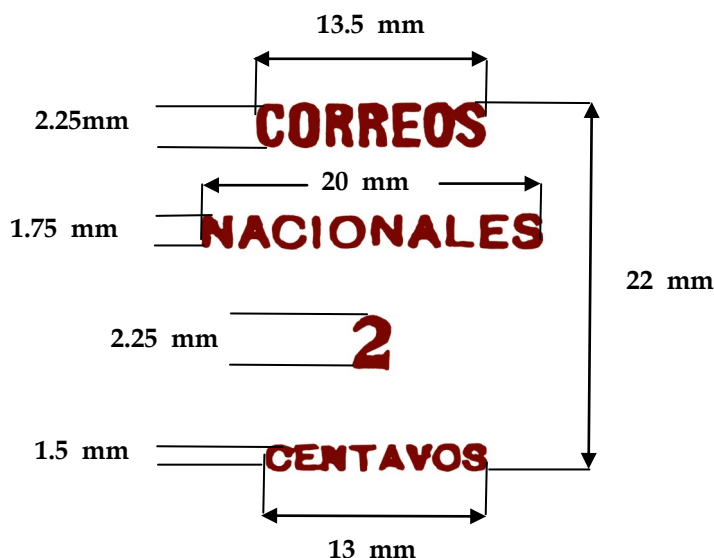


## GUATEMALA FORGERIES AND FAKES 1898 SCOTT 86-87

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These 1898 provisionals were surcharged on revenue stamps by Tipografia Nacional in Guatemala City. *Guatemala 1* states that "Probably a large proportion of the errors in existence are forgeries."<sup>1</sup>

Dimensions of the genuine surcharges are shown in the illustrations here.<sup>2</sup> The genuine errors are inverted and double with one inverted. A ¼mm variation in height is within reasonable limits.

The ink was sometimes watery resulting in blurred letters, visible on the color separations here.<sup>3</sup> The ink color varies from pale to dark red, but shades include brown red and orange red.

On the following page are images of forgeries with measurements of the surcharges. These illustrate the necessity of measurements when examining these.

### Footnotes

1. Goodman, Roland A., ed., *Guatemala 1*, p. 172, Robson Lowe, Ltd., London (1969).
2. The measurements are taken from Goodman, *ibid*.
3. The color separations in these illustrations were provided by Eric Dyck.



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## FORGERIES - SCOTT 86-87



Scott 86 Forgery  
 Correos — 16mm  
 Nacionales — 25mm  
 Height — 10mm



Scott 87 Forgery  
 Correos — 13.5mm  
 Nacionales — 20.5mm  
 Centavos — 13.5mm  
 Height — 23mm



Scott 87 Forgery  
 Correos — 14mm  
 Nacionales — 21mm  
 Centavos — 13.5mm  
 Height — 22mm



Scott 87 Forgery  
 Correos — 13.75mm  
 Nacionales — 20.5mm  
 Centavos — 13.5mm  
 Height — 22mm



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