

## GAS BAR VARIETIES

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One of the more interesting Gas Bar varieties is the "Spot on Window (bsw)" variety (Page II & 12 in the Bilodeau Guide) shown in Figure 1. It occurs in more than one series and is also combined with other varieties. All of the Window Spot variety coupons that I have looked at also have a small orange island in the Pacific just left of the MOR-POWER sign as shown in Figure 2.

If you have any of the "Bent Serif (pbs)" from the CTC 9-B1 series (Bilodeau Guide, Volume II, page A-24), turn them over and you'll find they are all also the "Spot on Window" variety. (See Fig. 3)

Also, check the serial numbers of your CTC 9-B1 coupons that have a zero in the third serial number position. You will find that some of these coupons have a white streak through the zero. This "Streaked 0" (ss0) variety didn't make it into the last edition of the Bilodeau Guide. It occurs in the CTC 8-B1 and the CTC 9-B1 series. Some of the streaked 0 in the CTC 9-B1 series have the window spot. (Figure 4)

I have lists of the serial numbers of all of the above if anyone wants to do some further research. The serial numbers were quite consistent for Series CTC 8 but are all over the place for CTC 9. It looks as though the error that was on one plate in fifty for the CTC 8 series got propagated to more than one plate for the CTC 9 series.

