



# Counterfeited 5-franc coins of type 7005

This type first appeared in 1993 and is the most significant falsification of coins in the last few decades.

## Falsification features

- Only coins with **incused edge lettering** are concerned (struck in the years 1985 – 1993).
- In the **incused edge lettering**, the **distance between the last star and the "D"** of "DOMINUS" is **either smaller** (years 1986, 1987 and 1991) **or larger** (years 1989 and 1991) than in the case of genuine coins.

Distances between the last apex of the star to the vertical line of the "D":

Original	5 mm	ca.	
Falsifications	2.5 mm	or	
	8.5 mm	ca.	

- Up to now, only falsifications of the following years have been impounded: **1986, 1987, 1989 and 1991**
- Year 1991:** Very likely false as this year was only issued in sets of coins.
- The falsifications of the **years 1989 and 1991** often have a **matte surface**.
- Silvery shine** (yellow-tinged) and occasionally **blemishes or discolouring** on the coin surface.

## No falsification features

- "Too short a distance"** from the last star to the "D" on coins with **edge lettering in relief** (edge lettering in relief: coins struck until 1984 and from 1994 on)
- Both sides of the coin upright** (normal for coins struck from 1982 on)
- Obverse upright – reverse upside down** (normal for coins struck until 1981)
- Coins without the mintmark "B"** (normal for coins struck in the years 1968 – 1985)
- Differing positions of the incused edge lettering**

**Dubious** 5-franc coins can be sent for appraisal to the Federal Office of Police, Counterfeit Money Department, 3003 Berne or to Swissmint.