

GUATEMALA'S REGIONS MAILBOX MARKINGS

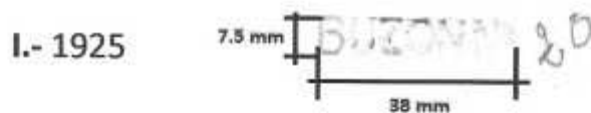
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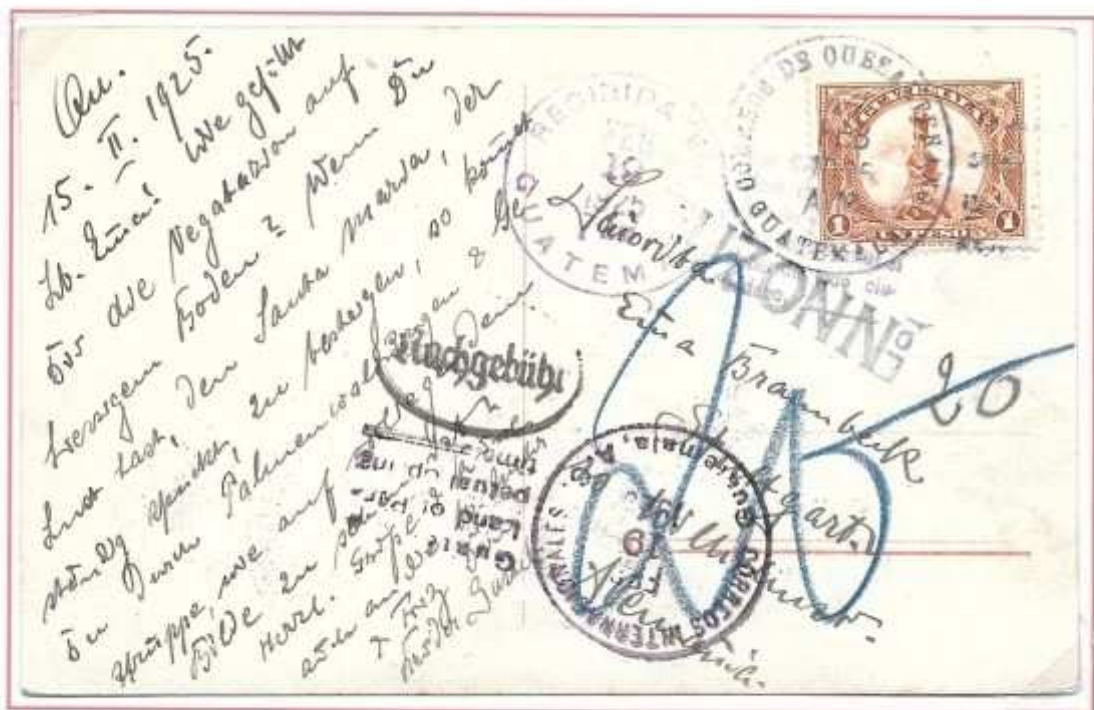
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Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - Stuttgart, Germany, February 19, 1925.

Earliest documented use for any department or regional mailbox in the republic of Guatemala.

II.- 1925-1935

BUZON No. 3

Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - New York, USA, January 25, 1932.



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III.- 1925

BUZON No. 1

Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - Geneva, Switzerland, May 25, 1925.



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IV.- 1926



BUZON NUM. 1

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Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - Zurich, Switzerland, January 20, 1926.

V.- 1928-1933

BUZON No. QUEZALTENANGO

The type V marking was used to manually place the mailbox number, which opened the possibility to be used to identify different mailboxes.



Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - Vienna, Austria, March 24, 1928.

VI.- 1932

BUZON No. 2

Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - New York, January 6, 1932.



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VII.- 1933

The type VII marking from Quetzaltenango is the only one that does not show an underscore under the "m" symbol.



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Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - Altona, Germany, May 31, 1933.

VIII.- 1933-1934

BUZON No. 2

The marking indicates the order of visits during the day in which the correspondence was retrieved from the mailbox.



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X.- 1936

BUZON No. 2

Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - Stara-Zagora, Bulgaria, February 15, 1966.



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XI.- 1966

BUZON No. 1

Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - Jutiapa, regional use, May 1950.



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XII.- 1968-1971

BUZON No. 7

Quetzaltenango - Guatemala regional use, 1971.



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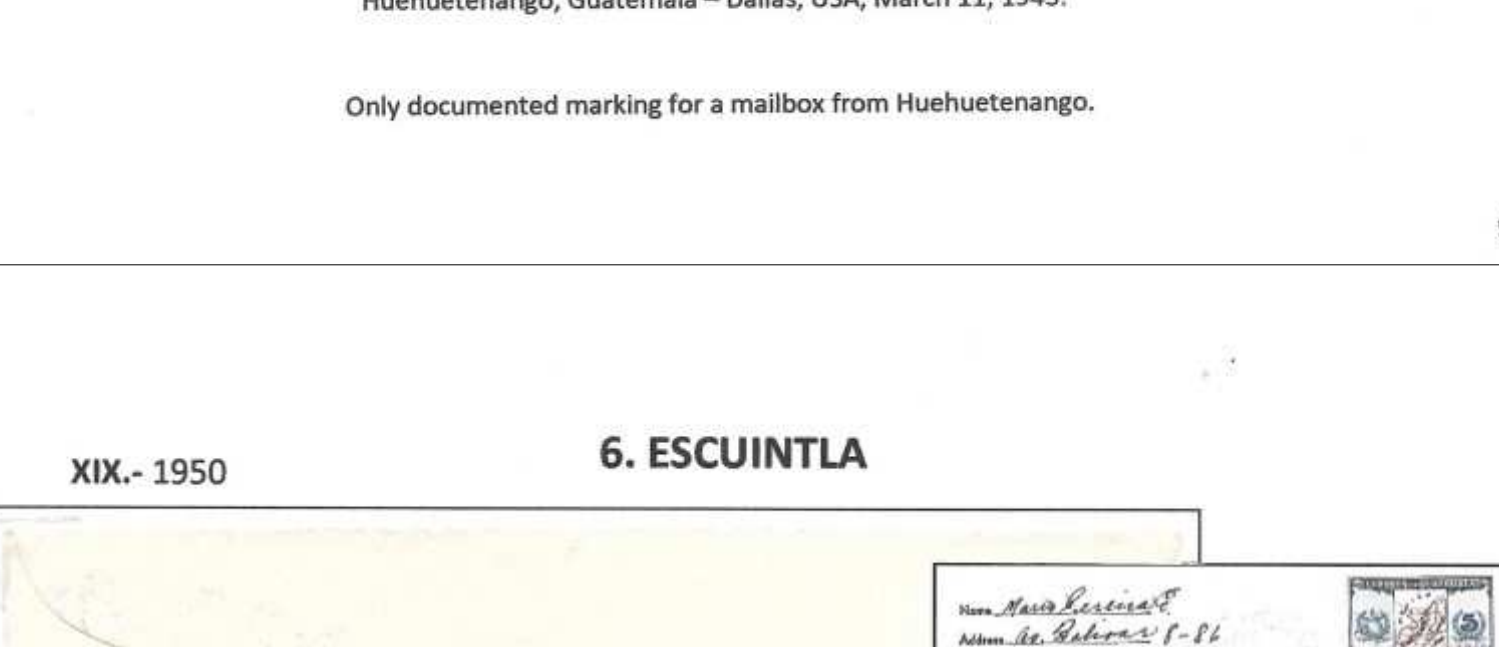


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XIV.- 1935-1938

BUZON No. 3

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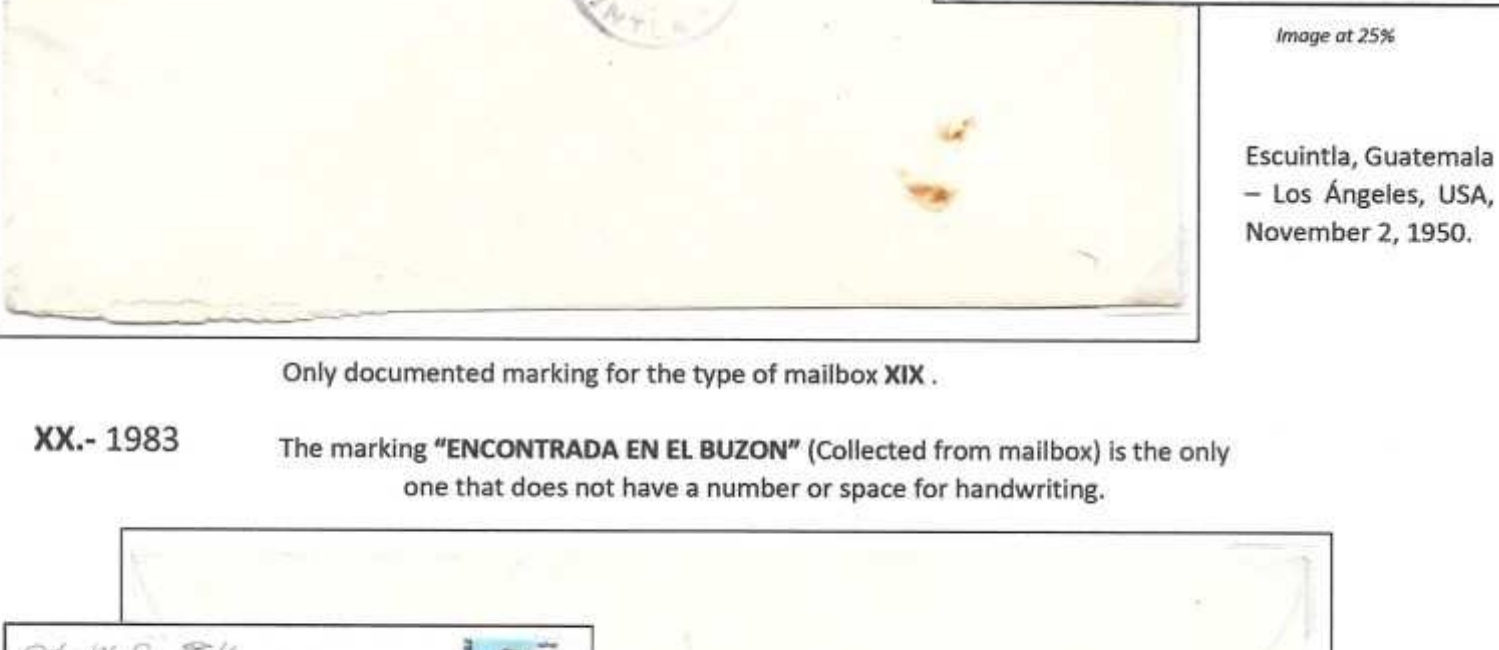


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XVI.- 1947-1980

5. MAZATENANGO

Earliest documented use for a Mazatenango marking.

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XVII.- 1951

BUZON No. 1

Only documented marking for type XVII.

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XVIII.- 1966-1980

BUZON No. 4

The only marking from Mazatenango in which there are several documented mailbox numbers.

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XIX.- 1950

6. ESCUINTLA

Only documented marking for the type of mailbox XIX.

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XX.- 1983

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XXI.- 1950

7. SAN MARCOS

Earliest documented use for a mailbox marking in San Marcos.

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XXII.- 1951

8. SAN PEDRO SACATEPEQUEZ, SAN MARCOS

Only documented mark for the type of mailbox XXII. No other marking is known from San Pedro Sacatepequez, San Marcos.

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XXIII.- 1983-1985

9. CHIQUIMULA

Only documented marking from the department of Chiquimula.

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XXIV.- 1983

BUZON No. 1

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XXV.- 1952

BUZON No. 3

Antigua Guatemala - Guatemala, regional use, June 23, 1940.

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XXVI.- 1952

BUZON No. 4

Antigua Guatemala - Guatemala, regional use, November 9, 1952.

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XXVII.- 1952

BUZON No. 4

Antigua Guatemala - Guatemala, regional use, November 9, 1952.

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XXVIII.- 1952

BUZON No. 4

Antigua Guatemala - Guatemala, regional use, November 9, 1952.

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XXIX.- 1952

BUZON No. 4

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XXX.- 1952

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XXXIX.- 1952

BUZON No. 4

Antigua Guatemala - Guatemala, regional use, November 9, 1952.

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XL.- 1952

BUZON No. 4

Antigua Guatemala - Guatemala, regional use, November 9, 1952.

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XLI.- 1952

BUZON No. 4

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XLV.- 1952

BUZON No. 4

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XLVI.- 1952

BUZON No. 4

Antigua Guatemala - Guatemala, regional use, November 9, 1952.

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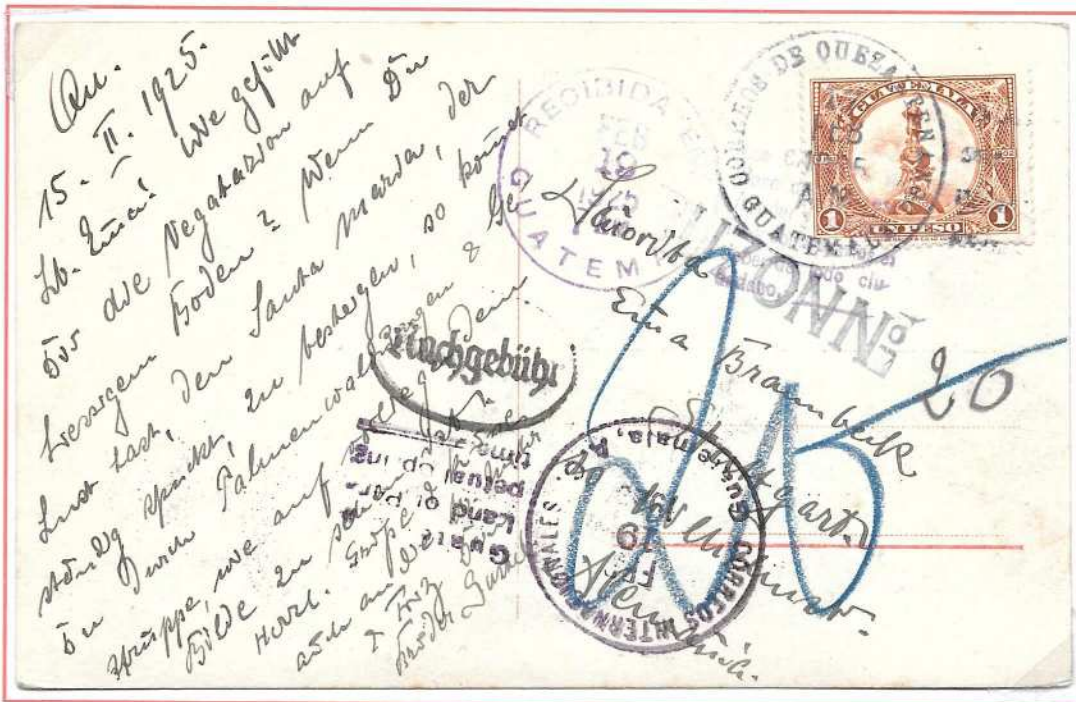
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II.- 1925-1935

BUZON N° 3
46 mm

Quetzaltenango,
Guatemala – New
York, USA, January
25, 1932.



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III.- 1925

7.5 mm BUZON N° 1
45 mm



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Quetzaltenango,
Guatemala –
Geneva, Switzerland,
May 25, 1925.

IV.- 1926



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Quetzaltenango,
Guatemala – Zurich,
Switzerland, January
20, 1926.

V.- 1928-1933



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Quetzaltenango, Guatemala – Vienna, Austria, March 24, 1928.

VI.- 1932

7 mm BUZON No. 2
50 mm

Quetzaltenango,
Guatemala —
New York,
January 6, 1932.



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VII.- 1933

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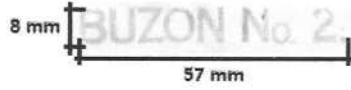
7 mm BUZON No. 3
47 mm



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Quetzaltenango,
Guatemala —
Altona, Germany,
May 31, 1933.

VIII.- 1933-1934



The **1** marking indicates the order of visits during the day in which the correspondence was retrieved from the mailbox.



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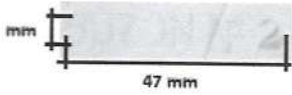
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Quetzaltenango,
Guatemala —
Pennsylvania,
October 5, 1932.



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XI.- 1966



Quetzaltenango, Guatemala — Stara-Zagora,
Bulgaria, February 15, 1966.



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XII.- 1968-1971

5 mm **Buzón No. 7**
36 mm

Quetzaltenango - Guatemala
regional use, 1971.

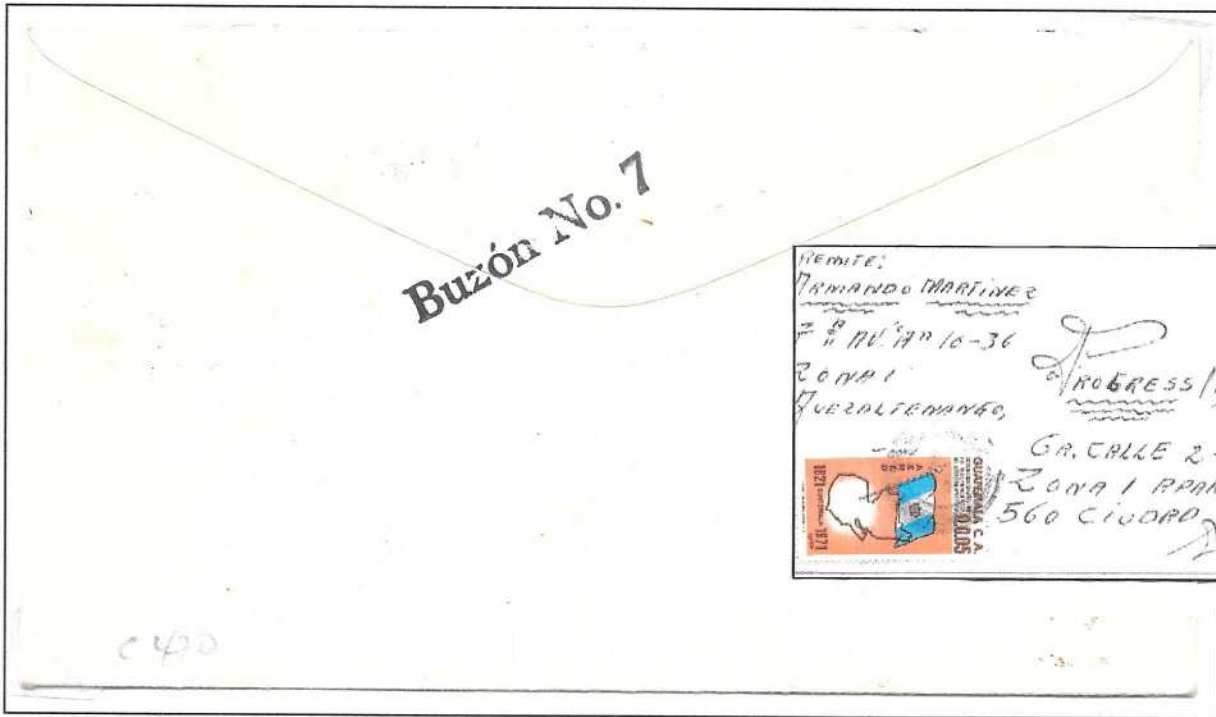


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Antigua Guatemala
- Jutiapa, regional
use, May 1950.

Antigua Guatemala
 - Guatemala,
 regional use, June
 23, 1940.



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Antigua Guatemala
 - Guatemala,
 regional use,
 November 9, 1952.

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3. HUEHUETENANGO

XIV.- 1943



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The marking for the Huehuetenango mailbox was designed to write the mailbox number by hand. Only the number one has been documented.



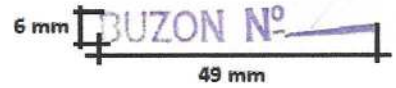
Huehuetenango, Guatemala – Dallas, USA, March 11, 1943.

Only documented marking for a mailbox from Huehuetenango.

XV.- 1943-1945

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San Felipe Retalhuleu, Guatemala – Chicago, USA, April 10, 1943.



San Felipe Retalhuleu, Guatemala – New York, USA, July 10, 1945.

5. MAZATENANGO

XVI.- 1947-1980

5 mm | BUZON MAZATENANGO

77 mm



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Earliest documented use for
a Mazatenango marking.



Mazatenango - Guatemala, December 24, 1951.

XVII.- 1951

Only documented marking for type XVII.

5 mm | BUZON Nº 1

39 mm



Mazatenango - Guatemala, July 7, 1951.

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XVIII.- 1966-1980

The only marking from Mazatenango in which there are several documented mailbox numbers.

BUZON No.4 7 mm
56 mm



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Mazatenango,
Guatemala — Chicago,
USA, October 17, 1966.

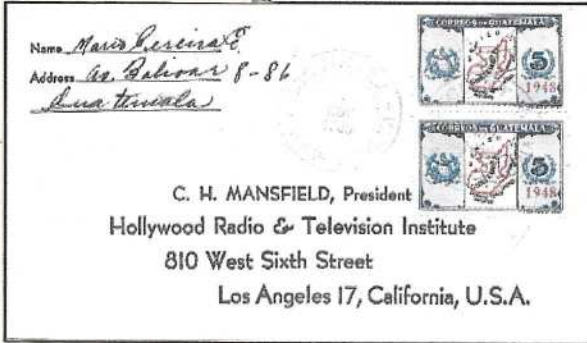
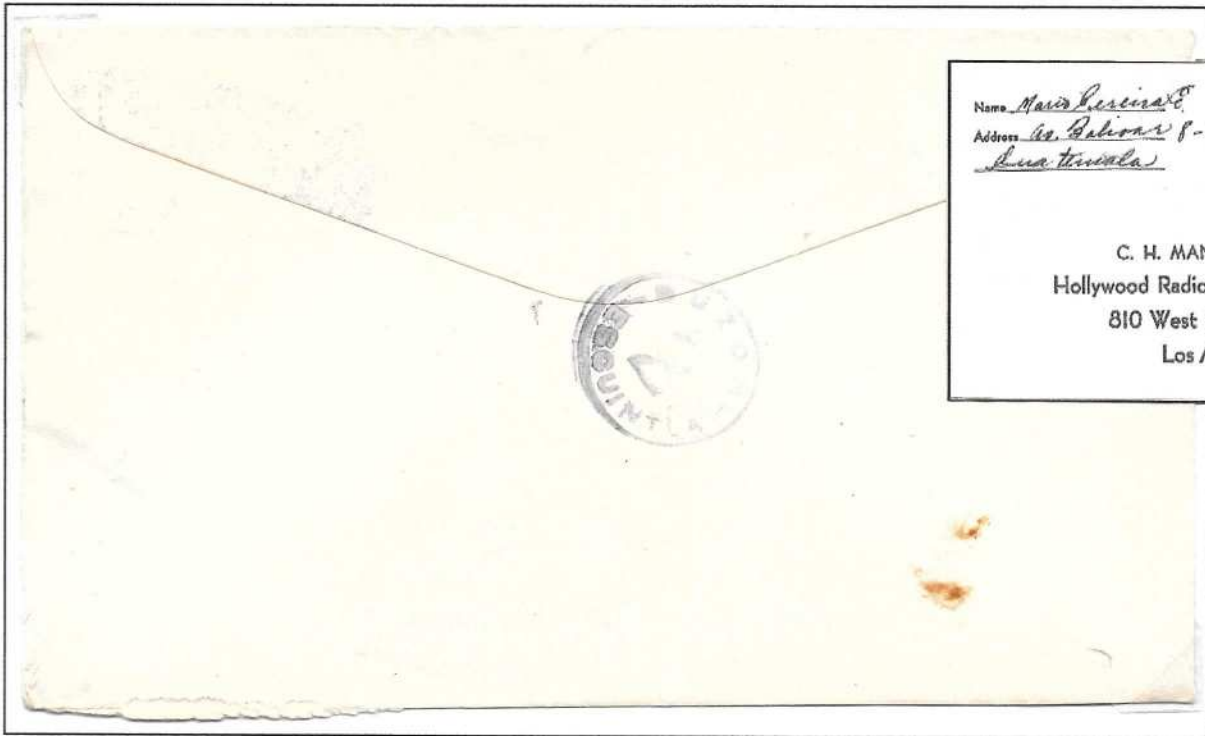


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Mazatenango — Guatemala, July 6, 1973.

XIX.- 1950

6. ESCUINTLA



C. H. MANSFIELD, President
 Hollywood Radio & Television Institute
 810 West Sixth Street
 Los Angeles 17, California, U.S.A.

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Escuintla, Guatemala
 – Los Angeles, USA,
 November 2, 1950.

Only documented marking for the type of mailbox XIX .

XX.- 1983

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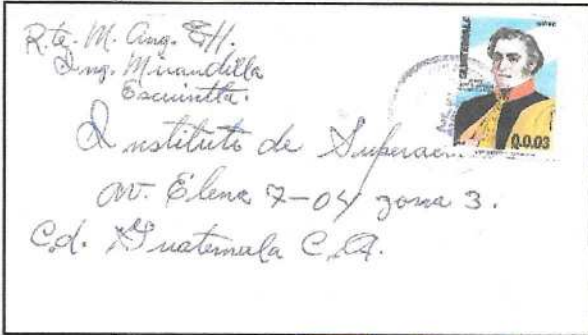
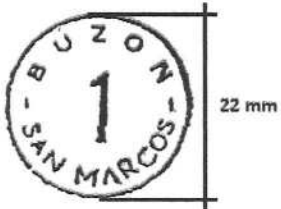


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Escuintla – Guatemala, July 17, 1983.

7. SAN MARCOS

XXI.- 1950



Earliest documented
use for a mailbox
marking in San Marcos.
August 11, 1950.

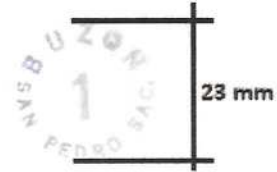


San Marcos, Guatemala – Sensuntepeque, El Salvador, July 28, 1951.

8. SAN PEDRO SACATEPEQUEZ, SAN MARCOS

XXII.- 1951

Only documented mark for the type of mailbox
XXII. No other marking is known from San Pedro
Sacatepéquez, San Marcos.



San Pedro Sacatepéquez, San Marcos, Guatemala - Springfield, USA, December 9, 1951.

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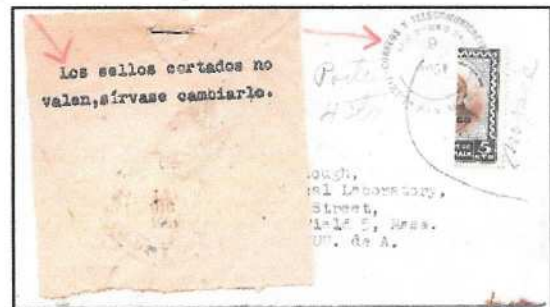


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9. CHIQUIMULA

6 mm BUZON No. 1
53 mm

Only documented marking from the departament of Chiquimula.



Chiquimula – Guatemala, June 14, 1983.