44¢ Atlantic Walrus



Stamp size: 32x26mm Design: 27x21mm Pane: 50 (10 rows x 5 columns)

Lithography, 5 colours

Designer: Brian Tsang

Hidden date: "© 1988" (F3-F2), reading down on leg.

Design:

The Walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*) is at home both on land and at sea. Awkward on land, the walrus thrashes its flippers to move about effortlessly in water. The walrus also boasts a set of air sacks in its neck which enables it to sleep at sea, head resting above water. The walrus' tusks are elongated upper canine teeth, used for feeding and in courtship rites. The tusks also sometimes anchor the animal to ice floes or rocks.

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Sheet	Nov 1989 ¹		13.8 x 13.1				blank		
Booklet (\$2.20)	Jan 18, 1989² Mar 17, 1989		12.5 x 13.1				ASHTON-POTTER LIMITED Design: Bran Tang		

¹ not announced by the post office

² two different covers

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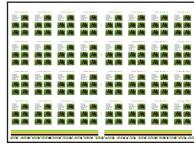


1171b (from BK104) (image at 50%)

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Pane of 50 Press sheet similar to 78¢: 4 panes of 50 (image at 15%)



Booklet pane of 6 Press sheet similar to 76¢: 32 panes of 6 (image at 15%)

References:

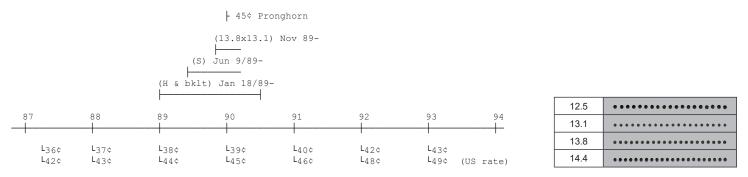
• Which corner is most popular? (Walrus plate block auction result): Corgi Times: Mar-Apr 2012 (#119, 78)

See also:

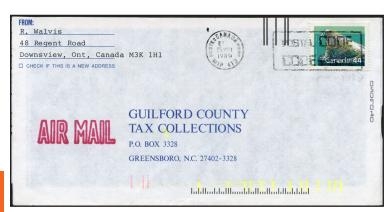
Usage:

The 44¢ Atlantic Walrus was used as the first-class rate (0–30g) to the United States, in effect from January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989.

The perf 13.8x13.1 (the rarest, regularly issued stamp in this series) was obsolete in less than two months and would not have seen much use in the first place (it is believed that it was only available from just a very few post offices in Eastern Canada and that there are fewer than 1,000 mint copies known). The 44¢ Christmas stamp, issued Oct 26, 1989 in both sheet (Scott 1257) and booklet formats (the first time the US-rate Christmas stamp was issued in booklet format), would have been the first choice of postal customers.



Replaced by the 45¢ Pronghorn mammal definitive (see page 151), issued on January 12, 1990.



Courtesy Jack Nixon

Single 44¢ (Harrison paper, perf 14.4x13.8) mailed August 25, 1989 to Greensboro, NC paying 0-30g USA first class rate.



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Single 44¢ + 1¢ Flying Squirrel mailed January 2, 1990 to Canandaigua, NY paying the 45¢ 0-30g USA first class rate.

The letter rate to the United States increased to 45¢ on January 1, 1990 but the new 45¢ Pronghorn stamp was not issued until January 12, 1990. For the first 12 days of 1990 it was necessary to add 1¢ postage along with the 44¢ Walrus stamp.

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Single 44¢ (Slater paper, perf 14.4x13.8) mailed December 6, 1989 to Gulfport, MS paying 0-30g USA first class rate.



Other Canadian stamps featuring the Atlantic Walrus

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