

Kriegsmarine High Seas Fleet Badge

Schwerin Berlin

Description

The High Seas Fleet Badge was instituted on 30th April, 1941 for service on Battleships and Cruisers. Schwerin, Berlin are considered to be the premier maker of the badge as early examples were produced with a high quality fire-gilt and dark grey oxidised finish.



Early Hinge:



Early Catch:



Maker Mark:



Very weak left bridge window:



Double-struck and poorly formed left bridge window:



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Details

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| Height | 56.7 to 57.0 mm. | Weight | 31.8 to 34.4 g | Type/Pattern | Early |
| Width | 43.8 to 44.0 mm. | Material | Tombak | | |

Remarks: Produced in Tombak initially. Earlier tombak examples have a sharp concave "A" impression on the reverse (above the maker mark and in line with the obverse deckline) whereas later tombak examples were smoothly concave. Catches on earlier tombak examples are true "C" form whereas on later tombak examples the base of the "C" is flat. Some examples can be found with a poorly formed, weak or near-absent left-hand bridge window.

