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Chronological history of Zeppelin mail of the Italian area flown on Graf Zeppelin, Hindenburg and Graf Zeppelin II airships.

This catalogue deals, in great detail, with Zeppelin mail of Italy, Italian colonies, San Marino and Vatican from 1929 to 1939. This list only refers to flown items for which it has been possible to assess their existence. Other mails, whose existence has not been verified yet, although mentioned in other sources, have been omitted. Items which are not genuine or fakes have been frequently mentioned, instead.

In this catalogue Zeppelin airmail stamps have been excluded, as they have already been described in philatelic catalogues.

The recording, given in chronological order, enables to trace a catalogued Zeppelin mail simply by referring to the page related to the airship's name, the year and, thus, the flight number, from which month and day of that particular flight are evident.

The flights numbering used in this work is that reported in the official original records of Luftschiffbau Zeppelin / Deutsche Zeppelin Reederei. The use of this numbering avoids arbitrary misleading information, instead providing a reference form among collectors, dealers and aviation historians.

Dieter Leder: "Zeppelin mail experts and sophisticated collectors worked together and shared their knowledge, information and covers to make this catalogue the most comprehensive data base for Zeppelin mail from Italy and its connected areas."





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