

RMS INSTA-POLL

“Many European issues, especially boxes, are issued as flats. Do you count these as collectibles on a par with regular issues?”

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Yes	38
Almost	1
No	36
N/A	14

Well, it's neck and neck! I'm torn, myself. On the one hand, most of these European issues were never in circulation (at least most of the ones I've seen), and that would make them close to 'flats', which are still not considered viable covers in the hobby.

On the other hand, even though I don't use flats in my collections at all, I *do* use these. They're nice covers (especially the Girlies), and they *are* acceptable in Europe. They also *do* have strikers, whereas many flats do not. Still, even though I use them, I don't consider them 'on a par' with regular issues. And it would seem that the responders mirror my confusion over the matter.