

Relative Ratings for Czechoslovak Perfins.....

The Catalog of the Perfins of the Territory of Czechoslovakia, compiled by Vojtech Maxa (#933) and published by the Perfins Club in 1973, triggered new interest in Czechoslovak Perfins and led to the formation of a Perfins Club with headquarters in Prague. The Catalog subsequently was published in Czech and German editions and has been supplemented four times as new patterns have been uncovered.

The attention focused on Czech Perfins has enabled Maxa to study the relative scarcity of the different patterns. As a result of many months of study and many evaluations of data, he has been able to prepare the following list of the Perfins in his catalog along with a relative scarcity rating for each.

The approach is similar to that taken by Claude W. Cain in his list of Relative Ratings of United States Perfins--with one very important difference: in the Maxa List, the letter ratings are the opposite of those in the Cain List. In other words, the rarest of Czech Perfins receive an F rating, while the most common are given an A rating.

Here is the basis of the Czech Ratings:

A--The Most Common (200 or more copies known)

B--100 to 200 copies known

C--50 to 100 copies known

D--25 to 50 copies known

E--5 to 25 copies known

F--The Rarest (4 or fewer copies known)

It is obvious that the discovery of even a few copies of a particular Czech Perfin could change its relative scarcity from one rating to another. However, it is believed that even with the discovery of additional Czech Perfins, the relative scarcity of Czech Perfins will remain fairly constant.

As new information is uncovered and these ratings do need to be revised, the new information will be passed along to Bulletin readers. Perfins Club members who have information which might be of assistance to Mr. Maxa in his work should write to him at P. O. Box 50, 170 00 Praha, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. If you desire a reply, it would be courteous to send along an IRC.

We are pleased to present Mr. Maxa's list here. The list was originally published in the September Zpravodaj Perfiny, the publication of the Czech Perfins Club. The numbers are the catalog numbers from the Maxa Catalog. Copies of the catalog, with all supplements to date, are available at \$3.50 per copy from The Perfins Club, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
1	E	10	B	19	C	28	D	37	B	46	D	55	E
2	B	11	B	20	E	29	A	38	E	47	E	56	C
3	E	12	F	21	B	30	B	39	E	48	E	57	D
4	E	13	C	22	A	31	C	40	E	49	E	58	-
5	E	14	A	23	C	32	E	41	E	50	D	59	F
6	E	15	E	24	-	33	E	42	D	51	C	60	F
7	F	16	B	25	E	34	F	43	F	52	E	61	F
8	C	17	B	26	E	35	E	44	D	53	E	62	F
9	B	18	D	27	B	36	D	45	D	54	-	63	F

<u>H</u>		<u>J</u>		<u>J</u>		<u>K</u>		<u>L</u>		<u>M</u>		<u>N</u>	
13	C	6	C	58	A	5	E	1	B	12	B	20	F
14	E	7	B	59	E	6	C	2	B	13	E		
15	B	8	E	60	D	7	D	3	E	14	D	0	
16	B	9	E	61	-	8	E	4	C	15	E	1	E
17	C	10	E	62	F	9	B	5	C	16	D	2	D
18	A	11	F	63	C	10	C	6	E	17	D	3	D
19	-	12	F	64	D	11	D	7	E	18	E	4	C
20	E	13	A	65	A	12	E	8	E	19	C	5	E
21	B	14	C	66	D	13	C	9	C	20	E	6	D
22	E	15	E	67	B	14	A	10	E	21	E	7	E
23	E	16	B	68	E	15	E	11	E	22	D	8	E
24	E	17	C	69	A	16	D	12	D	23	D	9	C
25	E	18	C	70	C	17	E	13	C	24	E	10	E
26	D	19	D	71	E	18	C	14	E	25	E	11	E
27	E	20	D	72	B	19	D	15	B	26	E	12	B
28	D	21	D	73	D	20	E	16	D	27	-	13	D
29	B	22	E	74	D	21	E	17	E	28	E	14	E
30	B	23	E	75	E	22	F	18	A	29	E	15	E
31	B	24	B	76	E	23	E	19	E	30	E	16	F
32	E	25	B	77	D	24	B	20	B	31	E	17	E
33	B	26	C	78	E	25	C	21	B	32	F	18	E
34	B	27	E	79	E	26	E	22	E	33	F	19	F
35	E	28	B	80	-	27	B	23	E	34	F	20	F
36	E	29	B	81	E	28	C	24	A	35	F	21	F
37	E	30	F	82	E	29	D	25	E	36	F		
38	E	31	C	83	E	30	B	26	E	37	F		
39	E	32	E	84	-	31	D	27	E	38	F	P	
40	E	33	B	85	F	32	C	28	E	39	F	1	D
41	E	34	D	86	E	33	E	29	E	40	F	2	E
42	F	35	F	87	E	34	D	30	E	41	F	3	A
43	-	36	E	88	F	35	C	31	E			4	C
44	E	37	E	89	F	36	E	32	F	N		5	E
45	-	38	E	90	F	37	C	33	F	1	E	6	D
46	F	39	D	91	F	38	-	34	F	2	E	7	E
47	F	40	D	92	F	39	B	35	F	3	E	8	D
		41	E	93	F	40	B	36	F	4	-	9	C
		42	D	94	-	41	E	37	F	5	E	10	B
		43	D	95	F	42	E	38	F	6	C	11	C
		44	F	96	F	43	D			7	C	12	D
		45	E	97	F	44	C	M		8	C	13	C
		46	D	98	F	45	E	1	D	9	C	14	E
		47	E	99	F	46	E	2	C	10	C	15	D
		48	E	100	F	47	E	3	E	11	C	16	E
		49	E	101	F	48	F	4	E	12	D	17	D
		50	D	102	F	49	F	5	C	13	D	18	E
		51	C			50	F	6	B	14	E	19	F
		52	E	K		51	F	7	B	15	A	20	B
		53	E	1	B	52	F	8	C	16	E	21	A
		54	B	2	D	53	F	9	C	17	C	22	B
		55	B	3	E	54	F	10	C	18	B	23	-
		56	E	4	C			11	B	19	D	24	D
		57	E									25	E

P		P		S		V		W		Z		Var	
26	B	39	E	44	C	4	F	26	D	4	D	1	-
27	D	40	F	45	F	5	D	27	B	5	D	2	C
28	-	41	F	46	F	6	-	28	E	6	D	3	E
29	E			47	F	7	C	29	D	7	E	4	D
30	E	<u>X</u>		48	F	8	C	30	E	8	E	5	E
31	F			49	F	9	E	31	E	9	E	6	E
32	E	1	B	50	E	10	E	32	E	10	F	7	E
33	F			51	F	11	E	33	-	11	F	8	B
34	F	<u>S</u>		52	E	12	E	34	F	12	F	9	-
35	A	1	E	53	F	13	E	35	D			10	D
36	F	2	D	54	F	14	E	36	B	<u>V</u>		11	C
		3	E	55	F	15	F			<u>Z</u>		12	D
<u>R</u>		4	F	56	F	16	C	<u>Y</u>		1	A	13	-
1	D	5	C	57	E	17	B	1	D	2	F	14	F
2	D	6	E	58	F	18	D						
3	B	7	F			19	D			<u>#</u>			
4	D	8	D	<u>T</u>		20	E	<u>Z</u>		1	C		
5	B	9	C	1	F	21	F	1	E				
6	E	10	E	2	D	22	C	2	C				
7	B	11	D	3	F	23	-	3	B				
8	A	12	A	4	B	24	-						
9	B	13	F	5	D	25	F						
10	C	14	E	6	B	26	F						
11	C	15	E	7	C	27	E						
12	C	16	E	8	B	28	F						
13	D	17	E	9	A								
14	E	18	C	10	-	<u>W</u>		1	E				
15	D	19	D	11	B	1	E	2	D				
16	E	20	D	12	E	2	D	3	E				
17	D	21	A	13	F	3	E	4	C				
18	E	22	D	14	F	4	C	5	E				
19	E	23	F	15	F	5	E	6	E				
20	C	24	E	16	F	6	E	7	B				
21	D	25	A			7	B	8	E				
22	E	26	D	<u>U</u>		8	E	9	E				
23	E	27	E	1	C	9	E	10	C				
24	E	28	E	2	-	10	C	11	E				
25	E	29	D	3	C	11	E	12	C				
26	B	30	D	4	E	12	C	13	B				
27	D	31	E	5	C	13	B	14	E				
28	D	32	B	6	-	14	E	15	E				
29	E	33	B	7	E	15	E	16	B				
30	E	34	B	8	D	16	B	17	E				
31	F	35	B	9	E	17	E	18	-				
32	E	36	C	10	F	18	-	19	C				
33	E	37	F	11	F	19	C	20	D				
34	F	38	A			20	D	21	F				
35	E	39	E	<u>V</u>		21	F	22	D				
36	E	40	C	1	A	22	D	23	E				
37	-	41	C	2	E	23	E	24	B				
38	F	42	-	3	-	24	B	25	D				
		43	E			25	D						

About Values

There is always a terrible temptation to assign dollar values to each of the relative rating letters. To do so would be a serious error. The ratings are tremendously valuable for research purposes. They can even be used carefully for trading purposes. But to suggest that an A-rated Czech Perfin is worth so much and an F-rated Czech Perfin is worth so much more would, at this stage at least, be utter folly.

Given enough time--and given the use of catalog numbers in auction sales--it might be possible to begin to arrive at relative values in dollars. It has taken many years for such relative values to be established for U. S. Perfins and, as we all know, even those dollar values are somewhat tenuous.

These relative ratings are built only on supply. Dollar values are built on supply versus demand. A Perfin known to exist only in four copies is rare; but if only three people want those four copies, then the rarity is moot.