

Portuguese Comedian Sets

Portugal has long been known for issuing many colorful sets, many of which are very large in number. In 1971-1972, three especially nice sets were issued which featured international comedians. Thus, these covers also overlap into the VIP/Personality category. All three sets feature the same comedians *[all male, by the way. You'd think they could have at least stuck Lucille Ball in there. I wonder if that was a Latin macho thing.]*

1. Max Linder	9. Stan Laurel	17. Ferdandel
2. Charles Chaplin	10. W. C. Fields	18. Cantinflas
3. Ben Turpin	11. Mickey Rooney	19. Bob Hope
4. Buster Keaton	12. Vasco Santan	20. Danny Kaye
5. Harold Lloyd	13. Antonio Silva	21. Toto
6. Groucho Marx	14. Lou Costello	22. Jerry Lewis
7. Harpo Marx	15. Bud Abbott	23. Terry Thomas
8. Oliver Hardy	16. Jacques Tati	24. Alberto Sordi

Set I: (1971)

This set numbers 96 covers. There are 24 different comedians portrayed in caricature. There are 24 w/ yellow background, 24 w/ pink background, 24 w/white background, and 24 w/blue background. Single striker; each cover has black edges.

Set II: (1971)

Only 48 are reported in this set. These covers have double strikers. Backgrounds are pink and blue. 24 covers have blue edges; 24 have red edges.

Set III: (1972)

This set consists of 72 covers. 24 of these covers have a red edge with a blue background in the center, 24 have a red edge with a white background in the center, and 24 have a blue edge with a yellow background in the center.

[The original listing also noted that “twelve other covers” (apparently in Set III) “have an additional variation in that there is a black bar beneath the second striker on all covers,” but I’m not sure how this was meant to be taken.]