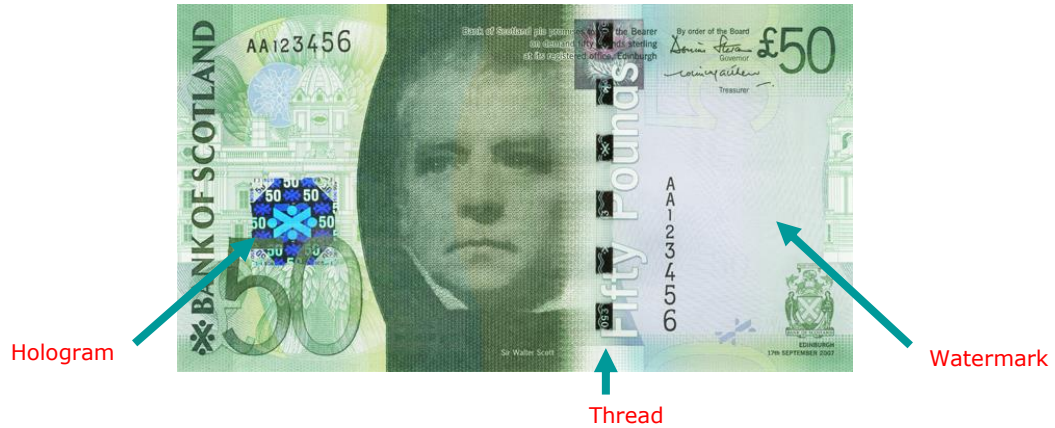


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Know your Scottish £50 notes - Information for Retailers

Bank of Scotland £50 note - (Bridge Series) – Current design



Link for security features- <https://www.acbi.org.uk/banknotes/bank-of-scotland/the-bridges-series-50.html>

Clydesdale Bank £50 note – (World Heritage Series) – Current design



Link for security features - <https://www.acbi.org.uk/banknotes/clydesdale-bank/world-heritage-series-50.html>

Royal Bank of Scotland £50 note – (Ilay Series) – Current design



Link for security features <https://www.acbi.org.uk/banknotes/royal-bank-of-scotland/ilay-series-50.html>

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All of the current series of £50 notes issued by the Scottish Banks feature the following security features:-

- 1) **Watermark**
- 2) **Holographic patch - Silver**
- 3) **Window security thread**

Details of other security features such as raised print, UV features, etc. can be found by following the link below each note (as shown on page 1).

- 1) **Watermark.** When you hold the note up to the light the watermark should become visible. The watermark is contained within the paper itself. The watermark in these notes is in the position highlighted above and will be of the person depicted in the main portrait image. (N.B. the image is not printed on the rear of the note).
- 2) **Holographic patch.** The notes each feature a foil holographic patch. Image changes can be seen in the foil when the notes are tilted (it is not just a plain piece of foil). Check for these image changes (BoS - Bank of Scotland logo & **50**) / (CLB - Thistle & **50**) / (RBS - RBS logo & **50**).
- 3) **Window security thread.** The notes each feature a security thread visible as 'foil rectangles' when the note is laid flat which become a continuous line when the note is held up to the light.

The absence of these three security features in notes passed for payment indicate that they are in fact counterfeit. Consideration should be given to contacting the Police to report the matter.

Previous Series Scottish £50 notes - Information for Retailers

Due to limited numbers of older series notes circulating in the public domain, these notes have a higher risk of counterfeiting. This notice is to assist retailers highlighting the **key security features in these £50 notes** issued by Scottish Banks so that they can determine if the notes are Counterfeit or Genuine.

Bank of Scotland (Tercentenary) & Clydesdale Bank (Famous Scots series):-



These old design series make up less than 1% of the £50s circulating and if presented **consideration should be given to declining to accept the notes in payment** & advising the customer to take the note to the Bank to exchange it for a current design £50 note. If it is believed the note is counterfeit e.g. NO WATERMARK OR METALLIC STRIP consideration should be given to contacting the Police to report the matter.

Further information about the security features in both Scottish & Northern Irish Bank notes can be found at the ACBI website by the following link:-

<https://www.acbi.org.uk/banknotes.html>