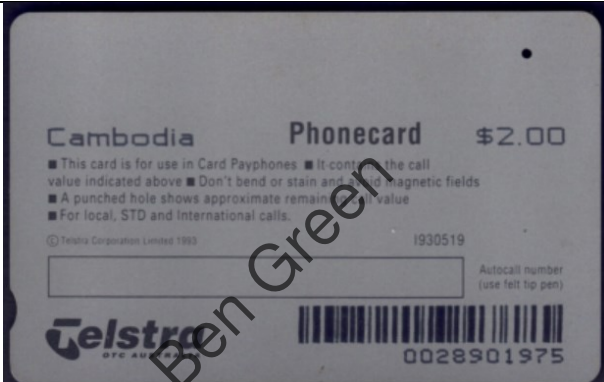
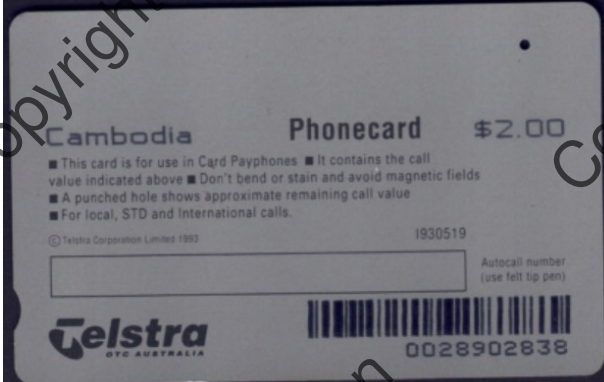


Prefix 289 and 290 Investigation

There appears to have been multiple print runs for both the 289 and 290 Cambodia phonecards. The first printing for each prefix contains 10000 cards and the \$2.00 and \$5.00 printed on the back of the phonecard uses a smaller font than the later prints. See below pictures showing the differences for each prefix.



The below table shows the numbers of a few of cards that exist for the above printing of the 289 and 290 with the smaller font on the back of the card.


Range	Some of the Known Cards	Example Image from each 1000 print run
Prefix 289		
28900000 – 28900999		
28901000 – 28901999	28901787 28901975	
28902000 – 28902999	28902728 28902783 28902792 28902795 28902799 28902838 28902839	

<p>28903000 – 28903999</p>	<p>28903121 28903128 28903215 28903671</p>	 <p>Cambodia Phonecard \$2.00 ■ This card is for use in Card Payphones ■ It contains the call value indicated above ■ Don't bend or stain and avoid magnetic fields ■ A punched hole shows approximate remaining call value ■ For local, STD and International calls. Telstra Corporation Limited 1993 1930519 Autocall number (use felt tip pen) 0028903128</p>
<p>28904000 – 28904999</p>	<p>28904057 28904371 28904378 28904652 28904921</p>	 <p>Cambodia Phonecard \$2.00 ■ This card is for use in Card Payphones ■ It contains the call value indicated above ■ Don't bend or stain and avoid magnetic fields ■ A punched hole shows approximate remaining call value ■ For local, STD and International calls. Telstra Corporation Limited 1993 1930519 Autocall number (use felt tip pen) 0028904057</p>
<p>28905000 – 28905999</p>	<p>28905104 28905414 28905749 28905803</p>	 <p>Cambodia Phonecard \$2.00 ■ This card is for use in Card Payphones ■ It contains the call value indicated above ■ Don't bend or stain and avoid magnetic fields ■ A punched hole shows approximate remaining call value ■ For local, STD and International calls. Telstra Corporation Limited 1993 1930519 Autocall number (use felt tip pen) 0028905414</p>
<p>28906000 - 28906999</p>	<p>28906001 28906005 28906027 28906049 28906066 28906208 28906209 28906230 28906258 28906261 28906400 28906401 28906402 28906404 28906438 28906440 28906441 28906442 28906443 28906445 28906448 28906462</p>	 <p>Cambodia Phonecard \$2.00 ■ This card is for use in Card Payphones ■ It contains the call value indicated above ■ Don't bend or stain and avoid magnetic fields ■ A punched hole shows approximate remaining call value ■ For local, STD and International calls. Telstra Corporation Limited 1993 1930519 Autocall number (use felt tip pen) 0028906445</p>

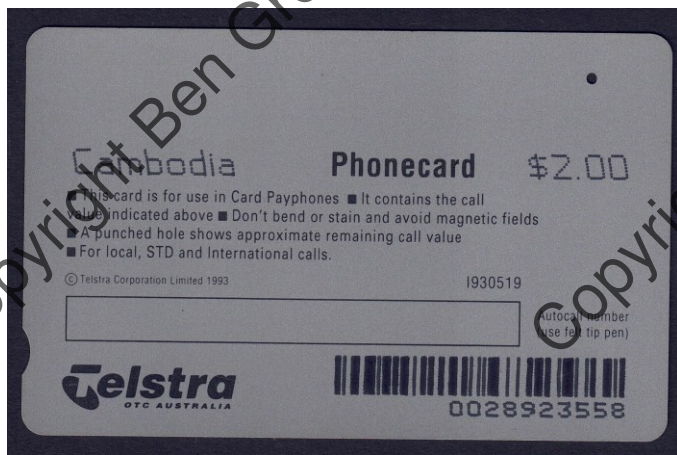
	28906463 28906465 28906486 28906487 28906489 28906514 28906541 28906542 28906543 28906546 28906557 28906832	
28907000 – 28907999	28907393 28907613	
28908000 – 28908999	28908004	
28909000 – 28909999	28909558 28909563 28909572 28909574 28909575 28909579 28909585 28909587 28909595 28909755 28909756 28909892	
Prefix 290		

<p>29000000 – 29000999</p>	<p>29000112 29000117 29000159 29000161 29000168 29000169 29000170 29000171 29000188 29000232 29000664 29000965 29000965</p>	 <p>This card is for use in Card Payphones. It contains the call value indicated above. Don't bend or stain and avoid magnetic fields. A punched hole shows approximate remaining call value. For local, STD and International calls.</p> <p>Telstra Corporation Limited 1993</p> <p>1930529</p> <p>Autocall number (use felt tip pen)</p> <p>Telstra OTC AUSTRALIA</p> <p>0029000965</p>
<p>29001000 – 29001999</p>	<p>29001311 29001405</p>	 <p>This card is for use in Card Payphones. It contains the call value indicated above. Don't bend or stain and avoid magnetic fields. A punched hole shows approximate remaining call value. For local, STD and International calls.</p> <p>Telstra Corporation Limited 1993</p> <p>1930529</p> <p>Autocall number (use felt tip pen)</p> <p>Telstra OTC AUSTRALIA</p> <p>0029001311</p>
<p>29002000 – 29002999</p>	<p>29002510</p>	 <p>This card is for use in Card Payphones. It contains the call value indicated above. Don't bend or stain and avoid magnetic fields. A punched hole shows approximate remaining call value. For local, STD and International calls.</p> <p>Telstra Corporation Limited 1993</p> <p>1930529</p> <p>Autocall number (use felt tip pen)</p> <p>Telstra OTC AUSTRALIA</p> <p>0029002510</p>
<p>29003000 – 29003999</p>	<p>29003352 29003386 29003444</p>	 <p>This card is for use in Card Payphones. It contains the call value indicated above. Don't bend or stain and avoid magnetic fields. A punched hole shows approximate remaining call value. For local, STD and International calls.</p> <p>Telstra Corporation Limited 1993</p> <p>1930529</p> <p>Autocall number (use felt tip pen)</p> <p>Telstra OTC AUSTRALIA</p> <p>0029003444</p>

<p>29004000 – 29004999</p>	<p>29004208 29004342 29004869</p>	 <p>Cambodia Phonecard \$5.00 This card is for use in Card Payphones. It contains the call value indicated above. Don't bend or stain and avoid magnetic fields. A punched hole shows approximate remaining call value. For local, STD and International calls. Telstra Corporation Limited 1993 1930529 Autocal number (use felt tip pen) 0029004208</p>
<p>29005000 – 29005999</p>	<p>29005157 29005695</p>	 <p>Cambodia Phonecard \$5.00 This card is for use in Card Payphones. It contains the call value indicated above. Don't bend or stain and avoid magnetic fields. A punched hole shows approximate remaining call value. For local, STD and International calls. Telstra Corporation Limited 1993 1930529 Autocal number (use felt tip pen) 0029005157</p>
<p>29006000 – 29006999</p>	<p>29006307 29006832</p>	
<p>29007000 – 29007999</p>	<p>29007227 29007424</p>	 <p>Cambodia Phonecard \$5.00 This card is for use in Card Payphones. It contains the call value indicated above. Don't bend or stain and avoid magnetic fields. A punched hole shows approximate remaining call value. For local, STD and International calls. Telstra Corporation Limited 1993 1930529 Autocal number (use felt tip pen) 0029007227</p>
<p>29008000 – 289008999</p>	<p>29008151 29008219 29008317</p>	

<p>29009000 – 29009999</p>	<p>29009118 29009159 29009161</p>	 <p>Figure 1 Photo from Ken Hosking collection</p>
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The second printing of the 289 Cambodia cards starts from 28919xxxx and goes to 2892999.



There was an interesting letter to the editor in the June 1995 Phonecard Monthly by I.J. Victoria indicated that there were also Cambodia phonecards printed in the 28914xxx and 28916xxx range. However, I have never seen one and the collectors I contacted hadn't either. If you have one in the above ranges or between 29013xxx – 28919xxx I would appreciate a photo and will add to this article.

Dear Sir,

Congratulations on "going full time" as you recently indicated. I hope you will do well and at least enjoy what you are doing.

I read with interest the letter about what was Australia's rarest card, including OTC, Christmas Island, Cambodia, etc. and the comments about the fifty only Vietnam cards (*Letters to the Editor - May 19PM*).

I believe this is wrong, even though it may be supported by some paperwork, the paperwork does not state that it was the only fifty cards issued.

I have had three of these cards over a time and still have one used card. The serial number on that card is 28910011, a far cry from the numbers listed in Mr Allen's letter from Vietnam. This would indicate at least a range from 28910011 through to 28912149, being some 2,100 cards.

From my studies of the overseas generics, particularly in the 289 prefix, I have noted the following from cards that I have actually seen when trying to build a history of the various printings

28900271	\$2 Cambodia
28909996	\$2 Cambodia
28910011	\$50 Vietnam
28910024	\$2 Cambodia
28916000	\$2 Cambodia
28919068	\$10 Christmas Island
28927980	\$2 Cambodia

and later printings of the \$2 Cambodian card, printed years apart.

I understand that the first printing of the Cambodian card was 10,000 (28900000 - 28909999) and that the then Vietnam card was printed. It would be interesting to have any reader publish another letter and advise any 289 prefix cards they have between 289 10,000 and 289 20,000.

It is my opinion that approximately 4,000 or 4,500 of the Vietnam cards were printed.

My opinion re the rarest card would not be to include the 600 run cards as they are not too different or from a different reprint, likewise not the Anritsu. It was not an issued card for use in phones, being a specimen card.

What does this leave - maybe the two rarest different cards as issued (without looking at prefix runs or specimens) would be the \$50 Vietnam or the \$100 Cambodia (L&L) card.

Open for comments, praise or criticism.

L.J. Victoria

My estimation of the lowest issue (to date) is the one Australia set of which 10,000 were issued and approximately 9,600 have been 'withdrawn' by Telecom. If the 'withdrawn' phonecards are shredded, those which remain in circulation will become invaluable - Ed.

The below table provides the details of the other known cards within the relevant 1000's print range in the 289 prefix. The below list is not all the known cards, but just a sample to show that there were cards produced within the relevant range.

Range	Sample of the Known Cards	Example Image from each 1000 print run
28919000 - 28919999	28919872	
28920000 - 28920999	28920569 28920258	
28921000 - 28921999	28921868	
28922000 - 28922999 28923000 - 28923999	28923591 28923685 28923153 28923459 28923154 28923661 28923189 28923800 28923195 28923558 28923184 28923346 28923767 28923041 28923342	

	28923332 28923559 28923557 28923186	
28924000 - 28924999		
28925000 - 28925999		
28926000 - 28926999	28926241 28926524 28926634 28926638 28926341 28926235 28926345 28926347 28926212 28926521 28926502 28926234 28926252 28926525 28926230 28926343 28926771 28926363 28926365 28926243 28926256 28926213	 <p>The image shows a Cambodia Phonecard with a value of \$2.00. It features the Telstra logo and a barcode with the number 0028926241. The card includes instructions for use in Card Payphones and contains the autocal number 1930519.</p>
28927000 - 28927999	28927562 28927561	 <p>The image shows a Cambodia Phonecard with a value of \$2.00. It features the Telstra logo and a barcode with the number 0028927561. The card includes instructions for use in Card Payphones and contains the autocal number 1930519.</p>
28928000 - 28928999		

The Cambodia phonecards within the 289 prefix above 28950000 have been printed using the same back design as the prefix 418 phonecards. According to the Colnect website there were 50000 produced (289 50000 to 289 99999) However, the only known phonecards with this variation are in the 289,5xxxx range. As you can see from the below example the "\$" sign is large and bold just the same as the prefix 418 phonecards.



Figure 2 Courtesy of the Colnect Website

The second printing of the 290 Cambodia phonecards is between 29012000 and 29019999. The other 2,000 cards between 2901000 and 29011999 are the \$20 Christmas Island cards on the Satellite.



The below table provides the details of the other known cards within the relevant 1000's print range in the 289 prefix.

Range	Some of the Known Cards	Example Image from each 1000 print run
2901000 - 29010999	29010368	
2901100 - 29011999	29011765	
2901200 - 29012999	29012124	
2901300 - 29013999	29013078	
29014000 - 29014999		
29015000 - 29015999	29015832	
29016000 - 29016999		

29017000 - 29017999	29017309 29017314 29017310 29017127 29017307 29017196 29017305 29017308 29017306 29017098 29017057 29017140 29017075 29017142 29017052 29017070 29017068 29017065 29017067 29017066 29017069 29017051 29017060 29017058 29017073 29017056 29017053 29017054 29017055 29017059	
29018000 - 29018999	29018289	
29019000 - 29019999		

Also, regarding the 289 Vietnam phonecard there may have been several limited print runs as there have been phonecards spotted between 28910000 - 28910050 and 28912000 - 28912149. Examples of each of the relevant ranges are included in the subsequent images. The following letter that was published in the Phonecard monthly magazine indicates that only the ones between 28912100 - 28912149 were given to the organisers of the surfing event and therefore available at the surfing event. It is believed that not many of these cards were handed out during the surfing carnival and therefore returned back to Telstra.



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This is to certify that the following 50 Telephone Cards were received from Telstra OTC Australia.

Serial numbers 0028912100 - 0028912149

Each card has a face value of \$US50.00. It is understood that for each card sold by the Quangnam-Danang P&T, \$US50.00 will be deducted from the line rental that the P&T are charging Telstra. All unsold cards will be returned to Telstra.

signed

TRẦN THỊ THƯƠNG
for Quangnam-Danang P&T

Signed

Peter Allan
for Telstra OTC Australia

A.M. Victoria

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The following images show examples of the relevant print runs of the Vietnam phonecard.

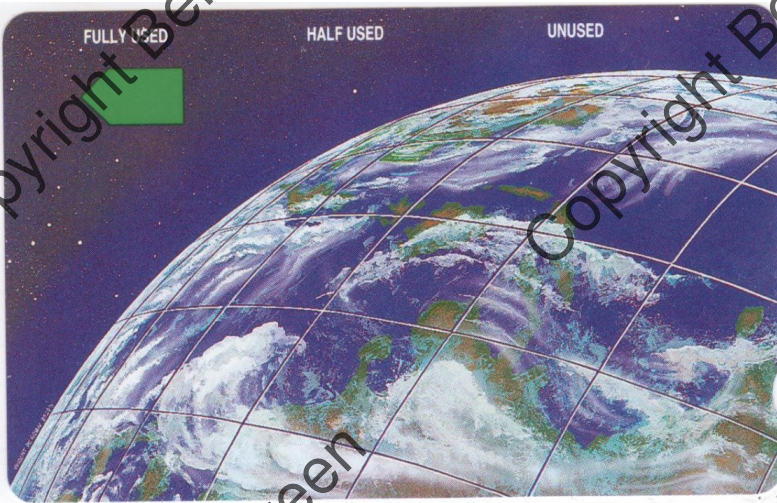


Figure 3 Courtesy of the Phonecard Museum

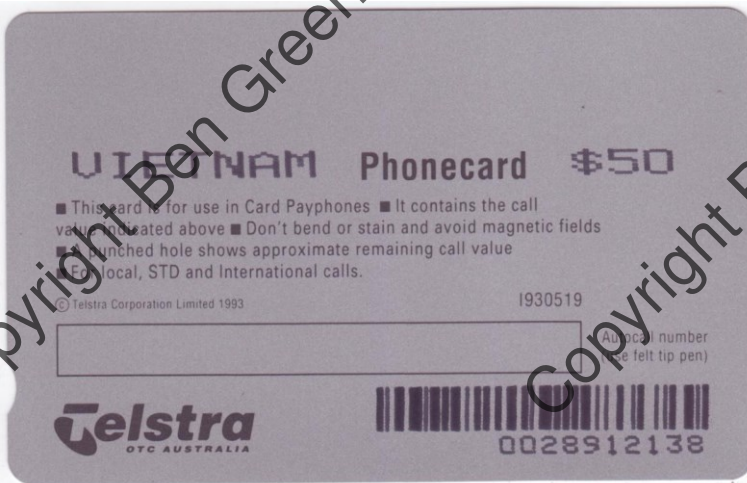


Figure 4 From the Ron Moss Collection



Figure 5 Photo from the Colnect website

I would like to thank the fellow collectors Ron Moss and Ken Hosking who have assisted with the above investigations and provided images of phonecards in their collections.