

**Perfin Design Markers
for the
Slovak Republic
1939-1945**



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INTRODUCTION

Philatelic design markers have been in use as “tools of the trade” by American perfin collectors for over fifty years. Initially, the perfin design markers for the Czech lands, made to accommodate the illustrations presented in Maxa’s first catalog in 1972, were without any other pertinent information.

This edition of perfin design markers, for the First Slovak Republic (1939-1945), includes the following information:
















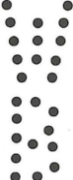
- 1) an illustration of the design: Taken from the Katalogová část section of MONOGRAFIE ČESKOSLOVENSKÝCH A CESKÝCH ZNÁMEK A POŠTOVNÍ HISTORIE 24 DÍL Perfiny z území Československa [aka Monograph 24] published by Pofis in 2022 and are NOT TO SCALE as presented in the Marker;
- 2) the design number (B1): found in katalóg PERFINOV z územia Slovenska [Catalog of perfins from the territory of Slovakia]; Authors: Fejtek, Marenčík, Kuběnka & Kotek; Košice 1997;
- 3) the scarcity rating (A): A/common - F/rare scale found in katalóg PERFINOV z územia Slovenska [Catalog of perfins from the territory of Slovakia]; Authors: Fejtek, Marenčík, Kuběnka & Kotek; Košice 1997;
- 4) the value rating specific to the stamps of The Slovak Republic (S8): from Monograph 24 .

The number of perfin markers is small due to the fact that only 16 businesses, in Slovak cities, have been verified as using their perfin design on Slovak stamps during the 1939-1945 time frame.

Collectors who use these markers are advised NOT to try to validate patterns that look similar to the “unaided eye” as they have been scaled to fit the space available on the Marker. True design/pattern verification can be accomplished only by using the designs found in Monograph 24. Most of them can, also, be found in earlier Czechoslovak catalogs and the 1997 Slovak catalog mentioned above.

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Slovak Markers

 B 1 (B) S 8	 C 1 (D) S 16	 H 2 (C) S 10	 H 4 (B) S 10	 K 2 (B) S 10	 K 5 (C) S 12
 K 5c (X) S 18	 K 7 (E) S 25	 M 3 (C) S 8	 O 3 (F) S 40	 R 1 (D) S 16	 S 1 (E) S 30
 S 2 (F) S 30	 S 2,1 (X) S X	 S 3 (A) S 8	 W 2 (F) S X		OCT 2023

Of the 74 perfins listed in the 1997 Slovak catalog, 14 are identified as being used on Slovak stamps in Slovakia of 1939-1945. The other 60 perfins are attributed to Slovak cities under Hungarian rule on Hungarian stamps (Uhorsko- pre-1900 & and 1900-1918) or the Czechoslovak Republics (Čs I -1918-1938/39 and ČS II - post 1945).

In the Czech Monograph 24 catalog of 2022, there are 16 perfins listed for the same time period. Of the additions, one is a size variation of S2/S50 - Siemens (S2,1/S51) and the other a name change (1938) listing for K5/K27 - Klinger Heinrich->Cottex A.G.(K5/K27,1). The other 60 perfins are listed under Hungarian rule(Uk - pre-1900 or U - 1900-1918) and or the Czechoslovak Republics (Č - 1918-1938/39 or Čs - from 1945).

Design	Slovak Catalog	Czech Catalog	Design	Slovak Catalog	Czech Catalog
BA/B	B1	B6	MG	M3	M19
CH	C1	C18	O.P./C.	O3	O16
HF	H2	H13	R	R1	R2
HF's	H4	H17	SB/M	S1	S14
K	K2	K5	SS	S2	S50
K.H.	K5	K27	SS	S2,1	S51
K.H.	K5c	K27,1	ST	S3	S58
K.T.	K7	K55	W/B	W2	W5