

## Collecting Used Plate Number Coils:

When the Postal Service began to print plate numbers on coil stamps in 1981, the emphasis was to collect them as mint strips.

However, many collectors also began to collect used PNC's as:

### Singles



### Pairs



### Strips



They are also collected **on cover**, as shown on pages 14 & 15.

Some collectors sought **slogan cancellations**:



Others looked for singles and strips that showed the **year date**:



At the end of 1981 the Postal Service experimented with **purple cancellations**. Because it was easy to bleach them, this was soon discontinued. However, they now sell at a premium:



**Precanceled** and **service inscribed** coil stamps were collected as uncanceled singles:



With the introduction of self-adhesives around 1992, die cut separations began to replace perforations, which prevented the collecting of pairs or strips.