



500-peso coin

Characteristics of the 500-peso coin (only in Spanish) Must reads 500-Peso Coin Last modified Thursday the 2th of July, 2026

The 500-peso coins, minted by the Ibagué-based Mint, were put into circulation on 26 December 1993. The features of this coin were modified following the provisions of External Resolution 10 of 15 December 2006 of the Board of Directors of *Banco de la República*.

The motif on the obverse of the coin is intended to recognize the efforts of the municipality of *Guacarí*, Valle del Cauca, to conserve the *samán* tree. Manzur, a teacher, used this tree to highlight the importance of aspects related to ecology and environmental preservation.

Main characteristics Alloy Weight Diameter Thickness Core Crown
7,14 ± 3% grams 23,70 ± 0,10 mm 2,05 ± 0,10 mm
Copper 92 ± 2%
Aluminum 6 ± 0,5%
Nickel 2 ± 0,5% Copper 65 ± 3%
Zinc 20 ± 2%
Nickel 15 ± 1%

Two types of alloys were used in producing it, one for the core, yellow in color, and the other for the outer ring or crown, silver in color.

The currency is distributed through banking establishments and is packaged in boxes and cases, the contents and value of which are as follows:

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