

Super Machin

“Machins” are the name given to UK definitive stamp designs from Arnold Machin featuring a profile of Queen Elizabeth II starting in 1967.

A brief introduction to the basic Machin designs:



Sterling currency issues from 1967-69, uses “d” for pence



Decimal currency issues from 1970-95 Onwards use “p” for pence



Syncopated perforations were used on issues from 1993 onwards



1970-72 higher denominations from 10p to £1 were engraved and of a larger size



1977-84 £1 to £5 issues were slightly larger and printed via photogravure



The items above are not actually “stamps”, but are self-adhesive “postage labels” generated at the post office and are based on a design from the traditional “Machin” stamps.

The postage value paid is shown in the middle, underneath the words POSTAGE PAID.

Additional hand-stamps indicate that they went at the “Printed Papers” rate.

Varieties are known both with die-cut perforated edges and straight edges.