

GUATEMALA'S WESTERN REGION MAILBOX MARKINGS

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Reference: *The Postal Markings of Guatemala, Cécile Grossen, 1960, 2007*

1. QUETZALTENANGO

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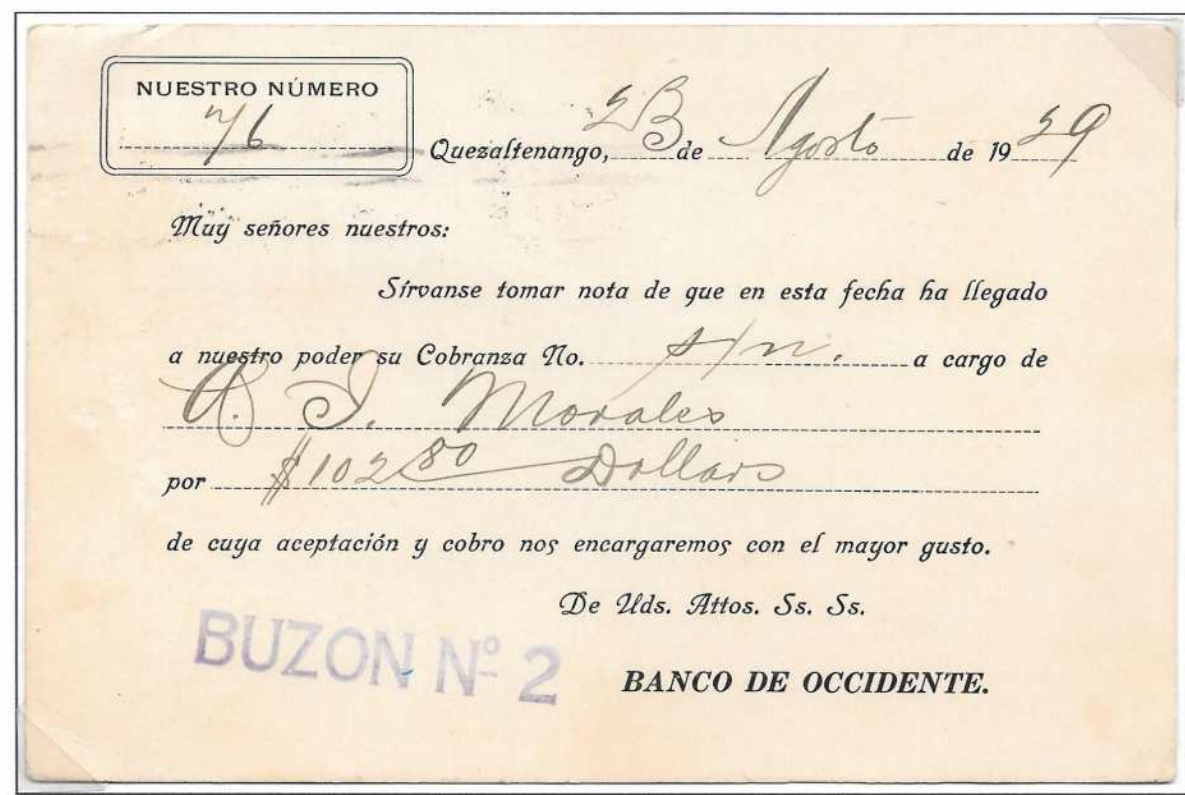
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - Stuttgart, Germany, February 19, 1925.

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

II.- 1925-1938 **BUZON Nº 3** Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - Zurich, Switzerland, April 28, 1938.



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



Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - Zittau, Germany, August 24, 1929.



III.- 1925 **BUZON Nº 1** 7.5 mm 45 mm



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

IV.- 1926 **BUZON NUM. 1** 23 mm



The block, measuring 21x15 mm, is the only marking that combines a dated postmark with the mailbox number.

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

V.- 1928-1933 **BUZON Nº QUEZALTENANGO** 15 mm 45 mm



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.



VII.- 1933 The type VII marking from Quetzaltenango is the only one that does not show an underscore under the "m" symbol. **BUZON Nº 3** 7 mm 47 mm

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



VIII.- 1933-1934 **BUZON Nº 2** 8 mm 37 mm The marking indicates the order of visits during the day in which the correspondence was retrieved from the mailbox.



X.- 1936 **BUZON Nº 1** 4 mm 47 mm

Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - Pennsylvania, October 5, 1932.



XII.- 1966 **BUZON No. 2** 6 mm 37 mm Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - Stara-Zagora, Bulgaria, February 15, 1966.



IX.- 1935-1938 The type IX marking is the only one that exists from a night-service mailbox in all of Guatemala. **BUZON Nº 3** 7 mm 47 mm



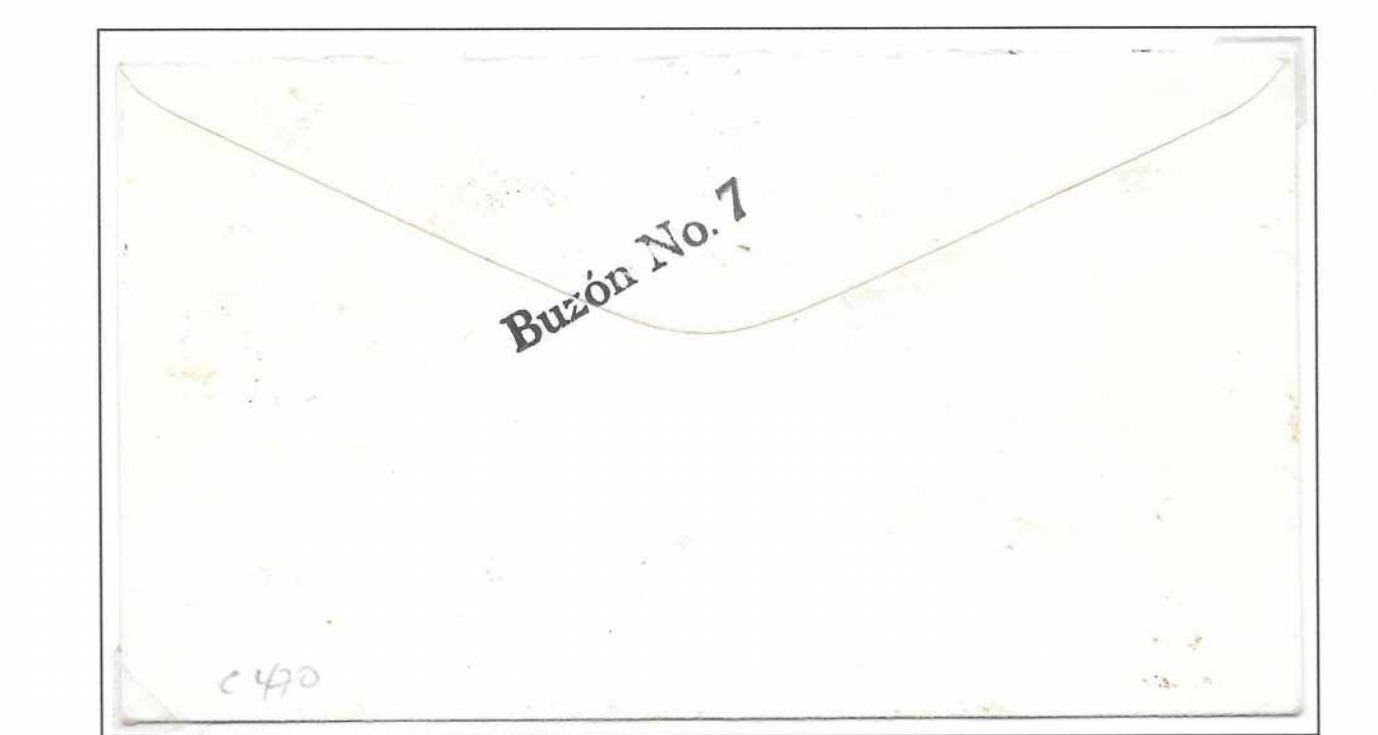
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - St. Gallen, Switzerland, January 17, 1935.

XI.- 1949-1956 **BUZON** This Quetzaltenango marking was designed to write the mailbox number by hand.



Quetzaltenango - Guatemala City, January 15, 1954.

XIII.- 1968-1971 **BUZON Nº 7** 5 mm 36 mm Quetzaltenango - Guatemala regional use, 1971.



2. HUEHUETENANGO

XIV.- 1942 The marking for the Huehuetenango mailbox was designed to write the mailbox number by hand. Only the number one has been documented.



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Earliest documented use for a Mazatenango marking.

Huehuetenango, Guatemala - Comayagua, Honduras, May 28, 1942.

XV.- 1943 Similar to type XIV but the line is thinner. **BUZON Nº 1 HUEHUETENANGO** 8 mm 47 mm



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

XVII.- 1950-1951 **BUZON MAZATENANGO** 5 mm 77 mm



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Mazatenango - Guatemala, December 24, 1951.

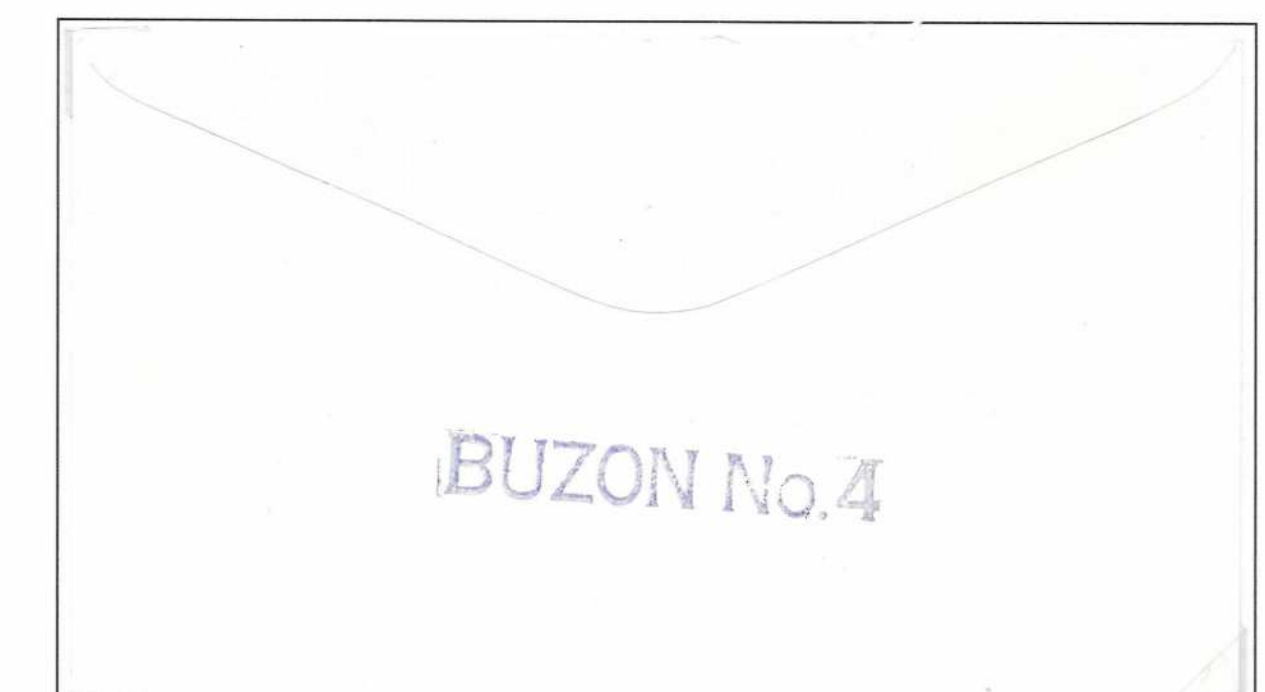
XVIII.- 1951 Only documented marking for type XVII. **BUZON Nº 1** 5 mm 39 mm



Mazatenango - Guatemala, July 7, 1951.

XIX.- 1966-1980 The only marking from Mazatenango in which there are several documented mailbox numbers. **BUZON No. 4** 5 mm 36 mm

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



Mazatenango - Guatemala, July 6, 1973.

XX.- 1943-1945 **BUZON Nº 1** 6 mm 49 mm



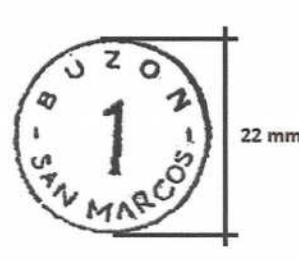
San Felipe Retalhuleu, Guatemala - Chicago, USA, April 10, 1943.



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

5. SAN MARCOS

XXI.- 1950 **BUZON Nº 1 SAN MARCOS** 22 mm



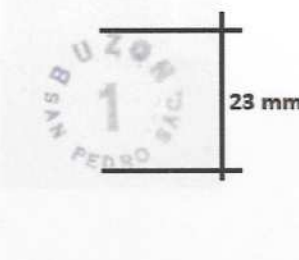
Earliest documented use for a mailbox marking in San Marcos. August 11, 1950.



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

6. SAN PEDRO SACATEPEQUEZ, SAN MARCOS

XXII.- 1951 Only one documented marking for the type of mailbox XXII. No other marking is known from San Pedro Sacatepéquez, San Marcos. **BUZON Nº 1** 23 mm



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

The envelope was returned to the sender by the post office because it did not have the exact postage. The message reads "Los sellos cortados no valen, sírvase cambiarlos" (Sliced stamps are not valid, please change them).

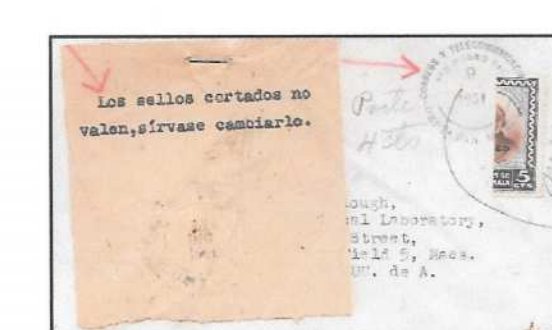
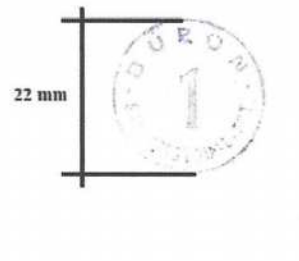


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7. SAN CRISTOBAL, TOTONICAPAN

XXIII.- 1985-1986 Only this marking is known for the type of mailbox XXIII. No other marking is known from San Cristóbal, Totonicapán. **BUZON Nº 1** 22 mm



Earliest use known for the San Cristóbal Totonicapán mailbox marking.

San Cristóbal, Totonicapán - Guatemala City, May 19, 1985.



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1. QUETZALTENANGO

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I.- 1925

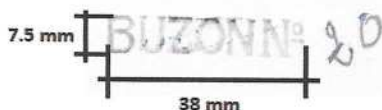
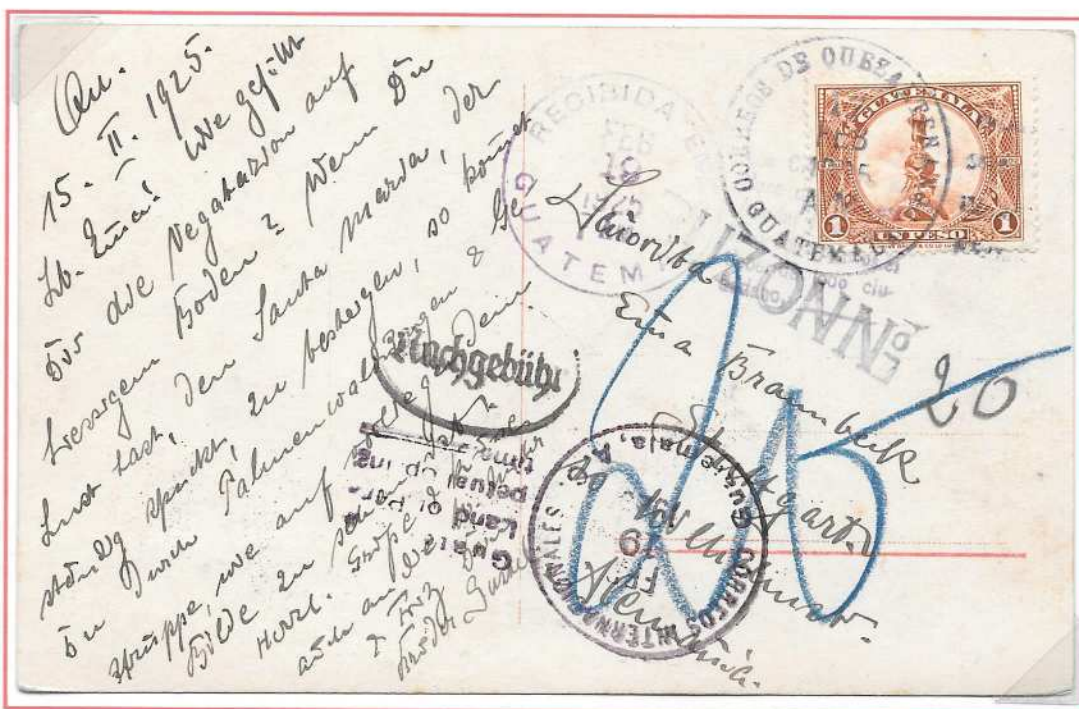


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Quetzaltenango,
Guatemala – Stuttgart,
Germany, February 19,
1925.

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II.- 1925-1938

7 mm **BUZON N° 3**
46 mm

Quetzaltenango, Guatemala —
Zurich, Switzerland, April 28, 1938.



NUESTRO NÚMERO
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Quezaltenango, *23* de *Agosto* de 19 *29*

Muy señores nuestros:

Si vanse tomar nota de que en esta fecha ha llegado
a nuestro poder su Cobranza No. *A/m.* a cargo de
H. J. Morales
por *\$102.80* *dollars*
de cuya aceptación y cobro nos encargaremos con el mayor gusto.

De Uds. Attos. Ss. Ss.

BUZON N° 2 **BANCO DE OCCIDENTE.**

Quetzaltenango,
Guatemala —
Zittau, Germany,
August 24, 1929.

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



III.- 1925



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

IV.- 1926



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Switzerland, January
20, 1926.

V.- 1928-1933



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

VI.- 1932

7mm BUZON No. 2
92 mm

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



VII.- 1933

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

7mm BUZON No. 3
47 mm

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



VIII.- 1933-1934



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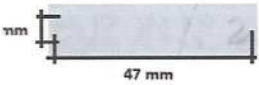
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Quetzaltenango,
Guatemala – St.
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Switzerland,
January 17, 1935.



X.- 1936



Quetzaltenango,
Guatemala —
Pennsylvania,
October 5, 1932.

XI.- 1949-1956



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Quetzaltenango – Guatemala City, January 15, 1954.

XII.- 1966

6 mm **BUZON No. 2**
37 mm

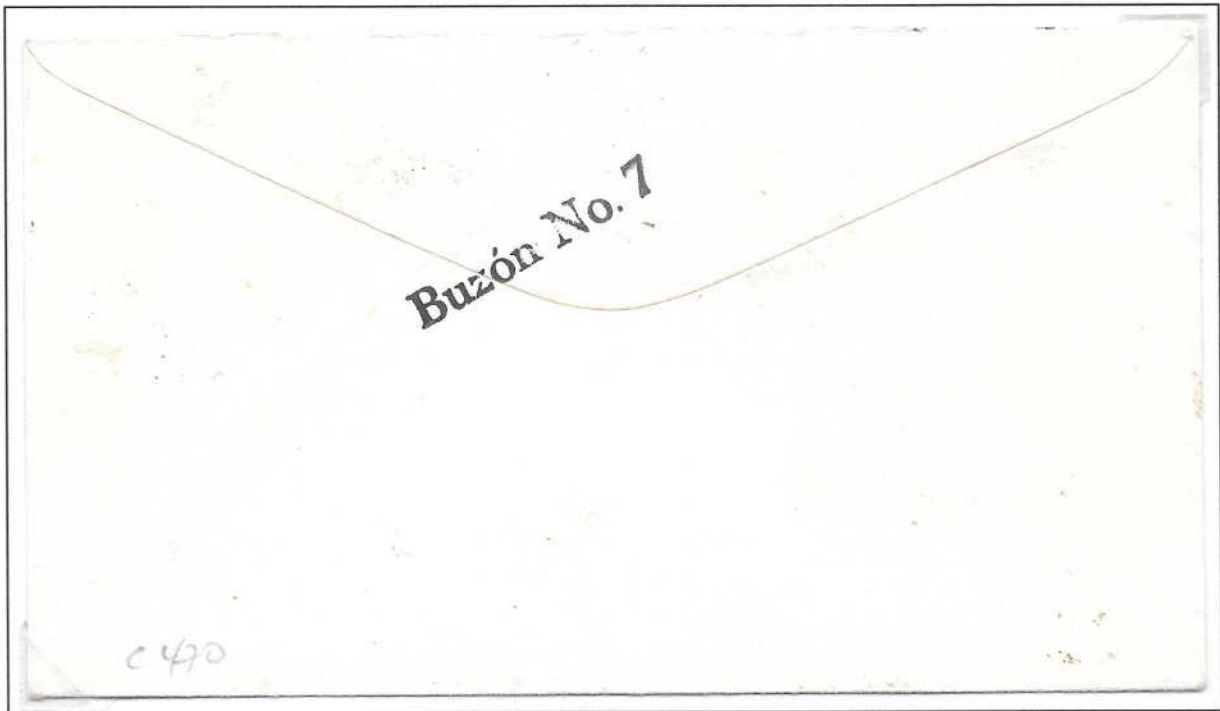
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala — Stara-Zagora,
Bulgaria, February 15, 1966.



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5 mm **Buzón No. 7**
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Quetzaltenango - Guatemala
regional use, 1971.



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Earliest documented use for a Mazatenango marking.

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XV.- 1943

Similar to type XIV but the line is thinner.



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

3. MAZATENANGO

XVI.- 1942

Earliest use for a Mazatenango mailbox marking.



The only one known for type XVI marking.

Mazatenango, Guatemala -
Filadelfia, USA,
December 28,
1942



XVII.- 1950-1951

5 mm **BUZON MAZATENANGO**
77 mm



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Mazatenango - Guatemala, December 24, 1951.

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5 mm **BUZON Nº 1**
39 mm



Mazatenango - Guatemala, July 7, 1951.

XIX.- 1966-1980

BUZON No.4  7 mm
56 mm

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



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USA, October 17, 1966.



Mazatenango - Guatemala, July 6, 1973.

XX.- 1943-1945

4. SAN FELIPE RETALHULEU

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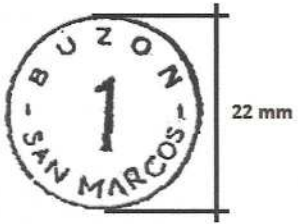
San Felipe Retalhuleu, Guatemala – Chicago, USA, April 10, 1943.



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

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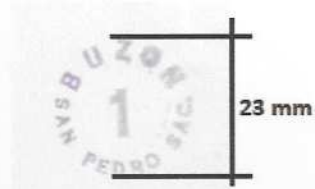


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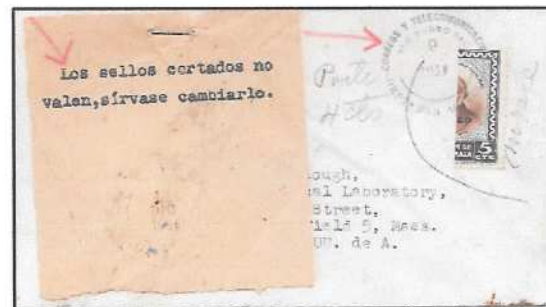
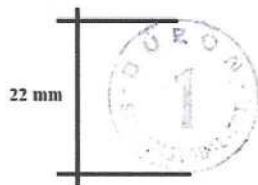


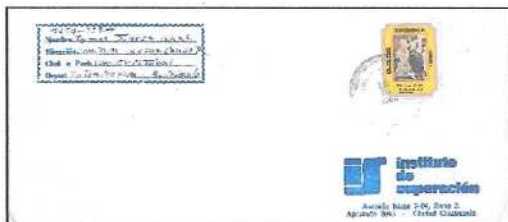
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XXIII.- 1985-1986



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Earliest use known for the San Cristobal Totonicapan mailbox marking.

San Cristobal, Totonicapan
– Guatemala City, May 19,
1985.

