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This sectional with a new title has been reset from A4 down to the “Concise” format, now having 90 catalogue pages. It contains new issues for St Helena and Tristan up to April 2011, and Ascension to July 2011 which are all later than the original blurb-sheet. As usual prices up to 1970 are taken from the Part 1 Empire, but later issues have been specifically revised and updated for this volume, (the last edition was published in 2007, see Exporter February 2008).

A number of new plate varieties are now included, such as the Ascension 1924 1½d “Line through C” and 8d “Shamrock” values, the St Helena 1922 ½d “Damaged Value Tablet,” and also watermark varieties such as 1903 St Helena ½d. However the latest addition to the 1935 Silver Jubilee St Helena 6d, “Dot to left of Chapel” is not included although it is in the new part 1.

There are also 28pp of introductory philatelic information, notes, technical matters and International Glossary.