

All Polish collector coins feature:

- face value
- image of the Eagle established as the state emblem of the Republic of Poland
- inscription: Rzeczpospolita Polska
- year of issue.



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What distinguishes the mintage of the times of King Ladislav Vasa (1632–1648) is the lack of small coin. As early as in 1627, the Sejm banned the issue of such coin. The reasons behind the ban were the debasement of domestic coin and an inflow of a substantial amount of foreign low-quality coins for speculative purposes.

Consequently, the mintage of King Ladislav Vasa is associated with impressive thick coins such as gold ducats and silver half-thalers and thalers. They were minted both by the crown mint in Bydgoszcz and mints in Gdańsk and Toruń. We will be particularly interested in the thaler struck by the Bydgoszcz mint in 1642 as the coin served to produce a coin commemorating the mintage of the oldest son of King Sigismund Vasa. The obverse of the new coin features a round stamp with the coat of arms and name of the Republic of Poland, date 2017 and face value 20 ZŁ. The background of certification is the reverse of the ancient thaler of King Ladislav Vasa of 1642, with the crowned nine-field escutcheon with the coats of arms of Poland, Lithuania, Sweden and Gotland, and the Vasa family (sheaf of hay) in



the centre. The escutcheon is encircled with the chain of the Order of the Golden Fleece, which is separated by an inscription at the bottom. The escutcheon is flanked by the date 16 – 4Z and letters G – G, the initials of Gabriel Gerlöff, the lessee of the Bydgoszcz mint. Surrounding the escutcheon is the legend: ·SAM[ogitiaie]:LIV[oniae]:NEC:NO[n]:SV[ecorum] (Golden Fleece) GOT[orum]:VAN[dalorum]:Q[ue]:HAE [reditarius]:REX·

Ladislav Vasa on horseback is placed against this background. The image is modelled on the scene of the homage paid by the Russian boyars to the King after the Polish capture of Smoleńsk. The scene is pictured on the side of the royal sarcophagus at Wawel Cathedral in Cracow.

The reverse side of the commemorative coin, that is the main side of the thaler of Ladislav Vasa, features a beautiful bust of the richly dressed King wearing a crown, and the legend along the rim: VLA[dislaus]:IIII:D[ei]:G[ratia]:REX:POL[oniae]· (the small escutcheon features the coat of arms of Sas Jan Daniłowicz, the Grand Treasurer of the Crown) M[agnus]·D[ux]:LIT[uaniae]:RVS[siae]:PR[ussiae]:MA[soviae]·, which together is translated as: Ladislav Vasa, by the Grace of God, King of Poland, Grand Duke of Lithuania, Ruthenia, Prussia, Masovia, Samogitia, Livonia and also the hereditary king of the Swedes, Goths and Vandals.

In the background of the image of the royal bust there is an explanation of the type of a coin: TALAR WŁADYSŁAWA IV (thaler of Ladislav Vasa).

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On 7 December 2017 Narodowy Bank Polski is putting into circulation a silver coin from the series "History of Polish Coin" – the Thaler of Ladislav Vasa with a face value of 20 złoty.



Face value 20 zł

Metal: Ag 925/1000

Finish: **proof**

Diameter: 38.61 mm

Weight: 28.28 g

Edge: **plain**

Mintage: **up to 18,000 pcs**

Coin designer:

Dominika Karpińska-Kopiec

Issuer: NBP

The coins, commissioned by NBP, were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.

