

5 FRANCS DRAPEAU TYPE 1944

Or the temptation of a false apocryphal overprinted with the letter "X"

The banknote of 5 Francs (Flag back) Type 1944 (Ref: Fayette: VF17.1, Pick: 115a or Schwan-Boling: 143a) is a very common banknote and very affordable in small condition ... More difficult to find in UNC grade, its rating is €60 in the last Claude Fayette Catalog.

The temptation to multiply its value by 5 by adding a false letter "X" could cross the minds of ill-intentioned people because the rating of the banknote reaches this time the €300 when it is in perfect condition with the real overprinted "X" (Ref: Fayette: VF17.3, Pick: 115r or Schwan-Boling: 143r).

To date, to my knowledge there is only one precedent of false overload "X" for the type. It is a real banknote of the "without serial number" type in AU grade, numbered "X 51946942" and sold €30 by cgb.fr, in the Banknotes catalog #43 dated 2006 (lot # 4790) and reported: "False Letter X added on an authentic banknotes". See the sale: [here](#).

In any case, the scam was easy to detect because all the banknotes encountered to date with the overcharge are included between the numbers "X 00008097" and "X 00777838", also 70 banknotes in the FBOW score. I should like to point out that the authenticity of the notes of my scores is the sole responsibility of their owner, because I did not have all these banknotes in hand. You will be able to find the complete score by going to the website: frenchbanknotesofwar.com.

In order to prevent the greatest number of collectors, I decided to publish a **provisional list of 27 banknotes that would have been subject to a false surcharge!** (See list of numbers in the table below).

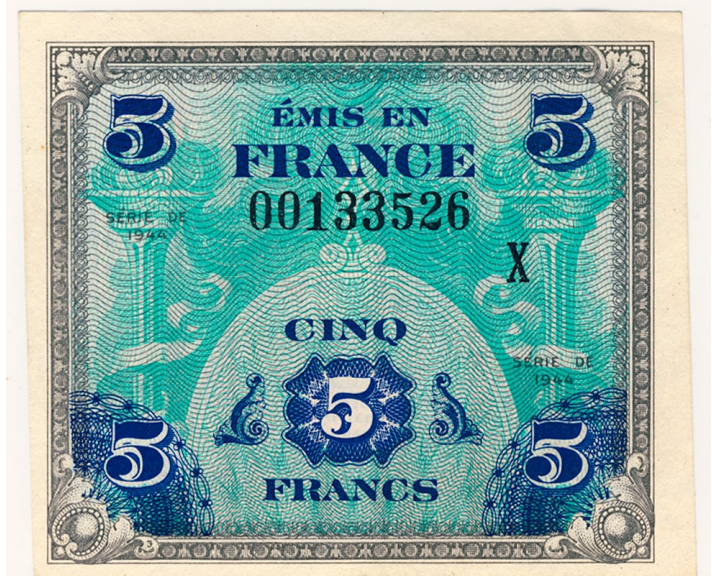
5 Francs (<i>Verso Drapeau</i>) Type 1944 w/o serial		
00 067 535	00 320 417	00 451 812
00 086 980	00 345 400	00 457 573
00 180 983	00 360 087	00 541 296
00 190 805	00 362 181	00 545 079
00 192 862	00 384 227	00 558 923
00 199 932	00 429 658	00 757 092
00 278 241	00 435 465	00 802 126
00 279 550	00 442 959	00 817 774
00 298 742	00 449 733	00 877 057

In conclusion, it is not yet completely a certainty, but all the notes that I met in letter "X" begin systematically by a double "0". This is also the case on the 2 Francs Drapeau Type 1944 with 84 notes listed (see my score: [here](#)), as well as on the 10 Francs Drapeau type 1944 with 90 banknotes listed (see my score: [here](#)). Finally, I thank in advance all collectors to kindly send me any information about any real and fake notes in their possession.

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