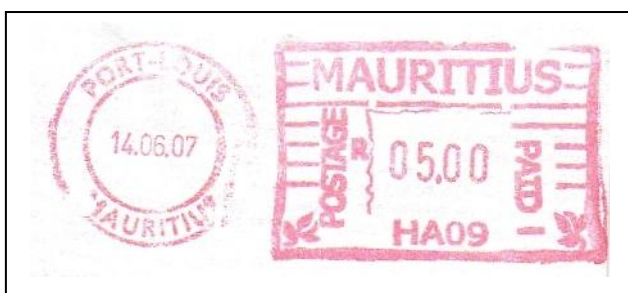


MAURITIUS METERMARK HA 09

Metermark HA 09 is allocated to State Bank Ltd. The volume of mail franked has resulted in no less than three different types of meters with that particular number in service since the late 1990's / early 2000's. The three different types with meter number HA 09 are shown below with the Earliest and Latest Recorded Dates recorded so far. All three meters are of the Hasler 'Mailmaster' model.



Type I - ERD – 17.01.01, LRD – 29.03.02



Type II - ERD – 14.06.07



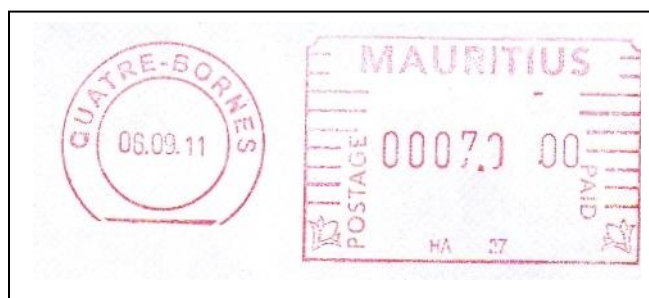
Type III - ERD 18.10.12 – still in use

The second type is unusual as it does not resemble any other known metermark of Mauritius. The rough imprint suggests that it may be a locally manufactured rubber die with a fixed value!

It is highly likely that there are more examples around lying in drawers with the bank statements still in the envelopes. Any additional information on this metermark with regard to the dates of use of each type and values is most welcome.

The study of metermarks with prefix HA has shown many varieties in the value format with the decimal point all over the place. Some of the meters have the town mark cut off at the base. Examples of metermarks with numbers HA 03, HA 04, HA 19 to HA 23, HA 28, HA 29, HA 33, HA 36 to HA 43 are also required for further examination. The highest meter number in this series recorded so far is HA 45.

For more on Mauritian metermarks go to www.philatepat.net16.net under the Miscellaneous section.



Metermarks HA 26 (Mauritius Telecom) and HA 27 (Parabole Maurice). Note the position of the decimal point and the trimmed bottom of the town mark of HA 27.

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