

CANADIAN TIRE REPLACEMENT NOTES - SERIES CTC S10, S11 AND S12

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CTC S10 and S11 Series:

Issued in 1989 by the British American Bank Note Co., the S10 series was issued in limited quantities for only the 5¢, 25¢ and \$1 denominations. Red serial numbers on the back of the notes readily distinguish this series of "Experimental Notes" from the S11 series which have black serial numbers. The S11 series was also issued for all six notes for the 5¢ through \$2.00 denominations.

Replacement notes for both the S10 and S11 series are similar and bear the identical serial numbers of the notes they replace. They do not display an asterisk or other markings traditionally used to distinguish replacement notes. These replacements can be recognized by a different styled prefix and serial number.

Enquires to Jerome Fourre, co-author of the Bilodeau Guide, revealed the following useful information to distinguish the replacement notes:

"The CTC S10 & S11 replacement notes are not all easy to spot. The 50¢ S11's are the easiest, the middle of the "M" goes as low as the two legs on the replacement note, whereas it only goes 1/2 way down on the regular M. The tail of the "J" does not come as high as the regular "J". The other notes are harder to spot. If they have a "1" in the serial number. The tail of the replacement "1" is thin and straight whereas it is curved on the regular note."

(below) Back of regular and replacement S11-Ca 25¢ and S11-Da 50¢ coupons with distinguishing features highlighted.



CTC S12 Series:

This one note series produced by the Canadian Bank Note Co was released in limited quantities during 1991. The notes were apparently issued to meet the requests of certain CTC stores in outlying regions who did not wish to use the 5¢ notes as the lowest denomination. Other than for a small serial number, the design is essentially identical to the CTC S4 series first issued in 1973. The S12 notes even continue the XN prefix which was original started for the S4 3¢ notes and have the same signatures.

Interestingly whereas the replacement notes for the S4 3¢ notes use an asterisk in addition to the serial number, the S12 3¢ replacements contain no asterisk and bear the same serial number as the notes they replace. They would be