

KNIFE TYPES

The term “Knife” refers to the shape of an envelope, more specifically the shape of the paper before it is folded. Knife is the technical term for the cutters of the machine by which the envelope blanks are cut out. In philately, it is principally used to denote the varieties in shape of the United States envelopes, where the back shows several varieties in the cutting of the flaps.

Fortunately, there are not as many Knife variations on the US pre-stamped envelopes that were overprinted for use in the Philippines. Generally, these are classified as “low back” or “high back” types, differentiated by the top section on the reverse side of the envelope as detailed in the following Knife Types.



Knife Type 2 (UPSS Types 57, 78)