

Very well executed
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Tent-like letters A



Irregular
formation of O



Scott 214, Pos 4, ex TOWS 565

Curved right hand Trace of Top of t
Serifs of s almost Touching body of s

General appearance of letters does not match that of the genuine copies.

I believe the surcharge on this stamp is a very well executed forgery. In general, the formation of the letters in the stamp does not match the formation of the letters in similar genuine position 4 stamps of the 5c value of the 5th printing. Some examples are 1) letters A in the word HABILITADO that have a tent-like appearance (i.e., the arms of the As are depressed inward in the middle); 2) the formation of the O at the end of HABILITADO does not match the letters O in the comparison stamps; 3) the bottom arms of the letters "ce" in "cents" are thinner than in the comparison stamps, especially considering that overall the surcharge appears over-inked; 4) the right hand trace of the top of the letter "t" in "cents" is slightly more curved than in the comparison stamps; and 5) the serifs on the letter "s" of "cents" almost touch the body of the "s" whereas there is a clear separation between them in the comparison stamps.

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