

Identifying the 50c with bars surcharges

All surcharged with 50 in Chinese 五角 wǔ jiǎo (5 ten cents) with two bars obliterating the DPP overprint.

Lengths quoted are in mm. M = according to Ma catalogue, C = according to Chan catalogue. Investigations are continuing to check measurements.

Red surcharges

| | Spacing of bars | Length of bars | Thickness of bars | Characters | other |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|--|
| Anhwei | 10.5 (M&C) | 15 (M&C) | Thick (2mm) | Large | |
| Fukien | 12 (M), 11.5-12.5 (C) | 14 (M), 15.5 (C) | Thin | Small | |
| Hupei 1 * | 9 (M), 8 (C) | 14.5 (M&C) | Thick | Large | (bars handstamped, characters machine printed) In Chan's illustration the spacing is visibly less for the handstamped bars |
| Hupei 2 * | 9 (M), 8 (C) | 14.5 (M&C) | Thick | Large | (whole surcharge by machine) |
| Kansu | 10.5-12 (M), 10.25-12 (C) | 13-14.5 (M), 13.5 (C) | Thick | Large | 12 chops used for handstamp. Pale ink makes ID difficult. Later machine printed. Spacing between characters and bars – wide & narrow types. See separate table for more details. |
| Kiangsi | 12 (M), 12.5 (C) | 14mm (M), 15mm (C) | Thin | Smaller | |
| Kwangsi | 11-11.5 (C) | 13-14.5 (C) | Thick | | |
| Kwangtung | 13 (M), 11.5-14 (C) | 14.5 (M&C) | Thin | Large | Bars often misplaced (M) |
| Kweichow | 10.5 (C) | 12.5 (C) | Thin | Large | |
| Yunnan | 12 (M), 12.5 (C) | 14.5 (M&C) | Thick | Smallest | |

* Neither Chan nor Ma say how to distinguish between the two printing methods. Possibly when ink is different colours?

Black surcharges

| | Spacing of bars | Length of bars | Thickness of bars | Characters | other |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|---|
| East Szechuan | 12.5 (M), 13.5 (C) | 13.5 (M&C) | Thin | Large | The only black 50c surcharge on red DPP overprint |
| Honan | 9 (M), 9.5-10.5 (C) | 14.5 (M&C) | Thick | Large | |
| Hunan (thick bars) | 11 (M), 10.5 (C) | 10 (M), 12 (C) | Thick (1mm) | Small | |
| Hunan (thin bars) | 11 (M), 10.5 (C) | 11 (M), 11.25 (C) | Thin (0.5mm) | Small | |
| Kwangsi | 10.5 (M), 11-11.5 (C) | 13.5 (M), 13-14.5 (C) | Thick | Smaller | |
| Shensi | 12.5 (C) | 14.5 (C) | Thin | Large | |
| West Szechuan | 12.5 (C) | 12-13 (C) | Thin | Large | |