

RMS INSTA-POLL

“If two covers are identical, EXCEPT for the manumark, do you count them as dif covers? Yes or No”

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Yes - 128

No - 14

I honestly had no idea that it was such a ‘given’ in the hobby! I was one of the ‘No’s’! Wow! About 10 to 1 saying that two covers, identical except for the manumark, *are* different covers. Well, I’ve changed *my* tune!

Telling comments:

“The Manumark is part of what's on the cover, no matter how small.”

“Yes. Logic: though same artwork, they were manufactured by different companies and probably at different times.”

“Yes, if I went to all that trouble to read the fine print as my eyesight deteriorates, then yes it is a different cover.” (!)

“Yes, I do Mike. Aren't they different covers? Who changes the manumark in the middle of a run?”