

1939 Spange to the 1914 Iron Cross First Class

“L/11”

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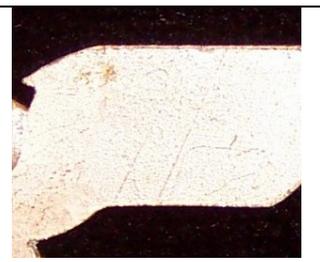
Description

The Spange to the Iron Cross 1st Class had the same features obverse as the second class, only larger, as the width changed to 45mm (the height stayed at 30mm). The clasp was worn directly on the uniform above the Iron Cross 1st Class, and on the reverse a pin and catch system was responsible for holding the Spange to the uniform.



Maker mark

(“L/11”) on reverse, under the pin. (“3” mark has not been seen.)



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Details

Height	30 mm	Width	29.2 mm	Weight	8.8 gr
Width (Wings)	44.4 mm	(date bar)		Material	Feinzink

Remarks

Note the bulky appearance of the beak, especially on the bottom. (This feature is very noticeable from the reverse.) Also note that the first “9” in “1939” often has a die flaw “clog” on the tail (See picture above).

Another frequently encountered die flaw is the two “scratch lines” on the reverse of the eagle’s left wing (See up right).

