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. Only two Knife types exist on these issues with no variations on each value.

Knife Type 2 (UPSS Types 57)

Knife Type 3 (UPSS Type 106)