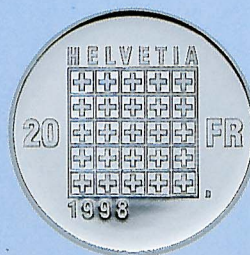


The 1998 jubilee coins

The two jubilee coins to be issued in 1998 reproduce both the old and new silver mintings. The «200th anniversary of the Helvetic Republic» coin reproduces in a square frame a 40-batzen piece of 1789, depicting a cadet from the Helvetic period. The «150th anniversary of the Swiss Federal Constitution» coin originates from a 5-franc piece of 1850, portraying the famous seated Helvetia in a similar frame. The tails side of both coins are the same, showing 25

pictograms in the form of the Swiss cross in a square frame - a symbol of the solidarity of peoples.



Characteristics

Model

200 years Helvetic Republic
150 years Swiss Federal
Constitution

Artist

Werner Jeker, Lausanne

Technical Data

Alloy: Silver 0,835
Weight: 20 g
Diameter: 33 mm
Alloy: Gold 0,900
Weight: 22,58 g
Diameter: 28 mm

Legal tender value

Silver coin: 20 Swiss francs
Gold coin: 100 Swiss francs

Date of issue

20th May, 1998

Mintage

Gold coins: only proof in coin case,
limited number of 2 500 pieces each.

Silver coins:

200 years Helvetic Republic:

Standard coinage, uncirculated:

108 000 pieces

Proof in coin case: 15 500 pieces

150 years Swiss Federal

Constitution:

Standard coinage, uncirculated:

109 000 pieces

Proof in coin case: 15 500 pieces

**Coinage+Responsible for
the issue:**

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coins
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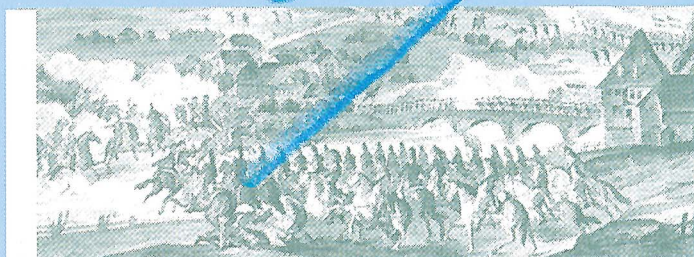
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The official mint of the Swiss Confederation now bears a new name. Since 1st January, 1998 this traditional institution forms an independent unit of the Federal Finance Administration. Our new name signifies a new spirit: the entrepreneurial approach of a modern company marketing its products and services both at home and abroad. Our main task is to mint Swiss coins for everyday circulation. For numismatists and investors there are memorial issues in special qualities.

'swissmint' commemorative coins proudly carry the works of famous Swiss artists. The net profits resulting from the sales of the commemorative coins are appointed to support Swiss cultural projects by means of lump sum payments.

200th anniversary of the Helvetic Republic

Following the collapse of the Ancien Régime, the Helvetic Constitution in 1798 laid the foundation stone of a democratic and liberal political and social system. The Acte de Médiation of Napoleon I suppressed a large number of the reforms introduced with the Helvetic Republic. However, many of the ideas realised during that period were taken over in the 1848 Federal Constitution.



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The Sonderbund war and the establishment of the 1948 Swiss Federal Constitution ushered in a new era in Swiss history. The Federal Constitution with its bicameral system comprising the Council of States and the National Council still forms the legal basis of the modern Swiss state. It underwent a total revision in 1874 - the only one since its inception.



The Artist

The artist Werner Jeker was born 1944 in Mümliswil SO. Studies at the arts-and-crafts school in Lucerne and a formative period established him as a graphic artist. Member of the Alliance Graphique Internationale (AGI). Various exhibitions and awards at home and abroad: 1988: New York «Award for exceptional use of Photography in Graphic Design», 1989: Swiss National Bank, winner of the competition for the new series of banknotes, 1991: «Grand Prix des Arts appliqués». His lithographs were also acquired by the Museum of Modern Art in New York.