

POSTAL HISTORY OF THE FINNISH MODEL 1930 DEFINITIVE STAMPS

THE GOAL OF THIS COLLECTION IS TO PRESENT A CROSS-SECTION OF THE
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OUT THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF THE MODEL 1.1.1930 – 31.12.1962

The validity of the model 1930 definitive stamps (M30) started on January 1st, 1930 and included overlap with the preceding M17 and with the subsequent M54 definitive issues. The validity ended officially on December 31st, 1962. The M30 postal history includes many short and difficult postal rates, rate combinations and a number of bilateral and international postal treaties. These include the Nordic Postal Union, bilateral agreements with Estonia and Latvia, and the war-time agreements with Germany, Hungary, the European Post and Telecommunication Union (EPTU). The exhibited items are examined by the type of mail, by postal rates, by routes and transport used, by the additional services or fees paid, and by the weight of the items. The UPU color specifications have also been taken into consideration. On some occasions the postmarks used and censorship is noted.

The lay-out of the collection with numbers of the pages exhibiting each type of mail:

	LC-mail	AO-mail	Parcels
Domestic (local and domestic)	02-28	29-35, 38-39	36-37, 40
Nordic Postal Union	41 -50	51	52
Bilateral agreements and EPTU	53-67	(58-59)	-
International rates	68-105, 108	106-107, 109-117, 120-121	124
Additional services and fees	122-123, 125-128		

Rarity classification of the items is based on classifications used in previous exhibition collections and on the availability of similar items in auctions during the last fifteen years. Philatelic literature and especially the list of the rarest M30 postal history items by Kauppi (2012) have been used as guidelines. Rarity is based on, for example, on the shortness of the rate, rare fee or surcharge for a type of mail, rare type of mail, or a rare single use of a M30 stamp. In this collection an item marked RARE is an item that is one of ten or less similar items known to exist, or that is on the list of the rarest M30 postal history items. The collection includes twelve (12) items that are the only one known of their kind and over sixty (60) items that are on of less than five known items of their kind.

Rarity classification used in the collection:

★★★★★	Only known item (very thick frame)	★★★	RARE (double frame)
★★★★	Very RARE, (thick frame)	No items that are not scarce are exhibited.	

Every frame has two A3 size pages in the center that highlight special items, or a special topic connected to the general contents presented in the frame. A double titling system is in use, where a general indication of the type of mail is given in the first order title and a specification of the item on the second order title.

The collection has been developed further and extended to eight frames from five frames exhibited in Nordia 2016 (V) and in Finlandia 2017 (LV). Many new only registered and very rare items have been included, e.g., the only known third weight class letter with the special rate to Germany in 1943 and a very rare air mail document abroad.

Literature:

Hannu Kauppi: Yleismerkit 1930 (2012)
Ala-Honkola, Kauppi, Kerppola, Muhonen, and
Seitsonen: Finnish Postage Rates 1875-2001 (2016)
Suomen Postimerkkien Käsikirja, part IV (1969)
Pentti Kopsa: Keräilijän Kenttäposti (1999)
Aaro Laitinen: Suomen Kuvioleimat (1981)
J.P. Pietiäinen – Suomen Postin Historia, part 2 (1988)

Finnish Post circular letters 1928 – 1965
Finnish Postal Rules 1924 and 1944
UPU International Postal Agreements 1921 - 1957
Many articles from the Finnish Philatelic magazine
"Filatelisti" by, for example, Juhani Kerppola, Esko
Seitsonen, Hannu Kauppi, and Carl Appelberg

In addition, my own M30 research presented on my M30 Internet site <http://www.malli1930.fi>
and published in the philatelic magazine Filatelisti