

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. Early examples were produced in tombak with a high quality fire-gilt and dark grey oxidised finish. Later examples produced in zinc share the same die characteristics as the earlier tombak examples however the hinge/catch components differ, as does the finish.



Hinge:



Catch:



Maker Mark:



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Details

Height	56.9 to 57.1 mm.	Weight	26.8 to 31.3 g	Type/Pattern	Late
Width	44.0 to 44.1 mm.	Material	Zinc		

Remarks: Schwerin zinc badges used a barrel hinge with an integral rectangular baseplate and a flat-based "C" form catch set on a round catchplate. The finish was only gilded, not fire-gilded. Some earlier production zinc examples had a thick plating applied to the reverse which commonly exhibits bubbling. On some very late examples struck from poorer quality zinc alloy, the finish may be a thin wash and almost 100% present but faded entirely to grey.