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LISTING OF ICELANDIC BRIDGE AND MACHINE CANCELS ISSUED 2007 - 2018
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Icelandic bridge and machine cancellations 2007 -2018

The publication Íslenskir Stimplar Íslandspóst HF brúar-, rúllu- og vélstimplar 1998-2007, by Gestur Baldursson and Þór Þorsteins documented the bridge and machine cancels introduced by Íslandspóstur, beginning with the introduction of the new B8b1 cancel to all 91 offices over a period from 1999 to 2006.

The following tables are a record of all bridge and machine cancels introduced during the eleven subsequent years up to 2018. A few machine cancels issued prior to 2007 were omitted from the Baldursson/Þorsteins book, and these are also listed in the machine cancel section.

My grateful thanks are to Vilhálmur Sigurðsson, Forstöðumaður, Frímerkjasalan, for his various articles in Frímerkjablaðið, for his advice, and for the provision of many images of various cancels.

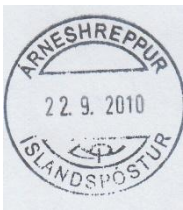
The cancelling device used by all offices since 2006 is the German made Reinart D28c which replaced the older B8b1 cancels issued in 1999. The D28c remains the standard date cancel to the present day. It is doubtful if any of the 1999 cancels are still in use anywhere.

B8b1 (D28c)



Bridge cancels B8b1

Only one new Reinart D28c canceller has been issued since the general issue of 2006.

	Post office	Period of use	Remarks
	Árneshreppur	28.01.2010	

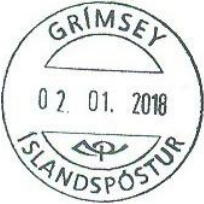
Colop R40D rubber cancellers B8b1b*- 2014-2018

Beginning in October 2014, a new variation of type B8b1 was made available, but only to offices who requested one. Called the Colop R40D, it was intended as a standby cancel to be used whenever the standard B8b1 cancels issued from 2006 became worn and needed repair. Unlike the earlier steel cancels these are of rubber and intended to provide a better impression. The new cancellers are different in two ways. The most striking difference can be seen in the design of the date. Also the diameter is 28mm compared to the previous cancellers which ranged between 29mm down to a more recent 27mm, depending on the date of manufacture. The change of size makes the positioning of the text look different on the new cancellers.

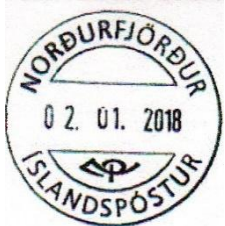
* The Baldursson/Þorsteins book introduced a separate classification B8b1a for the cancel heads used by the philatelic service in Reykjavík, for collectors. These devices were not issued to the post offices, but their classification B8b1a cannot be disregarded. It is suggested therefore that the classification B8b1b should be adopted to describe the new Colop R40D.

B8b1b	Post Office	Period of Use	Remarks
	Akranes	08.01.2015	2 nd cancel issued May 2015. Two identical cancels in use
	Akureyri 600 (Post Terminal) Norðurtangi	08.01.2015 Closed 31.5.2021	3 identical cancels in use
	Akureyri 603 (Póstafgreiðslan) Strandgata	09.10.2017	
	Árneshreppur	26.01.2018	Issued to replace the error cancel Norðurfjörður. (see under Norðfjörður)
	Blönduós	25.11.2014	
	Bolungarvík	02.01.2018 Closed 1.9.2023	The D28c Reiner (B8b1a) was returned for a new year wheel to operate from 2018.
	Borgarnes	25.10.2014	2 identical cancels in use

B8b1b	Post Office	Period of use	Remarks
	Búðardalur	15.05.2018 Closed 1.6.2024	
	Dalvík	25.10.2014 Closed 1.6.2024	
	Drangsnes	02.01.2018	The D28c Reiner (B8b1a) was returned for a new year wheel to operate from 2018.
	Egilsstaðir	04.10.2016	
	Eskifjörður	25.10.2014 Closed 1.6.2024	
	Fáskrúðsfjörður	02.01.2018 Closed 1.6.2024	The D28c Reiner (B8b1a) was returned for a new year wheel to operate from 2018.
	Garðabær	12.11.2018 Closed 1.5.2022	

B8b1b	Post office	Period of use	Remarks
	Grímsey	02.01.2018	The D28c Reiner (B8b1a) was returned for a new year wheel to operate from 2018.
 wheel	Grindavík	02.01.2018 Closed 31.1.2023	The D28c Reiner (B8b1a) was returned for a new year to operate from 2018.
	Hafnarfjörður	25.11.2014 Closed 30.5.2025	2 identical cancels in use
	Hella	22.06.2017 Closed 1.5.2022	
	Hólmavík	02.01.2018	The D28c Reiner (B8b1a) was returned for a new year wheel to operate from 2018.
	Húsavík	25.11.2014	Replaced early May 2015
	Hvammstangi	09.12.2014 Closed 1.6.2024	

B8b1b	Post office	Period of use	Remarks
	Hveragerði	25.10.2014 Closed 21.8.2023	
	Hvolsvöllur	25.11.2014 Closed 1.5.2022	Replaced 28.05.2018
	Ísafjörður	04.05.2017	2 identical cancels in use
	Kirkjubæjarklaustur Mobile post office	02.01.2018 from 3.3.2015	The D28c Reiner (B8b1a) was returned for a new year wheel to operate from 2018.
	Kópasker	02.01.2018 Closed 31.1.2023	The D28c Reiner (B8b1a) was returned for a new year to operate from 2018.
wheel			
	Kópavogur	15.09.2016	
	Laugar	02.01.2018 Closed 31.8.2023	The D28c Reiner (B8b1a) was returned for a new year to operate from 2018.
wheel			

B8b1b	Post Office	Period of use	Remarks
	Mossfellsbær	15.05.2018 Closed 1.5.2022	
 wheel	Mývatn	02.01.2018 Closed 31.8.2023	The D28c Reiner (B8b1a) was returned for a new year to operate from 2018.
	Neskaupsstaður	26.04.2016 Closed 2.6.2024	
	Norðurfjörður	02.01.2018 – 25.01.2018	Issued with wrong name, See Árneshreppur. Withdrawn from 26.01.2018
	Patreksfjörður	25.10.2014	Replaced 25.05.2018
	Raufarhöfn	02.01.2018	The D28c Reiner (B8b1a) was returned for a new year wheel to operate from 2018.



Reyðarfjörður

25.11.2014

B8b1b

Post Office

Period of use

Remarks



Reykjavík 1

24.04.2015

5 identical cancels in use



Reykjavík 7

02.01.2019
Closed 31.1.2023



Reykjavík 8

24.04.2015

8 identical cancels in use



Reykjavík 9

25.10.2014
Closed 28.4.2023



Reykjavík 10

20.06.2017



Reykjavík F
Frímerkjasalan

26.02.2012

4 identical cancels in use



Selfoss

25.11.2014

Replaced 17.05.2018

B8b1b

Post Office

Period of use

Remarks



Seltjarnarnes

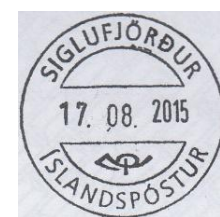
19.11.2015 – 27.12.2018

Office closed



Seyðisfjörður

15.09.2016



Siglufjörður

25.10.2014
Closed 1.6.2024



Skagaströnd

02.01.2018
Closed 31.1.2023

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was returned for a new year
wheel to operate from 2018



Stykkishólmur

25.10.2014



Súðavík

02.01.2018
Closed 31.8.2023

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was returned for a new year
wheel to operate from 2018



Vestmannæyjar

28.05.2015

B8b1b

Post Office

Period of use

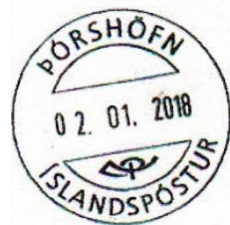
Remarks



Þorlákshöfn

25.10.2014
Closed 31.12.2021

Replaced early May 2015
after damage caused by the
use of the wrong ink.



Þórshöfn

02.01.2018

Previous Grímsey pictorial cancel was withdrawn and replaced by a new cancel with the Íslandspóstur logo.



Introduced from 06.02.2018.

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Machine cancellers 1993-2007

Note that these two Kirkjubæjarklaustur machine cancels were omitted from previous literature, and are now shown here for the first time.

**Vél M17: (later M12 under revised numbering system used by Íslandspóstur h.f. from 1999)
type Secap France.**



Misspelt KIRKJUBÆJARKLAUSTUR and no ornament.
Earliest known use



Corrected spelling KIRKJUBÆJARKLAUSTUR with
ornament. Earliest known use.....

Vél M8: Frama Electron

Two type M8 Frama Electron cancelling machines have been identified at Egilsstaðir and Húsavík. They were previously meter franking machines (Frímerkingarvélar) at Reykjavík, later converted into cancelling machines. A third machine was used at Keflavík. None have the Íslandspóstur logo.



Known used circa 2003 – 2010 with or without
Christmas slogan



No Christmas slogan



Known used circa 2005 – 2011

The regular Keflavík machine canceller was broken in December 2000 and as a temporary stop-gap they used a meter cancelling machine license no.1134. The value tablet was filled with zeros. It is only found in red ink, and copies are known from 10.12.2000 to at least December 2001.



The same machine appeared in late 2002 and early 2003 both with and without the Christmas slogan and minus the meter tablet. Black ink was used. It could not have been used after the office name changed to Reykjanesbær on 25.8.2003



2003. No Christmas slogan .

Vél M8: Hornafjörður



This was introduced too late to be included in the 2007 Gestur Baldursson and Þór Þorsteins book. The illustration is shown in Frímerkjablaðið Nr. 18, in a piece by Þór Þorsteins.

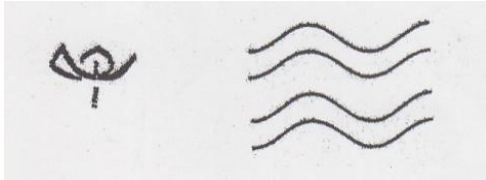
Dated 17.10.07

2008

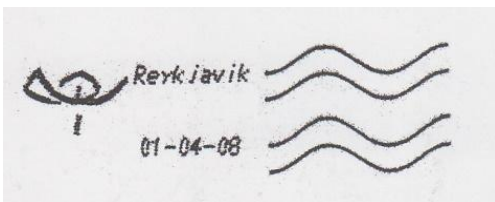
Vél M5: Reykjavík 2

The following three cancels were announced in Frímerkjablaðið Nr. 18 in late 2008. The dates of their introduction and subsequent use are unknown.

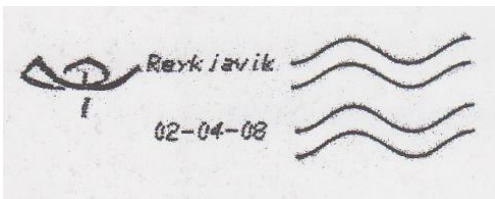
The previous cancel head had to be reset for the following variations.



Without the year 2008

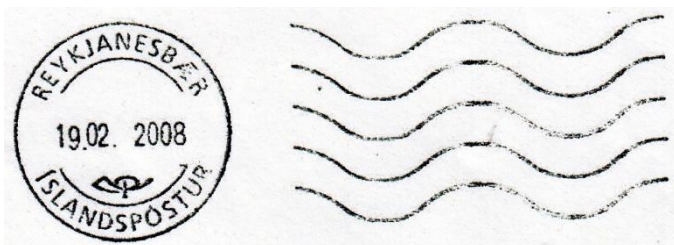


Short setting 57mm 2008



Long setting 62mm 2008

Vél M7: Reykjanesbær



Similarly announced in Frímerkjablaðið Nr. 18, the date of introduction is unknown. The example shown is 2008.

Horizontal bars missing, unlike the 2006 cancel

2011

Vél : M7 Pitney Bowes DM type 1000 at Reykjavík 2

This began the process of replacing 9 old Paragon cancelling machines, eight in Reykjavík and one in Akureyri. Two machines installed in May 2011 and 2 in September, all identical.



Without wavy lines



With wavy lines on the left



Wavy lines on both sides

2012

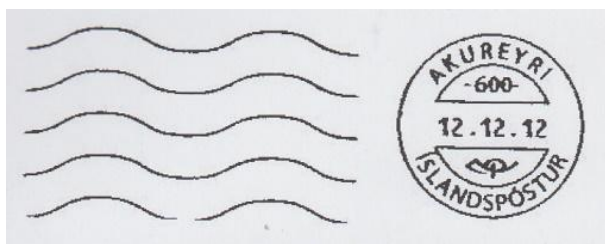
Continuation of the programme to replace the old Paragon cancelling machines.

**Vél : M7 Pitney Bowes DM type 1000 at Akureyri with postcode 600
Introduced from March 2012**

Normal diameter.



Without wavy lines
A-póstur



Wavy lines to the left
A-póstur



Without wavy lines
with B Postur (no accent over letter 'o' of Postur)



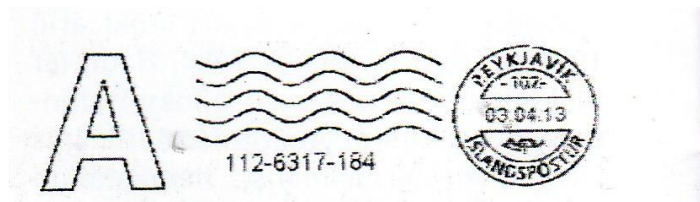
With wavy lines
with B-Postur (no accent over
letter 'o' of Postur)

December 2012

Vél : M7 Pitney Bowes DM type 1000 at Reykjavík – all 2cm



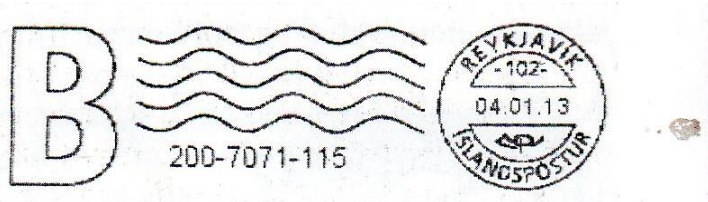
1st class with large A



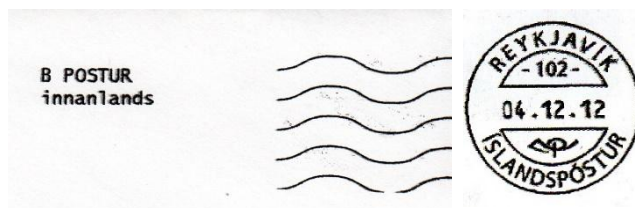
1st class with 12 digit code starting with the
addressee's postcode.



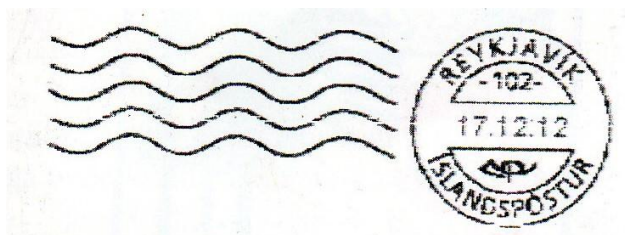
2nd Class with large B.



2nd class with 12 digit code starting with the addressee's postcode.



B POSTUR innanlands (No accent over the letter 'o' of Postur).



Cancel not identified as A- or B-Mail. This applies to international mail; the machine does not have A or B, as Blue (Prioritaire) or Green (Economique) stickers are used for identifying this mail for overseas.

2013

Vél : M7

Five ATB “Table Cancelling Machines teg 1280 - 4 wavy lines

Introduced from 18-22 November 2013

Akranes

Borgarnes



Egilsstaðir,



Ísafjörður



Sauðárkrókur



This completes the listing of cancels known at the time of publication, July 2018. Supplements or amendments may be issued as necessary.

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