

"Do-It-Yourself" Postage

Switzerland installed its' first Frama postage vending machines on 9. August, 1976. There are currently over 2,000 of them!

The Frama machines issue stamps in any denomination, from 5 Rappen (ie: cents) to 99.95 francs.

Several varieties are known. Some of the difference are in the style of the lettering "HELVETIA", the color of the printing, the background pattern, and on the first machines, the control letter/number at the bottom. The most recent issue shows the Four Seasons, and type 9 is also found currently. There is no identification on the machine to let you know which design (plain or Four Seasons) you will receive.



-Type 1
-Machine "A1" (Zurich)
-Used from 9. Aug. 1976
to 24. June, 1978



-Type 2
-Narrow "HELVETIA"
-Used from 26. Jun. 1978
to 17. Oct. 1980



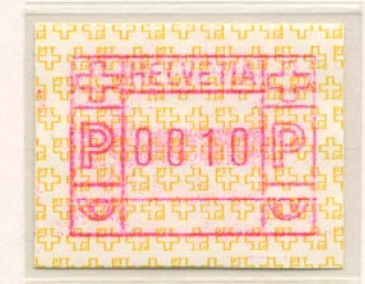
-Type 3
-Paper with fibers
-Used from 12. Jan. 1979
to 25. Nov. 1981



Frama postage machine in Davos, Switzerland.
Instructions and general postage rates are clearly identified.



-Type 6A
-Paper without fibers
-Used from 9. Jul. 1981
to 11. Feb. 1991



-Type 8A
-Background is "PTT"
Symbol
-Used from 5. Nov. 1990



-Type 9
-Background is Swiss Map
-Used from 2. Nov. 1993



The current series of "Four Seasons" multi-color Framas, first day was 15. May, 1996