LZ 129 - "Hindenburg"

Length: 245 m Diameter: 41.2 m

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Buoyancy compartments: 16 with 200000m3

Travelling speed: 130 k.p.h.

Engines: 4 Daimler Benz engines with 1050 h.p. each

Payload: 60000kg

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Confirmation stamp (BSt) in red

Distinctive letters:
Berlin C2 = "a" and "b"
Frankfurt/M. = "c" and "d"
Lorch (Wuertt.) = "e" (up to 5.5.1936)
Friedrichshafen = "e" (from 6.5. on)
Stuttgart 9 = "f" and "g"

Because of the large amount of mail, several post offices had to deal with the dispatch.



Board postmark (BPSt) in 2 types in black, seldom in violet and blue

Board mail, type I: "1. FAHRT" (Dot close to 1) Board mail, type II: "1. FAHRT" (Dot close to FAHRT) Board mail, type I and type II same prices. Source: **MICHEL** (Zeppelin Specialized Catalogue 2003) Prices are quoted in Euro's.

6.-9.5.1936 Friedrichshafen - Lakehurst (A 21.30, L 06.10)

| 12) | a. Frankfurt "c" | 25, |
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| , | b. Frankfurt "d" | 25, |
| | c. Berlin C2 "a" | 380, |
| | d. Berlin C2 "b" (not found up to now) | , |
| | e. Lorch "e" up to 5.5.1936 | 40, |
| | f. Friedrichshafen "e" after 6.5.1936 | 40, |
| | g. Stuttgart 9 "f" | 40, |
| | h. Stuttgart 9 "g" | 40,— |
| | Board mail, mailing in Frankfurt (philatelic mail, | |
| | mostly 7.5. or 8.5.), BPSt | 40, |
| | k. Board mail, mailing at board post office | |
| | (passengers/crew members), BPSt | 100.— |

Up to now, the dates 7.5., 8.5. and 9.5 are known for board mail. Dates 7.5. and 8.5. are frequent (Beware of forgeries!).

The mail of the outward flight bears an arrival stamp (ASt) from New York.

Special features and incoming lines: (Incoming lines mostly with distinctive letter c/d)

| 12 - Aegean Islands | 350, |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 12 - Egypt, Mif Egypt/DR | 650, |
| 12 - Algeria (planned, not carried) | 100,— |