

Design: Raphael Schenker

Raphael Schenker was born in Zurich on 26 April 1971. He grew up in Kilchberg, where he also attended primary and secondary school. Before he trained as a graphic artist from 1988 to 1992, he completed the preliminary course at the F + F School for Art and Design in Zurich in 1987. After the death of his father, he took over the studio in Adliswil in 1993 under the new and current company name Schenker visuelle Kommunikation. The move to Zurich took place in 2001. His field of work includes the entire spectrum of creative work. Ideas and design concepts for print and online, including corporate design, graphic design and packaging. Raphael Schenker is a member of the SGD (Swiss Graphic Designers) trade association. He lives and works in the old town of Zurich.



Characteristics

Effigy

100th anniversary of the Crocodile locomotive

Artist

Raphael Schenker, Zurich

Technical data

Alloy: gold 0,900

Weight: 11,29g

Diameter: 25mm

Legal face value

50 Swiss francs

Date of issue

9 May 2019

Selling period

Up to 8 May 2022
or while stocks last

Mintage

Proof coin in presentation case:
5,000 pieces



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Official commemorative coins

Each year, the Federal Mint Swissmint issues a small number of commemorative coins featuring carefully selected subjects. The coins in bimetals, silver and gold bear an official nominal value and are available in various minting qualities – as collectors' pieces in their own right or as an exquisite gift.

100th anniversary of the Crocodile locomotive

The famous Ce 6/8 II electric locomotives, also affectionately known as the "Crocodiles", are more than just "old locomotives" for many people, and not just for Swiss railway enthusiasts. They combine Swiss cultural heritage with lively enthusiasm for a technical masterpiece created 100 years ago.

The powerful "Crocodiles" are among the SBB's most durable locomotives. In the spring of 1918, the Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) ordered ten "heavy mountain freight locomotives" from the Swiss Locomotive and Machine Factory (SLM) for use at the Gotthard. The specifications for these electric locomotives stipulated that they could cover the Goldau-Chiasso route twice within 28 hours with a train of 860t trailer weight. The special thing about the construction of the

"Crocodiles" was the movable bearing between the drive frames and the locomotive box. Between 1919 and 1921, the series was increased to 33 units. The demands on the electric freight locomotives for the mountain route were enormous.

After the "Crocodiles" at the Gotthard were replaced by more powerful locomotives in the mid-1950s, they took over the transport of gravel trains weighing up to 1,200 tonnes in the Mittelland region. Some specimens have been preserved in working order to this day SBB Historic offers special trips with the "Crocodile", and the electric old timer can also be admired in the Swiss Museum of Transport.