

Basics Using the Catalogue

The catalogue is structured in four languages, as experience with another site operated by us shows that around 70% of the visitors are not German-speaking. Most of the translations were translated with Deepl.com. There will be some improvements and we will take care of it step by step.

The catalogue is available to all visitors of the site. The **guest** will find the catalogue as a preview with limited functionality. So every issue has to be called up individually.

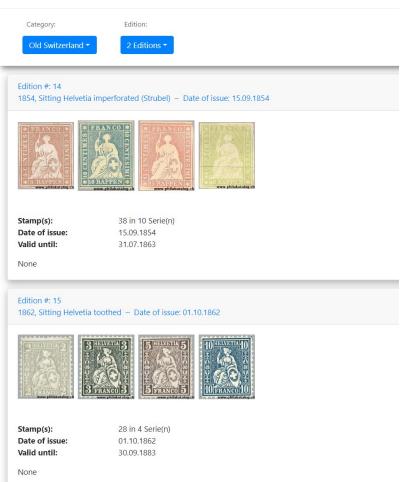
The **registered user** can use the catalog with more options, so he can display his collection and has all the filter options available.

The **members** can also keep their shortlist, have access to the varieties and the enlarged images.

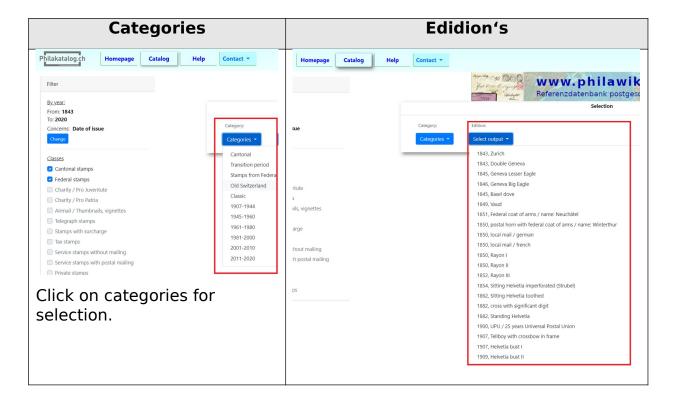
About the structure of the catalog

The central elements are of course the stamps in our catalogue. However, in order to bring a logic into the structure, we have structured the catalogue by issues and in these issues by series. The simplest filter method is to filter by categories and select the issue from the corresponding category.



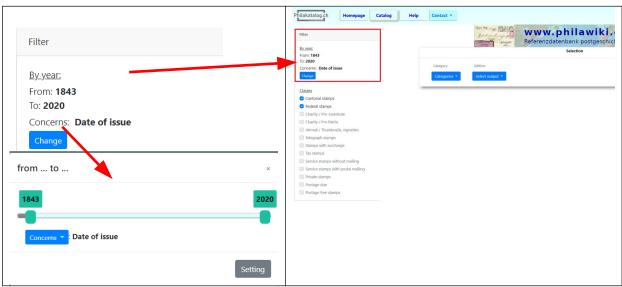


Picture: View of the category "old switzerland"
If no category is selected, all entries are displayed in the edition selection list.





To get a better overview, it is possible to filter by year. (at Picture: time bar)



Picture: Time bar

This filter allows you to select a freely defined period of time for which the categories and outputs are then displayed.

The categories are a selection by us, which is comparable with the registers in the conventional print catalogues.

Please note that a selection of a time period or a category limits the selection of issues and must be changed to get another selection.

The edition

The editions are not based on the traditional catalogues. For example, edition number 599 "2016 Special Stamps Swiss Stations" is currently available. New stamps are constantly being added to this edition. The stamp series of edition 599 came out on the following dates.

- 27.06.1916 Brig, Lucerne, Bellinzona, Geneva
- 27.11.2016 Basel
- 07.09.2017 Appenzell Zug, Interlaken, Scuol
- 16.11.2017 Zurich

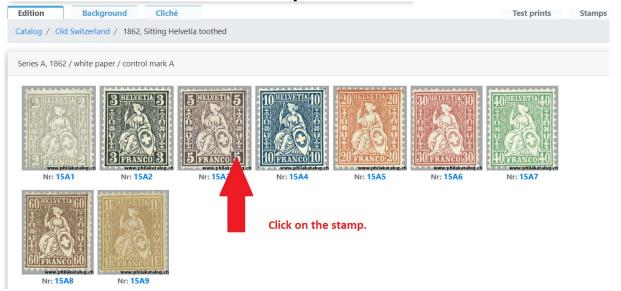
In the SBK (swiss stap catalog) each stamp edition date is a separate edition, in our online catalogue it is an edition with several series. Edition's are counted numerically, so the edition starts with 1 for the first edition.

The series

The series always forms a unit within an edition. This can be a later extension of an edition. If there were sheet stamps and booklets in an edition, it is the same edition with two different series. In the classic system, series are often defined by a change in color, changed perforation or paper, and changed marks.



Series A of edition 15 with stamps 1-9



Series B of edition 15 with stamps 1-7



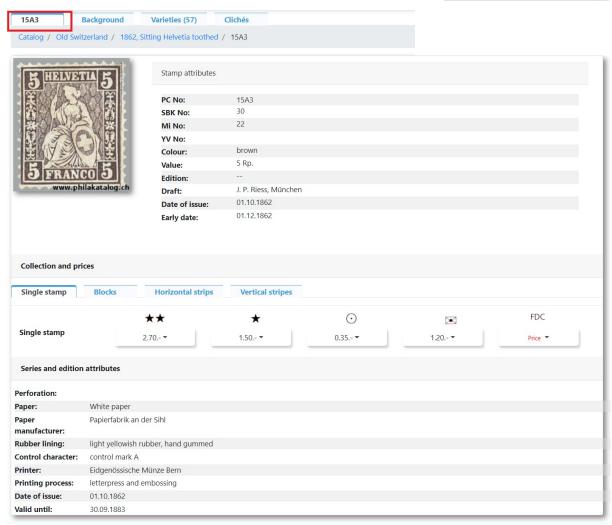
The differences in the illustrated example series are colour changes and value level changes.

Series are counted alphanumerically per edition. In each edition, the serie start's with "A".

The Stamp

The stamp is always a component of an edition and series and is distinguished within this series, e.g. by the value level or the picture and/or the value level.





The stamp view consists of general information, such as the different numbers, the value or the date of editio, if available.

The stamp view selection menu

Background Information

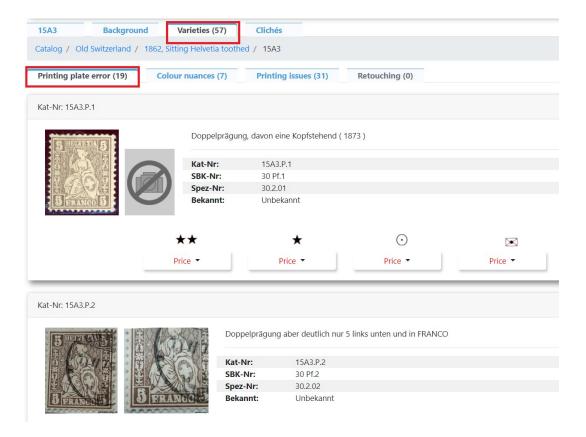
Under this title there are only partial texts which contain an overview of the history and development as well as special features.



Varieties

Under this menu item you will find the varieties of this brand, it already available. We distinguish the most common varieties here.

- Colour shades
- Randomities due to production such as double printing, perforation errors, paper or contamination errors
- Printing palette error
- Retouche



To each variety 2 pictures can be added for explanation. The description of the variation can also be added.

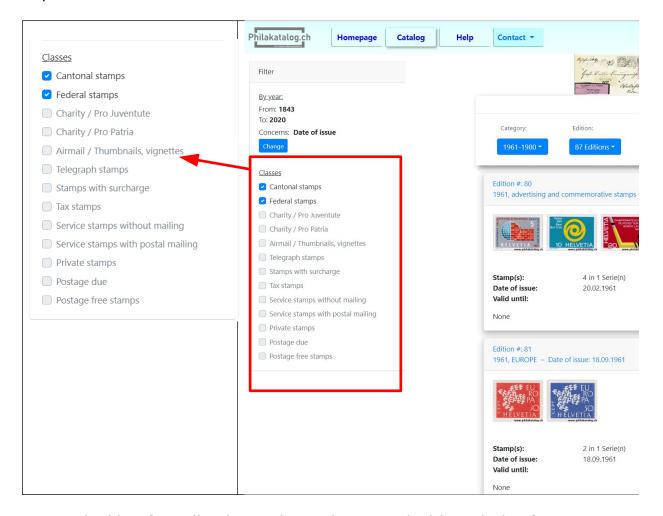
The same handling should be applied to **colour shades**, **printing** randomness and retouching.





Classification of stamps

In Switzerland, we are familiar with various classes from the old Switzerland, such as cantonal, transition, classic to the class of postage stamps and the charity stamps of Pro Juventute or Pro Patria. Airmail or telegraph stamps are also in a different class. Currently, only the cantonal and postage stamps are covered, they form classes 0 and 1. It will take some time until we have also recorded charity and airmail expenses.



We are looking for collections mint and stamped with varieties for scanning.