

Gas Bar CTC-7 "Narrow Font" ranges

by Roger Fox

As with all printing of Canadian Tire coupons, nothing is very consistent for long, and this is **good** for us collectors! An example of this occurs during the Gas Bar CTC 7 – the green series, through denominations 5¢ to 30¢. Although very subtle, there is a range of "Narrow Font" serial numbered coupons in each of the six denominations listed above. As all of these notes were printed by the British American Banknote Company, the decision to use a different font or number style head must have been internal, and did not last that long before switching back, as the number of notes printed with the narrow font varies by the popularity of the denomination. The 5¢, 10¢, and 25¢ had many more narrow font coupons than the 15¢, 20¢, and 30¢ notes. Approximate ranges based on "framing" notes are listed in this article by denomination. (As you can see from the chart, the 5¢, 10¢, and 25¢ ranges are much closer than the 15¢, 20¢, and 30¢ ranges.)

Regular Font

C2510155

Narrow Font

C2513094

Another unusual thing about this series is that the 25¢ denomination has several short runs of regular or wider font notes within the narrow font ranges, while all the other denominations seem to have had a straight uninterrupted run of these narrow font notes. Therefore, in the case of the 25¢ denomination, it can be concluded that both regular and narrow font serial numbered heads were used to print the sheets, whereas in all the other denominations, only the narrow font serial numbered heads were used.

Narrow Font Range Chart

Denomination	High pre-framer	"Narrow Font Ranges"		Low post-framer
		Low	High	
5¢	A2747474	A2753120	A2951260	A2953967
10¢	B3706215	B3714517	B3831511	B3833387
15¢	E1434839	E1656951	E1662101	E1774474
20¢	F1331980	F1338039	F1471978	F1562050
30¢	G0903568	G1076152	G1150676	??
*This 30¢ series may end with the narrow font notes, as the highest numbered coupons found are still narrow font notes.				
25¢	C2511758	C2512313	C2520395	C2520920
		C2521116	C2523802	C2523937
		C2524473	C2526593	C2526953
		C2527510	C2529520	C2529951
	C2529993	C2531146	C2540647	C2541934
		C2542163	C2556684	C2556962
		C2557404	C2577072	C2577998
		C2578470	C2604661	C2604937
	C2604971	C2606041	C2628268	C2628977
		C2629197	C2631088	C2632421
	C2634767	C2637078	highest narrow font	C2637812**
	C2802590	C2802877**		C2804244

** From the C26378nn series to the C28028nn series, notes seem to be of the normal or wider font. I have found only one narrow font coupon in the C2802nnn series which may indicate that this particular example is a replacement note. Also, if you look through the examples of the "framer" notes, in most cases the serial numbers are in the 900 range which may indicate that only one regular or wider font head on the sheet was used!?! I have not found any other narrow font 25¢ coupons after the C2802nnn series.

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To some collectors, these notes are difficult to spot. Check your coupons in the ranges listed above and compare them to coupons outside the low/high ranges. The British American Banknote Company used the narrow font serial number heads when printing the 1954 Bank of Canada currency. Compare any BABN 1954 currency with any 1954 Canadian Banknote Company note and you can see the difference too!

There maybe other denominations containing the narrow font coupons higher than 30¢, but I have not seen any. As we do not see that many 35¢ to 60¢ (exception 50¢) I can't confirm they do not exist, but it is unlikely. It is interesting that none have been found in the 50¢ CTC 7 "M" prefix, as these were also green and printed about the same time.

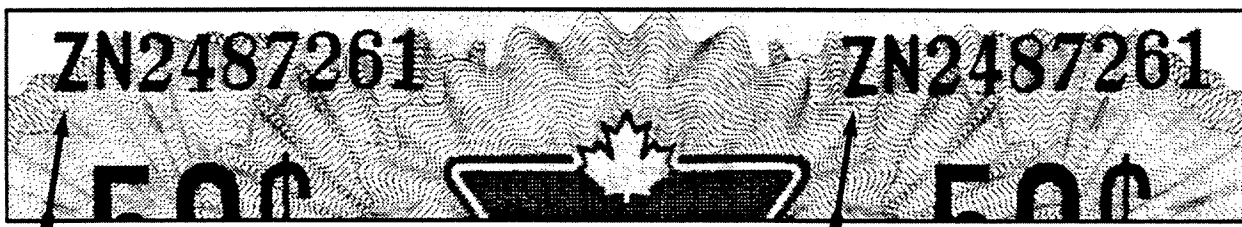
If any members can add to any of the above with other information, ranges or denominations, please write to me. I am especially interested in narrowing down the "start/low" numbered coupons, and the "end/high" numbered coupons in the 15¢, 20¢, and 30¢ ranges. Also any regular, or wider font "framer" coupons either higher or lower than what is in the chart will also help narrow down how many narrow font notes exist in each denomination.

I realize that the difference between the regular wider font, and the narrow font is slight, but there is a definite difference!

Pointed "Z" update

by Jerome Fourre

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I have found a coupon with both "Z"s pointed. This is the first I have heard of. A few single pointed "Z"s have been reported since the article last appeared in the April 95 newsletter. The ranges that have been found in so far are:

	Serial Number ranges		Left ZN	Right ZN
new high	ZN 0081306	to ZN 0084738	normal	small, sharp Z
new high	ZN 0204212	ZN 0204878	large, sharp Z	normal
	ZN 0330003	to ZN 0330368	normal	small, sharp Z
	ZN 0451249	to ZN 0454048	large, sharp Z	normal
new low & high	ZN 0704308	ZN 0704509	large, sharp Z	normal
new range	ZN 0950087	ZN 0954478	large, sharp Z	normal
	ZN 1053392	to ZN 1053637	normal	large, sharp Z
new high	ZN 1200031	to ZN 1200889	large, sharp Z	normal
new low	ZN 1300449	to ZN 1303997	normal	large, sharp Z
	ZN 1551220	to ZN 1554453	normal	large, sharp Z
	ZN 1801176	only one found	normal	large, sharp Z
new low	ZN 2050349	to ZN 2054564	normal	large, sharp Z
	ZN 2302452	to ZN 2303832	normal	large, sharp Z
new range	ZN 2487261	to only one found	large, sharp Z	large, sharp Z
new low & high	ZN 2700127	ZN 2702211	normal	large, sharp Z
	ZN 2910011	to ZN 2910593	normal	large, sharp Z

Has any of you found any of these of the last while? Please keep reporting them and we will continue to update the information. Thank you! Jerome Fourre.