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Mike Byers, Publisher & Editor
Welcomes You!

Welcome to Mint Error News Magazine, bringing the latest mint error news and information to the collector. The focus of the magazine will be on articles, features and discoveries of major mint errors (striking errors) from the United States and around the World. Minterrornews.com was launched on February 4, 2003.

Two major Mint Error News sponsors are Mike Byers and ANACS. Mint Error News released its first magazine in the spring of 2003. Mike Byers is the Publisher and Editor of Mint Error News Magazine.



Mike Byers (mikebyers.com) has been a Professional Numismatist since 1978. He specializes in U.S. and World errors, and is now the largest dealer of the world's rarest mint errors. His new discoveries of major mint errors has been front page news for years. Mike Byers is also a Consultant for ANACS for Mint Errors.



ANACS is one of the three major grading services. They have been authenticating, certifying and encapsulating mint errors since 1991 which is years longer than the other two grading services combined. ANACS is highly respected in the Numismatic Community and has extensive experience in authenticating mint errors.

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Off-Center Errors

by Al Levy (alscoins.com)

Here are records of recent sales of off-center mint errors on eBay:

1. All coins were listed on eBay and closed from 10/01/03 to 12/31/03.
2. All lots had buyers. If the coins actually changed hands is unknown.
3. A picture accompanied each lot or it was not recognized.
4. Mislabeled items were ignored.
5. Some lots may have changed hands more than once.
6. "D" next to the date symbolizes that the coin had

damage or was scratched.

7. "C" next to the date symbolizes that the coin was cleaned.
8. "B" next to the date symbolizes that the coin had damage and was cleaned.
9. If the date or mint mark was missing or partially visible, parentheses were used.
10. Postage/handling/insurance fees were ignored.
11. Major auctions were not listed.

DENOM	YEAR	NOTES	GRADE	LESS:11%	11%-35%	36%-75%	OVER 75%
1c	1812		PCGS 4	\$300.00			
1c	1866		PCGS 45		\$493.00		
1c	1874		ANACS 35		\$405.00		
1c	(1891)	D	VF		\$80.99		
1c	1901	D	VF		\$99.00		
1c	1902		FINE	\$71.99			
1c	1902		PCI 45	\$99.00			
1c	1906	C	UNC	\$177.50			
1c	(?)06	C	AU			\$560.00	
1c	(1907)		VF		\$126.00		
1c	(1907)		XF		\$188.50		
1c	1917-S		FINE		\$114.50		
1c	1917-S		XF	\$71.90			
1c	1919		XF		\$102.50		
1c	1925-D		FINE		\$181.40		
1c	1935	D	UNC BRN	\$5.50			
1c	1935		AU		\$255.00		
1c	1936		XF	\$47.00			
1c	1937	D	FINE	\$7.50			
1c	1937		AU	\$45.00			
1c	1938	D	UNC	\$46.45			
1c	1939		UNC BRN		\$86.00		
1c	1939		UNC R&B		\$139.50		
1c	1941		AU		\$39.00		
1c	1941		ANACS 62 BRN		\$86.00		
1c	1941-S	C	UNC	\$130.00			
1c	1942		BU BRN		\$100.99		
1c	1942		GEM BU BRN		\$74.00		
1c	1943		AU	\$133.61			
1c	1943		PCGS 45	\$80.98			
1c	1943-S	D	AU		\$199.00		
1c	194(?)S		BU (1943)		\$255.00		
1c	1944	C	AU	\$12.50			
1c	1944		AU BRN	\$44.00			

DENOM	YEAR	NOTES	GRADE	LESS:11%	11%-35%	36%-75%	OVER 75%
1c	194(4)		AU BRN		\$33.01		
1c	1945-S		UNC R&B	\$53.00			
1c	1945-S	D	UNC RED	\$15.50			
1c	194(6)-S		ANACS 64 RB		\$50.98		
1c	194(?)S	D	AU		\$23.28		
1c	1950-D	D	BU R&B		\$61.00		
1c	1951	D	AU BRN				\$46.05
1c	1951-D		UNC RED		\$105.00		
1c	1951-S		AU	\$78.00			
1c	1952-D		UNC BRN			\$66.00	
1c	1953	C	UNC			\$76.00	
1c	1953		CH BU BRN			\$56.00	
1c	1957-D		NGC 64 RB			\$77.77	
1c	1957-D		CH BU RED			\$94.45	
1c	1958-D		UNC BRN				\$67.00
1c	195(9)		AU	\$28.00			
1c	1959		CH BU R&B	\$57.55			
1c	(195)-(?)	C	UNC			\$35.00	
1c	195(?)D		AU R&B		\$26.99		
1c	1961-D		UNC BRN				\$26.55
1c	1961-D	D	UNC R&B			\$55.00	
1c	1962-D	D	AU R&B			\$25.49	
1c	1963-D	D	BU RB				\$72.50
1c	1963-D		CH BU RED				\$57.00
1c	1964		CH BU RED	\$16.05			
1c	1964		PCGS 63 RB			\$37.55	
1c	1964-D	C	UNC			\$17.35	
1c	1964-D		PCGS 63 RB			\$40.00	\$32.00
1c	1965		BU RED			\$23.69	\$18.49
1c	1965		CH BU RED	\$14.70			
1c	1966		CH BU RED	\$13.51			
1c	1966		GEM BU RED		\$17.00		
1c	1967	D	UNC BRN			\$13.09	
1c	1967	C	UNC BRN			\$11.00	

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1c	1967		UNC BRN				\$11.00
1c	(1968)-?		BU RED			\$6.55	
1c	1968-D	C	UNC			\$8.50	
1c	1968-D		BU BRN			\$18.50	
1c	1968-S		GEM BU RED	\$65.00			
1c	1969-D	C	AU				\$12.94
1c	1969-D	D	AU BRN				\$9.67
1c	1969-D	C	UNC BRN			\$10.50	
1c	1969-D		UNC BRN			\$16.87	\$11.75
1c	1969-D		UNC R&B			\$13.75	\$8.50
1c	1969-(?)		GEM BU RED			\$19.99	
1c	1970		CH BU RED			\$13.51	
1c	1970-D		AU R&B				\$4.76
1c	1970-D		UNC R&B			\$6.03	
1c	1970-D		BU RED			\$10.50	
1c	1970-D		CH BU RED			\$14.95	
1c	1972		AU RED	\$7.50			
1c	1972		BU R&B		\$9.95		
1c	1972		ANACS 65 RED		\$31.56		
1c	1972-D		UNC BRN			\$15.17	
1c	1972-D		BU R&B			\$10.50	
1c	1973		BU RED			\$11.00	
1c	1973-D		BU RED	\$9.99			
1c	1974		UNC BRN				\$8.50
1c	1976		UNC BRN			\$9.95	
1c	1976-D		CH BU BRN			\$12.50	
1c	1977-D		UNC BRN			\$51.00	
1c	1977-D		UNC R&B		\$16.50		
1c	1978		BU RED		\$5.85		
1c	1979-D		UNC BRN		\$6.50		
1c	1980		UNC R&B			\$4.25	
1c	(1981)-?		BU RB				\$6.99
1c	1981		UNC BRN			\$2.01	
1c	1981		UNC R&B			\$4.85	
1c	1981-(?)		BU R&B			\$12.50	
1c	198(2) LD CU		BU RED	\$3.02			
1c	(?)82 LD CU		BU RED			\$7.22	
1c	1982 LD CU		UNC R&B			\$10.00	
1c	1982 LD CU		BU RED	\$3.80			
1c	1982 LD ZN	D	UNC RED			\$2.80	
1c	1982 LD ZN		UNC RED			\$2.76	
1c	1982 LD ZN		BU RED			\$5.50	
1c	1983		XF	\$1.00			
1c	1983		BU RB	\$1.00			
1c	1983		BU RED			\$2.62	
1c	(1984)-?		UNC RED			\$5.76	
1c	1984		BU BRN			\$8.39	
1c	1984		BU RED			\$8.30	
1c	1984		CH BU RED			\$9.99	
1c	1984		GEM BU RED			\$9.95	
1c	1985		UNC RED		\$6.49		
1c	1986		BU RED			\$9.39	
1c	1986		PCI 64 RED			\$9.50	
1c	1987-(?)		CH BU RED			\$11.09	
1c	1988		UNC RED			\$10.52	
1c	1988	D	BU RED		\$6.50		
1c	1988		BU R&B			\$5.50	
1c	1989		GEM BU RED		\$1.25		
1c	1990	D	UNC BRN		\$4.00		
1c	1990		UNC BRN			\$9.08	
1c	1990		UNC R&B	\$0.99			
1c	1990		CH BU RED	\$9.50			
1c	1990		GEM RED	\$3.75			
1c	1991		BU RED			\$2.99	
1c	1993-D		CH BU RED			\$8.10	
1c	1993-D		GEM RED			\$15.51	
1c	1996-D		GEM RED				\$12.22
1c	1997		BU RED		\$1.99	\$7.00	
1c	1997-D		GEM RED			\$13.49	\$12.02
1c	1998-D		GEM RED			\$19.00	
1c	1999		ANACS 65 RED	\$15.50	\$20.00		
1c	2000-D		GEM RED				\$19.54
1c	2001-D		GEM RED		\$2.99		
1c	2003	D	BU RED	\$18.49			
1c	2003		GEM RED	\$27.10			
1c	2003		NGC 66 RD	\$24.48			
1c	2003-D		GEM BU RED			\$275.99	
3c	1865		NGC 25		\$207.60		
3c	1874		NGC 10	\$175.89			
5c	1866	B	AG		\$255.00		
5c	1887		PCGS 35	\$261.57			
5c	1920	D	XF		\$199.95		
5c	1936		PCGS 40	\$256.00			
5c	(19)43-P		GEM BU		\$660.00		

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5c	195(?)	-D	GEM BU				\$23.28
5c	1964		UNC		\$22.12	\$30.99	
5c	1970-S		NGC 62	\$41.00			
5c	1970-S		NGC 66		\$102.51		
5c	1972		BU		\$30.60		
5c	1974-(D)		UNC		\$29.50		
5c	(19)80-P		GEM BU	\$5.50			
5c	1983-D		AU			\$20.49	
5c	1983-P		BU	\$8.89			
5c	(?)84-D		CH BU			\$10.50	
5c	1984-P		BU			\$13.91	
5c	1985-P		BU		\$6.15		
5c	1987-P		BU		\$26.50		
5c	(?)8-D		GEM BU			\$4.25	
5c	1988-P		BU			\$10.50	
5c	1994-P		BU			\$9.99	
5c	1994-P		NGC 63			\$20.51	
5c	1995-P		GEM BU		\$12.99		
5c	1996-P		BU			\$9.59	
5c	(?)96-P		GEM BU				\$5.50
5c	(?)96-P		ANACS 64			\$15.51	
5c	(1)997-P		UNC			\$13.02	
5c	(1)999-D		GEM BU			\$8.00	
5c	(1)999-D		ANACS 63				\$11.59
5c	2000-D		GEM BU			\$10.50	
5c	2000-D		ANACS 64				\$15.38
5c	(2)001-D		BU				\$14.50
5c	2001-D		GEM BU			\$19.53	
5c	2003-P		GEM BU	\$21.50			
10c	1917-S		NGC 62 FB	\$380.00			
10c	19(20)		NGC 64 FB		\$385.00		
10c	1923		XF		\$290.00		
10c	1928-S		ANACS 62	\$380.00			
10c	1942-S		NGC 40	\$111.38			
10c	1944		PCGS 58	\$244.00			
10c	1962-(?)		BU				\$133.50
10c	1964-(?)		AU				\$61.00
10c	1964		UNC				\$61.84
10c	1964	D	BU				\$37.00
10c	1964-(?)		BU				\$66.65
10c	1964		BU		\$56.26		
10c	1964		CH BU				\$72.00
10c	1966		BU	\$8.02			
10c	1970-D		NGC 64			\$49.00	
10c	1973	D	UNC		\$18.39		
10c	1974-D		NGC 64			\$44.00	
10c	1977		BU		\$25.01		
10c	1978		BU	\$6.95			
10c	1978		UNC	\$6.95			
10c	1984-D		AU			\$27.00	
10c	1984-D	D	BU				\$22.13
10c	1988-D		BU			\$25.30	\$20.01
10c	1988-P		AU			\$7.50	
10c	1988-P		BU		\$7.95		
10c	1989-P		BU		\$19.51	\$17.39	
10c	1990-D		CH BU			\$10.99	
10c	1992-P		UNC		\$11.00		
10c	1992-P		BU			\$19.39	
10c	1993-P		UNC			\$3.75	
10c	1994-D	D	BU		\$9.95		
10c	1994-P		AU	\$4.01			
10c	1994-P		CH BU		\$29.50		
10c	1994-P		PCGS 64			\$73.22	
10c	1997-P		CH BU			\$13.05	
10c	1998-P		BU			\$68.75	
10c	1998-P		PCGS 63		\$25.01		
10c	1999-D		NGC 66			\$33.78	
10c	1999-P		GEM BU		\$16.50		
25c	1853		PCGS 30	\$3,051.00			
25c	1965		AU	\$10.50	\$35.00		
25c	(1966)		XF	\$16.39			
25c	1974		UNC	\$8.30			
25c	1974		PCGS 63		\$26.01		
25c	1974		PCGS 65		\$56.08		
25c	1976		AU	\$46.77			
25c	1976		CH BU	\$54.01			
25c	(1976)		BU	\$68.11			
25c	(1976)		PCGS 64			\$350.00	
25c	1979		BU		\$91.00		
25c	1979		NGC 62	\$25.00			
25c	19(80)-P		AU	\$10.50			
25c	(198)3-P		UNC		\$14.59		
25c	19(83)-P		BU	\$13.49			
25c	(198)3-P		BU		\$23.50		

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25c	1983-P		AU		\$38.99		
25c	1983-P		BU		\$29.96		
25c	1983-P		CH BU			\$28.00	
25c	1983-P		NGC 64	\$15.50			
25c	1983-(?)		BU			\$35.98	
25c	1984-P		AU	\$2.75			
25c	1984-P		BU	\$15.25			
25c	1984-(?)		UNC				\$45.99
25c	198(5)-(?)		PCGS 64		\$33.05		
25c	1985-P		AU	\$10.95			
25c	1985-P		UNC	\$14.75			
25c	1985-P		BU		\$24.00		
25c	1985-(?)		BU			\$39.00	
25c	1986-D		BU			\$53.00	
25c	1986-P		PCGS 65	\$31.00			
25c	1986-(?)		BU				\$43.00
25c	1989-P		BU		\$23.00		
25c	198(?)		BU			\$31.25	
25c	(1994)-P		UNC	\$5.50			
25c	1996-D		BU			\$41.00	
25c	19(96)-D		BU	\$12.07			
25c	1996-P		UNC		\$15.50		
25c	1998-D		UNC	\$7.50			
25c	1998-D		BU	\$13.00			
25c	(1998)-D		GEM BU	\$8.61			
25c	1998-P		NGC 66		\$51.00		
25c	1998-(?)		BU			\$53.00	
25c	PA (?) -D		BU			\$190.00	
25c	PA (?) -D		GEM BU			\$228.50	
25c	PA (1999)-P		UNC		\$292.24		
25c	PA		GEM BU			\$258.46	
25c	NJ 1999-P		PCGS 65		\$179.50		
25c	NJ 1999-(?)		UNC				\$260.00
25c	CT 1999-D		BU	\$36.99			
25c	MA 2000-P		PCGS 65	\$86.00			
25c	MA 2000-P		PCGS 66		\$104.49		
25c	MA 2000-P		PCGS 67	\$179.50			
25c	GA 1999-D		UNC	\$44.00			
25c	GA		NGC 65				\$152.50
25c	GA		NGC 66				\$204.05
25c	NH 2000-D		UNC	\$36.00			
25c	NH 2000-P		UNC		\$75.00		
25c	NH 2000-P		BU		\$99.99		
25c	NH 2000-P		CH BU	\$50.11	\$100.00		
25c	NH 2000-P		ANACS 64	\$88.90			
25c	NH 2000(?)		ANACS 65		\$175.00		
25c	NH 2000(P)		ANACS 65			\$175.00	
25c	NH 2000-P		NGC 66	\$60.00	\$95.00		
25c	NH 2000-P		PCGS 64			\$229.05	
25c	NH 2000-P		PCGS 67	\$179.50			
25c	NH (?) -P		PCGS 66		\$168.50		
25c	NH		GEM BU				\$181.49

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25c	MD 2000-P		GEM BU		\$101.55		
25c	SC 2000-D		BU	\$21.50			
25c	SC 2000-P		CH BU	\$26.00			
25c	SC 2000-P		NGC 67		\$125.00		
25c	VA 2000-P		NGC 65		\$150.00		
25c	VA 2000-P		ICG 66	\$56.00			
25c	NC 2001-(?)		BU	\$56.00			
25c	NC 2001-P		BU	\$31.00			
25c	NC 2001-P		GEM BU	\$127.50			
25c	NY 2001-P		BU	\$50.00			
25c	NY 2001-P		PCGS 65	\$55.99			
25c	VT 2001-P		PCGS 66	\$174.49			
25c	AL 2003-P		BU	\$138.50			
25c	AL 2003-P		NTC 65	\$55.38			
25c	AL 2003-P		NTC 66	\$63.11			
25c	AL 2003-P		NTC 67	\$80.00			
50c	1976		BU	\$77.00			
50c	(1979)		BU	\$127.50			
50c	(?)979-(?)		NGC 67				\$256.00
50c	1983-P		BU	\$80.00			
50c	(19)90-P		ANACS 64		\$182.50		
50c	(1990)-P		ANACS 65	\$153.50			
50c	1990-P		AU		\$209.61		
50c	1990-P		GEM BU	\$125.25			
1\$	1978		PCGS 63		\$416.99		
1\$	1978-D	D	BU	\$116.13			
1\$	1979-P		BU		\$90.90		
1\$	1979-P		CH BU		\$141.38		
1\$	1979-P		ANACS 64		\$179.50		
1\$	1979-P		PCGS 64	\$103.72			
1\$	1999-P		PCGS 62	\$179.00			
1c	INDIAN		NGC 4		\$127.50		
1c	WHEAT	C	UNC		\$17.50		
1c	WHEAT		UNC BRN		\$37.00	\$30.00	
1c	WHEAT		BU BRN			\$25.49	
1c	WHEAT		BU RED			\$38.25	
1c	ND		ICG 65 RD	\$14.50			
5c	LIBERTY		ANACS 40		\$381.00		
5c	BUFFALO		ANACS 50		\$599.00		
5c	BUFFALO	C	GOOD	\$437.00			
10c	SILVER	D	AU58			\$46.00	
10c	SILVER		UNC		\$43.70		
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“Around The World”

- Updating Activity In and Around Error World Groups -

by Jim Archibald - EW Founder

Error World Groups continue the steady growth we are all familiar with. The current statistics for EW Groups as of 12/10/03 are as follows...

EW1 - Error World - 432 members
EW2 - Error World 2 - 448 members
EW3 - Variety Coins - 208 members
EW4 - U.S. Coin Collecting - 465 members
EW5 - World Coin Collecting - 125 members
Total - 1,678 Error World Members

The big news this time is our medal contest which has been the big thing in EW1. The first thing I'd like to do is to congratulate and thank all of our contestants, who put in a outstanding effort on behalf of the club. The winning designs will be altered as required to fit the needs of the club and the minting process. Now without further delay, the winners for the first Error World Medal design contest are as follows...

Obverse Design Winner:
(imthearchitect)



Reverse Design Winner:
Duane Smith (paganoutlaw)



Duane Smith incorporated the phrase “Truth, Honesty, Integrity” which I think really sums up what EW stands for.

The two winners will receive a special prize as soon as the medals are produced, thanks to the generosity of the Error World club patron and contest sponsor, Mike Byers (mikebyers.com).

Both designs will be modified to meet our needs before production and the designs may be totally different from the prototypes. One of the winning members, Duane Smith, has offered to help with the final designs that will be submitted for minting.

Starting with the next issue of Mint Error News Magazine, I will be announcing winners of the “member of the quarter” which will be for members who put in a little extra effort and donate their time and energy towards making the club a better place to be. Right off the top of my head I can think of several members that have gone above and beyond the call of duty. I think it's about time we say thanks publicly.

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UNIQUE GERMAN DIE TRIALS

FOUR DENOMINATIONS STRUCK ON COPPER STRIP

BY TIM BULLARD (ERRORCOINTRADER.COM)

This is a UNIQUE Die Trial set of four different German denominations struck in copper and uniface. These are the reverse strikes for the 50 Pfennig, 10 Pfennig, 5 Pfennig and 1 Pfennig.

Several German Numismatic reference books list several of these die trials struck in copper, lead and silver but only of a single die trial strike. These were struck and presented to King Farouk circa 1950 for his personal coin collection. The mint mark is J for Hamburg, Germany.

The surfaces are proof with extremely deep mirror fields. A spectacular German rarity with a famous pedigree and is unique.

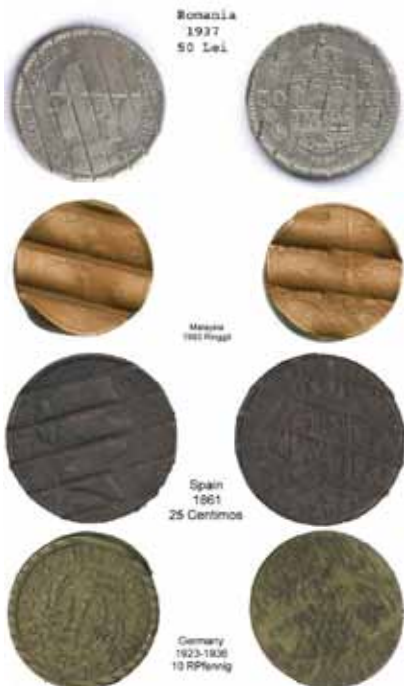


World Mints Deface Coins With "Waffle Designs"

by Bill Snyder (worlderrors.com)

Mints around the world have been cancelling (defacing) coins for many years with a "waffle design." They have defaced coins that have been withdrawn from circulation for their metal content.

They have done it when they are revaluing the coinage and also to create scrap from damaged and obsolete coins.



The usual method has been to convey and crush the unwanted coins through heavy steel rollers. The rollers emboss a deep design into the coins. The intent is to let everyone know that these pieces have no value. That they are not "Coins of the Realm."

Usually, the impressed designs have taken the shape of straight, parallel lines; sometimes as close as 1mm apart. In one case, rather than parallel lines, a concentric circle pattern was used.



No matter how hard they try (press) though, official World Mints haven't been able to totally keep these interesting pieces away from the public.

Many countries including those in the European Monetary Union are using equipment that is manufactured in the Netherlands to cancel and deface coins. The machinery crushes obsolete coins with various "waffle designs" that circulated in Europe before the introduction of the Euro. Damaged and mis-struck coins are also being destroyed.

The two Romanian coins featured below had all the ear-marks of being mint errors (partial brockages). Obviously the coins had been defaced. My assumption was that the heavy lines were the result of the Mint destruction of mis-struck coins.

One of these Romanian coins had been put through the crushing rollers twice. Upon closer examination, I realized that these were not mint error coins that the Mint "caught". The Partial Brockage effect came about when these pieces were being defaced. Simulated partial brockages were produced on those coins which lay partly over another coin in the crushing machine. I had it backwards. These are not errors made at the time the coins were being made, but oddities made as the coins were being destroyed!



1853 U.S. Assay \$20 Gold Piece Certified as Double Struck by NGC

All Major Mint Errors on U.S. Gold Coins are extremely rare. The fact that this is a U.S. Territorial Gold Piece with a Major Error is unbelievable. This is a double struck \$20 Assay. The reverse is slightly rotated. Both the obverse and the reverse are double struck.

The United States opened this Assay Office as a provisional Government Mint to accommodate the Gold from the California Gold Rush until there was an establishment of a permanent Branch Mint. In 1852, this provisional Government Mint was reorganized and the Principals were Curtis, Perry and Ward. \$10,

\$20 and \$50 denominations were struck. The \$10 and \$20s were round and the \$50 were octagonal shaped.

This piece is 900 THOUS. Kagin-18, Breen-7723. Rarity-2. It is struck with a slight greenish-gold hue to it and has considerable luster remaining on both the obverse and reverse.

This incredible Double Struck U.S. Assay \$20 Gold piece would be the centerpiece of a Territorial Gold Collection, U.S. Gold Collection or a Collection of Exceptional Major Mint Errors.



1859 Indian Head Cent Obverse Struck on an 1857 Seated Half Dime

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This is one of the most dramatic and unique major mint errors ever discovered and has been well known in the numismatic community for decades.

It is an Indian Head Cent double denomination with different dates. An 1859 Indian Head Cent was struck over an 1857 Seated Half Dime.

This mint error may have been deliberately made. Only the obverse of an 1859 Indian Head Cent Die was used. It was struck over the obverse of the 1857 Half Dime. The reverse of the Half Dime is slightly spread out since the most likely scenario was that this Half Dime was placed on top of an Indian Cent blank planchet prior to being struck by the obverse Indian Cent die.

This mint error ranks at the top of the list of the most spectacular mint errors of all time.





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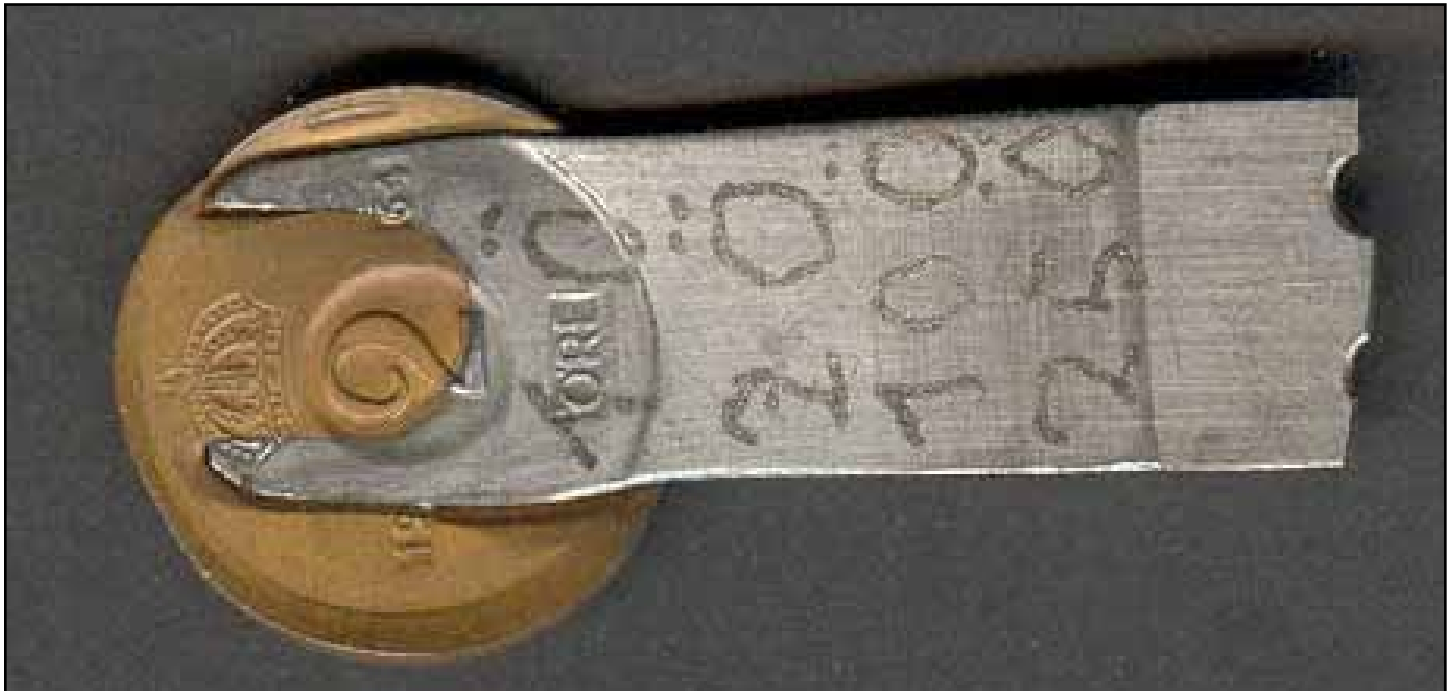
Mike Byers is a consultant to ANACS for Mint Errors



One-of-a-Kind Pieces

by Martin Wettmark

The finest error in my Swedish error collection is this 2 Ore 1964 with a struck in tool. How could such a coin came out from the Mint? The story behind this coin is quite interesting. The tool was used by the Mint employees to remove coins that were jammed in the die and the collar. A Mint employee tried to loosen a particular coin and the dies struck the blank with the tool, bonding it with the coin. This is a unique and spectacular mint error. I found this item at a coin-dealer in Stockholm. He told me that it came from a former Mint Director.



Fred Weinberg's Off-Center \$20 Liberty

Editor's Note: This spectacular \$20 Liberty Gold Piece is the farthest known off-center. It is in choice mint state condition and is struck approximately 15% off-center. It is currently valued at \$150,000 and is one of the highlights of Fred's personal collection. Fred's mint error inventory that is for sale can be viewed on his website: fredweinberg.com.



1904 \$20 Liberty Triple Struck Sells For Over \$100,000.

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This unique U.S. Gold major mint error recently sold for a record price of \$102,500. I had originally purchased it and then sold it for \$75,000. Another customer wanted to add it to his world class mint error collection so I brokered the piece. It was exciting to have handled this spectacular mint error twice.

Even though this \$20 Liberty Gold is described on the holder as being struck twice, in actuality it is triple struck. There are clearly three impressions. Upon close examination, parts of all three strikes on the obverse are visible on the portrait, neck, stars, date and denticles. On the reverse, parts of the eagle, shield and denticles show remains from being struck three times.

All major mint errors on U.S. Gold coins are very rare. It is amazing that this \$20 Gold piece escaped the quality control at the Mint since larger Gold denominations were examined very carefully. This is only one of a few known double struck (or multiple struck) U.S. Gold coins. The new owner is extremely proud of this acquisition and it is the centerpiece of his collection.



A Unique 1877 \$50 Reverse Hub Trial in Lead

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This unique 1877 \$50 Reverse Hub Trial is the Judd 8th Edition Plate Coin J-A1877-11, page 317. It was struck in lead and is an incuse impression of Barber's famous Half Union pattern. The pedigree includes Stephen Nagy and Abe Kosoff.

This unique Reverse Hub Trial has only the eagle, scroll, arrows and laurel branches of the design. It is missing the rays, motto and outer legends. It measures 43 x 41.8 mm.

In 1877 William Barber engraved dies for two obverses and one reverse for the \$50 denomination.

There is one known obverse hub trial of just the portrait of Judd #1546. It is struck in lead and is in the Smithsonian. This is the reverse hub trial for the same pattern, Judd #1546.

The gold pattern is unique and is also in the Smithsonian. A few are known in copper and are worth up to \$200,000 in gem condition.

There are only 272 Splashers known and only 43 Hub Trials known for the entire U.S. Pattern series. There are only a few known Hub and Die Trials for the \$50 denomination, which includes the two described above dated 1877 and the 1915 \$50 Pan-Pac.



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NGC MS 63



1895-O Barber Dime
Obverse Die Cap
PCGS MS 64



1846 J-110A \$5 Obv Die Trial
Struck on \$2½ Trial
NGC MS 65 BN



1924 SL 25¢
Double Struck
ANACS AU 55



1862 Indian Head 1¢
Deep Obverse Die Cap
PCGS MS 62



Unique Set of Three
Paraguay Gold Overstrikes
NGC Certified



1887 \$3 Indian Gold Proof
Triple Struck
PCGS PR 63



1942 Walking Liberty 50¢
Struck on Silver 25¢ Planchet
PCGS MS 65



Unique Jefferson Nickel
Die Trial
PCGS Certified



1802/1 \$5 Draped Bust Gold
Triple Struck Obverse
ANACS EF 45



1865 2¢
Deep Obverse Die Cap
& Brockage



1804 \$2½ Capped Bust To Right
Double Struck
NGC Fine 15



1898 Barber 25¢
Obverse Die Cap & Brockage
PCGS MS 62



1945-S WL 50¢
Struck on El Salvador 25¢ Planchet
NGC MS 63 UNIQUE



1806 \$5 Capped Bust Triple Struck
Rotated 90°
PCGS AU 50



1865 \$1 Indian Gold Proof
Triple Struck Reverse
PCGS PR 64 Cameo



1920 Buffalo Nickel
Struck on Copper Planchet
NGC AU 55 UNIQUE



1874 \$1 U.S. Gold T3
Full Brockage
PCGS MS 62 UNIQUE



1873 \$20 Closed 3 J-1344
Double Struck
NGC PF 61 RB



1901/0-S \$5 Liberty Gold
10% Off-Center
PCGS AU 55



1853 U.S. Assay Gold \$20
Double Struck
NGC AU 55



1965 English Penny
Struck on Gold Planchet
PCGS MS 62



1875-CC \$20 Liberty Gold
Partial Collar
NGC MS 62



Pair of Barber Dime Die Caps
Obverse & Reverse
PCGS AU 55 UNIQUE



Franklin Half Dollar
Struck on 1948 Cent
NGC MS 64 BN



1910 Lincoln Cent
Uniface Test Strike
PCGS AU 58



1904 \$20 Gold
Double Struck
ANACS MS 60 Proof-Like



Indian Cent on Half Dime Planchet
Uniface Obverse
PCGS MS 63



1851 3¢ Obverse & Reverse
Die Trials
Struck on Cardboard



1864 2¢ Obverse Die Cap
Mated With Brockage
PCGS MS 62



Martha Washington Dollar Test Piece
Clad Plan w/Exp Edge
NGC MS 64



1869 Indian Cent
Struck on Silver Dime Planchet
PCGS AU 55



1856 Large Cent Obverse Cap/
Brockage Reverse
Gem BU



Martha Washington Dollar Test Piece
Sac Plan w/Exp Edge
NGC MS 64



1906-D \$20 Liberty Gold
Broadstruck
NGC AU 58



1920 SL 25¢
Struck on Peru 20C Planchet
NGC MS 60 FH Unique



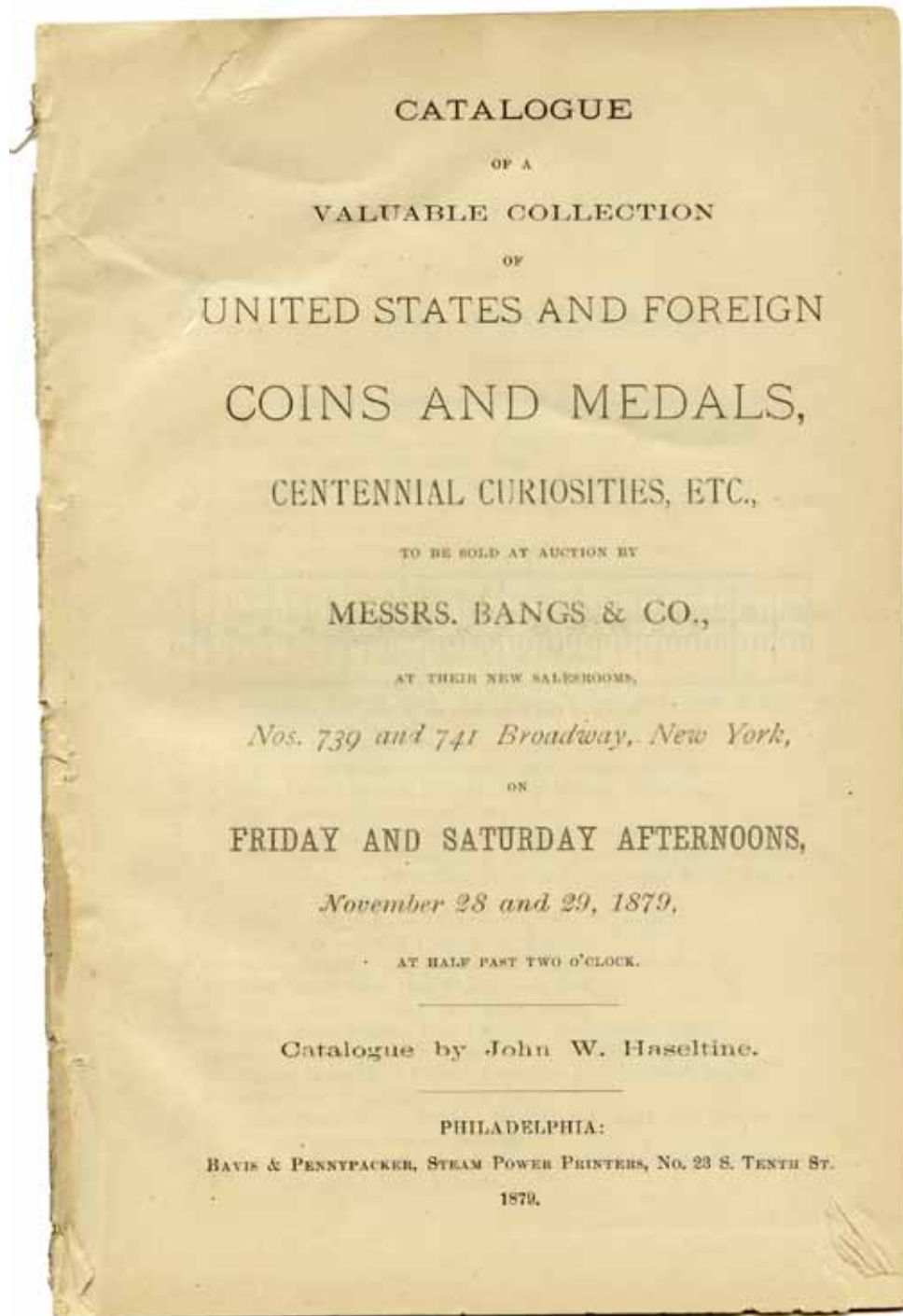
1838 \$5 Die Trial Splasher
J-A1838-6
PCGS MS 65 UNIQUE



1866 Shield Nickel with RAYS
Struck on Indian Cent Planchet
PCGS XF 45

Mint Errors Listed in 1879 Catalogue

Editor's Note: One of our readers found this coin catalogue from 1879. In it were two pages that listed major mint errors for sale. Included in these mint errors were several double strikes and brockages. It is one of the earliest listings of major mint errors that we've ever seen.



EIGHTEENTH CENTURY. HALF PENNIES.

- 15 98 1760; "I promise to pay to the bearer on demand two pence, Frank McMinn;" rev., blank; good; rare.
- 70 99 1792; Coventry; Lady Godiva naked; rev., elephant; barely circulated; scarce.
- 130 100 1792; Lady Godiva naked; rev., coat of arms, griffins, etc.; motto, "God Grant Grace;" very good; extremely rare variety.
- 70 101 1793; Lady Godiva naked; rev., elephant; barely circulated; scarce.
- 65 102 1794; Lady Godiva naked; rev., tower; very fine; scarce.
- 230 103 1795; Lady Godiva naked; rev., tower; uncirculated; this date is extremely rare and brings £1 in London.
- 10 104 1794; Lambe & Son, Bath; very good; brass; very rare; the only one I ever saw in brass.
- 70 105 1791; G. F. Handel; Choral Fund for Decayed Widows; fine; rare.
- 15 106 1796; Scotch head, with pipe; "Campbell's snuff shop;" very good; rare.
- 7 107 "Tom Takle is rich;" sailor with sword; fair; rare.
- 5 108 M. I. Blake, Esq.; III (three pence); very good; rare.
- 25 109 Lutwiches Manufactory; Medals and Coins; uncirculated; rare
- 55 110 1799; Isle of Wight; Half Penny; good; scarce.
- 7 111 1791-92; obv., head of Shakespeare; all different; good; 4 pieces.
- 4 112 1794-95; head of Prince of Wales; different; good to fine; 3 pieces.
- 8 113 1788-93; John Wilkinson, Iron Master; all have his head on obverse, and all different; scarce lot; good to fine; 9 pieces.
- 4 114 Half Penny Tokens; different; good to fine; 29 pieces.
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- 6 115 Penny Tokens; different; good; 10 pieces.
- 10 116 Farthing Token; Pidecock; elephant; uncirculated.
- " 117 Hot rolls every morning; Farthing; good; scarce.
- 3 118 English tokens; fine; all brass; very scarce; 11 pieces.

Curious Misstruck Coins.

- 65 119 1831; Cent. reverse same as obverse, incused.
- 70 120 Cent, with two tails or reverses; one incused.
- 52 121 1797; Cent; rev., double strike; making a very small wreath and no "One."
- 20 122 1829; Cent; rev., double strike, showing 2 wreaths.
- " 123 Cent; obverse and reverse incused.
- 15 124 Cent; struck on part of planchet only.
- 20 125 1848; Cent; obverse and reverse incused.
- 16 126 1845; Cent; obverse and reverse incused.
- 15 127 1808; Half Cent; reverse same as obverse, incused.
- " 128 1787; New Jersey Cent struck over a Connecticut Cent; "Con. Ribus Unum."

- 16 129 1787; Connecticut Cent; with two reverses, one incused.
 10 130 Connecticut Cent; struck on part of planchet only.
 10 131 Connecticut Cent; struck on part of planchet only.
 15 132 1788; Connecticut Cent; shows 2 heads on obverse.
 5 133 1810; Prussia; 1 Schilling; rev., same incused.
 1 134 1836; Belgium; rev., other side reverse incused.
 " 135 George III; Half Penny; reverse same as obverse, incused.
 2 136 United States; Bronze 2 and 1 Cents; struck on part of planchet only;
 4 pieces.
 15 137 Rebellion Token; "Good for 1 Cent;" rev., the same, incused.
 " 138 1863; Rebellion Token; head of Liberty; rev., the same, incused.
 " 139 1863; Rebellion Token; different head of Liberty; rev., the same, in-
 cused.
 " 140 Rebellion Token; Oliver Boutwell, Troy, N. Y.; rev., the same, in-
 cused.

United States Silver Dollars.

[Where a variety is designated by "H. & R." and a number, it relates to number of the variety, fully described in a work on the types and varieties of the United States Silver Dollars, Half and Quarter Dollars, compiled by John W. Haseltine from his collection and that of Mr. J. C. Randall, to be issued in 1880.]

- 230 141 1795; wide date; one point of star touches the curl nearly at the end;
 reverse has 19 berries; very fine; H. & R., No. 1.
 175 142 1795; wide date; long bust; lower curl has one point of star touching
 it; rev., 14 berries; good; scratched in field; H. & R., No. 7;
 scarce.
 260 143 1795; fillet head; lower star touches second curl; rev., 7 berries; H. &
 R., No. 13; very good; almost fine.
 175 144 1795; fillet head; lowest star near lowest curl; rev., 6 berries; good;
 H. & R., No. 14.
 330 145 1796; small date; rev., 8 berries; fine; H. & R., No. 4.
 290 146 1796; large date; rev., lowest berry under the stem of wreath opposite
 to "U;" very good; H. & R., No. 5; scarce.
 325 147 1797; 7 stars facing; rev., lowest berry on upper part of the stem of
 wreath; fine; H. & R., No. 1.
 275 148 1797; 6 stars facing; rev., lowest berry under the stem of wreath;
 good; H. & R., No. 3.
 525 149 1798; 13 stars; rev., small eagle; large letters; good; rare; H. & R.,
 No. 1.
 200 150 1798; large eagle; close date; 8 in date touches the bust; rev., 10
 arrows in eagle's claw; diminutive berries on laurel branch; fine;
 H. & R., No. 6.

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Connecticut Quarter Unique Fold-Over

by Tim Bullard (errorcointrader.com)

A fold-over coin is one of the most dramatic types of errors. It occurs when the blank is standing vertically between the dies. During the strike, the force is so great that it bends and folds the blank. These fold-overs can be on-center or off-center, and come in many different shapes. There are a few fold-overs with multiple errors, either with an additional strike or fold-over. Denominations above quarters are very scarce.

This is the only known fold-over for a Connecticut State Quarter and only the second known for the entire State Quarter Series. Foldovers are extremely rare in higher denominations.



PCGS Certifies Rare U.S. Silver Dollar Pattern as a Mint Error

Major Mint Errors on Proof U.S. Patterns are very rare. This 1871 Proof Silver Dollar Pattern in the *Standard Silver Series* was double struck on the obverse with a 5 degree rotation between the two strikes.

This pattern is Judd #1133 with a Rarity Rating of R-6. The obverse is Longacre's Indian Princess design. This pattern mint error is in choice proof condition with light original toning.



Shield Nickels on Cents

by Saul Teichman (uspatterns.com)

Shield nickels on cent planchets have often been mistaken for regular die trial pieces in various auction sales from the 1870's to the early 1900's. The following dates are recorded:

1866. This is often confused with examples of J510/P594. Only 2 are confirmed including the illustrated example making it as rare or rarer than the corresponding die trials. In fact, one of these, ex Seavey Descriptive Catalog (1873) #1048, Parmelee (1890) part of lot 165 was listed and sold in the pattern section of these sales. The illustrated example is ex Federal Brand 5/59, Superior 9/98 lot 854, Jim O'Donnell, Superior 2/01, Mike Byers and is graded PCGS XF 45.

J510



Note that the entire design does not fit on the smaller planchet.

1867 with rays which could be confused with J572/P648. A single gem UNC example is known ex Seavey Descriptive Catalog (1873) #1056, Parmelee (1890) part of lot 175 and is presently owned by Saul Teichman. It also was sold in the pattern section of the listed sales.

J572



1867 without rays which could be confused with J573/P650. This is reported in Judd and Taxay but is not confirmed.

J573



1868 which could be confused with J635/P707. This is reported in Judd and Taxay but is not confirmed. The copper pattern is also unconfirmed and may be a misdescription of this mint error.

1873 which could be confused with J1264/P1406. An example was offered in the pattern section of the 1909 Zabriskie sale - lot 312 in UNC which later ended up in the Olsen and Farouk collections.

J1264



1876 reported by member Fred Weinberg.

1882 ex Elder 2/25/09 lot 37, Elder 11/37 (a Chicago collector – Brand?) lot 1189, Xan Chamberlain - UNC. A second example - cleaned and VF is ex Heritage 9/02, Fred Weinberg and has since been rehabbed by NCS.



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2004 FUN Show and the Error Coin Market

- What We Expect To See This Year -

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The 2004 FUN convention in Florida has come and gone. By all reports it was the BEST show in 20 years! We had a superior show with the sale of many many certified error coins, our only problem was buying enough to replace what we sold. FUN has always been the market indicator for Numismatics, this being the case the indicator dial is OFF the charts and due to set many new records this year. The entire show was busy, especially the very first day on Thursday, and the public streamed in trying to scoff up any to be had fresh Numismatic material, simply amazing!

“Hold on to your seats” is all we can state as how we view this year’s Error coin market. We

believe prices will continue to explode on all fronts. There’s just too much going for this numismatic area, few if any fresh errors are escaping the Mint, the numismatic market in whole is very active and strong, and everyone is talking about or interested in Errors.

Ebay is active and prices are at extreme highs for better high grade errors. Just blink and your chance has gone to purchase that coin you were thinking about as someone else has come along and purchased it out from underneath you. If you’re sitting on a better collection, sit back and pick a price level you would be comfortable to sell at. Looking to buy? Jump in as this market is still near the bottom.

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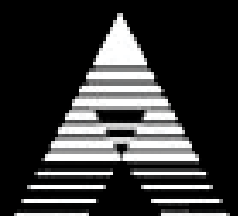
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Mint Error News Price Guide

This price guide is brought to you by Mint Error News. It has been compiled by many of the top major mint error dealers.

This price guide is a guide. Prices fluctuate due to the date, grade, eye appeal and how dramatic the striking error is. Rarity is also a factor. The price is sometimes based on the rarity and grade of the type of coin as well as how rare the error is. The price can also vary depending on whether two collectors are bidding for the same rare major mint error. When purchasing a mint error, it is important to use multiple resources to determine value, as there are many mint errors that do not fit into one category.

Proof Errors



Proof coins are struck by technicians who hand feed the blanks into special presses. They are produced, examined, and packaged using extreme quality control. It is very unusual to find major proof errors. A few broadstrikes, off-centers, double strikes in collars and off-metals have been known to be found in sealed proof sets. Proof errors are aggressively sought after by many error collectors.

A very small group of Proof errors recently came from a collection that was auctioned by the State of California. The U.S. Secret Service inspected and released this collection to the State of California determining that it was legal to own. The State of California then auctioned the collection and it has been dispersed since the sale.

Denomination	Broadstrikes	Die Trials	Double/Triple Strikes	Off-Center Strikes	Partial Collar Errors
Proof Lincoln Cent	\$1,500 - \$2,500	N/A	\$4,000	\$1,500 - \$3,000	\$750
Proof Jefferson Nickel	\$2,500 - \$4,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$2,000 - \$5,000	\$1,000
Proof Clad Dime	\$3,000 - \$5,000	N/A	\$6,000	\$2,500 - \$5,000	\$1,250
Proof Clad Quarter	\$4,000 - \$5,000	N/A	\$7,500	\$3,000 - \$6,000	\$1,500
Proof Clad Half	\$5,000 - \$7,000	\$4,000 - \$5,000	\$7,500	\$4,000 - \$7,500	\$2,000

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Broadstrikes



A broadstruck error occurs when a coin is struck without the collar to form the rim and edge that is part of the shape of the coin. Coins can be broadstruck on either type one or type two planchets. When a coin is broadstruck the blank being fed into the collar will spread and distort outward as it is being struck because the collar isn't in the correct position to retain it.

Denomination	(Small) XF/AU	(Small) Unc	(Large) XF/AU	(Large) Unc
Large Cent	\$150	\$300	\$400	\$1,500
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$5,000
Indian Cent	\$50	\$150	\$200	\$350
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$50	\$150	\$100	\$250
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$40	\$100	\$75	\$200
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$1,500	N/A	\$2,500
3 Cent Nickel	\$250	\$1,000	\$400	\$1,500
3 Cent Silver	\$1,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$5,000
Shield Nickel	\$400	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$2,500
Liberty Nickel	\$150	\$300	\$200	\$600
Buffalo Nickel	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$500
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$2,500	N/A	\$4,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$7,500
Seated Dime Legend	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$7,500
Barber Dime	\$150	\$250	\$200	\$400
Mercury Dime	\$40	\$150	\$150	\$250
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$3,000	N/A	\$5,000
Barber Quarter	\$600	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$2,500
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$75	\$150	\$100	\$250
State Quarter	N/A	\$25	N/A	\$50
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$4,000	N/A	\$5,000
Barber Half	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$3,000	\$5,000
Walking Liberty Half	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$7,000
Franklin Half	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$150	\$250	\$200	\$300
Kennedy Half Clad	\$40	\$60	\$50	\$75
Proof Clad Half	N/A	\$5,000	N/A	\$7,000
Morgan Dollar	\$200	\$500	\$400	\$1,000
Peace Dollar	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
IKE Dollar	\$100	\$150	\$150	\$200
SBA Dollar	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$200
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$300	N/A	\$500

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Partial Collars



Partial collar strikes occur when there is a malfunction of the striking press. This causes the collar to be in an incorrect position. The lower die (usually the reverse die) is recessed in the collar. This allows the coin which is going to be struck to have a formed rim. After a coin is struck the lower die rises upwards, pushing the struck coin out of the collar and ejecting it. If a blank entering the collar is not properly seated, it will only have partial reeding as it is struck. The edge of this coin will have a partial reeding and a partial blank surface area. Recently, the Mint has installed new machinery where either die can be installed in either position.

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Large Cent	\$100	\$200
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$500	\$1,500
Indian Cent	\$35	\$100
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$30	\$100
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$25	\$50
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$750
3 Cent Nickel	\$150	\$500
3 Cent Silver	\$750	\$2,000
Shield Nickel	\$200	\$600
Liberty Nickel	\$50	\$150
Buffalo Nickel	\$50	\$75
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$40	\$60
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$1,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$750	\$1,500
Seated Dime Legend	\$500	\$1,250
Barber Dime	\$75	\$150
Mercury Dime	\$30	\$100
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$1,250
Barber Quarter	\$300	\$750
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$1,250	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$40	\$75
State Quarter	N/A	\$15
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$1,500
Barber Half	\$1,000	\$1,500
Walking Liberty Half	\$1,500	\$3,500
Franklin Half	\$500	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$50	\$100
Kennedy Half Clad	\$20	\$30
Proof Clad Half	N/A	\$2,000
Morgan Dollar	\$150	\$300
Peace Dollar	\$1,000	\$2,500
IKE Dollar	\$50	\$100
SBA Dollar	\$20	\$30
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$100

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Uniface Strikes

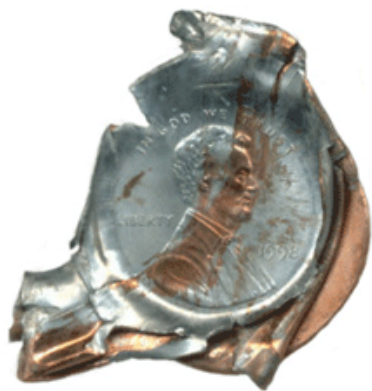


Uniface coins occur when there have been two blank planchets in the press at the same time. The other blank will obstruct the die on either the obverse or reverse side, which will prevent it from having that design on the coin. There are many different variations involving uniface errors. In addition to having a 100% blank obverse or reverse, a coin can be struck off-center, with a blank planchet in the collar which will obstruct one side of the off-center. There are also mated pairs which have a combination of multiple errors which can include a side which is uniface. Finally, there are uniface strikes due to a die cap which adhered to the die, forming itself in the shape of a die and striking blank planchets.

Denomination	Uniface Obverse XF	Uniface Obverse Unc	Uniface Reverse XF	Uniface Reverse Unc
Large Cent	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$3,000
Indian Cent	\$1,250	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$250	\$500	\$200	\$400
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$50	\$100	\$40	\$75
3 Cent Nickel	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$2,500
Shield Nickel	\$1,750	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$3,000
Liberty Nickel	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$300	\$750	\$250	\$500
Jefferson Nickel	\$20	\$40	\$20	\$40
Barber Dime	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$2,500
Mercury Dime	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$2,250
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$100	\$150	\$100	\$150
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$40	\$75	\$35	\$60
Washington Quarter Silver	\$400	\$750	\$350	\$500
Washington Quarter Clad	\$100	\$125	\$75	\$100
State Quarter	N/A	\$300	N/A	\$500
Kennedy Half Clad	\$750	\$1,000	\$500	\$750
IKE Dollar	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,750	\$2,500
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$1,000	N/A	\$750
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$1,500	N/A	\$1,000

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Bonded Coins



Bonded coins occur when the feeder system, which supplies blank planchets to the coin press, malfunctions and jams. When this occurs, a struck coin is not properly ejected and another planchet is fed into the collar and is struck. This struck coin will land on top of the previously unejected strike and crush and bond together. This may occur many times as more coins bond.

Denomination	2 Planchets	3-4 Planchets
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$2,500	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$400	\$1,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$600	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$1,000	–
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$600	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$2,500	–
Washington Quarter Clad	\$1,500	–
State Quarter	\$5,000	–
Kennedy Half Silver	\$10,000	–
Kennedy Half Clad	\$7,500	–
IKE Dollar	–	–
SBA Dollar	–	–
Sac Dollar	–	–

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Coins Struck on Feeder Finger Tips



After a recent tour of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, it was discovered that the minting process had changed to some degree. One of the changes was that “feeder fingers” were used during the striking of all denominations of U.S. coins. Prior to this tour, U.S. coins that were struck on feeder finger tips were authenticated and described as being struck on aluminum scrap. All modern denominations have been discovered that were struck on the tips of these feeder fingers.

Denomination	Small	Medium	Large
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
Washington Quarter Clad	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
State Quarter	\$4,500	\$6,500	\$8,500
Kennedy Half Clad	–	–	–
SBA Dollar	–	–	\$12,500
Sac Dollar	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$10,000

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Struck Fragments



The blanking press takes the coils of metal strips and punches blanks out of it, ejecting the webbing at the other end. The webbing is cut into small scrap pieces to be melted and recycled. Occasionally a scrap piece will be mixed with the blank planchets and struck by the dies. Struck fragments are rare in denominations above cents. These can be uniface or die struck both sides and are very rare on type coins.

Denomination	Uniface	Die Struck Both Sides
Indian Cent	–	\$4,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$750	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$75	\$125
3 Cent Nickel	–	\$7,500
Jefferson Nickel	\$100	\$200
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$300	\$750
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$150	\$250
Washington Quarter Silver	\$750	–
Washington Quarter Clad	\$200	\$300
State Quarter	\$750	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Silver	–	–
Kennedy Half Clad	\$750	\$1,250
IKE Dollar	–	–
SBA Dollar	\$2,000	\$4,000
Sac Dollar	–	–

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Mated Pairs



Mated pairs involve two individual coins with different errors that were struck together at the same time. Mated pair error combinations can be found in most error types and come in many shapes and sizes. Mated pairs can be overlapped where one of the coins was struck off-center on top of another coin. Another type involves a brockage where a struck coin was perfectly centered on a blank and restruck. Some mated pairs involve a die cap where the cap and brockage coin are discovered together, but this is a scarce find.

The rarest mated pair type involves two die caps (obverse and reverse) where both dies were capped at the same time and both die caps are mated. This last type is extremely rare and there are only a few known examples of mated pairs involving an obverse die cap and reverse die cap. There are several of these mated pairs known on Kennedy Halves including two dated 1976, which is the Bicentennial year. One of the most spectacular mated pairs involve two Barber Dimes, an obverse die cap mated to a reverse die cap and are unique.

Mated pairs can also involve an off-metal where a smaller blank planchet or smaller struck coin was struck on top of a larger coin. This type is extremely rare. The most spectacular pair known is a double struck Franklin Half which was mated to a Lincoln Cent. The Lincoln Cent blank was on top of the obverse of the struck Franklin Half. This pair was then struck together. It is unique.

Denomination	Overlapping	Full Brockage	Die Cap	2 Die Caps
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$1,000	\$1,500	–	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$200	\$300	\$500	\$750
Liberty Nickel	–	\$20,000	–	–
Jefferson Nickel (pre War Time)	–	–	–	\$15,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$350	\$500	\$650	\$1,000
Barber Dime	–	–	–	\$40,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	–
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$500	\$750	\$1,250	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$2,000	–	–	–
Washington Quarter Clad	\$1,000	\$2,500	–	–
State Quarter	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	–
Kennedy Half Silver	–	–	\$10,000	–
Kennedy Half Clad	\$7,500	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
IKE Dollar	–	–	–	–
SBA Dollar	\$7,500	–	–	–
Sac Dollar	–	–	–	–

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Transitional Errors



A transitional error occurs when a coin is struck on a planchet from a previous year with different metal composition. The most famous transitional is a 1943 copper cent struck on a 1942 copper blank, since 1943 cents were struck in steel. Other famous transitionals include 1965 coinage struck in silver instead of clad. There are also transitionals struck on blanks for the next year. An example is 1964 coinage in clad instead of silver. Most recently, transitionals were discovered involving the SBA and Sacagawea dollars of 1999 and 2000. There are a few known 1999 SBA dollars struck on the brass planchet for the 2000 Sacagawea dollar. A unique specimen is known of a 2000 Sacagawea dollar struck on a clad planchet for the 1999 SBA dollar.

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Lincoln Cent 1943 Transitional	Copper Cent Planchet	\$40,000 +	\$60,000 +	\$85,000 +	\$100,000 +
Lincoln Cent 1944 Transitional	Steel Cent Planchet	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$17,500	\$25,000
Lincoln Cent 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,500
Lincoln Cent 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$2,750	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Roosevelt Dime 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Roosevelt Dime 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Washington Quarter 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Washington Quarter 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$9,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$8,500
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$8,000	\$9,000
Ike Dollar Transitional	40% Silver Planchet	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
SBA Dollar Transitional	Sacagawea Planchet	N/A	N/A	\$12,500	\$15,000
Sacagawea Dollar Transitional	SBA Planchet	N/A	N/A	\$12,500	\$15,000

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U.S. Gold Errors



Major mint errors on U.S. Gold coins are the most prized category of all mint errors. Gold errors are very rare and a few have traded in the \$75,000 to \$100,000 range. Even a broadstruck U.S. Gold coin can easily sell for \$15,000 to \$30,000 compared to a broadstruck Cent, Nickel, Dime or Quarter which all sell for well under \$10. Many serious collectors of Gold Errors have to wait patiently for months and sometimes even years to acquire that one special piece for their collection.

The prices listed here are for common dates in AU-Unc. Better dates and errors that are in gem condition are worth considerably more.

Denomination	Partial Collar	Broadstruck	Clipped Planchet	3% - 5% Off-Center	10% - 15% Off-Center
\$1 Gold Type 1	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$12,500	\$20,000
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$6,000	—	\$12,500	—	—
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$4,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
\$2½ Liberty	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$4,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
\$2½ Indian	—	—	\$4,000	\$7,500	\$12,500
\$3 Indian	\$7,500	\$20,000	\$7,500	—	—
\$5 Liberty	\$6,000	\$12,500	\$6,000	\$15,000	\$25,000
\$5 Indian	—	—	\$6,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$10 Liberty	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$7,500	\$25,000	\$40,000
\$10 Indian	—	—	\$7,500	\$25,000	\$40,000
\$20 Liberty	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$150,000
\$20 St. Gaudens	—	—	\$10,000	—	—
\$5 American Eagle	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$750	\$2,500	\$3,500
\$10 American Eagle	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$3,500
\$25 American Eagle	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$5,000
\$50 American Eagle	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$7,500

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Indents



An indent error occurs when two blanks are fed inadvertently into the same collar, with one blank partly overlaying on top of the other. When the hammer die strikes this combination, the upper blank will be forced into the lower blank, creating a depression which is shaped similar to the upper blank. A scarce type of indent occurs when a blank intended for one denomination lands on top of a blank from a different denomination.

Denomination	10% - 25% XF	30% - 50% XF	10% - 25% Unc	30% - 50% Unc
Large Cent	\$300	—	—	—
Indian Cent	\$250	\$500	\$400	\$650
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$100	\$300	\$175	\$500
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$30	\$75	\$75	\$125
3 Cent Nickel	\$500	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$3,000
Shield Nickel	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,000
Liberty Nickel	\$400	\$1,000	\$750	\$1,500
Buffalo Nickel	\$300	\$1,000	—	—
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$200	\$400	\$400	\$750
Jefferson Nickel	\$10	\$25	\$15	\$30
Barber Dime	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$3,000
Mercury Dime	\$300	\$750	\$500	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$30	\$60	\$50	\$100
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$10	\$20	\$15	\$30
Washington Quarter Silver	\$100	\$200	\$150	\$300
Washington Quarter Clad	\$25	\$50	\$35	\$100
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$200	\$350
Kennedy Half Clad	\$150	\$300	\$200	\$400
IKE Dollar	\$350	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$250	\$500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$400	\$750

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Capped Dies



A capped die is caused when a struck coin sticks to the upper hammer die. Once the coin is struck to the die face, the reverse of the struck coin becomes the new die face. When the next blank is fed into the collar and the strike occurs, the reverse design of the adhered struck coin impresses itself into the new blank. This struck coin is a brockage strike. The coin adhered to the upper die is known as a die cap. This process repeats itself as more coins are struck by the cap. The greater the number of strikes, the higher the cap metal will be pushed around the upper die shaft. Eventually, the cap brakes away from the die in the shape of a thimble.

Denomination	Obverse Cap XF	Obverse Cap Unc	Reverse Cap XF	Reverse Cap Unc
Large Cent	\$12,500	\$15,000	—	—
Indian Cent 1859	\$10,000	\$15,000	—	—
Indian Cent 1860-1864	\$8,500	\$12,500	—	—
Indian Cent 1864-1909	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$7,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	—	—	—	—
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$750
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$150	\$200	\$50	\$100
2 Cent Piece	\$12,500	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
3 Cent Nickel	—	—	—	—
Shield Nickel	—	—	—	—
Liberty Nickel	\$12,500	\$20,000	—	—
Buffalo Nickel (1 Known)	—	\$30,000	—	—
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$10,000	—	—	—
Jefferson Nickel	\$200	\$350	\$150	\$250
Barber Dime	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Mercury Dime (2 Known)	\$6,500	\$10,000	—	—
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$750	\$1,250	\$500	\$750
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$200	\$400	\$200	\$250
Barber Quarter	\$15,000	\$20,000	—	—
Washington Quarter Silver	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$350	\$500	\$250	\$350
State Quarter	N/A	\$1,000	N/A	\$600
Kennedy Half Silver	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Kennedy Half Clad	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$2,000
Kennedy Half Bicentennial	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$1,750	\$2,500
IKE Dollar	—	\$20,000	—	—
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$20,000	N/A	\$15,000
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$20,000	N/A	\$15,000

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Die Adjustment Strikes



Die adjustment strikes are also known as die trials. This error occurs when a coin is struck from the press with very little pressure. When the press is being set up and adjusted, extremely weak strikes occur as the strike pressure reaches its optimum level. These die trials are destroyed after being struck and are rarely found in circulation.

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Indian Cent	\$3,000	\$4,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ear	\$200	\$300
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$750	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$50	\$75
2 Cent	\$5,000	–
Liberty Nickel	\$3,000	\$5,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$4,000	\$7,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$1,250	\$2,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$75	\$100
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$4,000
Barber Dime	\$4,000	\$5,000
Mercury Dime	\$3,500	\$5,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$350	\$500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$100	\$125
Seated Quarter	\$10,000	\$15,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$15,000	\$20,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$500	\$750
Washington Quarter Clad (Pre-State)	\$125	\$150
State Quarter	N/A	\$250 +
Walking Liberty Half	\$10,000	\$12,500
Kennedy Half Silver	\$500	\$750
Kennedy Half Clad	\$200	\$250
Proof Kennedy Half 40% Silver	N/A	\$5,000
Proof Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$4,000
Morgan Dollar	\$10,000	\$15,000
Peace Dollar	\$10,000	\$15,000
IKE Dollar	\$300	\$400
IKE Dollar Bicentennial	\$350	\$500
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$500
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$1,000

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Double Denominations



One of the most expensive, popular, and desired types of errors are the double denominations. This error happens when a coin is struck on a previously struck coin of a smaller denomination. Examples are a cent on a struck dime, and a nickel on a struck cent. The most dramatic are those with considerable design visible from the original strike. There are a few known double denominations with different dates.

Denomination	Struck On	Circulated	AU	Unc
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Mercury Dime	\$6,000	–	–
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Roosevelt Dime	\$4,000	–	–
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Foreign Coin	\$2,000	\$2,500	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Roosevelt Dime Clad	N/A	N/A	\$500
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Foreign Coin	N/A	600	\$750
Jefferson Nickel	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500
Jefferson Nickel	Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$500	\$600	\$750
Jefferson Nickel	Foreign Coin	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Jefferson Nickel	Roosevelt Dime	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	Foreign Coin	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$7,500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	Foreign Coin	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Foreign Coin	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Jefferson Nickel	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Foreign Coin	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
Washington Quarter Clad	Jefferson Nickel	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
State Quarter	Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$5,000	\$6,000
State Quarter (Extremely Rare)	Any Other Denomination	N/A	\$10,000 +	–
Kennedy Half (Extremely Rare)	Any Denomination	–	–	–
IKE Dollar (Extremely Rare)	Any Denomination	–	–	–
Sac Dollar	Maryland State Quarter	N/A	\$4,500	\$5,500

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Brockages



A brockage error can only occur when there are two coins involved. One of the coins involved will always be a struck coin which has not ejected properly. That struck coin will find its way back between the dies and will be struck next to a blank planchet which was fed into the collar. The image of that first struck coin will be impressed into that side of the blank planchet. The result will be a second coin which has images of the first coin impressed into it. Those images will be pressed into the coin and the image will be in reverse. This incuse sunken image is known as a brockage.

Denomination	50% Brockage XF	100% Brockage XF	50% Brockage Unc	100% Brockage Unc
Large Cent	\$600	\$1,000	\$3,000	–
Indian Cent	\$500	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$350	\$500	\$650	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$125	\$200	\$200	\$350
3 Cent Nickel	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$5,000
3 Cent Silver	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Shield Nickel	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	–
Liberty Nickel	\$1,250	\$2,250	\$2,000	–
Buffalo Nickel	\$2,000	–	–	–
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$250	\$750	\$750	–
Jefferson Nickel	\$50	\$75	\$50	\$150
Barber Dime	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
Mercury Dime	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$4,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$100	\$200	\$150	\$250
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$50	\$100	\$75	\$150
Washington Quarter Silver	\$200	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$75	\$150	\$150	\$250
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$750	\$1,500
Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	N/A	\$650	\$1,500
IKE Dollar	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$500	\$1,500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$1,500	–

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Double & Multiple Strikes



When a blank planchet is struck by the dies, the normal procedure is for the feeders to eject the struck coin out of the collar and into a chute. If there is a malfunction and the struck coin isn't ejected, it may receive a second or third strike by the dies. A multiple struck coin can happen in many ways and have many combinations of errors.

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Large Cent	\$1,000	–
Indian Cent	\$600	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$850	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$400	\$1,000
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$4,000
3 Cent Nickel	\$2,000	\$3,500
Liberty Nickel	\$4,000	\$10,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$6,000	\$10,000
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$750	\$2,000
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$6,000
Barber Dime	\$4,000	\$10,000
Mercury Dime	\$3,500	\$8,500
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$6,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$12,500	\$20,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$200	\$350
State Quarter	N/A	\$350 – \$750
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$7,500
Walking Liberty Half	\$7,500	\$12,500
Franklin Half	\$5,000	\$10,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$1,500	\$2,500
Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$750
Proof Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$7,500
Morgan Dollar	\$12,500	\$20,000
Peace Dollar	\$15,000	\$25,000
IKE Dollar	\$2,000	\$3,000
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$1,000 – \$2,500
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$1,500 – \$3,000

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Off-Center Strikes



Off-center coins are one of the most common and best known types of errors. This happens when a blank which is supposed to be fed into the press, lands in the collar improperly. When this occurs only part of the blank is between the upper and lower dies. When the dies strike the blank, only that part will be struck with a design.

Denomination	10% - 15% XF/AU	25% - 60% XF/AU	10% - 15% Unc	25% - 60% Unc
Large Cent	\$400	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$7,500
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
Indian Cent	\$100	\$400	\$200	\$600
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$75	\$300	\$150	\$750
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$40	\$250	\$100	\$500
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	N/A	\$1,500	\$3,000
3 Cent Nickel	\$300	\$1,500	\$600	\$3,500
3 Cent Silver	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	–
Shield Nickel	\$750	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$7,500
Liberty Nickel	\$250	\$1,000	\$500	\$2,500
Buffalo Nickel	\$250	\$750	\$400	\$1,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$100	\$500	\$200	\$1,000
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	N/A	\$2,000	\$5,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$15,000
Seated Dime Legend	\$2,000	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$10,000
Barber Dime	\$300	\$1,500	\$500	\$2,500
Mercury Dime	\$100	\$750	\$150	\$1,250
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	N/A	\$2,500	\$5,000
Barber Quarter	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$10,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$5,000	–	\$15,000	–
Washington Quarter Silver	\$50	\$100	\$75	\$150
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$75	\$300
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$3,000	\$6,000
Barber Half	\$3,000	\$8,500	\$5,000	–
Walking Liberty Half	\$4,000	\$12,500	\$7,500	–
Franklin Half	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$6,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$100	\$500	\$250	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Clad	\$60	\$250	\$100	\$400
Proof Clad Half	N/A	N/A	\$4,000	\$7,500
Morgan Dollar	\$3,000	\$13,500	\$7,500	\$20,000
Peace Dollar	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$8,500	\$30,000
IKE Dollar	\$125	\$1,250	\$150	\$2,000
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$100	\$500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	\$3,500

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Off-Metals



Off-metal and wrong planchet errors occur when a correctly made blank from one denomination is accidentally fed into a press for another denomination. Examples are a nickel struck on a cent planchet and a cent struck on a dime planchet. The coin struck on an incorrect blank will weigh exactly what the denomination of that blank would have been. An even more dramatic wrong planchet error is a coin struck on a previously struck coin of a different metal.

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Indian Cent	Foreign Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$5,000
Indian Cent	Dime Planchet	\$7,500	\$12,500	–	–
Lincoln Cent Before 1919	Dime Planchet	\$4,000	\$6,500	\$10,000	–
Lincoln Cent Before 1919	Foreign Planchet	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$6,000	–
Lincoln Cent 1919 – 1940	Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$6,000
Lincoln Cent 1919 – 1940	Foreign Planchet	\$750	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	Dime Planchet	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$4,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Transitional	Copper Cent Planchet	\$40,000 +	\$60,000 +	\$85,000 +	\$100,000 +
Lincoln Cent 1944 Transitional	Steel Cent Planchet	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$17,500	\$25,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears (1941-1964)	Dime Planchet	\$500	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent 1965 and Later	Dime Planchet	\$125	\$150	\$200	\$350
Lincoln Cent 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,500
Lincoln Cent 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$2,750	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Shield Nickel	Foreign Planchet	\$7,500	\$12,500	–	–
Shield Nickel	Cent Planchet	\$6,000	\$12,500	\$15,000	–
Liberty Nickel	Foreign Planchet	\$400	\$750	\$1,250	\$2,000
Liberty Nickel	Cent Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
Buffalo Nickel	Foreign Planchet	\$2,500	\$6,000	\$10,000	–
Buffalo Nickel	Cent Planchet	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000
Jefferson Nickel Before 1950	Cent Planchet	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
Jefferson Nickel 1950 and Later	Cent Planchet	\$125	\$150	\$200	\$250
Jefferson Nickel 1943	Steel Cent Planchet	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000
Jefferson Nickel 1964 and Earlier	Silver Dime Planchet	\$200	\$300	\$350	\$400
Jefferson Nickel 1965 and Later	Clad Dime Planchet	\$150	\$200	\$225	\$250
Roosevelt Dime Silver	Foreign Planchet	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	Foreign Planchet	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,250	\$2,500
Roosevelt Dime 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Roosevelt Dime 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Cent Planchet	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$750
Washington Quarter Silver	Nickel Planchet	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600
Washington Quarter Clad	Cent Planchet	\$250	\$300	\$400	\$500
Washington Quarter Clad	Nickel Planchet	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250
Washington Quarter	Silver Dime Planchet	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$650
Washington Quarter	Clad Dime Planchet	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400
Washington Quarter 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Washington Quarter 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
State Quarter	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,000
Delaware State Quarter	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$500	\$650	\$750
All Other State Quarters	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
State Quarter	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$6,000
Walking Half	Quarter Planchet	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$17,500	\$22,500
Walking Half	Foreign Planchet	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$17,500	\$20,000
Franklin Half	Cent Planchet	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Franklin Half	Nickel Planchet	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Franklin Half	Dime Planchet	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$5,500	\$6,500
Franklin Half	Quarter Planchet	\$600	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Cent Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Nickel Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Dime Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$2,500
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Quarter Planchet	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$750
Kennedy Half Clad	Cent Planchet	\$750	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,500
Kennedy Half Clad	Nickel Planchet	\$750	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,250
Kennedy Half Clad	Dime Planchet	\$750	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,400
Kennedy Half Clad	Quarter Planchet	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$9,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$8,500
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$8,000	\$9,000
Ike Dollar	Cent Planchet	\$3,000	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$6,000
Ike Dollar	Nickel Planchet	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$6,000
Ike Dollar	Dime Planchet	\$3,250	\$3,750	\$5,500	\$6,500
Ike Dollar	Quarter Planchet	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$4,500
Ike Dollar	Half Planchet	\$1,600	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,500
Ike Dollar	Foreign Planchet	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Ike Dollar Transitional	40% Silver Planchet	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
SBA Dollar	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$1,750	\$2,250	\$3,000
SBA Dollar	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
SBA Dollar	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
SBA Dollar	Quarter Planchet	N/A	\$600	\$850	\$1,000
Sac Dollar	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Sac Dollar	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$7,500	\$8,000	\$9,000
Sac Dollar	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Sac Dollar	Quarter Planchet	N/A	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500

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This article can be viewed in Issue 2 of Mint Error News Magazine and also on minterrornews.com. The \$1,000 prize is a 1945-S War Time Nickel Struck on a Philippine 5c planchet.



Unique Origami Error

by Frederick Bart

The term “origami” derives from the Japanese language for the art of paper folding. The term is generally intended to reflect sequential, purposeful folds yielding an expressive, erotic, or artistic outcome. Fascinating designs have been created with United States paper money carefully and specifically folded. These can be viewed at <http://members.cox.net/crandall11/money/>

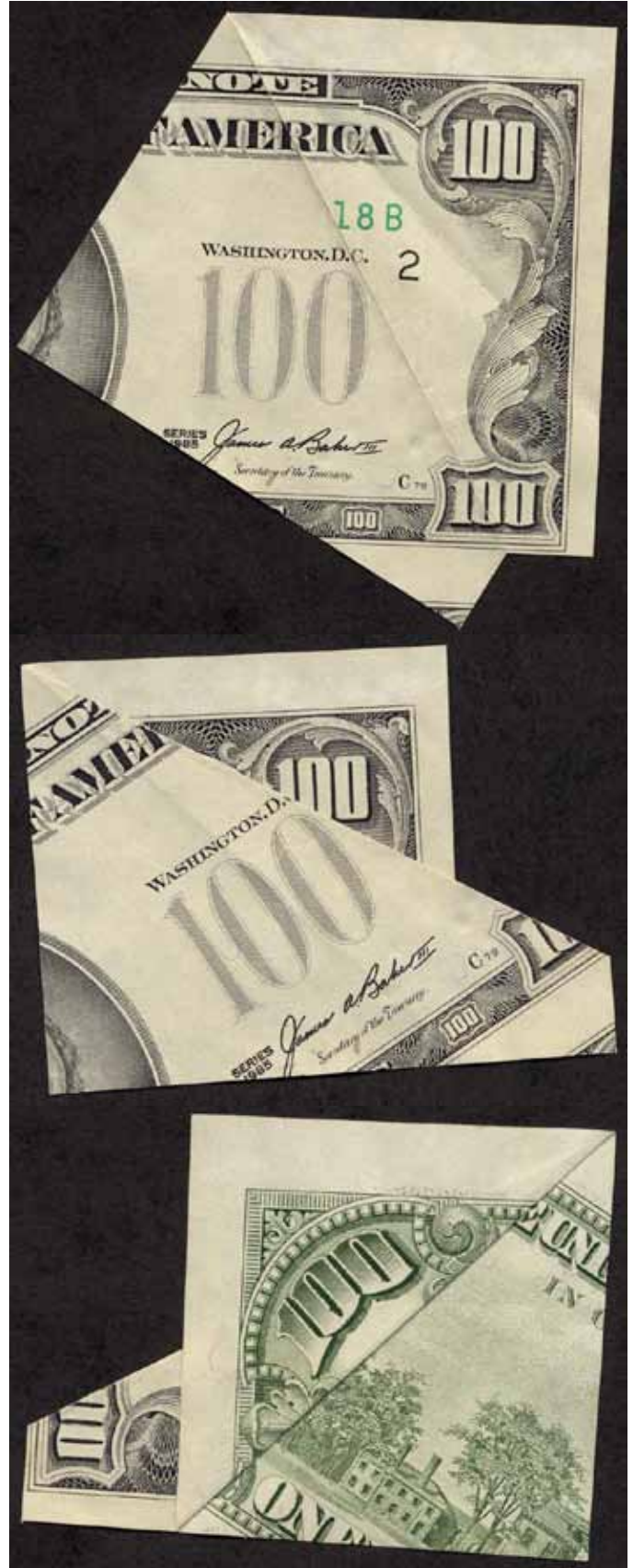
Other websites show erotic--what perhaps some might consider downright pornographic--images created by folding both large size (pre-1923) and modern or small size currency.

Although, in the purest form, “origami” denotes an intentional process, the same term has been applied to bizarre, accidental folds affecting paper money. In the technical sense, most of the error notes casually considered as origami, belong to the classifications of printed folds or cutting errors.

The \$100 series of 1985 Federal Reserve fragment illustrated might be categorized as origami by some. Certainly a weird pleat exists. There is small portion of the adjacent note from the uncut sheet visible at the bottom. Further, there is no green Treasury seal overlying the numerals “100” attesting to the authenticity of the piece. While some might consider such a happenstance to be a worthless piece of scrap, knowledgeable collectors recognize the unique nature of the item...and its incredible eye-appeal, when viewed from any possible perspective.

The note is from the inventory of Frederick J. Bart, paper money specialist and author of *United States Paper Money Errors: A Comprehensive Catalog & Price Guide* (Krause Publications, 2nd edition, 2003). He commented “In the entire spectrum of U.S. currency, few examples can even attempt to rival the dramatic nature of this magnificent example. The fact that it occurs on the highest circulating denomination provides another attraction.”

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Die Cap With Second Coin Bonded
MS64 Red Uncertified
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1974 Aluminum Cent

by Andy Lustig (uspatterns.com)



In the early-mid 1970's my grandfather ran a small pawn shop in Mississippi. I was just a pre-teenager then but I sometimes worked summer days there assisting around the shop. My grandfather's shop mostly dealt in guns, tools, and coins. He got me interested in collecting coins. The building that housed the shop is no longer there, it was bulldozed to make way for renovations in the early 1990's.

I remember my grandfather speaking one day of a "crazy" man who had just passed through his shop claiming that the US Mint was going to switch to aluminum cents. The man actually had several rolls of them for sale. The impression I got was that the man was homeless or transient, thought he had a hot commodity, and was selling them to pay for his day-to-day living/traveling expenses. My grandfather obtained one of the rolls as a souvenir. I don't think he paid much for the roll. We all got a big laugh about the very notion that the mint would switch to aluminum coinage. He gave each of us grandkids one as a valueless trinket.

Note: Since we live so close to New Orleans

where large aluminum doubloons are thrown as trinkets from Mardi Gras floats, we children knew that any coin made of aluminum was worthless. Thus we treated our aluminum cents as any child would a worthless trinket. Mine sat on a shelf at my mother's home for 15 or 20 years gathering dust along with other bric-a-brac until it was eventually disposed of during a spring cleaning after I moved away in the 1980's not too long after my grandfather's death.

Since then I had heard that the aluminum cents were a rarity and I have searched my mother's home for the coins to no avail. Recently the entire house has been gutted and remodeled and the coins have not been seen.

My younger brothers and sisters have vague recollections of having an "aluminum penny" but that was a childhood trinket and they have no idea where they are now.

Lord only knows what my granddad did with the remaining cents in the roll. Knowing him he probably handed them out to friends as gag gifts.

I have chatted with several people “in the know” over the years who told me I was imagining things. That my granddad could not have possibly had an entire roll of them because only pattern pieces were struck and all but 3 of them have been accounted for.

However on the uspatterns.com webpage: J2151/P2084 I saw a photo of my old aluminum cent. This page also states that “1.5 million of these were struck.” That explains it. Someone must have gotten their hands on a few rolls...one of which wound up in my grandfather’s pawn shop in south Mississippi.

I knew I wasn’t going crazy. I will now begin

asking his old friends that are still alive if they knew what ever happened to the rest of the roll of aluminum cents.

I am also curious if you have heard of any similar stories of a transient traveling the south in the 1970’s selling rolls of aluminum cents. I also wonder if you have heard of any official records of theft of any of the circulation pieces struck. It seems that I have found a truly interesting puzzle to work on. Please direct any questions or comments to andyl@eurekatrading.com.

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Bicentennial Half on a Nickel 5 Cent planchet.	Ike Dollar on a Dime planchet.
Bicentennial Half on a Dime planchet.	Ike Dollar on a Quarter planchet.
Bicentennial Half on a Quarter planchet.	Susan B. Anthony Dollar on a Sacagawea Dollar planchet.

All on One Colonial Copper

A Double Struck New Jersey, a Connecticut Undertype and a Brockage British Halfpenny

by Henry Hilgard



Copper coinage for the state of New Jersey was authorized on June 1, 1786, and large numbers of coppers were struck dated 1786, 1787 and 1788. The great majority of these coins depict a horsehead and a plow on the obverse and a shield on the reverse. Many hand-cut dies were prepared and used, resulting in over 100 die marriages that are easily distinguished and are now noted by their Maris numbers, as first enumerated by Edward Maris in his 1880 monograph entitled *A Historical Sketch of the Coins of New Jersey*.

The double-struck New Jersey copper pictured here is an example of the so-called “Camel Head” variety (Maris 56-n), a variety characterized by a particularly prominent nose on the horse’s head. This variety frequently comes overstruck on other coppers that were in circulation at the time, for example Connecticut coppers, British halfpennys, Irish halfpennys, and even a George Clinton copper (for examples of these, see Stack’s sale of the John J. Ford, Jr. Collection, October 14, 2003, lots 182 through 187).

Examination of the obverse of this coin shows that it was struck twice by the New Jersey dies, first off-center by about 20% to 2 o’clock, and second off-center by about 30% to 8 o’clock, resulting in the 2 prominent off-center horseheads. In addition this coin was a Connecticut copper before it was struck by New Jersey dies, with the “87” of the 1787-dated Connecticut copper appearing at the top of the obverse.

Looking at the reverse, the Connecticut undertype is even more clear with the letters “CONNEC” visible at the edge of the coin from about 6 o’clock to 10 o’clock. We also see a shield from a New Jersey reverse, and this shield lies directly behind the first horsehead on the obverse, indicating that during the first New Jersey strike this coin was hit by both obverse and reverse dies. However, there is no second shield on the reverse. Instead there is a curved indented line that begins at the very top of the coin and ends towards the right of the center of the


coin, and just inside this curved line can be seen the reversed and incused letters "GEO". These features are from a British halfpenny that was lying between the reverse die and our coin during the second strike, so that an incuse impression (a brockage) of the British halfpenny was imparted to the reverse of this coin instead of an impression from the New Jersey reverse die. The "GEO" letters are from "GEORGIUS" on the obverse of the British halfpenny (see the 2004 Redbook, page 48), and the curved line is from the edge of the halfpenny.

It seems likely that in the striking of this coin the reverse die was the upper (hammer) die, and the obverse was the anvil (lower, stationary) die. If so, the striking of this coin might have happened as follows. First, this coin, an already-struck Connecticut cent, was fed into the coining chamber but didn't go all of the way in and received an off-center strike from both obverse and reverse dies. Then this coin was only

partially ejected from the coining chamber and a British halfpenny, the next coin intended to be made into a New Jersey cent, was fed into the chamber and landed partially on top of this coin. Because the British halfpenny was lodged between this coin and the reverse (upper) die, it prevented this coin from being hit by the reverse die during the next strike, and caused the brockage to occur as the design from the English halfpenny was impressed into this coin.

So an analysis of this coin allows us to reconstruct a brief period of time during which a Connecticut cent was followed by an English halfpenny into the coining chamber for New Jersey coppers. And furthermore this colonial copper may be unique in that it bears markings from three distinct coinages: New Jersey copper, Connecticut copper, and British halfpenny.

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Numismatic Musings

Thoughts From A Curious Mind

by Raymond Gaudette
Error World Webmaster

"It may not be unique, but it sure is one-of-a-kind."
– Recent comment from an on-line auction listing for an error/variety coin.

RIP Pete "DaNutt" Bishal – On Sunday, October 12th 2003, the error hobby lost a legend when Pete Bishal passed away suddenly at a New York coin show. Pete will always be remembered for his research on the development of the Morgan Dollar and his passion for error coins. Pete was a friend and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace my friend.

Auction Photos - Did you ever notice that many auction photos, primarily for high priced coins, are unseeable? I see cents that are just black circles, dollars that are so blurred as to be unrecognizable and others that look like they were photographed from across the room. What message do you suppose these sellers think they are imparting by using these pictures?

Errors/Varieties – I always like an error/variety that I can see with my naked eye. I will even concede that some errors are cool when a 10X loupe is required. But high priced errors that I can't see even with the magnified photos that accompany them just get passed by. What is the limit on magnification before we say enough is enough?

Speaking Of Errors – How many of you have noticed the ad in a recent major coin publication, purporting to sell "The First Major U.S. Mint Error Set in 13 Years". What is the error? The Mint included the wrong set certificate describing the composition of the included coins for the silver proof set. This set certificate is the same one that is included with the clad proofs. No error has yet been discovered on any of the silver proof coins. The Mint has subsequently mailed the correct set certificates to all collectors who purchased the silver proof sets and received the clad set certificate. Wouldn't you think that major coin publications would be a little more selective in what

they let their advertisers sell?

Mint Inconsistency – I was recently looking over the Patterns website (<http://www.uspatterns.com>) and began wondering about the Mint's inconsistent pattern of enforcement regarding its stated position on confiscation. They threaten to confiscate 1933 \$20 Double Eagles and some Washington/Sacagawea Mules if they appear because they state that they were never officially released and declared money. They also allow beautiful pattern coins to be owned and displayed even though they were never released and declared money. It's not like anyone is going to try and spend a Double Eagle and defraud someone, now is it?

Mint Misses The Point – The stated purpose for the Mint's desire to catch all the errors and other products that never left "legally" and were never declared "money" misses the point entirely. While it is laudable for someone to want to clean up their mistakes, they are not simply dealing with a bunch of money hungry investors outside of the Mint. We collectors are actually art enthusiasts at heart. I enjoy studying all of the patterns and errors as art, and they are great art! The patterns are awesome. I can spend a great deal of time discovering all of the beautiful details that the sculptor embedded in his product and lament that it never made it to circulation. The errors are a fascination in how things can go wrong, yet create something beautiful.

Counterfeits – Counterfeit coins are alive and well on the auction sites. Wouldn't you think that this would be an area where the authorities could spend some time? They make the folks who produce replicas ruin an otherwise beautiful coin by stamping COPY on it somewhere while letting the admitted counterfeit coins trade on the net. Don't get me wrong, I would add a counterfeit 1916-D Mercury Dime to my collection if

the price was right, but even these fake coins command a high price! Don't you feel pity for the poor fellow who felt the need to counterfeit Jefferson Nickels?

Coin Cleaning – Words of wisdom – Never ever attempt to clean your coins! It ruins their value!

Check Your Change – One of the greatest thrills I get from numismatics is checking through my change. I like to get rolls of coins from the bank and see what I can find. I concentrate on Kennedy Half Dollars because no one uses them and they just languish in the vaults of the Federal Reserve Banks. Recently I have found several proof clad Kennedys, a number of 40% silver examples and some 90% silver 1964 Kennedys. You just never know what will turn up!

COINValues From Coin World – Kudos to Coin World on their fine new publication, COINValues, which replaces their Trends coin values listing. As a slick magazine it is a perfect compliment to their newspaper publication. Lots of ads, full color photos, articles and we only have to go 46 pages into the publication to find the coin values too! The downside is that they are going to charge us for it by raising the price of the combined newspaper/magazine.

Author! Author! – It has just come to my attention that we will soon have a new author in our midst! Mike Byers has just announced that he is writing and publishing a book on major mint errors. The title for the book is Mint Error Guide and if anyone can do a masterful job on the subject it is our own Mike Byers! I've been told it is 300 pages and all in color. I can't wait for the book to come out so that I can find out more information on those gorgeous errors that I can only see in Mike's museum. Good going Mike.

Error World Medal – Submissions for the Error World Medal contest have been closed and all that remains is the judging to see who will win a solid gold rendition of the selected design for the club medal. Many fine designs have been submitted and the judging will be tough!

New Nickels In 2004 – New Jefferson Nickels with the new design are slated for release in the Spring of 2004 and I know that I will be putting away a couple of rolls for posterity. They represent the first change in the nickel design since 1938 but they will still honor President Jefferson. This design is scheduled to run for three years and then who knows what will happen?



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Photos From The Mint

by Fred Weinberg (fredweinberg.com)

I recently toured the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. Here are some of the photos that were taken during the tour. They show different stages of the minting process. I wanted to share the tour with the readers of Mint Error News Magazine.

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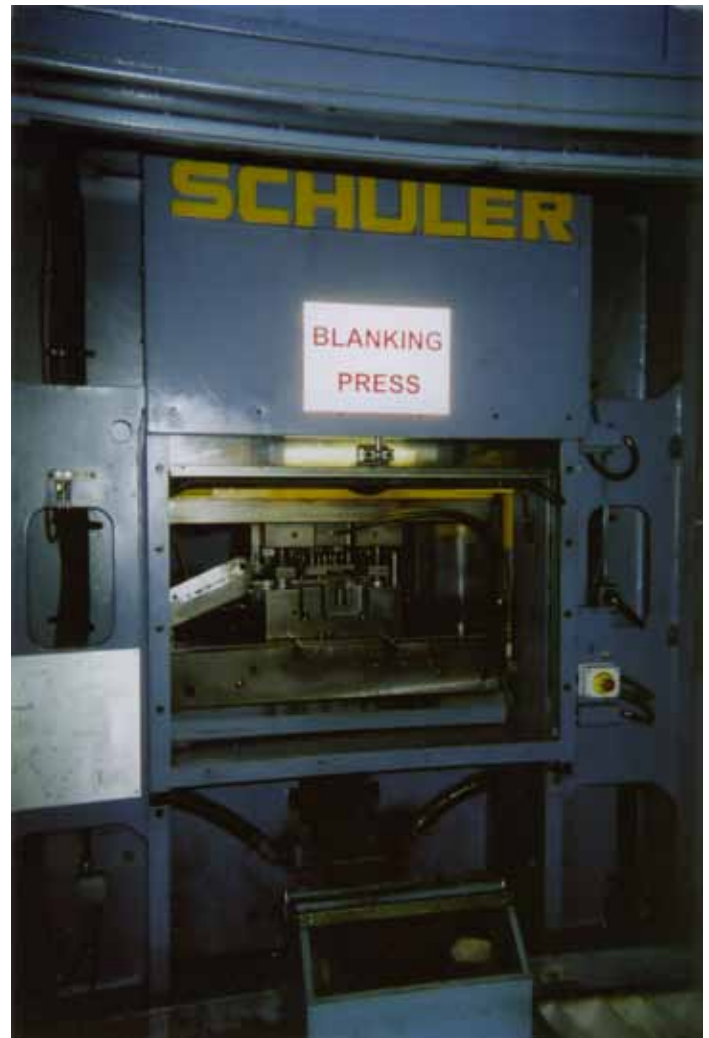
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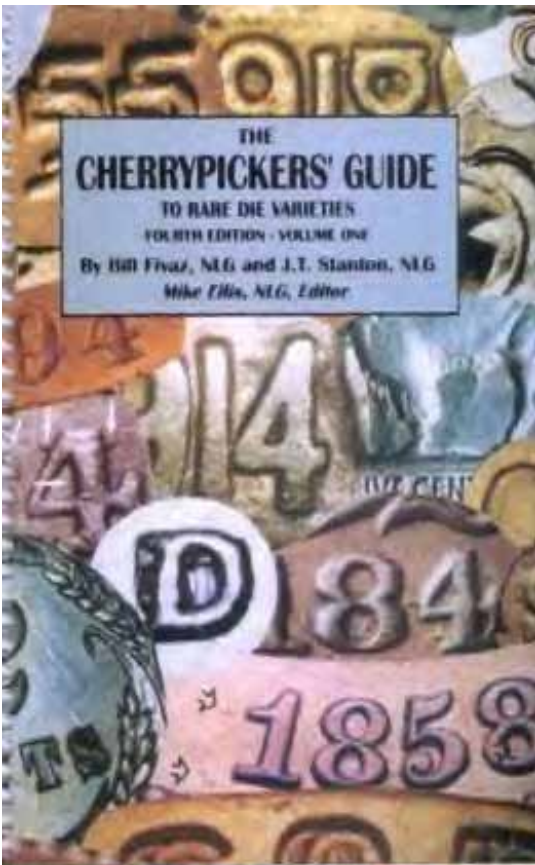
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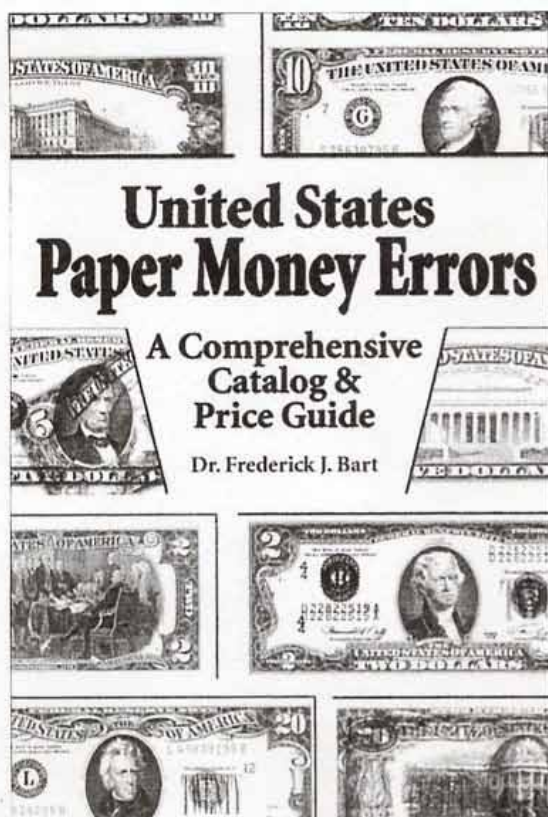
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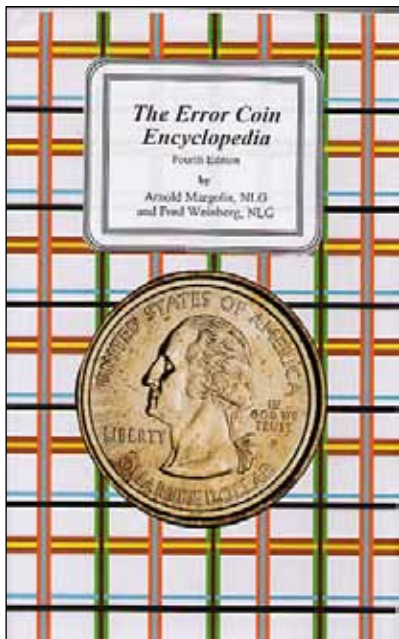


U.S. Coins - Weights & Specifications

by Fred Weinberg (fredweinberg.com)

Denomination	Issue Date	Weight in Grains	Tolerance in Grains	Die (mm)	Thick (mm)	S.G.	Composition
Half Cent	1793-1795	104		23.5		8.92	Pure Copper
	1796-1857	84		23.5		8.92	Pure Copper
Large Cent	1793-1795	208		26-28		8.92	Pure Copper
	1796-1857	168		29		8.92	Pure Copper
Small Cent	1864-1864	72	2	19.3	2.2	8.92	88 Cu, 12 Ni
	1864-1942	48	2	19.05	2.2	8.84	95 Cu, 5 tin/zinc
	1943	42.5	2	19.05	1.575	7.8	Zinc coated steel
	1944-1946	48	2	19.05	1.575	8.86	70 Cu, 30 zinc
	1947-1962	48	2	19.05	1.575	8.84	95 Cu, 5 tin/zinc
	1963-1982	48	2	19.05	1.575	8.86	95 Cu, 5 zinc
	1982-Date	38.58		19.05	1.575	7.17	Copper Plated Zinc
Two Cent	1864-1873	96		23		8.84	95 Cu, 5 tin/zinc
3¢ Nickel	1865-1889	30		17.9		8.92	75 Cu, 25 Ni
3¢ Silver	1851-1853	12.375		14		10.11	75 Ag, 25 Cu
	1854-1873	11.52		14		10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
Five Cent	1866-1883	77.16	3	20.5	1.981	8.92	75 Cu, 25 Ni
	1883-1942	77.16		21.21	1.989	8.92	75 Cu, 25 Ni
	1942-1945	77.16	3	21.21	1.981	9.32	35 Ag, 56 Cu, 9 Mg
	1946-Date	77.16	3	21.21	1.981	8.92	74 Cu, 25 Ni
Half Dime	1794-1805	20.8		16.5	.7	10.32	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1829-1837	20.8		15.5		10.32	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1829-1837 ?	20		15.5		10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1853-1873	19.2		15.5		10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
Dime	1796-1828	41.6		18.8		10.32	89.2 Ag, 10.8 Cu
	1828-1837	41.6		17.9		10.32	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1837-1853	41.25	1.5	17.9	1.346	10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1853-1873	38.4	1.5	17.9	1.346	10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1873-1964	38.58	1.5	17.9		10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1965-Date	35		17.9		8.92	75 Cu, 25 Ni on Cu core
Twenty Cent	1875-1878	77.16		22.5		10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
Quarter	1796-1828	104		27		10.32	89 Ag, 11 Cu
	1831-1839	104		24.3			90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1837-1853	103.12	3	24.26		10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1853-1873	96	3	24.26		10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1873-1964	96.45	3	24.26	1.701	10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1965-Date	87.5	3	24.26	1.701	8.95	75 Cu, 25 Ni on Cu
	1976 (40%)	88.74	3	24.26		9.53	80 Cu, 20 Ag on 20 Ag, 80 Cu core
Half Dollar	1794-1836	208		32.5	1.75	10.32	89 Ag, 11 Cu
	1836-1853	206.25	4	30.6	1.75	10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1853-1873	192	4	30.6	1.75	10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1873-1964	192.9	4	30.6	2.184	10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
	1965-1970	177.5	4	30.6	2.184	9.53	80 Ag, 20 Cu, 20 Ag core
	1971-Date	175		30.6	2.184	8.92	75 Cu, 25 Ni on Cu
	1976 (40%)	177.47	6	30.6		9.53	80 Ag, 20 Cu on 20 Ag, 80 Cu core
Silver Dollar	1794-1803	416		39-40		10.32	89 Ag, 11 Cu
	1840-1935	412	6	38.1	2.896	10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
Ike \$1-Clad	1971-1978	350		38.1		8.92	75 Cu, 25 Ni on Cu core
Ike \$1-Silver	1971-1976	379.5		38.1		9.53	80 Ag, 20 Cu on 20 Ag, 80 Cu core
Trade Dollar	1873-1885	420		38.1		10.34	90 Ag, 10 Cu
SBA Dollar	1979-1981	125	6	26.5		8.92	75 Cu, 25 Ni on Cu core
Commem Dollar	1983-1988	412.5		38.1		10.34	
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Gold Dollar T-3	1856-1889	25.8	0.25	14.86		17.16	900 Au, 100 Cu
\$2.5 Gold	1796-1808	67.5	0.25	20		17.45	917 Au, 83 Cu
	1821-1827	67.5	0.25	18.5		17.14	917 Au, 83 Cu
	1829-1834	67.5		18.2		17.45	917 Au, 83 Cu
	1834-1839	64.5		18.2		17.14	900 Au, 100 Cu
	1840-1929	64.5	.25	18		17.16	900 Au, 100 Cu
\$3 Gold	1854-1889	77.4	.25	20.63		17.16	900 Au, 100 Cu
\$5 Gold	1795-1829	135	.25	25		17.45	916 Au, 84 Cu
	1829-1834	135		22.5		17.45	916 Au, 84 Cu
	1834-1838	129	.25	22.5		17.14	899 Au, 101 Cu
	1839-1840	129		22.5		17.16	900 Au, 100 Cu
	1840-1929	129	.25	21.6		17.16	900 Au, 100 Cu
Commem Gold	1986-Date	129		21.6		17.6	
Am. Eagle \$5	1986-Date	52.35		16.5			91.67 Au, 390 Ag, 5.3390 Cu
\$10 Gold	1795-1804	270	.5	33	33	17.45	917 Au, 83 Cu
	1838-1933	258	.5	27		17.16	900 Au, 100 Cu
Olympic	1984	258		27			900 Au, 100 Cu
Am. Eagle \$10	1986-Date	130.9		22			91.67 Au, 390 Ag, 5.3390 Cu
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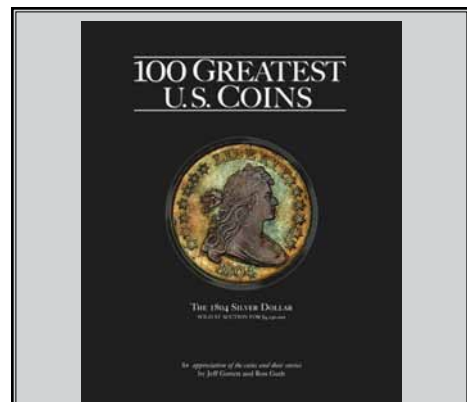
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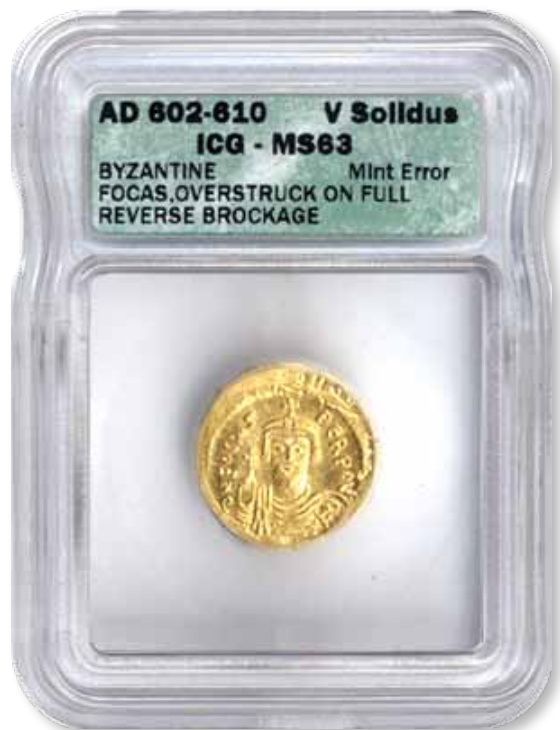


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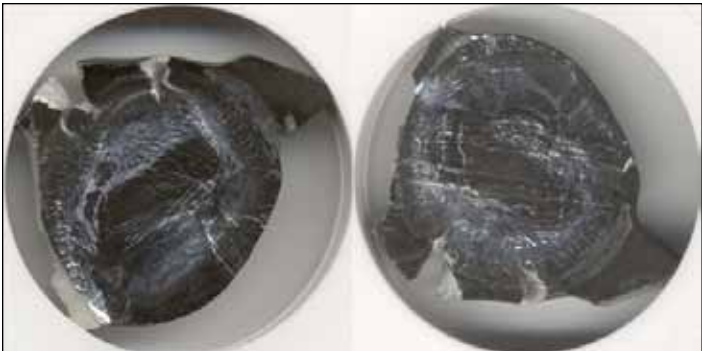
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1999-P Jefferson Nickel
Double Struck on Feeder Finger Tip
ANACS MS 63



1974 Canadian Commemorative Silver Dollar
(Commemorating 1976 Olympics in Montreal)
Overstruck Multiple Times
By 1978 Canadian Cent Dies - UNIQUE



1916 \$1 Gold
Small Struck Thru Obverse
PCGS MS 63



2000-P Sacagawea Dollar
Double Struck on Feeder Finger Tip
PCGS MS 65



2000-P Sacagawea Dollar
Triple Struck
ANACS MS 63



1999 Lincoln Cent
Struck on 1998-P Roosevelt Dime
ANACS MS 65



2000-P Sacagawea Dollar
Struck 6 Times
ANACS MS 63



1999-P Connecticut Quarter
Double Struck Double Brockage
ANACS MS 64



1863-80 Great Britain 1/2 Sovereign
Full Brockage
ANACS MS 63



Lincoln Cent
Brockage on Dime Planchet
PCGS MS 66



1999-P SBA Dollar
Double Struck
ANACS MS 65



1904 Barber Dime
Double Struck Broadstruck Clip
ANACS MS 62



1979-S SBA Dollar
Struck on Cent Planchet
ANACS MS 64 Red



2000-P Sacagawea Dollar
Triple Struck on Feeder Finger Tip
PCGS MS 65



1999 Lincoln Cent
Collar Cap
ANACS MS 65 Red



1976 Canadian Dollar
Die Cap Brockage
ANACS MS 63



SBA Dollar
Double Struck
2nd Strike 60% Off-Center
PCGS MS 64



1999-P SBA Dollar
Broadstruck on Sacagawea Planchet
PCGS MS 67



1955 Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears
Double Struck Proof
ANACS PF 64 Red



1999-P Pennsylvania Quarter
Two Piece Bonded Cap



1850 \$5 Dubosq & Co. Die Trial
Kagin #3A R-8
ANACS MS 64



1965 SMS Washington Quarter
Struck on Nickel Planchet
ANACS MS 63



Frequently Asked Questions

What are coins struck on Feeder Finger Tips?



After a recent tour of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, it was discovered that the minting process had changed to some degree. One of the changes was that “feeder fingers” were used during the striking of all denominations of U.S. coins. Prior to this tour, U.S. coins that were struck on feeder finger tips were authenticated and described as being struck on aluminum scrap. All modern denominations have been discovered that were struck on the tips of these feeder fingers.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are Hub and Die Trials?



Hub Trials and Die Trials are usually uniface (struck on one side). These are struck to test a certain design or example. They are sometimes struck in copper and white metal. Other times they are struck in softer metals like tin or lead. There are even some examples struck in wax and on cardboard.

These trial strikes are listed in the 8th Edition of Judd and also in Pollock. Technically hub trials and die trials are part of the pattern family. However, in the last 5 years the coin market has drastically changed directions.

Many patterns enthusiasts have always wanted a hub trial or a die trial piece to go along with the specific type or denomination of pattern(s) that they collect. A new demand has emerged for unusual exotic and unique hub trials, die trials and splashers by some collectors of major mint errors.

Even though they are not mint errors, they are aggressively sought after by people who collect off-metals, broadstrikes, uniface strikes and coins struck on larger planchets. In addition, since many of these hub trials, die trials and splashers are struck from incomplete hubs and dies, the design may be only a partial portrait or with parts of the legend and date missing.

There is something really special about holding a die trial gold piece struck in copper that is also uniface or on a larger planchet.

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