PNUMPENH
CAMBODGE

The only postmark that ever used the particular spelling “PNUMPENH” with a “U” instead of an “O” was a type E2 device at the turn of the century.

POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1902-06

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNUMPENH CAMBODGE 23 FEVR 04
framed R with manuscript registration number
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. Nº 2 27 FEVR 04
REVERSE
PARIS 10 DISTRIBUTION 22-3 04
PNUMPENH
CAMBODGE

The last year of the type E2 “PNUMPENH” postmark was 1906. No other postmark ever used this specific spelling of the town’s name.

POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1902-06

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNUMPENH CAMBODGE 18 AOUT 06
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 21 AOUT 06
PNOMPENH
CAMBODGE

The type B format was one of Pnompenh’s earliest postmarks. It was in service for over two decades at the turn of the century.
PNOMPENH
CAMBODGE

Introduced before the turn of the century, the long-lived type E2 postmark was in service for nearly thirty years.

POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1890-1918

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 20 AOUT 00
framed R with manuscript registration number
handstamped registration number
MODANE A PARIS 19 AOUT 00
PNOMPENH
CAMBODGE

By virtue of its long service, varieties of the type E2 postmark exist as with the thinner lettering in this example.

POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1890-1918
PNOM PENH
CAMBODGE

Pnompenh's last postmark that employed the space in the spelling “PNOM PENH,” was a version of the type E1 device with the month indicated by a numeral. This style postmark disappeared after 1938.

POSTMARK TYPE: E1(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1926-38

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOM PENH CAMBODGE 24-12 38
registration label
REVERSE
PARIS XI DISTRIBUTION 31-12 38
Type G postmarks lack the inner circle that was an integral part of earlier postmarks. With the first subtype, there is nothing separating “PNOMPENH” and “CAMBODGE”.

POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-51
With the type G1 subtype, an object separates “PNOMPENH” and “CAMBODGE”. In this example, a stylized “X” is the separator.

POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-46

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 13-6 36
PAR AVION JUSQU’A MARSEILLE
REVERSE
MARSEILLE-GARE-AVION BÂTIS DU RHONE 21 VI 1936
ST. ETIENNE R.P. LOIRE 22 VI 36
PNOMPENH
CAMBODGE

Rectangles separate the city and territory designations in this example of a type G1 postmark for Pnompenh.

POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-46
PNOM-PENH
CAMBODGE

The type G1 variety with the hyphenated spelling of “PNOM-PENH” is only known from the middle of World War II.

POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1942

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOM-PENH CAMBODGE 1-6 42
CAMBODGE
PNOM-PENH

Fake postmarks were created to meet the demands of postcard collectors. Here a fictitious postmark was struck on a picture postcard from Phnom Penh. The stamp affixed to the postcard was not issued until 1919, many years after then 1907 date in the postmark.

POSTMARK TYPE: fake
PERIOD OF USE: c. 1920

SIMULATED POSTAL MARKINGS
bogus PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 9 JUIN 07
PHNOMPENH
CAMBODGE

The earliest postmark that employed the “PHNOMPENH” spelling was in the type F1(ch) format. In this layout, a numeral indicated the month as opposed to a word abbreviation.

POSTMARK TYPE: F1(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1918-30
PHNOMPENH
CAMBODGE

The type G1 postmark with the “PHNOMPENH” spelling first appeared in 1929. The separators were originally “negative X’s,” but the postmark was to undergo many changes during its two-decade life.

POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1929-51

POSTAL MARKINGS
PHNOMPENH CAMBODGE 26-12 29
REVERSE
FONTENAY AUX ROSES SEINE 26-1 30
PHNOMPENH
CAMBODGE

Solid circles separate the words in this postmark with the “PHNOMPENH” spelling.

POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1929-51

POSTAL MARKINGS
PHNOMPENH CAMBODGE 11-12 44
REVERSE
PHNOMPENH CAMBODGE 11-12 44
PHNOMPENH
CAMBODGE

While black ink was typically used for applying postmarks, occasionally other colors were employed as in the case of these postmarks struck with blue ink.

POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1929-51

POSTAL MARKINGS
PHNOMPENH CAMBODGE 27-5 45 (blue)
PHNOMPENH
CAMBODGE

Negative image “Xs” separate the words in this post- World War II postmark. This was the final variety of the type G1 postmark which disappeared from service after 1951.

POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1929-51

POSTAL MARKINGS
PHNOMPENH CAMBODGE  7-4 1950
REVERSE
HAIPHONG NORD VIETNAM  10-4 1950
During the period 1949-50, Phnom Penh's post office utilized the short-lived type G4 postmark. With its 24-millimeter diameter, the type G4 cancellation is distinctly smaller than other type G postmarks.

POSTMARK TYPE: G4
PERIOD OF USE: 1949-50

POSTAL MARKINGS
PHNOMPENH CAMBODGE 27-6 1949
REVERSE
PONDICHERY INDE FSE 3-7 1949
PHNOMPENH R.P. CAMBODGE

In 1951, a new designation appeared in Phnompenh’s postmarks. “R.P.” stood for “RECETTE PRINCIPAL”.

POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1951-53

POSTAL MARKINGS
PHNOMPENH R.P. CAMBODGE 20-11 1951
REVERSE
DALAT VIET-NAM 22-11 1951
PHNOM-PENH
CAMBODGE

Type F2 postmarks were similar to type E2 postmarks with the addition of separators between the city and country names. In this case, only nine bashes made up the inner circle

POSTMARK TYPE: F2 (ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1918-29

POSTAL MARKINGS
PHNOM-PENH CAMBODGE  17-11 20
REVERSE
KOMPONG-TIAM CAMBODGE  16 NOV 20
PHNOM-PENH
CAMBODGE

Type F2 postmarks were similar to type E2 postmarks with the addition of separators between the city and country names. In this case, only nine dashes made up the inner circle.

POSTMARK TYPE: F2 (ch)(9t)
PERIOD OF USE: 1918-29
PHNOM-PENH
CAMBODGE

The type G1 postmark with the “PHNOM-PENH” spelling variation was in service for a decade and a half.

POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1928-44

POSTAL MARKINGS
PHNOM-PENH CAMBODGE 31-8 31
registration label
REVERSE
BESANCON DOUBS 5-10 31
PNOMPENH A
CAMBODGE

PNompenh’s only auxiliary post office received the “A” designation. Its type F1 (ch) postmark is only known from two years: 1928-29.

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH A CAMBODGE  22 -2 29
PHNOM-PENH CAMBODGE 22 FEVR 29
GERA 24. 3. 29
REVERSE
HAIPHONG TONKIN  2-6 25
registration label

POSTMARK TYPE: F1 (ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1928-29
JOURNAUX P.P.
PHNOMPENH

The JOURNAUX P.P./ PHNOMPENH postmark was employed on letters without stamps. It is only known from 1948.

POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1948

POSTAL MARKINGS
JOURNAUX P.P. PHNOMPENH  8-12 48
framed AFFRANCHI EN NUMERAIRE $ with manuscript amount