



**SMURF
COLLECTORS
CLUB
INTERNATIONAL**

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Dear Smurf Collectors:

It certainly has been an exciting three months since our last Newsletter! To review: Our Club's 8th Year Limited Edition Figurine, nine NEW Smurf figurines, the NEW Gargamel's Castle and, last but not least, the very popular Mushroom Curio display.

Before we proceed, a great "Welcome Back" to all of our "True Blue" members for this, our Eighth Year. A special welcome to all New Members who have come on board. We are certain that year eight will be as exciting, interesting, and informative, as all previous years.

Thanks to all who have written expressing their views and suggestions on articles and features they would like to see published. Please keep them coming!

NEW GENERATION SERIES FIGURES

In keeping with our practice, for the benefit of those who list German names along with English names in their collection inventories, you will find the German names in parenthesis below.

#20417 Bodybuilder (same in German) Special note: This is a reissue. It was used as a Promotional Smurf (See Newsletter 8, Spring 1988). It was then issued as #20228, but promptly discontinued with a run of only 5,000 figures (See Newsletter 11, Winter 1988). Each time this figurine was issued, it was a variation. This time, #20417 is a paint variation! More important, it has been assigned a NEW NUMBER and, for this reason, should be included in every collection.

#20418 Gargamel with Open Hands (Gargamel Hände Oben) Suggestion for Display: In Schleich's catalog, this figurine is used in the New Gargamel Castle.

#20419 Boxer Smurf (same in German) Special note: This is a reissue of the figurine used in Super Smurf #40508, Boxer. It is a paint variation! More important, it has been assigned a NEW NUMBER and, for this reason, should be included in every collection. Also, mail from our members indicates that this NEW paint variation is EXCEPTIONAL!!! All feel that Schleich handles the reissues correctly, by painting them in very different colors so they can be identified easily.

#20420 Scruple (Rotznase) Special note: This German name has us all bewildered! Why this character has a completely different German name we do not know! In the English-speaking cartoon, this character is "SCRUPLE." Referring to our Cartoon Episode Guide, we found that Scruple first appeared in the Cartoon in the 1986-87 Season. He is described in the Guide as a kid who is a wizard school dropout who has been apprenticed to Gargamel the Wizard.

#20421 Smurfette with Flower and Purse (Schlumpfine mit blume und borse)

#20422 Tramp (Gammeli) Special note: Although the German name translates into "TRAMP," our Club Cartoon experts have informed us that this character has appeared, as is, in many cartoons with the name of "SLOPPY SMURF."

#20423 Sitting Smurf (Sitzender Schlumpf)

Last, but not least, the two new Easter Figurines. These two figures are really special and unique! We haven't had a "SPECIAL OCCASION" new Smurf since 1985.

Add to Easter Series #20832:

Baby Smurf in Easter Egg (Baby Schlumpf in Oster Ei)

And

Smurf Painting Easter Egg (Schlumpf malt das Oster Ei)

NEW MARKINGS

Nineteen ninety three brings us a new marking:

#20420 Scruple #20423 Sitter

#20832 Easter Series (all six figures)

SCHLEICH

GERMANY

Made in CHINA

This leads us to believe that there may be truth in the rumor that Applause Licensing no longer holds the U.S. Smurf License.

ALL NINE NEW FIGURINES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CLUB. SEND A S.A.S.E FOR INFO.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is Supplement II, continuing our Tribute to the Memory of Pierre "Peyo" Culliford. To ALL NEW MEMBERS who have just joined for Year Eight and have not ordered Back Issue Newsletters, you may order Supplement I of our Tribute. Please send the Club a S.A.S.E. for ordering details.

COLLECTORS' COMMENTS...

Dear S.C.C.I.:

Every year we vote for our favorite NEW figurine produced for that year! This year, 1993, it HAS TO BE the TWO NEW EASTER FIGURES!!!!!!

Alex from Va.

To Our Members:

We lost track of how many of these letters arrived at Club Headquarters! Guess we don't have to send out a ballot slip this year!! The vote IS IN!!!!

Suzanne

Dear Suzanne:

I would like to share the enclosed with our members. This was published in the leading collectors publication, Antique Trader, on January 4th, 1984! A wise lady indeed wasn't she?

Norma from Or.

"Investor's Tip"

by Mary F. Heisey

If you can ascertain a trend
And follow it with zeal,
On some fair future day, my friend,
You'll really wheel and deal.

The joy of childhood toys and games
Is swiftly here and gone,
Yet some adults delight in making
Part of it go on.

They set up trains with diligence,
They fly the planes they knew,
They dote on dolls or baseball cards,
Preferring old to new.

The quality and workmanship
That once went into toys
Is gaining fans who value more
Than price and size and noise.

That's not to say they won't pay well
For something that they find
That kindles cherished moments
In the childhood of their mind.

So, toys and games are always good.
The market's steady here,
As folks with kids can testify—
They buy a lot each year.

But kids who work so hard at play
Inevitably grow,
And one day they may long for toys
They now enjoy and know.

No matter how you feel about
The Smurfs around today,
They're popular, collectable,
And seem prepared to stay.

The Smurfs remind me of the dwarfs
That loved and helped Snow White.
They're blue and small—three apples
tall—

But I guess that's all right.

They're in the public eye a lot
Because they're on TV,
Inspiring vast promotions
In the advertising sea.

There's Brainy, Lazy, Papa Smurf,
Jokey, Grouchy, too,
And others you will come to know
If Smurfs appeal to you.

Oh, yes, I will admit they are
A fad that's bound to go,
But, meanwhile, let's invest in
Smurfs—
Their value's sure to grow!

EDITOR'S DESK...

Last year we were pleased to welcome Lucille Bliss, the voice of Smurfette on the TV Cartoon, as a very special member in our Club. (See Newsletter 27)

Thanks to Lucille's efforts, we are now happy to announce that **Don Messick**, the voice of **PAPA SMURF** (and many other characters on the Smurf Cartoon) has joined our Club.

PAPA SMURF would like to share the following with us!

Dear Suzanne & S.C.C.I. Members,

Thanks for my membership card, Newsletter and other info. I'm sending a copy of an item from the San Francisco Chronicle of 9-27-92, a poem written by a Richmond, California high school student.

Papa's Simple Answers

For our Summer Reading Days essay contest, readers ages 5 to 15 were asked to nominate a favorite character from a book or story for president of the United States, and to describe how that character would launch a national campaign. This winning entry is by Jason Treas, 15, who is in the ninth grade at Richmond High School.

We are the Smurfs and we came here to say,
that we have found peace, and we'll show you
the way.

No violence or crimes, no drugs or disease
You get all that you need, you just have to.
say please.

Papa Smurf believes that simple is best,
So he took his beliefs and put them to the test.
We've mastered our talents and we all work
for free,
We've gone back to the way we were created
to be,

To live and to love and enjoy every day,
So make Papa your president, and he'll show you
the way.

For your next Newsletter you may quote me:

"The nine years that I spent in the production of SMURFS, voicing "PAPA SMURF" and occasionally "DREAMY" were wonderful, fun-filled times, working with a group of the most talented actors I have had the pleasure of knowing. Every recording session, especially the rehearsals, was packed with hilarity! I miss the group and wish we were still "SMURFING" together!

I send greetings and much thanks and appreciation to all the Club members.
Fans are wonderful!"

*Sincerely,
Don Messick*

Our Special Note to Don.....

As "TRUE BLUE FANS", we want to give you credit for ALL the voices you portrayed on the SMURF cartoon. Hanna Barbera's Cartoon Episode Guide tells us the following:

DON MESSICK VOICES

DON MESSICK.....Papa Smurf, Azrael, Dreamy, Astrosmurf, Biquette, Satchelmouth, Narrator, Sleepy, Casanova Wartmonger, Pirate, Coachman, Hercules, Frog, Horse, Bull, Troll, Dragon, Cuckoo, Vulture, Hawk, Cat, Gnome, Bird, Rooster, Boar, Mastiff, Garumper, Leader, Tomato Vendor, Hummingbird, Shabby, Blue Elf, Moat Monster, Rainbow Robin, Giles, Rat, Wasp, Rogue, Aphid, Octopian, Chipmunk, Satin, Guard, Twin Star, Poltersmurf, Conductor, Chitter, Squirrel, Anonymous, Kitten Azrael, Vendor, Guard, Monster, Grimey Boy, Wartless, Chicken, Leader, Feeler, Bailiff, Magpie, Lovebird, Fallon, Pirate, Sickly Smurf, Hound, Baby Bird, Donkey, Cow, Delivery Boy, Man-Eating Plant, Frog, Steam Demon, Mother Eagle, Wizard, Ginger Smurf, Bayard, Judge, Owl, Locust, Flea, Groundhog, Peddler, Wolf, Pitlik, Treecutter, Parrot, Skunk

We would also like to congratulate you on being selected to the Advisory Board to help with programming on the 24-hour **CARTOON NETWORK**.

On behalf of all our members, we hope you will let us know the latest insiders word on the future of our beloved **SMURF CARTOONS!** PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO!!!!!!

This is a very important and urgent message.....

Will the Smurf Cartoon disappear from T.V. completely,
or will it continue to appear on T.V. in syndication?

Pressure has been applied to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by advocacy groups who want greater attention paid to what is being labeled "educational programming," and the story was all over the news media in early March; reports were carried by virtually every TV and print news source, including Time, ABC's World News Tonight, The Associated Press, and Entertainment Tonight.

The conflict is that federal law requires television stations to air a certain amount of programming beneficial to children each day, but station executives and their critics disagree on just what kind of programming qualifies. Among the programs in question: THE SMURFS. See below:

The Smurfs flunk out

THE Children's Television Act, passed by Congress in 1990, was intended to improve programming for youngsters by requiring stations to serve "the educational and informational needs of children."

Since then, parents who monitor what their kids watch after school and on Saturday mornings know little has changed — except that some broadcasters now classify shows such as "GI Joe," "The Jetsons," and "The Flintstones" as educational. For example, broadcasters point out how "The Jetsons" teaches kids about life in the

21st century and "The Smurfs" teaches kids to share.

Even the Federal Communications Commission, which has hardly bent over backwards to enforce the quality-programming law, could not swallow that one. Last week, the FCC said such cartoon shows don't meet the educational requirements of the Children's Television Act. The stations will have to do better.

Which probably means the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles will go for master's degrees in future episodes, and Darkwing Duck will take up French.

Parlez-vous français, Darkwing Duck?

How fast they forget!!!!

The SMURFS teach far more than sharing!! Read the following and then, PLEASE, let yourself be heard. Write the Club with your comments; let's see if we can't get this ruling reversed! We need the voices of all S.C.C.I. members to be heard on this!

Saturday morning was only part of the "Smurfs'" story. There have been many innovative episodes focusing on important special issues, as well as prime-time specials over the years.

In 1983, Hanna-Barbera broke new ground by introducing the first deaf character in an animated series. Laconia, the mute wood elf, used authentic sign language to communicate. Appearing in several episodes, Laconia had won the praise of organizations for the deaf, and was honored by the California Governor's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, for "increasing public awareness and changing attitudes towards persons with disabilities."

In 1984, Hefty broke his leg and had to use a "wheel-smurfer" (wheelchair). That episode won a commendation from Mayor Tom Bradley's Office for the Handicapped.

Where other children's shows fear to tread, "Smurfs" has walked bravely, yet sensitively, in Prejudice, death, and drug use are just a few of the serious subjects "Smurfs" had introduced, educating kids without being "preachy."

For those efforts, "Smurfs" had received numerous awards and commendations, including the 1987 Humanities Award in children's programs, for "Lure of the Orb." That episode dealt with the dynamics of addiction.

Then, there are the Smurfy prime-time specials. An hour of episodes, "The Smurf Specials," ran in the Fall of 1981, and an original half-hour Easter special, "The Smurfs Springtime Special," aired in 1982. Both received Emmy nominations in the nighttime competition for animated programs. "The Smurfs Springtime Special" also won a Bronze Medal in the Best Children's Special category at the International Children's Film and TV Festival of New York, and a Golden Reel Award for Best Animation Sound Editing.

The Smurf's second season, 1982-83, brought two new specials, "The Smurf's Christmas Special" and "My Smurfy Valentine." The Christmas offering earned an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Children's Special, and won its time period in network prime-time.

A Smurfy first occurred in 1984; the Smurf's Valentine Day special, "Smurfily Ever After", was closed captioned. This was especially appropriate since that special celebrated the wedding of Laconia, the mute elf. Also in 1983-84, "The Smurfic Games", a special about a Smurf-size Olympic-type competition, earned

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Hanna-Barbera another Emmy nomination for Outstanding Children's Special, and another Bronze Medal from the International Film and TV Festival of New York.

In 1987 "Tis the Season to Be Smurfy" was the last of the Smurfs' specials; it told the charming story of love between two old folks whom the Smurfs befriend.

The first voice to be heard on this matter is from our Co. Editor Susan...She writes:

"Even if Smurfs "taught" nothing more than sharing what's wrong with that? Sharing goes hand-in-hand with kindness, thoughtfulness, consideration and love for others. Not to forget respect. We can't ever be given enough examples of these virtues to imitate. Most of the offerings on TV are crass, bold, brash and tasteless.

Smurfs offer something akin to Mr. Roger's Neighborhood----gentle pleasantness and reminders to be decent to one another. Not, but by no means least, the beauty of the artwork is a delight! What more does one show have to offer? Most of the evening sitcoms don't come close to Smurfs standards!

Makes me mad when someone decides, in this way, what will be on T.V. No one cancelled Rosanne and that's the most ugly and crass show on the air!"

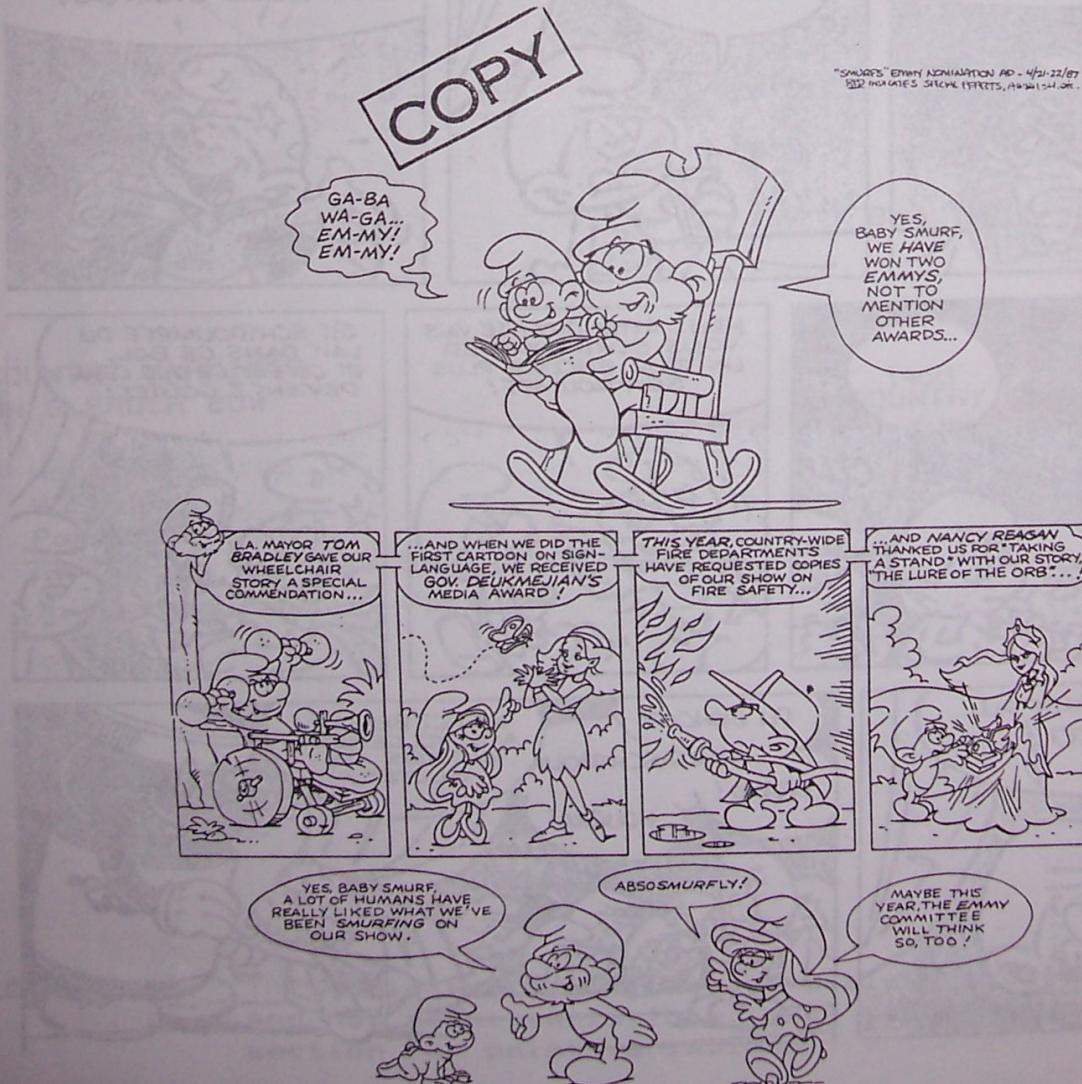
Once again, let yourself be heard. Write the Club with your comments. If the "Smurf" cartoon has been taken off your local T.V. station send us it's name and address.....we will let our voices be heard where-ever and how-ever we can!!!!!!

A ONE-OF-A-KIND SMURF COLLECTIBLE:

"SMURFS" EMMY NOMINATION AD

Featured below is a copy of the ORIGINAL pen-and-ink drawing for the Smurfs Emmy Nomination ad that ran on April 21-22, 1987, in the Daily Variety and the Hollywood Reporter. This item was drawn by the Emmy-award-winning Scott Shaw!

The original measures 14" by 17"



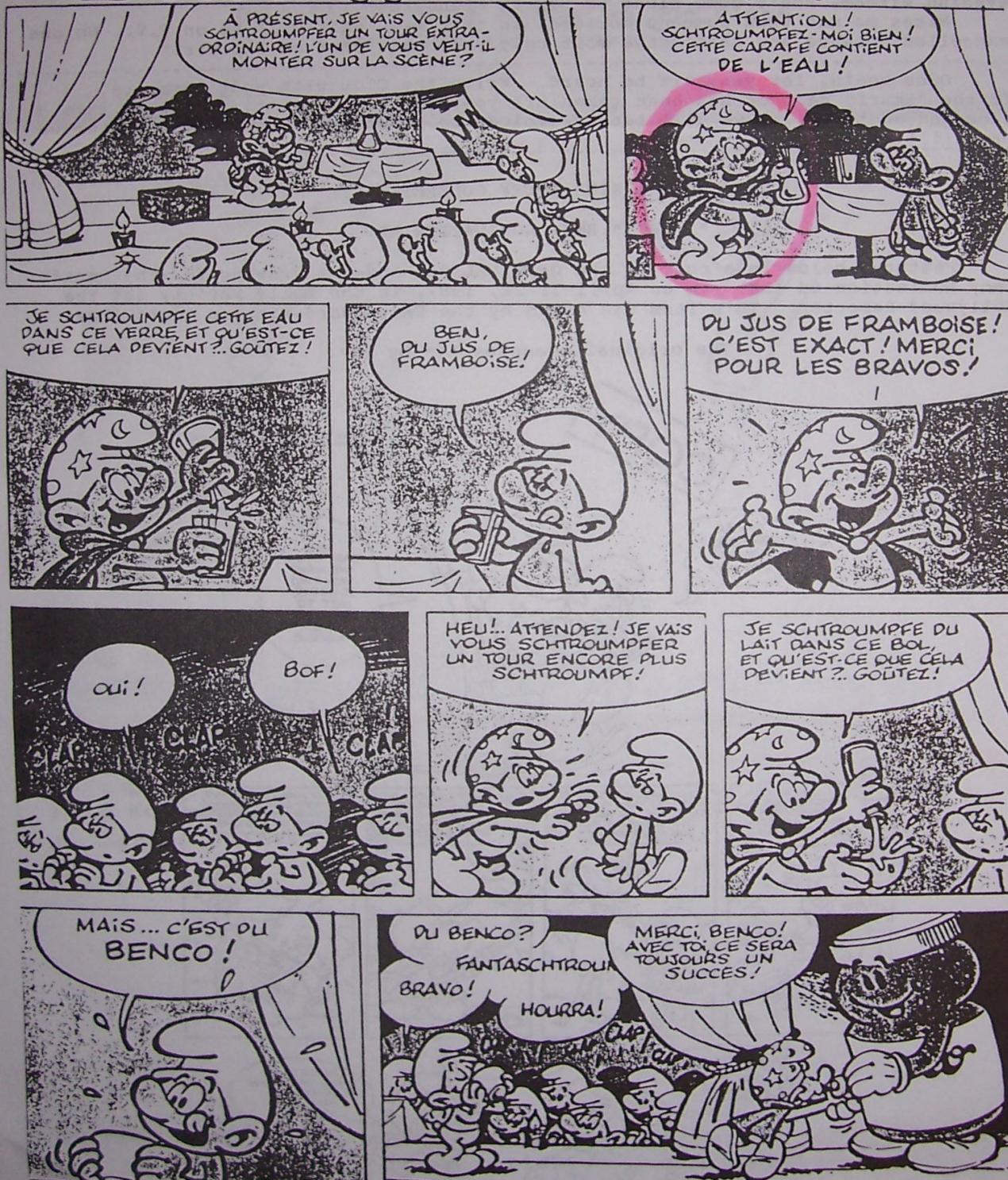
SURPRISE SURPRISE!!

Remember the GB Promotional Smurf featured in Newsletter 22, Fall, 1991?

Well, here he is as he First Appeared in the 60's, in a cartoon produced by "Peyo" exclusively for Benco Coffee.

See many more of these early Promotional Cartoons in "The Collection of Pierre "Peyo" Cullifords Artwork". (Last Page of Supplement II).

Benco ET LES SCHTROUMPF'S!



MOLD VARIATION



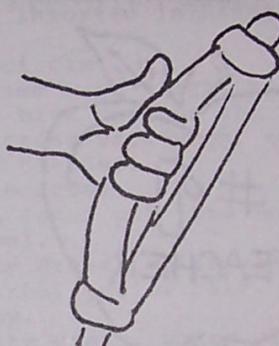
2.0128 Amour

The MOLD VARIATION is the BOW.

This Figurine is molded as one piece
(No separate pieces!).



Bow Slender



Bow Thick

COUNTRY MARKINGS ON SLENDER BOW

Hong Kong
W. Germany
Portugal
Hong Kong painted Sri Lanka
W. German painted Portugal

COUNTRY MARKING ON THICK BOW

Portugal painted Sri Lanka

SPECIAL NOTE: This Mold Variation section deals strictly with molds and not paint variations. See our regular variation section for paint variations.

MOLD VARIATION



2.0160 Apple

The MOLD VARIATION is the APPLE.

The Apple is a separate piece.



Red Delicious
Apple



Green Granny
Apple

COUNTRY MARKINGS
ON RED DELICIOUS
APPLE

Hong Kong

COUNTRY MARKINGS
ON GREEN GRANNY
APPLE

W. Germany
Hong Kong

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VARIATIONS

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SPECIAL NOTE: We are continuously updating this section. If you have a variation, paint or mold, that does not appear on our list please write to us giving all details. Thanks in advance.

#20151 GRADUATE SMURFETTE 1. White shoes, Smurf Blue gown and mortarboard, white diploma with yellow cord, red book with white pages, yellow tassel on mortarboard, white hat.
2. Slight shade variations on all colors listed in #1. Mortarboard is tilted downward. Made in Macau. All figurines are the same with slight paint variations in the color blue used on the Smurf.

#20152 MILLER 1. Wheat bag tan.
2. Wheat bag tan with a lighter shade, of tan

#20153 SANTA SMURFETTE 1. White shoes, red robe with white trim, red hat with white trim, green box with red bow, yellow hair.
2. Same as #1, darker yellow hair.
3. White shoes, orange/red robe, white trim, orange/red hat with white trim, dull green box with orange/red bow, yellow hair.
Special Note: The West German figurine is slightly shorter than the Hong Kong figurine.
All figurines are the same with slight paint variations in the color blue used on the Smurf.

#20154 PATROL CROSSING 1. White plastic stop sign inserted in hands, red circle.
2. Same as #1, orange/red circle.
All figurines are the same with slight paint variations in the color blue used on the Smurf.

#20155 TRAFFIC 1. White triangle plastic cross-walk sign, two black people on sign with red boarder.
2. Same as #1, orange/red boarder.
3. Plastic insert has been found put into Smurfs hands incorrectly (Upside down).

#20156 VALENTINE SMURFETTE 1. Bluefeet and legs, white dress, white wings, white hat with orange/red hearts, yellow hair. Light brown bow with red arrow.
2. Blue feet and legs, white dress, white wings, white hat with red hearts, yellow hair. Darker brown bow than #1. Red arrow, longer and thinner than #1.
All figurines are the same with slight paint variations in the color blue used on the Smurf.

#20157 GROUCHY 1. All figurines are the same with slight paint variations in the color blue used on the Smurf.

#20158 HAMBERGER 1. Hamberger shiny medium brown bun, dark brown meat inside bun, with green and yellow details.
2. Hamberger dull lighter brown bun, medium brown meat inside bun, with red and yellow details.
1. Shiny dark brown feet, shiny blue pants, black belt, dark brown vest, red shirt, red hanky, orangy/tan plastic bow, tanish violin and hat. **WHITE INJECTED MOLD.**
2. Dull medium brown feet, dull blue pants, black belt, medium brown vest, red shirt, red hanky, medium brown plastic bow, medium brown violin, khaki color hat. **BLUE INJECTED MOLD.**
All figurines are the same with slight paint variations in the color blue used on the Smurfs.

#20159 VIOLIN 1. THE APPLE:#1 TEACHER, PAINTED WHITE ON A RED "DELICIOUS" APPLE. Green stem and leaf.
2. Drab green (like an olive green) "GRANNY" Apple. Brown stem, green leaf.
3. Bright green "GRANNY" Apple. Lighter brown stem, green leaf.

SEE OUR NEW MOLD VARIATION SECTION!!

#20161 CLUMSY 1. White pants, blue Smurf, white hat. Basket mustard yellow, red berries, green berries.
2. White pants, blue Smurf, white hat. Basket gold/yellow, brighter red and green berries.

#20161 WAITER 1. White pants, white cloth, white hat, brown tray, white glass, yellow straw.
2. Same as #1, silver tray, red glass with white border, yellow straw.
3. Same as #1, silver tray, orangy/red glass with white border, yellow straw.
4. Same as #1, silver tray, orange glass, orange straw.

BUY...SELL...TRADE

How to respond to an Ad: Send your request to the Club with a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (S.A.S.E.) The Club will respond with availability and asking price. Responses go out on a first come basis. Most items FOR SALE only have ONE item available.

How to submit an Ad: All members are provided with a Free Ad Blank. These forms Must be used. Send your Ad with a S.A.S.E. Numerous Ads are sold, traded or satisfied before publication and will not appear in the Newsletter. If anyone is seeking a special item contact the Club with your request.

Ad #	
524	Wanted
525	Wanted
526	For Sale
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531	For Sale
532	For Sale
533	For Sale
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543	For Sale
544	For Sale
545	For Sale
546	For Sale
547	For Sale
548	Wanted
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552	Wanted
524	Smurf Magnets, Papa & Smurfette U.S. Market. Plus, any European Magnets. Submit description & price in first letter please.
525	Smurf Banks featured in Club Brochure. Gargamel, Mermaid, Baker, Drummer, Miller & Papa Smurf. Submit condition & price in first letter. Thank you!
526	Mold Variation featured in this Newsletter. #20128 Valentine (Amour), with THICK BOW, Made in Portugal painted Sri Lanka.
527	POCKETEERS Hand Held Games, as featured in Newsletter 28. licensed 1979, NATIONAL BENZOLE CO. Set of three different games. Mint. GREAT ITEM, hours of fun!!!!
528	SMURF HALLOWEEN COSTUME, Mint in Box only! Submit size, condition and asking price in first letter. Thanks in advance.
529	Made in CHINA, #20192 Smurfette w/Baby, #20086 Present. Both are paint variations. RARE Country marking.
530	PORCELAIN FIGURINES by Wallace Berrie, 1982. Jokey w/Box, Brainy, Hefty w/ Smurf Village Sign, Papa & Smurf w/ Trumpet, Gargamel & Azrael. Please state which you are interested in!
531	WESTERN CHUCK WAGON, Super Super. Mint in box. PLEASE WRITE FOR DETAILS. NO CALLS ON THIS AD. Thank you!
532	GERMAN SMURF-A-Gram, RARE, OLE-OLE VFB, Soccer Smurf with White Uniform and red stripe.
533	Smurf #20016 Judge in BLACK ROBE. W. German, Slight paint chips.
534	Smurf #20009 Drummer, RARE TWO PIECE MOLD! Good Condition not Mint.
535	Smurf #20115 lion tamer, Bully Paint, Yellow/gold stool with red top. Mint condition.
536	EUROPEAN SMURF EGG CUP. Please submit asking price etc. in first letter.
537	WALBAUER PROMOTIONAL SMURFS, Solid colors. CANDY BOX also! Submit price and listing in first letter.
538	From PUPPY, IMPS. BABY SMURF PLUSH, IN PINK OUTFIT, SITS ALMOST 10" high. Mint!
539	1982 Music Box, featured in Newsletter 22. W. Berrie. Plays "Jingle Bells". Mint. Matches plate & Mug in same Series.
540	GERMAN, Schleich, ROLL-A-Longs. Smurf in yellow car, C.B.operator on Skateboard, Sailor on Skateboard, Policeman on Skateboard. Mint!
541	PLUSH with Suction Cups to put on Car Windows or anything else! By PUPPY, IMPS. 6" size=Slouchy, Nat, Snappy, Sassette, and Smurfette. Please state interest in letter. MINT!
542	GERMAN SMURF GREETING CARD WITH FIGURINE INSIDE. Says "Dem glucklichen paar.....von Herzen alles Gute!" Cupid figurine for that special Valentine!
543	GERMAN SMURF STORY BOOKS. Set of 4. Size 5" by 5". Full color. "Die Trompete", "Schlumpfinchens Wettbewerb", "Das Zauberwasser", "Die Schlaftorte". Mint.
544	Plastic Memo Writing Board. Sepp. BP Australia 1980. 8" by 12" Good condition.
545	Smurf figurine #20014 Sunbather in YELLOW & BLACK BATHING SUIT. Mint condition.
546	Smurf figurine #20020 gymnast with YELLOW SHIRT. Mint condition!
547	Smurf Figurine #20035 Soccer Players. Complete your teams. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. White socks, blue pants and shirt. 2. Blue socks, blue pants w/white stripe, blue shirt. 3. Red socks, white shorts, red shirt. 4. Blue socks, red shorts, white shirt.
548	State interest in letter, by number please! <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. White socks, blue pants and shirt. 2. Blue socks, blue pants w/white stripe, blue shirt. 3. Red socks, white shorts, red shirt. 4. Blue socks, red shorts, white shirt.
549	Smurf Figurine #20065 Rugby in different color uniforms. No Yellow shirt w/ red pants. All others wanted!!!!
550	Smurf figurines with Green Paint Dots!! Send list and prices in first letter.
551	Super Super Playssets: Gargamel in Lab, Smurfette Bedroom Set. Mint in Box! German.
552	German Small House BLUE ROOF. Mint in box. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. N.B.C. Smurf Jacket worn by TV crewmen! I know they are rare but I'd love one!! Keep your eyes open for me!!! Thanks!