



NATIONAL REPUBLIC 2R RED BROWN

Issued early 1920

Sheets of 135 (9 horizontal rows of 15, Printing 1), 150 (10 horizontal rows of 15, Printings 2 and 3), 132 (11 horizontal rows of 3, Printing 4), 144 (12 horizontal rows of 12, Printing 5).

Printing plate produced from transfer blocks of 10:

A B C D E (part transfer blocks at right
F G H I J and base start with A etc).

I is usually identifiable by a white dot 2mm below the second G of GEORGIE.



2R guide dots



imperf at right

Printing 1 White Paper. Imperf. Guideline at sides (row 5). Top and bottom markings unknown.

Printing 2 Newsprint. Imperf. Circle and dots guidelines top and bottom (row 8).

Printing 3 Newsprint. Perf 11½. Circle and dots guidelines top and bottom (row 8).

Printing 4 Newsprint. Perf 11½. Circle and dots guidelines at top and bottom (between rows 6 and 7) and at sides (row 6).

Printing 5 Newsprint. Imperf. Small circles guidelines at sides (between rows 6 and 7). Circles and guidelines at foot.

In the freak printing the inscription and value are inverted in positions 27 and 39.

		PRINTING				
		1	2	3	4	5
206.	2R red-brown	.20	.20	.20	.35	.35
	Block of 4	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00
	Guideline block of 4	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.50	3.50
F.	Freak variety	-	-	-	-	25.00
J.	Imperf at right	-	-	10.00	-	-
W.	Worn impression, head of Tamara blank	1.00				(printing 3 or 4)





NATIONAL REPUBLIC 3R DULL BLUE

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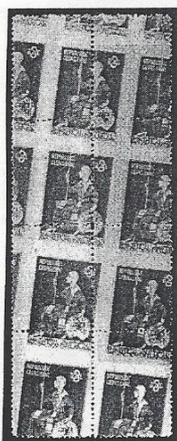
Sheets of 130 (10 horizontal rows of 13, Printings 1 and 2), 144 (12 horizontal rows of 12, Printings 3 to 6), 156 (12 horizontal rows of 13, Printing 7).

Printing plate produced from transfer block of 10:

A B C D E
F G H I J

Unlike other values, the block appears to have been reformed. On printings 1 to 3 a constant variety occurs on stamp G - a hook on Tamara's head. On printings 4 to 7 this occurs on stamp I, and the vertically adjacent stamp D has a diagonal line missing from top left to bottom right.

Imperf?



diagonal perfs
(reduced)

Printing 1 White Paper. Perf 11½. Circle at sides (between rows 5 and 6). Circle at top and bottom (row 7). Rare.

Printing 2 Newsprint. Perf 11½. Circle at sides (between rows 5 and 6). Circle at top and bottom (row 7).

Printing 3 Newsprint. Perf 11½. Circle at sides (between rows 5 and 6). Circle at top and bottom (row 7).

Printing 4 Newsprint. Imperf. Circle at sides (between rows 6 and 7). Nothing at top and bottom.

Printing 5 Newsprint. Imperf. Circle and bars at sides (between rows 6 and 7). Top and bottom unknown. It is only assumed that this setting is of 144 stamps, as complete sheets have not yet been seen by us.

Printing 6 Newsprint. Imperf. No marginal markings.

Printing 7 White Paper. Perf 11½. Circle at sides (between rows 6 and 7). Circle at top and bottom (row 7). In the freak printing the inverted "5" occurs on stamp no.78.

Some stamps of this printing are in a distinctive deep navy blue shade.



freak variety

		PRINTING						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
207.	3R dull blue	.35	.20	.20	.20	.20	.25	.50
	Block of 4	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	3.50
	Guideline) block of 4)	3.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	-	6.00
F.	Freak var.	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00

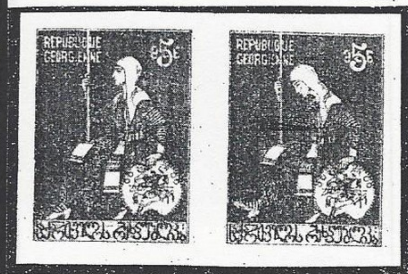
Var. Double perf, second misplaced through centre of stamp

207/208 3R printed on back of 5R, imperf, no gum.

Var. Perf pair, imperf between

Var. Perforations askew diagonally

Var. Perforations misplaced upwards and across

Freak variety
Tamara asleepNATIONAL REPUBLIC 5R ORANGE-YELLOW

Issued early 1920

Sheets of 120 (10 horizontal rows of 12, Printing 2), 144 (12 horizontal rows of 12 later printings). The layout of the first printing is unknown.

Printing plate produced from transfer block of 10:

A B C D E (part transfer blocks at right or
F G H I J bottom start with A etc).

- Printing 1 Newsprint. Imperf. Circle and bars guideline at top (row 6 or 7?). Others unknown.
- Printing 2 Newsprint. Perf 11½. Circle and bars guidelines at top (row 6).
- Printing 3 Newsprint. Perf 11½. Circle and bars guidelines at sides (between rows 3 and 6).
- Printing 4 Newsprint. Perf 11½. Circle and bars guidelines at sides (between rows 6 and 7). Star at top (row 6?). Circle at bottom (row 6?).
- Printing 5 Newsprint. Perf 11½. Circle and bars guidelines at sides (between rows 6 and 7). Star at top (between rows 6 and 7). Circle at foot (between rows 6 and 7).
- Printing 6 White Paper? Imperf. Circle guideline at sides (between rows 6 and 7), top and bottom blank.
- Printing 7 White Paper. Imperf. Circle guideline at sides (between rows 6 and 7). Circle and bars guidelines at top and bottom (row 6).

The freak printing "Tamara asleep" is stamp no.81.

208.	5R orange-yellow	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.50	.50
	Block of 4	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.50	3.50
	Guideline block of 4	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	6.00
F.	Freak variety (Tamara) asleep)	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	25.00
J.	Imperf at left	-	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	-	-
K.	Imperf between (pair)	-	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	-	-
L.	Double perf between) (pair)	-	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	-	-

ESSAYS were produced of two unissued values in the same designs as the issued stamps:

- E209. 20k (design as 10k to 70k) blue-grey
 E210. 10R (design as 2R to 5R) blue-grey, brown, greenish-yellow, orange of violet 20.00 each
 E211. Unissued kopeck in brown, as issued kopeck values, but redrawn.

PROOFS AND COLOUR TRIALS IN ISSUED DESIGN

- P215. 10k black
 P216. 40k black
 P217. 50k black
 P218A. 60k black with network overprint
 P219. 70k black
 P220. 1R black
 P221. 2R black
 P221A. 2R black with 3R printed on reverse
 P222. 3R black
 P223. 5R black
- Each £20.00



NATIONAL GUARD OVERPRINT

Typographed overprint in five lines in black. Intended for issue on 12 December 1920 at double face value, half for postage, the remainder for the National Guard. In the event the advance of Soviet troops prevented all but possibly the 3R value from being sold in this way.

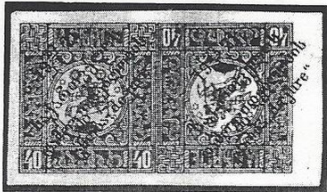


1920 Final printings (imperf, with or without gum) of the National Republic issue overprinted.

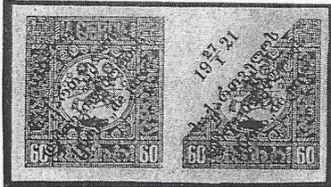
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| 230. | 10k deep blue | .50 |
| 231. | 40k dull vermilion | .50 |
| 232. | 50k green | .50 |
| 233. | 60k bright carmine | .50 |
| 234. | 70k pale purple | .60 |
| 235. | 1R cinnamon | .75 |
| 236. | 2R red-brown | 1.00 |
| 237. | 3R dull blue | 1.25 |
| 238. | 5R yellow-orange | 1.50 |

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DE JURE OVERPRINT



40k freak De Jure



60k freak De Jure

Typographed overprint in four lines in black. Intended for issue in Tiflis on 27 January 1921 to mark the "de jure" recognition of the National Democratic Republic of Georgia by the Versailles Peace Conference. Only the 2R to 5R were actually issued before Soviet troops entered the city on 25 February.

27 January 1921 Final printings (imperf, with or without gum) or New printings (2R to 5R) overprinted. On some values, the freak printings were used for this overprint.

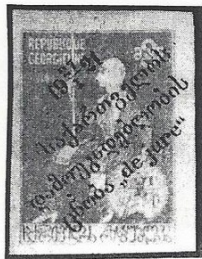
		SINGLE	BLOCK OF 4
239.	10k pale blue	1.00	6.00
240.	40k dull vermilion	1.00	6.00
240A.	40k ovpt inverted	5.00	30.00
240F.	40k freak tete-beche pair	20.00	-
241.	50k pale green	1.00	6.00
242.	60k dull carmine	1.00	6.00
242F.	60k freak variety	20.00	-
243.	70k pale purple	1.00	6.00
244.	2R chocolate	2.00	12.50
244F.	2R freak variety	25.00	-
245.	3R blue	2.50	15.00
246.	5R brownish-orange	3.00	15.00
246F.	5R freak, sleeping Tamara	25.00	-
246G.	5R freak, ovpt inverted	20.00	-

The inverted ovpt on the 5R is a new "freak" variety which occurs once on each sheet. The 40k inverted overprint is believed to come from complete sheets of the error.

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"DE JURE" OVERPRINT - FORGERIES

The main difference is in the final letter of the second and third lines (large format 2R to 5R of the third line only). Shades also vary considerably.



CONSTANTINOPLE CONSULAR SURCHARGES



Typographed surcharge in various colours.

Issued for courier mail between the Georgian Consulate in Constantinople and Georgia from January 1921 until the Consulate closed on 26 February.

Numbers overprinted are indicated in brackets.

			Perf 11½	Imperf	(10 of each issued)
247.	1pi on 10k dull blue in red	(900)	1.00	10.00	
248.	4pi on 40k vermilion in black	(1670)	1.00	10.00	
249.	5pi on 50k pale green in black	(1840)	1.00	10.00	
250.	6pi on 60k carmine in black	(595)	1.00	10.00	
251.	6pi on 60k carmine in blue	(590)	1.00	10.00	
252.	7pi on 70k purple in black	(640)	1.00	10.00	
253.	7pi on 70k purple in blue	(640)	1.00	10.00	
254.	10pi on 1R orange-brown in black	(650)	1.50	10.00	
255.	20pi on 2R red-brown in black	(570)	1.50	10.00	
256.	30pi on 3R dull blue in black	(260)	1.50	10.00	
257.	30pi on 3R dull blue in red	(260)	1.50	10.00	
258.	50pi on 5R yellow in black	(310)	2.00	10.00	
259.	50pi on 5R yellow in blue	(150)	2.00	10.00	
260.	50pi on 5R yellow in red	(150)	2.00	10.00	

Whether or not these stamps were ever genuinely used is open to question. On the one hand Romeko stated in 1927 that they had proof of genuine usage, whereas at the other extreme there are reports of "thousands" of extra imperf copies having been surcharged by the Consul after his flight from the Consulate. If further imperforate copies were produced "posthumously", few of them survive today, as both perforate and imperforate sets are scarce. The Georgian Consul in Constantinople stated in 1921 that only about ten imperforate sets were prepared at that time, and the overprint clichés were then destroyed.

Covers exist bearing these stamps with Constantinople cancels, some of which bear forged Tiflis arrival cancels. (No premium for covers with forged cancels). A cover with a genuine Tiflis arrival cancel sold for US \$1000 in 1968 and was offered again in 1980 with a valuation of \$2000 (current equivalent £900). A similar cover is reported sent from Constantinople to Tiflis with arrival cancel and 20k postage due marking. This cover sold for \$1200. The postage due marking suggests that the Consular surcharge was disallowed by the Georgian authorities.