

## Product Information

### Storing your stamps

LIGHTHOUSE offers the following products for the storage of your stamps and philatelic items. The table provides a summary of the main areas of use and the material of the sheets used in production.

Product / System	Article No.	Sheet Material	Sheet Size	Used For
LIGHTHOUSE SF Illustrated Albums	Various	Polystyrene	Sheet size: 270 x 297 mm; affixed sheets cut to size of stamps/miniature sheets	Illustrated albums for over 100 collection areas
LIGHTHOUSE Sheet Protectors	BSH...	Polyester*	Space for insert: approx. 274 x 302 mm; affixed sheets cut to size of stamps/miniature sheets	Protective sheets for album pages (e.g. for exhibitions)
LB Sheets (LIGHTHOUSE blank album pages with affixed clear sheets)	LB...	Polyester**	Sheet size: 270 x 297 mm; affixed sheets: approx. 190 x 254 mm	Stamps, miniature sheets, philatelic documents
R/G Sheets	R.../G...	Durable Rigid PVC	270 x 297 mm	Stamps, miniature sheets, philatelic documents
KABE OF Illustrated Albums	Various	Polystyrene	Sheet size: 275 x 310 mm; affixed sheets cut to size of stamps/miniature sheets	Illustrated albums for over 100 collection areas
KABE ORION Sheets (blank album pages with affixed clear sheets)	ORION...	Durable Rigid PVC	Sheet size: 275 x 310 mm; affixed sheets: approx. 190 x 255 mm	Stamps, miniature sheets, philatelic documents
KABE Stella Sheet Protectors	STELLA 1	Durable Rigid PVC	280 x 314 mm	Protective sheets for album pages (e.g. for exhibitions)
SF Mounts	Various	Polystyrene	Sheets cut to size of stamps/miniature sheets	Stamps, miniature sheets, philatelic documents
VARIO Sheets (clear)	VARIO...	Polyester**	216 x 280 mm (overall size)	Banknotes, Postcards
VARIO Sheets (with black backing film)	VARIO...	Durable Rigid PVC	216 x 280 mm (overall size)	Stamps, FDCs, Postcards, ...
OPTIMA Sheets	OPTIMA...	Durable Rigid PVC	202 x 252 mm (overall size)	Stamps, Postcards, FDCs, ...
GRANDE Sheets (clear)	GRANDE...	Polyester	240 x 312 mm (overall size)	DINA4 documents, postcards, stamps, banknotes, ...
GRANDE Sheets (with black backing film)	GRANDE...	Durable Rigid PVC	240 x 312 mm (overall size)	Postcards, stamps, ...
MAXIMUM Sheets	MAX...	Durable Rigid PVC	350 (325) x 335 mm (overall size)	Postcards, stamp mint sheets, ...
FDC Albums	CLFDC...	Polypropylène	a) 195 x 130 mm (pocket size) b) 243 x 133 mm (pocket size)	FDCs, postcards

\* from 2002; previously: durable rigid PVC

\*\* from 2004; previously: durable rigid PVC

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ETB Albums	CLETB...	Polypropylène	ca. 150 x 210 mm (inside measurements)	German first day of issue cards
HP Sheets	HP...	Durable Rigid PVC	Various	Stamps, banknotes, postcards
Stock Books with Clear Strips	Various	Durable Rigid PVC	Various	Stamps
Stock Books with Glassine Strips	Various	Glassine	Various	Stamps
Approval Cards made from Card	EK...	Polystyrene	Various	Stamps

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## Our Position on the Issue of Lead Sulphide Damage

There is much discussion in the specialist world at the moment on the subject of whether storing stamps (particularly classic stamps produced before 1875) in durable rigid PVC sheets can lead to the stamps becoming damaged by the formation of lead sulphide.

Nobody has been able to prove a causal link between the two so far. LIGHTHOUSE has been producing stamp accessory articles from plastic for decades. Despite millions of uses, we do not know of a single case of stamp discolouration or damage related to the plastic sheets that we produce.

Even so, we are unable to give a 100% no-risk guarantee. We therefore recommend that stamp collectors who wish to avoid any possible risk related to using rigid PVC products switch to non PVC products.

Further, we would like to point out that apart from the storage system used, there are many other factors which can cause an alteration in stamps, documents or postmarks, including temperature, air humidity, exposure to light, airborne pollutants, lack of ventilation etc.

We recommend that collectors inspect their collection regularly in all cases to check for possible alteration in colour or otherwise.