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**Know your Scottish Polymer £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-polymer.html>

**Royal Bank of Scotland £50 note** – (Fabric of Nature Series) – Current design



Link for security features- <https://www.acbi.org.uk/polymer-banknotes-1/scottish-polymer/royal-bank-of-scotland-50.html>

The Polymer £50 notes issued by the Scottish Banks feature the following security features: -

- 1) **Clear Window(s)**
- 2) **Spark feature - Colour Changing ink Gold to Green** (Bank of Scotland)
- 3) **Holographic Foil**
- 4) **Raised Print / Text** – 'Name of the Bank'

Details of other security features such as additional areas of **raised** print, **UV** features, etc. can be found by following the link below each note (as shown above)

- 1) **Clear Window.** There is a clear polymer window on the left of each note. Additional windows can be found on the Bank of Scotland note.  
**Bank of Scotland** -There are clear windows within the building (Bank's Headquarters on 'The Mound') in the centre of note. The 'BoS logo' (diagonal cross) in the lower part of the hologram is also a see through (window)
- 2) **Spark® feature.** The Bank of Scotland note features a spark feature which is printed in shiny metallic ink that changes colour from Gold to Green – Figure 50.

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- 3) **Holographic Foil.** Both notes feature a **Silver holographic foil strip**. If you tilt the note from side to side the images will move (e.g., On the Bank of Scotland note, Clouds move left to right behind the statue / head and on the Royal Bank of Scotland note, the 50 moves from side to side) and colours change in the images. The holographic foil is visible from the front and back of the note.
- 4) **Raised Print.** Both notes feature areas of raised print. The name of the Bank is in Raised print . Details of other area of raised print can be found by checking the link(s) on Page 1

The absence of these 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 as a crime.

**UV Security feature – Genuine Notes**

Bank of Scotland (Front)



Royal Bank of Scotland (Front)



Bank of Scotland (Rear)



Royal Bank of Scotland (Rear)

**Two colours e.g. Thistles (BoS) & Birds (Osprey) (RBS)**

This notice is to assist retailers highlighting the **key security features in these Polymer £50 notes** issued by Scottish Banks so that they can determine if the notes are Counterfeit or Genuine

**Paper banks notes (Scotland or Northern Ireland)**

Paper bank notes issued by banks in Scotland and Northern Ireland were removed from circulation on 29th September 2023. If you are offered paper notes in payment please advise the customer to take the notes to the Bank or Post Office

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>