

**SHOWGARD  
PROTECTIVE**



**STAMP  
MOUNTS**

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## **www.showgardseconds.com About Us**

I have been a stamp collector for over 40 years. In the past, my collection was housed in 80 albums with about 300,000 stamps. Quite some time ago, I decided that I did not want to use hinges on certain stamps. Primarily mint, mint hinged and better valued stamps. As my collection grew, I found I was spending a considerable amount of money purchasing mounts. Luckily, about 20 years ago, I discovered that Showgard offered certain sizes in "seconds". I thought I would give them a try and see if I could tell the difference or spot any faults in the strips. I was very pleasantly surprised and would say that 99.9% of the time, I couldn't find anything wrong with the "seconds".

In 2005, I contacted Showgard and became a distributor for the company. Though I have available all of their products, I decided I would limit myself to selling only the "seconds" and some of the more popular sizes that do not come in "seconds".

I know that the term "seconds" can mean damaged or junk to some people. That is far from the truth. That is why I offer a 100% money back guarantee. If you are not satisfied, you certainly won't be a happy customer. An unhappy customer does me no good. I would rather give a person their money back than have it said that I sell junk. Since 2005, and over 2,500 stamp collectors, I have never had a request for a refund. I think that speaks volumes for the product. "" *Robert Corbett*

## **About The Product**

When the Showgard factory has a production run, there are occasional strips that contain MINOR imperfections (mostly minor scratches). These strips are called "seconds". The imperfections are extremely minute and most are not even noticeable. They are never of a nature that would harm the stamp or impair the display of the stamp. If you want to display and protect your stamps in the best way possible, Showgard mounts are the answer.

The advantage of buying "seconds" is price. "Seconds" are packaged, by the factory, in DOUBLE PACKS. This means there are twice as many strips in a pack of "seconds" compared to a pack of regular strips. The suggested retail price for a regular pack with 22 strips is \$9.50. A pack of "seconds" with 44 strips is only \$9.35. This is over a 50% savings. Also, every pack of "seconds" comes with a 100% MONEY BACK GUARANTEE. I started selling these packs in 2005.

Since 2005, I have sold to over 2,500 stamp collectors and have never had a request for a refund. There are 32 sizes available in black strips. The sizes vary from size 20 to size 158. The length of the strips varies from 215mm to 240mm. There are 15 sizes available in clear strips with the size varying from size 20 to 63. All of the strips are split down the middle of the back of the strip. There is also available a selection of "regular" mounts. These are the same packages of mount that you would find in a retail outlet but at a reduced price.

## **Shipping & Returns**

**SHIPPING AND HANDLING** - All domestic (US) shipping is sent via USPS first class mail or priority mail if over 15 oz. Shipping charge is 8.5% of the total order with a minimum of \$3.50. Normally, the maximum shipping charge will be \$15.00. If the system has charged over \$15.00 than the overage will be refunded to your Paypal account if paid by Paypal. There may be exceptions to the maximum shipping charge on very large orders or where insurance may be concerned. These will be handled on a case by case basis. International Shipments are sent International First Class mail. The cost is 15% of the purchase amount with a \$17.00 minimum. The buyer is responsible for any and all customs fees and charges. Under no condition do I ship to Africa, Asia (Japan is acceptable), Middle East or Eastern Europe. **RETURNS** - All orders of "seconds" are guaranteed to be to the satisfaction of the buyer. As these are "seconds", it must be expected that an occasional imperfection will be found on a strip. The guarantee is that when a pack is opened that the entire pack does not contain imperfections that would harm the stamp or impair the display of the stamp. If an entire pack is faulty, it may be returned, at the buyer's expense, and will be replaced. The return of the pack may be waived with sellers' consent.