

The PF Will Accurately Grade Your Stamps

The PF is a leader in the accurate grading of U.S. and British North American stamps. Grading is a cumulative score arrived at by the careful examination of several critical components. A numeric grade is assigned based on centering, soundness, and eye appeal. Application of the PF's uniform standards permits our in house expert staff to assess your stamps fairly and objectively.



Scott #10, Graded 100J Scott #7, Graded 98XQ Scott #233, Graded 98J

Most stamps are eligible for grading except those that have faults, been repaired, reperfected, or otherwise altered, or have natural straight edges.

Once a stamp is determined to be sound, our expert staff looks at its "centering." Centering is a measurement of the relationship of the stamp design to its four margins. After soundness and centering are assessed, our experts add or subtract points for eye appeal. Eye appeal is a measure of the stamp's color, freshness and impression, and if used, its cancellation.

The points are then calculated, and a final numerical grade is given. Final grades can range from 5 (poor) to 100 (gem). A stamp's numerical grade may be enhanced by the addition of a "J" designation for unusually large or jumbo margins, or an "XQ" for a stamp possessing exceptional quality for that grade.

Census figures for PF graded stamps can be found using the PF Search program on our website.

The PF does not attempt to make a market for graded stamps nor attempt to establish their value. Our sole objective is to provide you, the collector or dealer, with the most accurately graded certificates in our hobby today.

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