

GAS BAR VARIETIES

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Different 4

There are some gas bar coupons that have a differently shaped "4" in the first two positions of the serial number. See fig. 1. I don't consider this a variety or a printing error but merely something different about some coupons that I noticed and started saving. You never know when collecting interesting sets of coupons like this is going to prove useful. A year or so ago I encountered a 5 cent Sasaki-Billes coupon with serial number S 4453937 with a plain S prefix. This coupon was right in the middle of an S(serif) series. Because I had saved most of the "different 4" coupons I came across, it was one more item of proof to show that S 4453937 was a gas bar replacement coupon. All of the S 4453xxx coupons I had were coupons with the different 4, implying that it was not printed in sequence. See fig. 2.

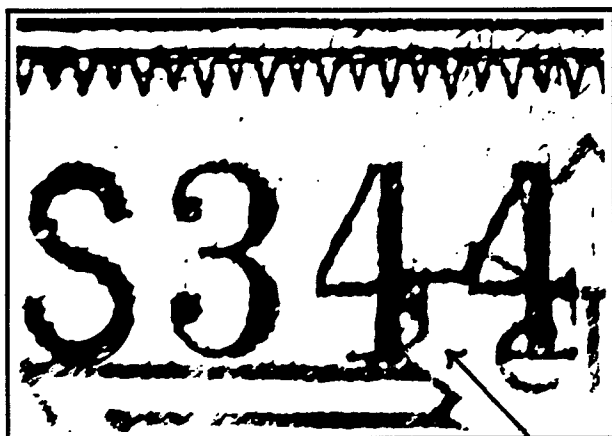


Figure 1: Close-up of serial number with different 4.



Figure 2: Coupons S 4453891, S 4453937 and S 4453958 overlapped.

I have found this special "4" digit on the following coupons:

5 cents: CTC 8-A(plain S): S344
CTC 8-A1(lg serif): S445
CTC 10-A1(lg serif): S544

Note: S64, S74 and S84 searched for and not found.

10 cents: CTC 8-B(plain T): T405, T415, T425, T435, T445, T455, T465, T475, T485, T495, T54, T64.

Note: T405, T415 and some T425 coupons also have the "cat at gas bar" on the back.
T54 and T64 also have the "Lake Winnipegosis" on the back.

CTC 10-B1(lg serif): T74, T84.

25 cents: CTC 8-C(plain V): V34, V44.

50 cents: CTC 8-D(plain U): U24, U34.
CTC 8-D1(serif): U44.
CTC 10-D(serif): U64.

Note: U54 searched for and not found.

\$1.00: CTC 10-E(serif): Z14.

Note: Z04 & Z24 searched for and not found.

I don't see very many gas coupons these days in the Ottawa area. As far as I know, the Toronto area is the only place still using them. Perhaps someone that still has access to gas coupons could verify or expand on this list if they're interested.