

# Mexico - The Provisional Period of 1867-68

This exhibit is a traditional treatment of the various issues and marks showing their uses during the challenging period following the fall of the Maximilian Government in 1867. No National issue would exist until Sept. 8, 1868. As a result the various District post offices improvised, used hand stamp frankings, created their own Postmaster Provisionals, or used old remainder stamps. The various stamps and stampless covers used during this interim period were critical to maintaining the posts and restoring the country are known as the **Provisionals of 1867-68**.



1868 VICTORIA DE SATEVO (SMALL TOWN IN CHIHUAHUA)

Stampless or "Sello Negro" use occurred in every district, although not all districts are discovered. Included here are all the major Types and Subtypes in a comprehensive sampling of known uses. Also shown are the Postmaster Provisional stamps from Chiapas and Cuernavaca, minor in importance compared to the large Guadalajara issue which is shown in detail. The little known Hidalgo Provisionals are shown from five districts. The best known and most important is the "Gothic Issue" of Mexico City, which is shown comprehensively. Nearly all the material in this period is very scarce and includes some of Mexico's greatest rarities. Pieces with a Mepsi certificate are noted by a red dot •. The exhibit is organized as follows:

- I. **Sello Negro** – Stampless Covers. Arranged by Heath Types I-VI, and my subtypes. Type descriptions are at beginning of each type. Other uses shown include Variants, Mixed franking (US), Official, Army correspondence, Extraordinario (Special Delivery) Certificado (Registered mail), and Maritime. Includes many discovery and unique pieces.
- II. **Provisional Stamps**
  - A. **Cuernavaca** The Un on Cover - **Chiapas** The Medio, Un and Dos including 2 covers from sub offices and overprints.
  - B. **Guadalajara**
    - i. First through Fourth Printings – Papers, Colors, Serrates, Guzman OP, Bisects, usages
    - ii. Sub- Offices – Tecolotlan, Autlan. Cocula, Talpa, Tepic, Zocoalco, Tonyla, Sayula.
  - C. **Hidalgo Provisionals** – i. Forerunners (un-overprinted) Guadalajara, Jalapa, Puebla, Orizava, Cordova (Vera Cruz).
  - D. **Gothic Issue of Mexico**
    - i. **Thick Paper Stamps** – Includes Type I & Type III Gothics
      - a. **Un** - multiples, out of district Chalco, Tlamanalco, Amecameca cover (unique), Cuautla cover.
      - a. **Dos** - 1861 printings, EKU, 1868 Printings, Plate varieties, Printed on both sides, Forwarded.
      - c. **Cuatro** Unused & Used, multiples varieties, Printed on both sides, LKU, registered, Maritime.
      - d. **Ocho** Used & Unused, Green & Brown varieties, Diligencias usage - **Medio** in used and unused
      - c. Postal Rates - Rate usages Un to Ocho.
    - ii. **Thin Paper Stamps** – Type II Gothics – Stamps used and unused, uses and rate covers.
      - a. **Medio** Used & Unused, pair, and color varieties.
      - b. **Un**, Used & Unused, multiples, varieties, Cuautla cover.
      - b. **Dos** – Printed on both sides (unique unused) - Out of district, Plate varieties, forwarded, cancels, EKU.
      - c. **Cuatro** – Used & Unused – cancels, Maritime cover, combo cover, Rate usages.