Onsite, non-invasive and non-destructive Technical Examination Services for

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High resolution photography



Authentication of a stamp is performed comparing its high resolution photo with a genuine stamp. At this magnification, even the tiniest differences in engraving, shape and size can be observed.

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Evaluate paper quality

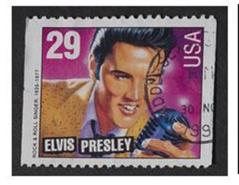


Macro photography allows to evaluate the quality of the paper and the printing process

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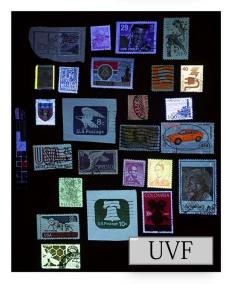
Excite phosphors coating













Phosphors coating is best viewed in shortwave ultraviolet light (254 nm).

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Excite phosphors in paper







Some Countries, such as Republic of San Marino, use a paper supplemented with phosphors.

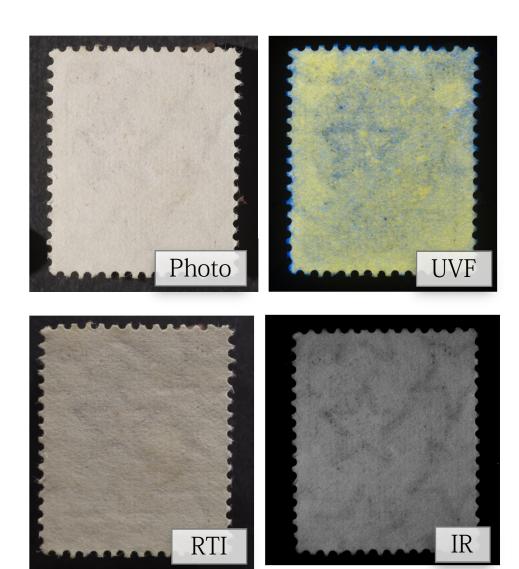
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Watermarks



Ultraviolet Fluorescence photography (UVF), RTI and infrared photography (IR) are non-invasive methods that can enhance reading of watermarks.



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Identify repairs and damages



Examination with Ultraviolet fluorescence photography allows to identify repairs on damaged stamps

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Differentiate inks



Use Infrared photography (IR) to differentiate among inks and enhance contrast.

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Faded details



Reflected Ultraviolet photography (UVR) can provide enhanced reading of faded ink.

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Identify cadmium-based inks

Infrared Fluorescence photography (IRF) identifies modern cadmiumbased inks.





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Technical photography examination









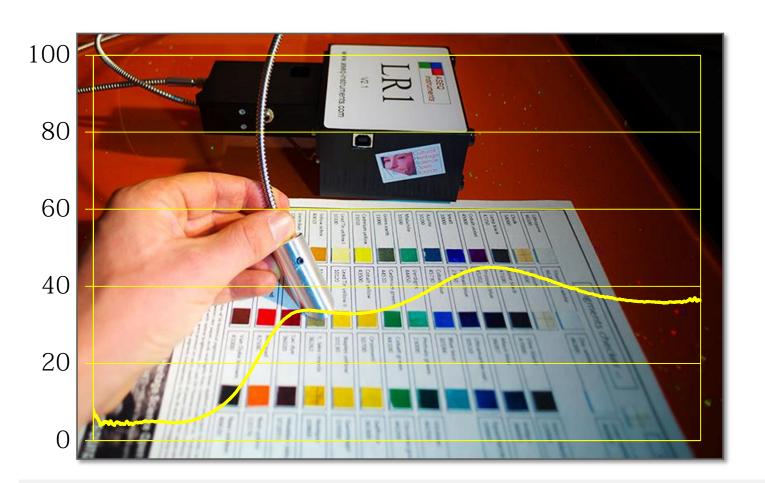
Examination of stamps with technical photography provides a number of hints for their authentication.

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Inks identification

"FORS spectral database of historical pigments in different binders"





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Inks identification with onsite, non-invasive and non-destructive Reflectance Spectroscopy (RS)

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