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Dear Smurf Collectors,

Fall of 2000 already? Hard to believe but true!

We sincerely hope you have all enjoyed the summer months and have had great success in finding those elusive Smurf items you have been seeking. Many thanks to all of you who have written to brag about your new-found treasures. Your good-luck stories will be passed on to your fellow S.C.C.I. Members in this, and future S.C.C.I. Newsletters.

We deeply appreciate your participation in this year's Club Survey. For the first time in S.C.C.I.'s history, member participation was disappointing. Our Surveys are important; we especially rely on your ideas for future figurines. You will find in this Newsletter a fascinating review of the results of several years of such surveys. Keep up the good work; don't let us down! Above all, remember it isn't Smurfy to let the Smurfs down!

First of all, we would like to announce the "Favorite Figurine for the Year 2000" results:

Winner.....No. 20466, Scuba Diver

Second Place.....No. 20461, Smurf in Lederhosen (leather pants)

Favorite Super Smurf for 2000:

Winner.....No. 40260, Principal

The new 2000 Playsets have proven to be very popular! S.C.C.I. Members have given them an overwhelming "Triple A" Smurf rating!

Here are a few comments received from our members about the 2000 Playsets:

"I believe the new Playsets are well-produced and of very high quality. Since I retired a number of years ago, from the teaching profession, I can really identify with Principal Smurf and his three adorable (and typical) students."

"Wonderful, LOVE them. Finally, some new Playsets! Hope Schleich keeps on producing more of these."

"The Playsets are GREAT additions to our Smurf Villages."

"Great idea! My daughter loves playing with them. Wish they had redesigned the 'papers' on the desktops!"

"A great idea. Reminds us of the innocence of bygone days and the fun we once had during our school years. With the violence happening in the schools nowadays, this example of happiness and sharing, depicted by the Smurfs, is touching."

"I am pleased with the new playsets. They make marvelous displays."

"Love them both! So many previously issued Smurf figurines and Super Smurfs are compatible with both playsets! I did not realize, until I set up my new playsets, how many of the old Smurfs I could introduce to create a more interesting display."

Come on, S.C.C.I. Members; let us know, in detail, what *you* have done with these new playsets! Photographs welcome, of course!

Editors Desk.....

Are we getting the Smurfs we want? **You bet!!!!** S.C.C.I. Members have, most certainly, been successful in getting results! Our voices have been heard! Our design suggestions have been taken into serious consideration by Schleich. As a result, we now have the following figurines in our overgrowing collections.

1995 Suggestions	Results	Number	Date Produced
Smurf Rollerblading	Inline Skater Smurf & Smurfette	20442 & 443	1997
Baby Smurfs	Child with Doll	20446	1997
	Child with Truck	20447	1997
	Baby Bathing	20448	1997
Podium Speaker Smurf	School Principal	40260	2000
More Super Smurfs	Keyboarder	40250	1998
	BMK Biker Smurf	40252	1999
	Motor Scooter Smurf	40253	1999
	Motor Scooter Smette.	40254	1999
	Racing Driver I	40255	1999
	Racing Driver II	40256	1999
	Smurf School Bench	40257	2000
	Smurf School Bench	40258	2000
	Smette. School Bench	40259	2000
	School Principal	40260	2000
Grand Prix Racing Driver	Racing Driver I	40255	1999
	Racing Driver II	40256	1999
Smurfette Sport Figurines	Inline Skater	20442	1997
	Snowboarder Smurfette	20453	1998
	Aerobic Smurfette	20457	1999
1996 Suggestions			
Rock Climber	Climber	20468	2000
Musical Smurfs	Lead Guitar Player	20449	1998
	Bass Guitar Player	20450	1998
	Singer	20451	1998
	Super, Super Drummer	40623	1998
	40th Anniversary Band Set	40000	1998
Smurfs representing different native costumes.	Lederhosen Smurf	20461	2000
More modern theme	Inline Skater Smurf	20442	1997
	Inline Skater Smurf	20443	1997
	Disco Smurf	20444	1997
	Disco Smette.	20445	1997
	Snowboarder Smurf	20452	1998
	Snowboarder Smette	20453	1998
	Tourist Smurf	20455	1999
	Snowboarder Smurf	20452	1998
Winter Sports	Snowboarder Smette	20453	1998
1996 Suggestions			
Paper Boy	Newsman Smurf	20458	1999
Dancing Pair	Disco Pair	20444 & 20445	1997
More Pairs	Inline Skaters	20442 & 20443	1997
	Disco Dancers	20444 & 20445	1997
	Snowboarders	20453 & 20454	1998
1997 Suggestions			
Rock Climber Smurf	Climber	20468	2000
Super Smurf w/drum set	Drummer Playset	40623	1998
Smurf on Moped	Motor Scooter Smurf	40253	1999
More Limited Edition Smurfs	2000 Smurf	Limited Edition of 10,000	2000
	2000 Smurf Keychain	Limited Edition of 10,000	2000
	40th Anniversary Set	Limited Edition of 10,000	1998
	Euro 2000 Soccer	Limited Edition	2000
1998 Suggestions			
Grandpa Smurf	School Principal	40260	2000
Firefighter	Fireman	40465	2000
Nascar Racing	Racing Driver I	40255	1999
	Racing Driver II	40255	1999

As you all know, Smurfs are still alive and doing very well, thank you! Do your part to keep them healthy and growing! Send in your suggestions to let Schleich, the manufacturer, know that interest in our beloved Smurfs is still high!

Attention All S.C.C.I. Members.....

Smurfs, Smurfs and more Smurfs. Your S.C.C.I. is all about Smurfs! We love those charming blue characters; no doubt about it! Their endearing "**something special**" has endured for years, unlike countless long-forgotten passing whims and fads.

Collectors, collectors and more collectors. Let us not lose sight of the "**people part**" of your S.C.C.I.; the most important part! Smurfs have brought us together and Smurfy new friendships have been formed, as a result! The how-and-why mystery of Smurf collecting is fascinating and, surely, each one of us has a human-interest story to tell about our Smurfing experiences.

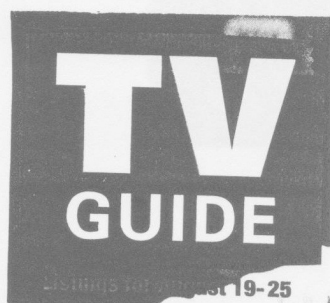
What was it about the Smurfs that first attracted your attention? When did you purchase your first Smurf? Which one did you choose and why? When did you discover your "**addiction**" drawing you deeper and deeper, beyond hope of rescue into Smurfdom?

We at Club Headquarters, would love to hear of your Smurfing adventures! Certainly, all S.C.C.I. members share our interest. Your letters and stories will be published (with your permission) for all to enjoy! Remember our favorite Club Slogan: **Sharing is Caring!** Please participate in this Club activity and, in so doing, help keep the excitement of Smurfs and Smurfing alive!

Our heartfelt thanks to you all for your continuing interest and loyalty!

Suzanne

The Following article appeared in the Canadian TV Guide August 19-25th, 2000:



10 Years Ago This Week

Once upon a time (OK, it was 1958), Belgian comic-strip artist Peyo Culliford introduced a few new characters into his popular comic strip "Johan and Peewit." They were cute, blue and only "three apples high," and he called these characters Schtroumpfs (loosely translated as whatchamacallits). He would eventually shorten their name to Smurfs.

Soon, the popularity of these little creatures soared, and the Smurfs found themselves magically transported into a series of children's books and plastic figurines. For years the Smurfs lived happily in their native Belgium until one day (OK, it was 1980) American television executive Fred Silverman noticed that his young daughter was collecting the figurines. Silverman had an idea that would surely bring wealth and prosperity to the people at NBC. He would travel to faraway Belgium and request that Peyo create a television series based upon his Smurfs.

Fast Facts

1. From 1986-1990, comedian Jonathan Winters was the voice of Grandpa Smurf.
2. *The Smurfs* received two Emmys for Outstanding Children's Entertainment Series in 1982 and 1983.
3. In an attempt to piggyback on the success of *The Smurfs*, NBC launched a cartoon featuring underwater creatures, *Snorks*, in September 1984. It lasted only two seasons.



The Smurfs ruled Saturday morning television during the '80s and created a multimillion-dollar merchandising frenzy

Silverman's plan worked, and the NBC Saturday-morning schedule lived happily ever after, or for about the next 10 years. *The Smurfs* was a bona fide smash in North America during the 1980s, bringing in high ratings, two Emmy Awards and millions of dollars in merchandising.

Yet, like many pop-culture Zeitgeists, the Smurfs also became the focus of a number of nasty, word-of-mouth rumors. Among them: the show was sexist because Smurfette was the only female in the group; their white hats were a KKK allegory, so some TV stations refused to air reruns; the show promoted drugs because they ate mushrooms; and the Smurfs were Communists because they shared everything.

Even 10 years after its final airing (Aug. 25, 1990), there are still a number of Web sites that propagate anti-Smurf movements. Well, if that doesn't just Smurf all. **TV**

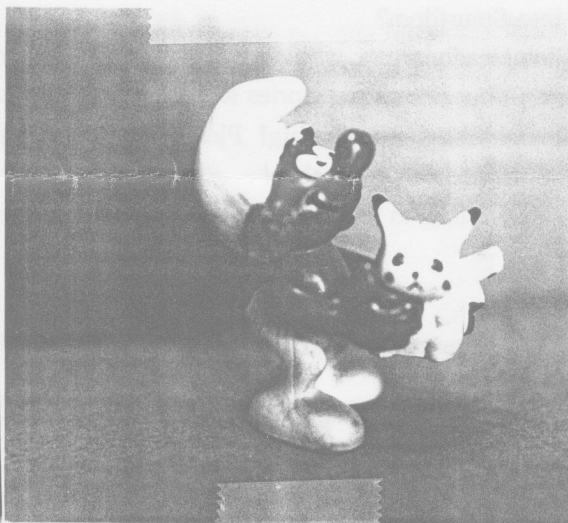
Collectors Comments.....

Dear Suzanne,

Enclosed are two photos. One, a 15" ceramic bank has no markings. It must be another of the unlicensed Smurf products featured in a recent Newsletter. The other photo continues my efforts with broken or missing parts figurines. The Smurf lost his big green apple (too bad!) and now is on the way to "catch 'em all", as the Pokemon saying goes.

My favorite Smurf figurine for year 2000 is #20466 Scuba Diver. His goofy facial expression is hilarious! I laugh myself silly everytime I look at him. He's a total panic. Let's have more like him. A good laugh is good medicine.

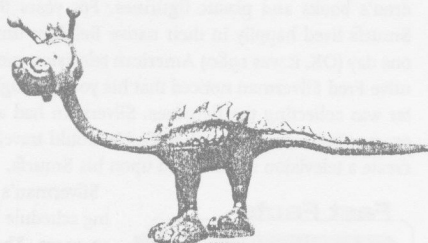
Jim from MI



Dear Suzanne,

I have a question for our members. Does anyone know anything about a dragon called "**Fafnir**" from the Smurf Cartoon? I am sending along a photo of a Dragon that has been offered to me at a very costly price! I am being told this is the Dragon from the Smurf Cartoon, yet I have never seen mention of it before in any of our Newsletters or the Club Identification Guide you publish.

Taylor from Canada



Dear Taylor and All Members,

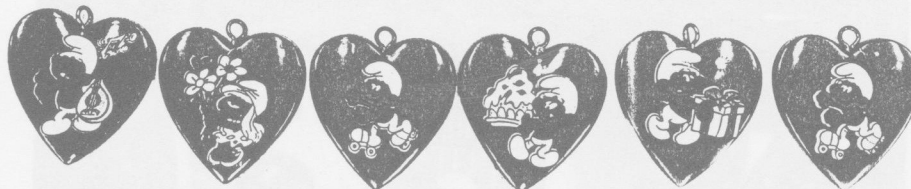
First, YES there was a Dragon in the Smurf Cartoon by the name of "**Fafnir**"! Second, the photo you submitted is a dragon produced by Schleich in 1991 as a Bendie figurine, but he has nothing to do with the Smurfs. He was produced along with a few other Bendie figurines as Schleich line of "**Crazy Friends**." The information you have been given is incorrect. Although the Dragon does have the Schleich marking, it does not bear the "**Peyo**" marking. This Dragon is not "**Fafnir**."!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dear Suzanne,

I enjoyed our last Newsletter featuring some really odd Smurf items, licensed or unlicensed it doesn't matter to me and I hope it doesn't matter to other collectors. I hope this encourages others to submit their finds so we can all read about them.

I would like to submit for publication some really cute Smurf heart shaped pendants that I found recently. I know the Smurfs on the pendants are licensed poses for sure and each appears on a Smurfy Plastic Blue heart. Each pendant is about the size of a quarter coin. There are six different ones. Really adorable and nice quality.

Lisa from Mo.

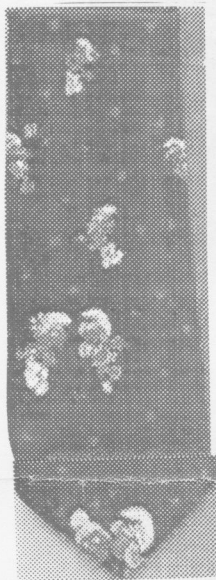


Dear S.C.C.I.,

I recently found and purchased two men's ties. I don't remember ever seeing a Smurfy item such as this anywhere, not even in our Club Newsletters. As they do not bear any date or manufacturer tags I was wondering if anyone knew anything about them.

Thanks you.

Ellen from FL.



Smurf & Smurfette
holding flowers "Love
Theme."



Jokey Smurf
theme.

Dear Ellen,

The only information we have on an item of this nature (men's ties) is in the early 1980's Wallace Berrie gave their salesmen Smurf Ties as a gift. Unfortunately we cannot verify that the two ties you sent photos of are the ones we know of.

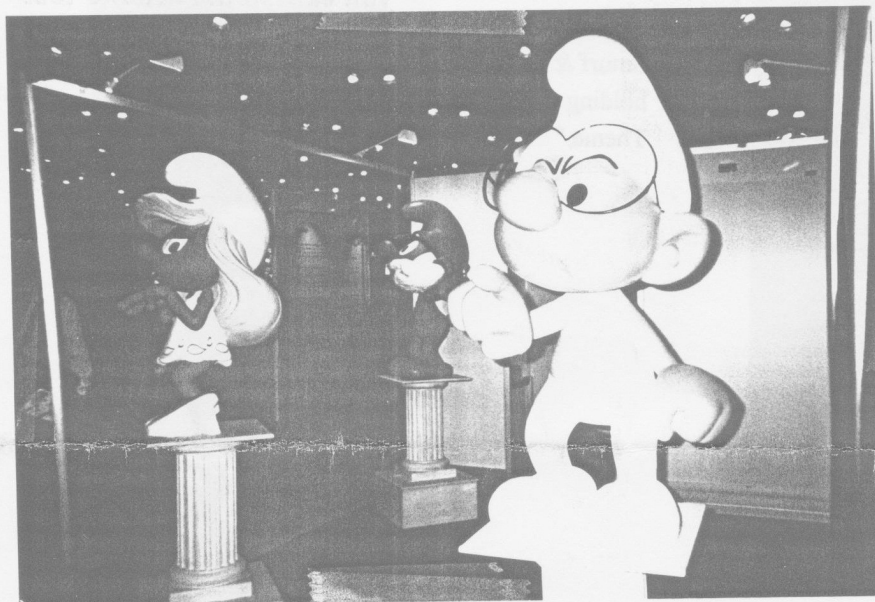
If anyone has any further information please write the Club.

Suzanne

Dear Suzanne,

Enclosed are pictures I took at the New York Licensing Show held at the Javitz Center in June. I'm always happy to see our little blue friends in public. However, there was no one at the booth when I went there. I actually went back about 6 times. I had wanted to talk with someone to see about getting the scoop on any new Smurf information. Since there was no other info to share with you and the Club, I thought I would send the photos so you could at least see what their booth looked like. The 3 figurines at the booth were either made of hard plastic or wood and were painted. What a great item to have in a collection.

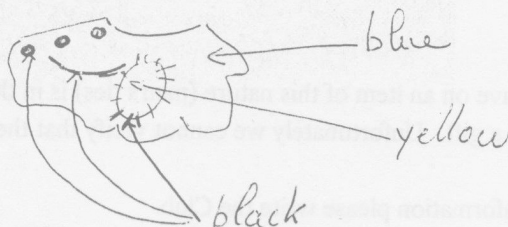
A.S. from NY



Dear S.C.C.I. Members,

I recently came across a neat paint variation of No. 20063 Tailor, that I would like to share with everyone. I have enclosed a sketch of the cloth that tailor is sewing. Note the colors!

JL from Germany



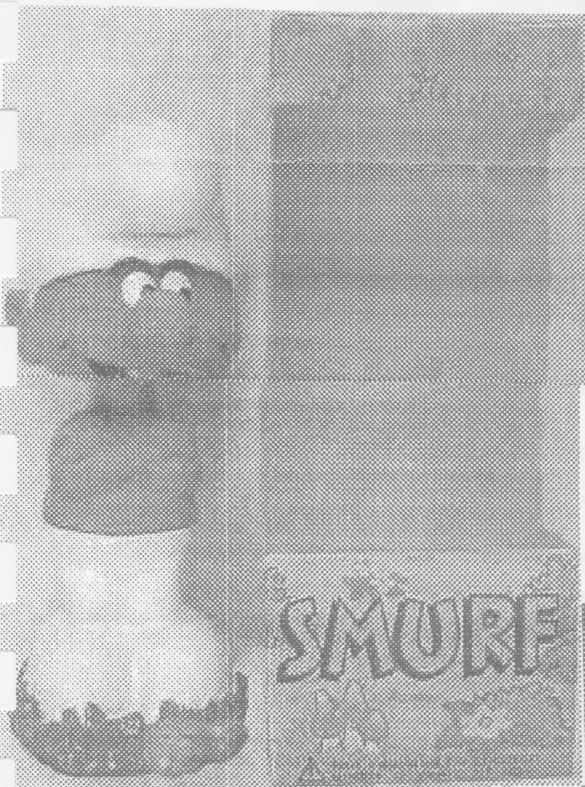
New Products for the Year 2000.....

Available in the U.S.A.

**Wacky Wobblers & Smurf FunKy Bank
by Funko**

Licensed by I.M.P.S. 2000

These new items for 2000 are made of durable plastic, and come in a colorful collectors box! They are 7 1/2" tall. Finally, a Bobbing Head nodder of a Smurf! Another great crossover collectible.

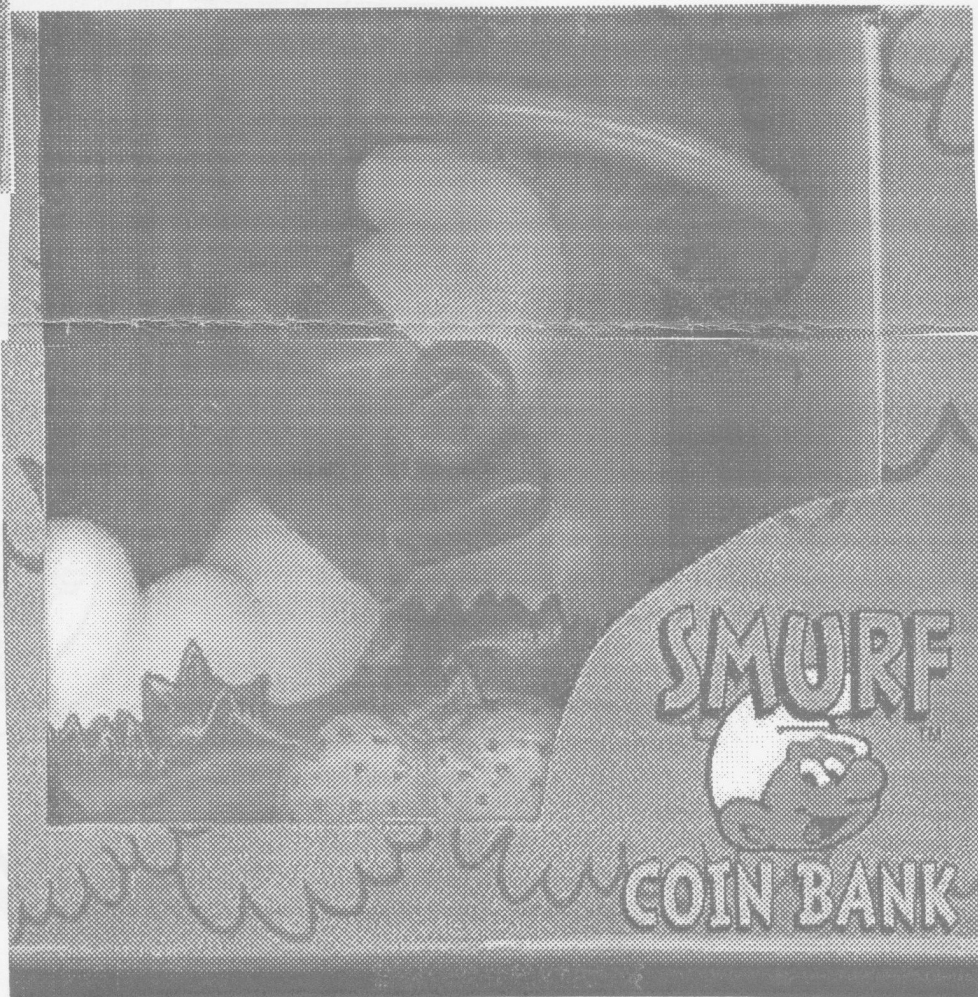


SMURFS

**They love to
Smurf around
when the sun
is out and the
sky is blue.**

**With this Smurf Bobbing head
you can Smurf around too!**

Have a Smurfy Day!



New Candy Toppers

for 2000

by B.I.P. Holland

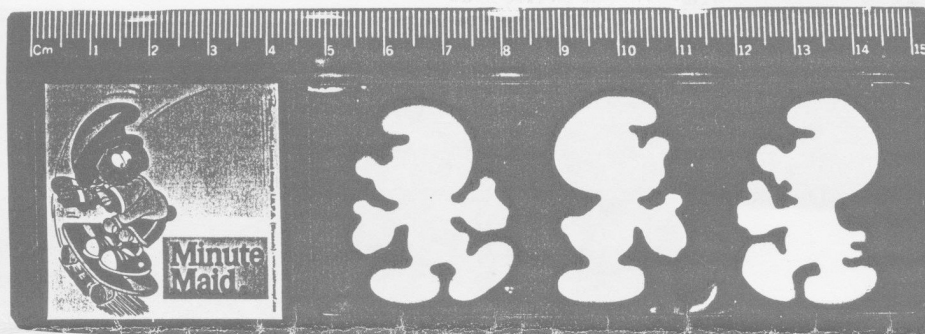
Below are five New Candy Toppers for this year. These have certainly proved to be a very popular Smurf Collectible for our members ever since they were introduced!



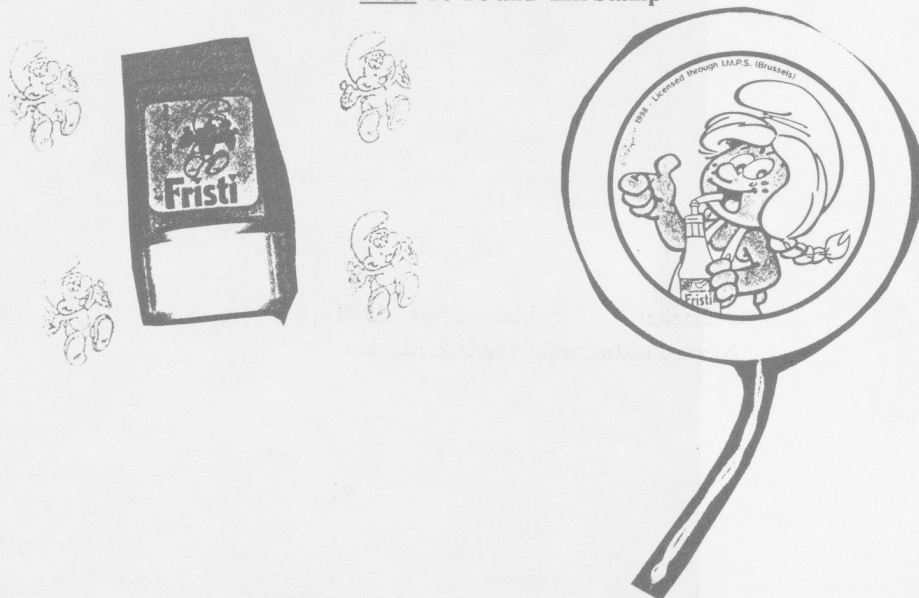
PROMOTIONAL SMURF PRODUCTS

I.M.P.S. Belgium

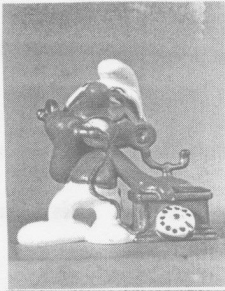
Minute Maid 6" Ruler with Smurf Stencil



Fristi Yo Yo and Ink Stamp

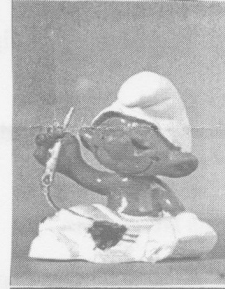


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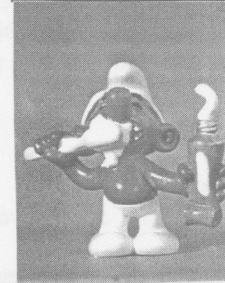
20062 Telephone Schleich Issued 1980
6162 Wallace Berrie 1980

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20063 Tailor Schleich Issued 1979
6248 Wallace Berrie 1984

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20064 Toothbrush Schleich Issued 1979
6163 Wallace Berrie 1980

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20065 Rugby Schleich Issued 1980
Never Produced for the U.S. Market

Pictures for 065 & 066 are reversed in error.

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20066 Cricket Schleich Issued 1980
Never Produced for the U.S. Market

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BUY.....SELL.....TRADE

How to respond to an Ad: Send your request to the Club with a self-addressed Stamped Envelop (SASE) the Club will respond with availability and asking price. Responses go out on a first come basis. Most items **FOR SALE** only has **one** item available.

How to Submit an Ad: All members are provided with a Free Ad Form. These forms must be used, please send your ads with a S.A.S.E. Numerous Ads are sold traded etc. before publication and will Not appear in the Newsletters. If anyone is seeking a special item contact the Club with your request. **Want lists from our members are always welcome!**

Special Note: When there is more than ONE item in an ad you will be asked to "State Interest in First Letter." This means to please tell us which item in that AD you are interested in! Thank you.

Ad #		
1426	For Sale	Smurf Windmill, New 1996 colors. Mint in box.
1427	For Sale	New Playset 2000. Smurf Playground complete with figurines. Mint in box.
1428	For Sale	New Playset 2000, Smurf School complete with four Super Smurfs. Mint in box.
1429	For Sale	Promotional Super Smurf, National Gas Station. This includes the National Gas Pump and figurine. Mint in box.
1430	For Sale	Super Smurf #40511 Hurdler. Mint in box. Hard to find!
1431	For Sale	Super Smurf #40248 Stork with Baby. Only produced a few years and already difficult to find. Mint in box.
1432	For Sale	Smurf Wacky Wobbler as featured in this Newsletter. Mint in box.
1433	For Sale	Minute Maid Promotional 6" Smurf Ruler with stencils, as featured in this Newsletter.
1434	For Sale	Fristi Promotional Yo Yo and Ink Stamper, as featured in this Newsletter.
1435	For Sale	Smurf Heart Shaped Pendants six different, as featured in this Newsletter. Great stocking stuffer item!
1436	For Sale	Promotional Smurf. Smurf holding FANTA Soda Bottle. Mint condition. Very Rare!!!
1437	For Sale	"Joujoux" Promotional Christmas Ornaments. Featured in Newsletter 55. These are made of hard Plastic and are 1 1/2" in height. 1. Papa w/toy sack and candy cane 2. Smurf Caroler 3. Smurf Drummer 4. Smurfette holding green gift box wearing long Xmas gown 5. Smurfette holding square gift box in short dress 6. Smurf with face in Xmas wreath 7. Smurf holding green square gift box. Mint Please state interest in first letter.
1438	For Sale	Super Smurfette #40227 Smurfette w/shopping Cart. Mint in box.
1439	For Sale	Super Smurf #40504 Fencer. Mint in box.
1440	For Sale	Promotional Smurf. Smurf holding Coca-Cola Bottle. Mint condition. Very Rare!
1441	For Sale	Super Smurf #40512 Basketball Player. Mint in box. Please state interest as there are two versions. One has the small hole basketball net. One has the large hole basketball net.
1442	For Sale	Ertl Metal Smurfs. 1. Smurf in tractor 2. Smurf in airplane 3. Smurf in fire engine 4. Smurfette in red convertible 5. Handy Smurf in truck. Good condition. Please state interest in first letter.
1443	For Sale	Smurf Variation #20055 Golfer. Yellow pants, black and white shoes, Thick light grey plastic golf club and ball. Mint.
1444	For Sale	Three piece figurine Promotional Set. "Volks-und Raiffeisen" Bank. Featured in Newsletter 28, Spring 1983. 1. #20029 Money with bank LOGO on hat. 2. #20057 Thirsty holding a orange plastic Money decanter (box) with banks LOGO on it. 3. #20152 Miller holding burgundy color money bag with Bank LOGO on it. Mint condition. Sold as complete set only! Very rare!
1445	For Sale	Paracodin Promotional Smurf as featured in Newsletter 12, Spring 1989. This is an exclusive design created for this drug company. Smurf with hand over his mouth (as if coughing.) Yellow scarf around his neck. Large red nose. Standing on square base (no name on base.) Mint condition. RARE!
1446	For Sale	Sports & Fitness Promotional Smurf. Bodybuilder with name on hat. Gold trunks. Good condition.
1447	For Sale	Smurf #20065 Rugby Player, paint variation. Red Shirt with white collar, White shorts. Rare.
1448	For Sale	German Comic Books, Great graphics. Many different issues to chose from. All in mint condition.
1449	For Sale	Smurf #20197 Thanksgiving with Ear of Corn. Mint condition.
1450	For Sale	Schleich Distributors Catalog from 1989 and 1990. Full color. These catalogs show their complete range of products. Hard to get these original distributors catalogs! Please state interest in first letter.
1451	For Sale	Repeat of sold out ad in our last Newsletter. Baby Candy Toppers, Holland 1999. Baby w/blocks. Baby in log car. Baby sitting on duck. Baby sitting on pillow holding a teddy bear. Baby sitting on half Moon. Mint. Sold as set!
1452	For Sale	S.C.C.I. Limited Edition Smurf "1990 Celebration Smurf" Smurf #20057 Holding Gold Pig. Only 200 Produced! Mint condition with Certificate of Authentication #22 of 200.