

TESTING OF PHOTOEURO³

In order to support manufacturers of counterfeit detection devices in their endeavours to develop and enhance their products, the national central banks of the Eurosystem offer manufacturers of counterfeit detection devices the possibility of testing their devices with a range of topical euro counterfeits. Each device is tested according to a common Eurosystem procedure for testing its ability to

- correctly detect counterfeit euro banknotes contained in a test deck of euro counterfeits (counterfeit test); and
- correctly identify genuine euro banknotes contained in a test deck of genuine banknotes (recognition test).

The purpose of the tests is not to determine whether a device is user-friendly, safe, durable, easily serviceable etc.

More information about the testing purpose, procedure and scope can be found on the web pages of the European Central Bank (ECB).

The following two tests were done by the Bank of Finland, 17/07/2007:

Devices: PhotoEuro3, 13899 (sw/hw 1.13/1.01)
PhotoEuro3, 13897 (sw/hw 1.15B/1.02)

Manufacturer: Photovox S.r.l

Results: Both tested devices detected all counterfeits contained in the test deck.

Both tested devices identified 100% of the genuine euro banknotes contained in the test deck, when tested according to the procedure described in the manual.

The test results are published on the ECB website within one month of the date when the test has been completed. Due to the emergence of new counterfeit euro banknotes in circulation and the regular update of the counterfeit test deck, information about a tested device will be removed from the website after the expiry of 12 months from the month when the test was completed, unless the device has been re-tested. Any summary test reports that an NCB may provide to the manufacturer of the device, or to the manufacturer's appointed agent, will only be valid in respect of the test conditions at the date of testing and as long as the test results are published on the website.

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