

The Perfins of Mexico

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This is the fourth article in a series discussing my work in updating the America's portion of the *World Perfins Catalog*.

This time we are starting to look at the perfins of Mexico. This current article will discuss the Postal and Revenue patterns. The Officials and Punches will be discussed in a subsequent article due to space limitations.

You will note that I have added a few new patterns to Mexico (**A17.5**, **A24**, **A25** and **B34.5**). I doubt that these will be the last additions. Hopefully this

will encourage our Latin American neighbors to add to the list.

The "A" prefixes are for perfins in Postal issues and the "B's" are for Revenues. The Revenue patterns have been broken out into two categories. First, we cover the normal revenue usages. The second part deals with the usage of perfins on "Customs" (Aduanas) revenues which were used at all of the Ports of Entry into Mexico. This last area is very likely to expand somewhat as more information surfaces.

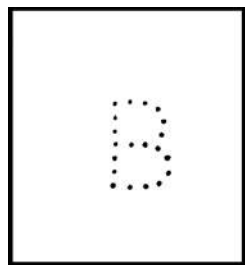
<u>Postal Patterns</u>			
<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date(s) of Usage</u>
A1	B	Bartning y Suc	1884 – 1898
A2	Cia./F.M.	Compania de Ferrocarril Mexicano	1899 – 1914
A3	DUN	R. G. Dun & Co.	1903 – 1916
A4	F.V.	?	1904
A5	G.L./&Cia/SU.cs	?	1899/1913
A6	H.S.	?	1896
A7	J.A./y/C.S.	Julio Albert y Cia. Sucs	1899 – 1903
A8	J F & Co	Johannsen Felix & Co.	1910 – 1917
A9	M	Melchers	1884 – 1887
A10	MB/&/CS	?	1903
A11	M.M./S.S./C.	Mexico Mine & Smelter Supply Co.	1903
A12	MOS/LER	Mosler Safe Company	1910 - ?
A13	N/C/B	National City Bank	1938 - ?
A14	NP/&T	National Paper & Type Company	1910 – 1917
A14.9	R	?	1899 – 1891
A15	R.B./&C.	Roberto Boker & Cia	1899 – 1910
A16	RIC(o)/LTD	Royal Insurance Company, Ltd	1899 – 1917
A17	R/M	?	1903
A17.5	R.P.D.	?	1935
A18	SG	?	1903 – 1910
A19	TB.	?	1886 – 1890
A20	V.E./&C	?	1903
A21	“design”	?	1903 - ?
A22	“anchor”	?	1910 - ?
A23	“omega” or “horseshoe”	?	1905 – 1915
A24	11	?	1899
A25	“cross”	?	1925

Notes:

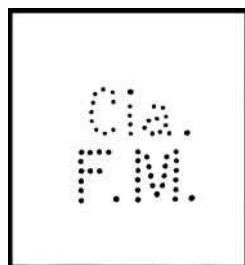
1. Pattern **A8a** was deleted as being a probable duplicate of **A8**.
2. Pattern **B13** was reassigned as pattern **A23** since it has only been seen on postally cancelled stamps.

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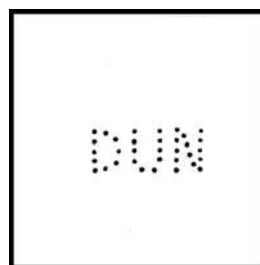
Postal Patterns



A1 - B



A2 - Cia./F/M.



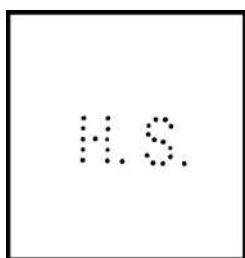
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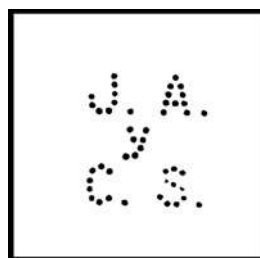
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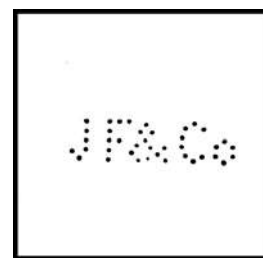
A5 - G.L./& Cia/SU.cs



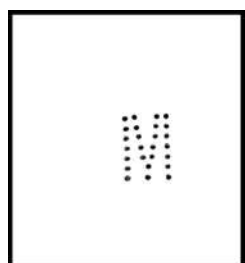
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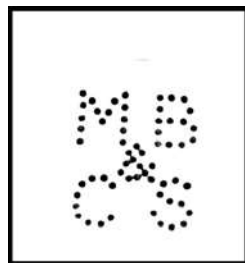
A7 - J.A./y/C.S.



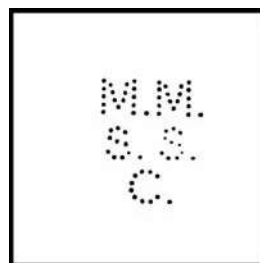
A8 - JF & Co



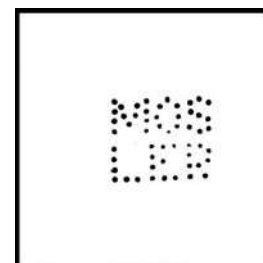
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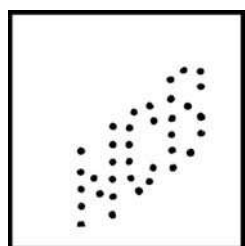
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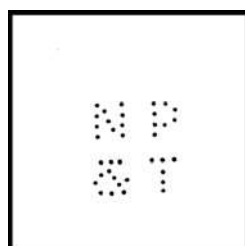
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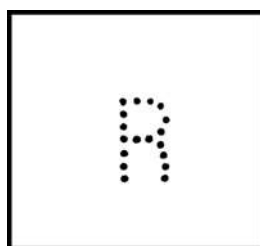
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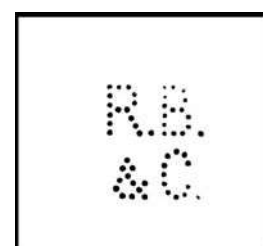
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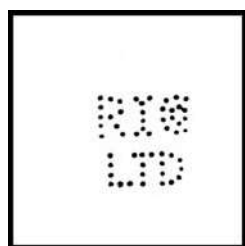
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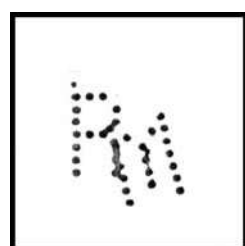
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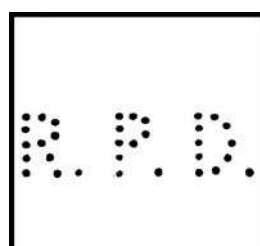
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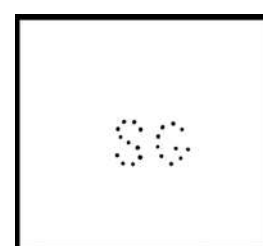
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A17 - R/M



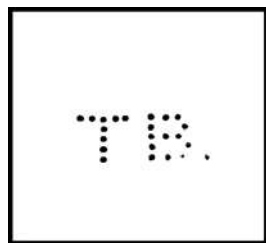
A17.5 - R.P.D.



A18 - SG

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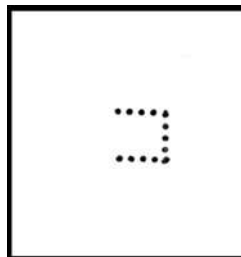
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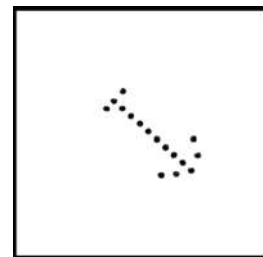
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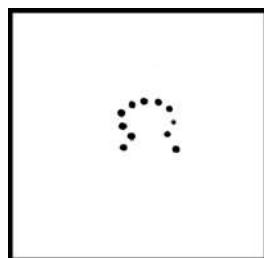
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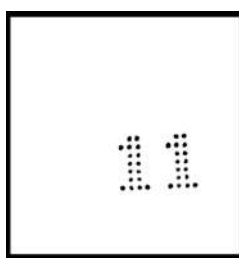
A21 - "design"



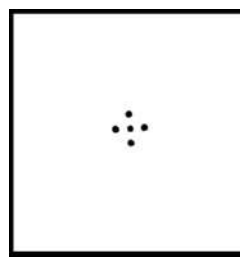
A22 - "anchor"



A23 - "omega" or
"horseshoe"



A24 - 11



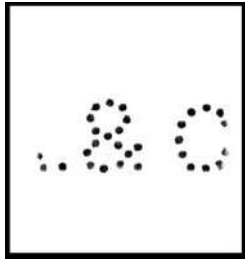
A25 - "cross"

<u>Revenue Patterns (normal usage)</u>			
<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Company or Purpose</u>	<u>Date(s) of Usage</u>
B1	A.&C	?	1897 - ?
B2	AM	?	?
B3	B	Bartning y Suc	1883
B5	H.S.	?	1895 - ?
B6	M	Melchers	1887 - 1892
B7	TB.	?	1890 - ?
B8	T.S.	Todos Santos	?
B9	U.D.Co. Ld	Union Discount Company of London, Ltd	1899 - ?
B9.5	11	?	?
B10	5	?	1890
B10.1	555	?	?
B11	5	?	?
B12	29	?	?
B13.5	DURANGO	?	?
B14	MONTERREY	Precious Metals	?
B15	NOGALES	Precious Metals	?
B16	TAMPICO	Precious Metals	?
B17	PIEDRAS NEGRAS	Documents & Internal Revenue	?
B18	VERACRUZ	Documents	?
B19	VERACRUZ	Documents & Internal Revenue	?

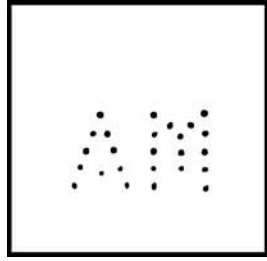
Note: Patterns **B9.5 – B12** are seen on postal stamps with revenue cancels.

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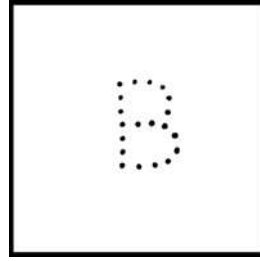
Revenue Patterns (normal usage)



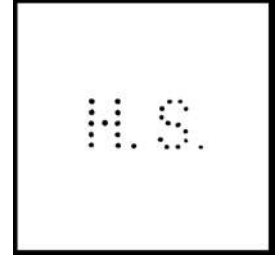
B1 - A.&C (partial)



B2 - AM



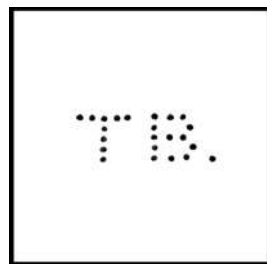
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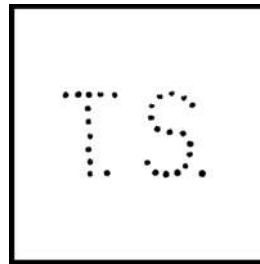
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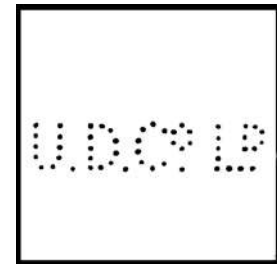
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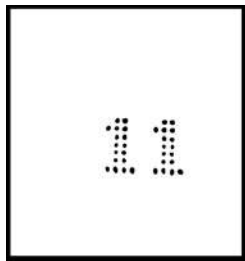
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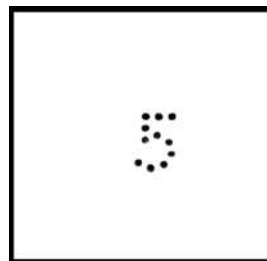
B8 - T.S.



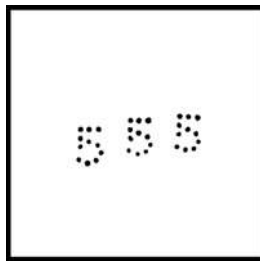
B9 - U.D.Co.Ld



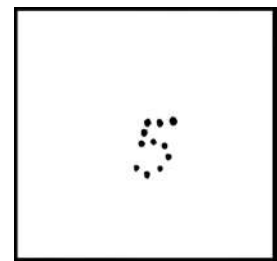
B9.5 - 11



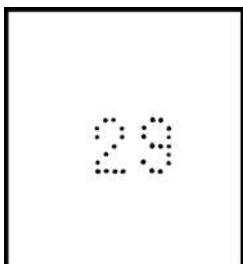
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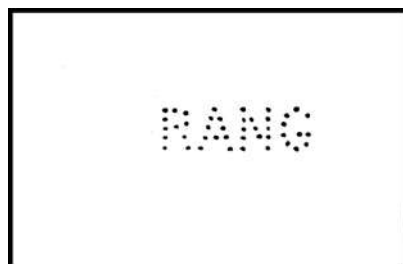
B10.1 - 555



B11 - 5



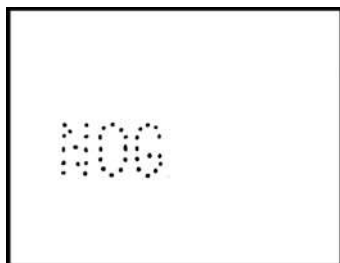
B12 - 29



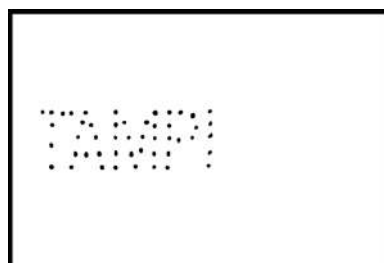
B13.5 - DURANGO (partial)



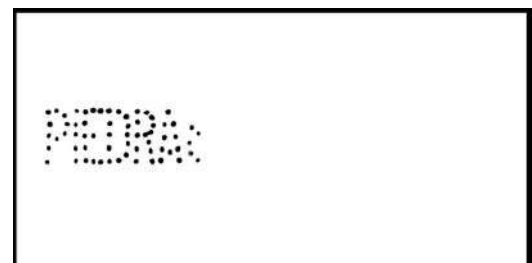
B14 - MONTERREY



B15 - NOGALES (partial)



B16 - TAMPICO (partial)



B17 - PIEDRAS NEGRAS (partial)

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Revenue Patterns (normal usage) (cont.)



B18 - VERACRUZ



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“Customs” (Aduanas) Revenue Patterns (Ports of Entry usage)

<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Port of Entry</u>	<u>Date(s) of Usage</u>
B20	ACAPULCO	Acapulco	1885 - 1896
B21	ALTATA	Altata	1885 - 1896
B22	ASCENSION	Ascension	1885 - 1896
B23	Cde S. LUCAS	Cabo san Lucas	1885 - 1896
B24	CAMPARGO	Campargo	1885 - 1896
B25	CAMPECHE	Campeche	1885 - 1896
B26	JUAREZ	Juarez	1885 - 1896
B27	FRONTERA	Frontera	1885 - 1896
B28	Y del CARMEN	Y del Carmen	1885 - 1896
B29	LAREDO	Laredo	1885 - 1896
B29.5	LAREDO	Laredo	1885 - 1896
B30	MATAMOROS	Matamoros	1885 - 1896
B31	MIER	Mier	1885 - 1896
B32 ^(Note 2)	NOGALES	Nogales	1885 - 1896
B33	PASO DEL NORTE	Paso del Norte (Ciudad Jaurez)	1885 - 1896
B34	PIEDRAS NEGRAS	Piedras Negras	1885 - 1896
B34.5	LA PAZ	La Paz	1885 - 1896
B35	PROGRESO	Progreso	1885 - 1896
B35.1	PUERTO ANGEL	Puerto Angel	1885 - 1896
B35.6	TODOS SANTOS	Todos Santos	1885 - 1896
B36	TAMPICO	Tampico	1885 - 1896
B37	TIJUANA	Tijuana	1885 - 1896
B38	TUXPAN	Tuxpan	1885 - 1896
B39	VERACRUZ	Veracruz	1885 - 1896
B39.1	VERACRUZ	Veracruz	1885 - 1896
B39.2	VERACRUZ	Veracruz	1885 - 1896

Notes:

1. There is a good chance that usage of perfins at other Ports of Entry will be discovered. Pattern **B34.5** LAPAZ was just recently found.
2. Pattern **B32** is known, but I do not have a copy to show on the following pages.

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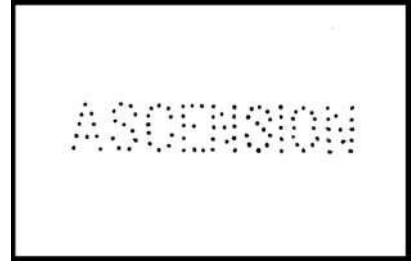
"Customs" (Aduanas) Revenue Patterns (Ports of Entry usage)



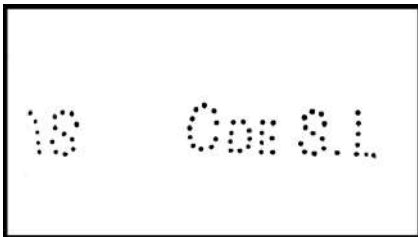
B20 - ACAPULCO (partial)



B21 - ALTATA (partial)



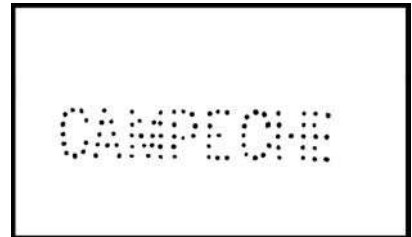
B22 - ASCENSION



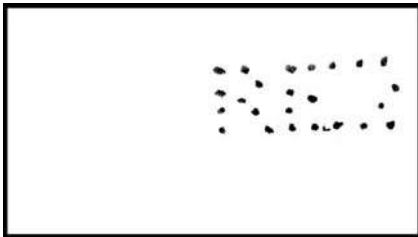
B23 - Cde S. LUCAS (partial & split)



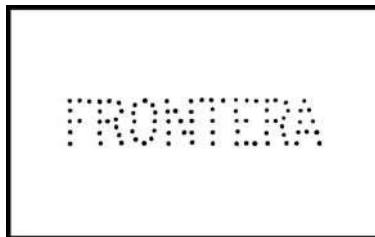
B24 - CAMARGO (partial)



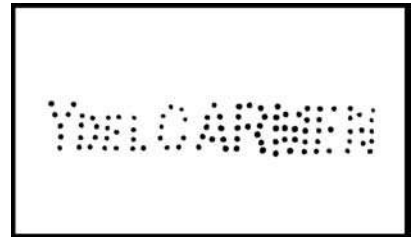
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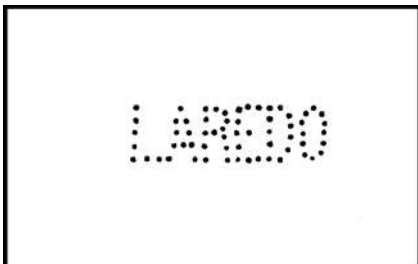
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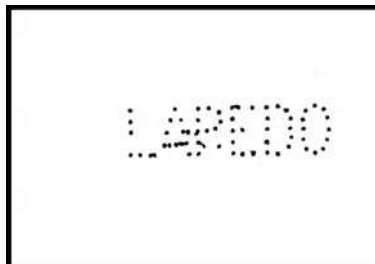
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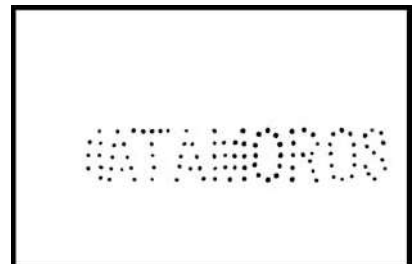
B28 - Y del CARMEN



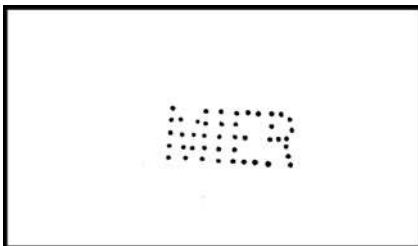
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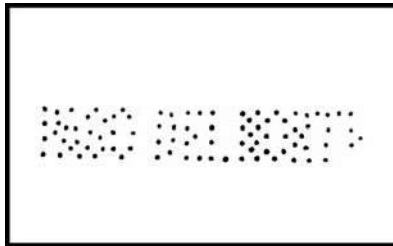
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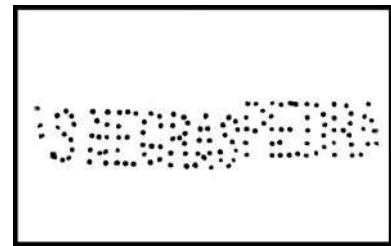
B30 - MATAMOROS (partial)



B31 - MIER



B33 - PASO DEL NORTE
(partial)



B34 - PIEDRAS NEGRAS
(split)

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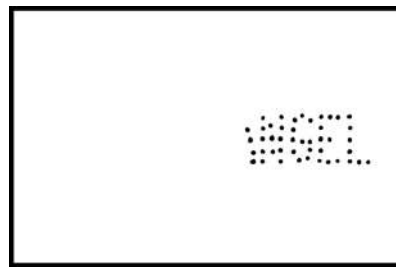
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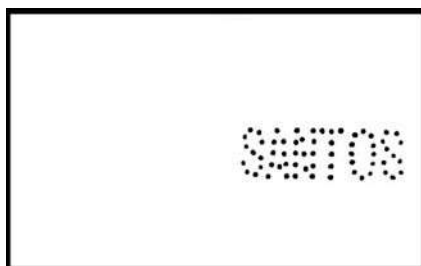
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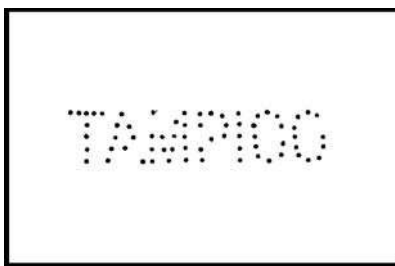
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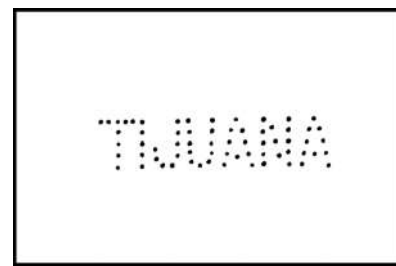
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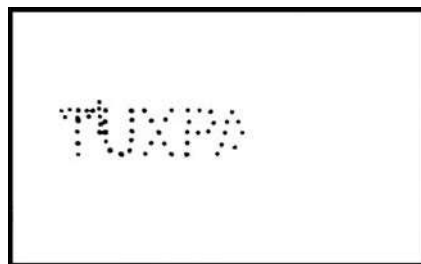
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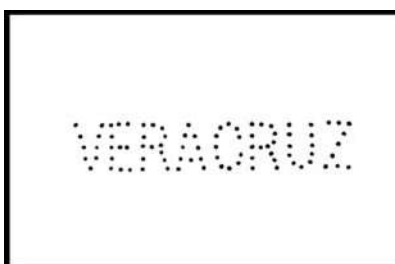
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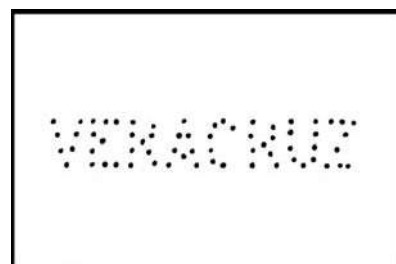
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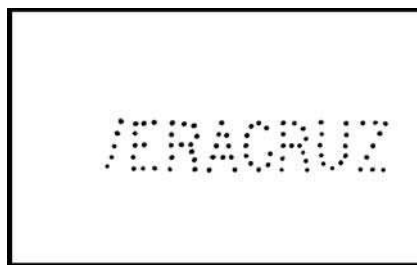
B38 - TUXPAN (partial)



B39 - VERACRUZ



B39.1 - VERACRUZ



B39.2 - VERACRUZ (partial)