

VINYL SPACERS for Signoscope

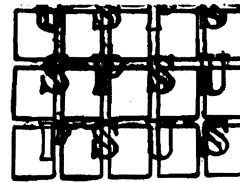
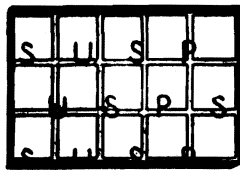
The enclosed transparent vinyl spacers are especially useful when checking Single or Double Line Watermarks of **U.S. Stamps** or any other stamps having a very weak watermark.

Use as follows: Place one of the enclosed transparent vinyl spacers (use the clear VINYL ONLY, NOT the PAPER) on the back of the stamp (between stamp and projection glass), **shiny side UP**. The watermark will then appear with more contrast. These vinyl spacers act as filters to obscure the fiber of the stamp and to make the watermark of the stamp more clearly visible.

When checking for thins, grills, hinge marks, added margins, repairs, silk threads, granite paper, paper irregularities or any other condition of the stamp, we recommend using the Signoscope **WITHOUT** the enclosed vinyl spacers.

Additional helpful hints

Checking U.S. Stamps with Single or Double Line Watermarks:



The SAFE Signoscope is especially useful for finding watermarks which are very hard to see with lighter fluid, especially all European Stamps and British Stamps with their various crown and initial watermarks. It works very efficiently with engraved stamps, such as the 1950 posthorn stamps of Germany. As to the U.S. Single and Double Line Watermarks, keep in mind that if there is only a little "dash" of the "U, S or P" left at the corner of the stamp or in the perforation of the stamp, this is ALL you are going to see. The Signoscope can ONLY show you what is THERE, not more. Thus, this little "dash" will not be easy to distinguish, because you will also see the fiber of the paper together with any kind of repairs or thins of the stamp. However, if more of the "U, S or P" is on the stamp, the watermark will be clearly visible, especially when using the above transparent vinyl spacers, **shiny side UP**.

For checking any other foreign stamps we recommend first looking up the picture of the watermark in a catalog before putting the stamp in the SAFE Signoscope. This way you know exactly what you are looking for. Just remember, you will be seeing a negative image of the watermark in question.

Also keep in mind: You do NOT always see the complete picture of the watermark as shown in a catalog. Sometimes only part of that picture is visible on a stamp. It is very easy to take a picture of the watermark with the help of the SAFE Signoscope and an instant camera with black/white film. The light sensitivity can be adjusted with the Contrast Adjuster of the SAFE Signoscope.

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