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Morley Bright Inst-a-Tector

Tips and Advice on using the detector.

### **Replacing sachets.**

When removing or replacing the sachet you must avoid creasing the sachet as this will greatly affect the performance.

To remove a sachet gently slid your finger nail underneath the sachet and lift it up a few millimetres, then gently pull the sachet out by sliding your finger underneath the sachet, and gently pull the sachet out of each end of the unit.

To replace a sachet you need to make sure that the shiny side of the sachet is facing the glass, and that the matt side of the sachet is facing the white platform.

Inserting the sachet can be difficult you should gently slide the sachet back into the unit one side at a time, curling the sachet can help.

### **Using and testing the sachet**

The watermark detector works on the principle of the watermarked section of the stamp being fractionally thinner than the rest of the paper, the stamp needs to be completely free of any hinge marks or any other matter that stops the stamp from being completely flat.

If the sachet has been left standing for a while you may need to wake up the fluid by gently moving your finger or thumb over the ink to spread it around the sachet, you should try to get as much of the ink to the centre of the sachet.

Without a stamp in the detector, close the unit and press together and the ink should evenly spread across the white platform.

It is normal for there to be some bubbles in the sachet, these would normally disperse from the viewing area when pressing close the detector. Over time they will settle down. If the ink does not move freely around the sachet then the sachet needs to be replaced.

Lay the stamp face down on the white platform, close the unit, holding it between your forefingers (which should be underneath the detector) and your thumbs which should be above the detector, now apply pressure downwards with your thumbs and upwards with your forefingers. The ink in the sachet should disperse from most of the viewing area leaving a small amount of ink that should be sitting in the watermark. Moving your thumbs around the unit whilst still applying pressure helps the fluid to move into the watermarked sections.

The clarity of the watermark detector can be affected by the depth of the watermark on the stamp, some stamps are much clearer than others, sometimes you will only be able to establish if the watermark is inverted or the crown is different.