - Type III

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2A



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

Plate established using control characteristics

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9T
U22 Perforated
Plate 93
Overprint Setting 1





U 22

Lot 686 - Accent and 't' Missing

British Stamp N16 1d. Scarlet



T48d
Missing accent and
'c', with damaged
'a' of 'SAORSTAT'
stamp R15/12

Dot in rule,
adjacent to
stamp R18/12

Four half cuts in
rule, adjacent to
stamp R20/12

Stamp T48 Control U22 Perforated (CL129)
Printer's Plate 93, Overprint Setting 1

PLATE 93

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U22 PERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
REFERENCE T48
SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 116
with CONTROL TYPE U22e

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING

WATERMARK W14 - Type II

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CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

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 REFERENCE T48
 SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 PRINTER'S PLATE 93

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
 'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type II

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2A



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

'POSTAGE' watermark misplaced

'GvR' watermarks display right shift

Variants

Overprints display downward shift - UF9u

(umm)

€40

CONTROL REFERENCE TC142
U22 PERFORATE

1d. OVERPRINTED STAMP
 REFERENCE T48
 SCARLET & BLUE BLACK INK

PRINTER HARRISON & SONS
 NOTIONAL PRINTER'S PLATE 97b
 with CONTROL TYPE U22d

OVERPRINT CONTRACTOR THOM
 'SAORSTAT' OVERPRINT SETTING 1

WATERMARK W14 - Type II

PERFORATION COMB SETTING - Type 2A



CONTROL BLOCK FEATURES and VARIETIES

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CONTROLS

U23 IMPERF. (CL130)



T48 / CL130 (umm, incl. control, minor creasing)

U23 Imperforated.

Printer's Plate 91

T48m - R19/12 Notch in outer frame and nick in stamp frame line at 12.75 mm
'1' watermark in right margin

Overprint Setting 1

Previously this control not listed in use with Setting 1.

(R20/11) Measurements and '1' below '9' of '1922'

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Malformed accent over 'A' of 'SAORSTAT' stamp R19/10 (UF9v)

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Postal workers notation in right margin

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THE OVERPRINTS – CONTROLS – SOME NEW RESEARCH

Patrick Williams

The article is a commentary, by value, on some points which arise from a reading of Dulin's masterly exposition on Controls in Section Three of 'Ireland – The Overprints 1922-1935' published by MacDonnell Whyte Ltd. To be able to appreciate these comments fully, it is recommended that you have a copy of his work to hand.

½d. Control S21. This is only found with the Dollard overprint. Dulin illustrates this control from plates 68, 71 and 72 and also from a plate 'X' which, from the list of possible plates, he suggests could be either 70 or 76. However there is another Control with characteristics similar to 68 but measuring 6.5mm from the base of '2' to the base of the line (68 measures 6.0mm) (*fig 1*).



Fig 1

Furthermore, the bottom left serif of '1' is blunted, unlike 68 and the '1' is to the right of the Jubilee Line unlike Dulin's plate 'X'. As it also shows the nick in the line under 'EN' on R20/1, I suggest it is from plate 70. Plate 70 is also found with the Controls R21 and S22 on the Dollard ½d. The dent under the 'EN' is very slight, so caution is needed. (Jan Kershaw discussed the 'EN' plate marking in conjunction with the Saorstát overprint in the September 2009 edition of Irish Philately (IP) – p48). If I am correct, it would seem that Dulin's plate 'X' is plate 76. Neither 70 nor 76 can be identified from a block of six.

1d. Plate 96. This value is notoriously difficult as Dulin's comparatively hesitant treatment confirms. He lists seven unknown plates which he said were probably around 96 and may occur with controls S21, S22, T22 or U22 in the Dollard overprints. There is a further unrecorded Dollard overprinted

plate with control S22 having a dot and a bulge breaking (outer) 20 right side, 13.5mm down (*fig 2*). There were at least two printings of plate 96 with Control T232 used for the Saorstát overprints. One shows the Control sloping down to the right (illustrated by Dulin) and the other on which the Control is level and further to the left (*fig 3*).



Fig 2



Fig 3

½d. Control Q20. Plate 'X'. This is found with the Thom February (1922) printing. The five listed plates can be identified from blocks. Dulin says 'possibly plate 23' (no markings) presumably as the number is in the likely range and because it has not yet been allocated to any Control in the SG listing.

2d. die 1 Control S22. (February and July Thom printings). This Control from plate 19 is not illustrated by Dulin. In fact there are at least two different printings. In one, the first '2' has a rounded foot and the figures are level (*fig 4*). In the other the second '2' has been dropped (*fig 5*). My album page notes them as 'Dulin A (or B) printing' so I am confident that he was aware of them (perhaps he

Most stamp collectors will understand the method of plate identification in the British stamps that were to be used for Ireland's overprints, either by cuts, dots or bevels and in one case the length of the rule or Jubilee Line. In a standard corner Control block of six, some plates will be confirmed by flaws on the stamps: eg:

- 1d – nick outer frame 12.5mm R19/12 is plate 91b
- 4d – break over FOUR R19/2 is plate 1e
- 1/- - nick in outer frame opposite 'V' of REVENUE R20/1 is plate 3

There are others which fall outside the 'standard' block. For example the 3d value overprinted for Ireland only uses four plates – viz: plate 8b (nick outer R19), plate 9 (½dot R20), plate 10 (dot R19): without any of these markings the stamp must be from plate 11.

It has been claimed that plates can be identified by the position of the control number, the size of the letter, date number or the angle of the Control etc. I have reservations regarding this and base my opinion on the 2d Die II plate 3 with break under 'N' of PENCE. The plate identification is the slight taper of rule line at R20 left sides.

The late Cyril Dulin identified two types which he called Type A (fig 1) with central position and Type B (fig 2) with offset position and the final 2 of the control bisected by the perforations.



fig 1 fig 2

There is also a third type, which following Cyril's identification, I shall call 'Type 3' (fig 3), the final '2' butts up to the perforation at right. Examples of the S22 Control plus an un-overprinted strip of three, prior to frame break, all show the control with the last '2' under the perforation (as fig 2); all are imperforate below the bottom row of stamps. Examples of the T22 control are found with the colour of the overprint ranging from Black to Blue-black (overprint settings 2 to 9) both perforated and imperforated at base and also on the Wide and Three-line overprints.



T 22

fig 3

Differences also occur on the 1d value, plate 96. The 1d value is a difficult plate generally because of the odd and unexplained position of the Control number). Plate 96 has many flaws. Those that concern a standard Control block are a bevelled rule under R20/12 and the frame break (noted on Control T22) R19/12. Examples of different Control positions are shown in figs 4 and 5 below. Remove the flaws and rule identification from both values and it would be impossible to determine from which plates they are – truly Unidentifiable Plates?



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fig 4

fig 5

If this situation occurs on these plates, it is reasonable to assume that this would occur on other values, thereby causing my concern.

A letter and subsequent conversation with Mr David Beech of the British Philatelic Collection informed me that the library copies do not carry Control numbers but use their own numbering system. Thus they are unable to cross reference to the Stanley Gibbons identification.

Editor's note: I know that Tony would welcome correspondence on this most technical subject, which is far beyond my own limited knowledge of these stamps. There is still, ninety years on from the issue date, new information to be discovered and I hope that with help from other members Tony will be able to provide us with more detail in fullness of time. Tony can be contacted via myself.

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T 22

Errors on the base GB Plates can be found in association with nearly all values of the Saorstát overprint series. Primarily due to the comparatively short runs made, the errors are usually associated with particular overprint setting plates.

For example, on one of the GB base plates used for overprinting the 1d value, a variant of Plate 96, there is a reverse Q in ONE flaw in position R15/9. Thus far it has been found only with the overprint Setting 3.



Reversed Q in ONE Flaw

G.B. Plate 96 R15/9 First Printing: Overprint Setting 3

Thom Saorstát Overprint



U 22

Control Block Examples



TC140 T48 T22 Perforate - Printer's Plate 96 Ptg. A, Overprint Setting 1
Variant Reversed 'Q' for 'O' stamp 9 from row 15 (R15/9)

