

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.

Category:

Old Switzerland ▾

Edition:

2 Editions ▾

Edition #: 14

1854, Sitting Helvetia imperforated (Strubel) – Date of issue: 15.09.1854



Stamp(s): 38 in 10 Serie(n)
Date of issue: 15.09.1854
Valid until: 31.07.1863

None

Edition #: 15

1862, Sitting Helvetia toothed – Date of issue: 01.10.1862



Stamp(s): 28 in 4 Serie(n)
Date of issue: 01.10.1862
Valid until: 30.09.1883

None

Picture: View of the category „old switzerland“

If no category is selected, all entries are displayed in the edition selection list.

Categories

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Filter

By year:
From: 1843
To: 2020

Concerns: Date of issue
Change

Classes

- ☒ Cantonal stamps
- ☒ Federal stamps
- ☐ Charity / Pro Juventute
- ☐ Charity / Pro Patria
- ☐ Airmail / Thumbnails, vignettes
- ☐ Telegraph stamps
- ☐ Stamps with surcharge
- ☐ Tax stamps
- ☐ Service stamps without mailing
- ☐ Service stamps with postal mailing
- ☐ Private stamps

Category:
Categories ▾

- Cantonal
- Transition period
- Stamps from Federal
- Old Switzerland
- Classic
- 1907-1944
- 1945-1960
- 1961-1980
- 1981-2000
- 2001-2010
- 2011-2020

Click on categories for selection.

Edition's

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Selection

Category:
Categories ▾

Edition:
Select output ▾

- 1843, Zurich
- 1843, Double Geneva
- 1845, Geneva Lesser Eagle
- 1846, Geneva Big Eagle
- 1845, Basel dove
- 1849, Vaud
- 1851, Federal coat of arms / name: Neuchâtel
- 1850, postal horn with federal coat of arms / name: Winterthur
- 1850, local mail / german
- 1850, local mail / french
- 1850, Rayon I
- 1850, Rayon II
- 1852, Rayon III
- 1854, Sitting Helvetia imperforated (Strubel)
- 1862, Sitting Helvetia toothed
- 1882, cross with significant digit
- 1882, Standing Helvetia
- 1900, UPU / 25 years Universal Postal Union
- 1907, Tellboy with crossbow in frame
- 1907, Helvetia bust I
- 1909, Helvetia bust II

Click on edition and editions will open.

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

The screenshot shows the Philakatalog.ch website interface. On the left, there is a 'Filter' section with a 'By year' dropdown set to 'Date of issue'. Below this, a 'Time bar' slider is visible, ranging from 1843 to 2020. A red arrow points from the 'By year' dropdown to the 'Date of issue' filter. Another red arrow points from the 'Date of issue' filter to the 'Time bar' slider. On the right, there is a 'Selection' section with a 'Category' dropdown and a 'Select output' button. The 'Classes' section on the right lists various stamp categories with checkboxes.

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 stamp 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

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Catalog / Old Switzerland / 1862, Sitting Helvetia toothed

Series A, 1862 / white paper / control mark A

Nr: 15A1 Nr: 15A2 Nr: 15A3 Nr: 15A4 Nr: 15A5 Nr: 15A6 Nr: 15A7
 Nr: 15A8 Nr: 15A9

Click on the stamp.

Series B of edition 15 with stamps 1-7

Series B, 1867-1878 Colour changes and new value levels

Nr: 15B1 Nr: 15B2 Nr: 15B3 Nr: 15B4 Nr: 15B5 Nr: 15B6 Nr: 15B7

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


Series are counted alphanumerically per edition. In each edition, the series 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.

15A3
Background
Varieties (57)
Clichés

Catalog / Old Switzerland / 1862, Sitting Helvetia toothed / 15A3



Stamp attributes

PC No:	15A3
SBK No:	30
Mi No:	22
YV No:	
Colour:	brown
Value:	5 Rp.
Edition:	--
Draft:	J. P. Riess, München
Date of issue:	01.10.1862
Early date:	01.12.1862

Collection and prices

Single stamp
Blocks
Horizontal strips
Vertical stripes

Single stamp
★★
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FDC

2.70.-
1.50.-
0.35.-
1.20.-
Price

Series and edition attributes

Perforation:

Paper: White paper

Paper manufacturer: Papierfabrik an der Sihl

Rubber lining: light yellowish rubber, hand gummed

Control character: control mark A

Printer: Eidgenössische Münze Bern

Printing process: letterpress and embossing

Date of issue: 01.10.1862

Valid until: 30.09.1883

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, if 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

15A3
Background
Varieties (57)
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Catalog / Old Switzerland / 1862, Sitting Helvetia toothed / 15A3

Printing plate error (19)
Colour nuances (7)
Printing issues (31)
Retouching (0)

Kat-Nr: 15A3.P.1

Doppelprägung, davon eine Kopfstehend (1873)

Kat-Nr:	15A3.P.1
SBK-Nr:	30 Pf.1
Spez-Nr:	30.2.01
Bekannt:	Unbekannt

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Price ▾

Price ▾

Price ▾

Price ▾

Kat-Nr: 15A3.P.2

Doppelprägung aber deutlich nur 5 links unten und in FRANCO

Kat-Nr:	15A3.P.2
SBK-Nr:	30 Pf.2
Spez-Nr:	30.2.02
Bekannt:	Unbekannt

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**.

Colour shades

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Printing Issues

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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.

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Category: [1961-1980](#) Edition: [87 Editions](#)

Edition #: 80
1961, advertising and commemorative stamps



Stamp(s): 4 in 1 Serie(n)
Date of issue: 20.02.1961
Valid until: None

Edition #: 81
1961, EUROPE – Date of issue: 18.09.1961



Stamp(s): 2 in 1 Serie(n)
Date of issue: 18.09.1961
Valid until: None

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