

SPONSOR'S MARK

FINENESS MARK














































ASSAY OFFICE MARK

Ask if it's hallmarked

IT'S YOUR GUARANTEE

**In the UK it is illegal to sell or describe any item as
Gold, Silver, Platinum or Palladium unless it is hallmarked***

A UK hallmark is struck by an independent assay office and guarantees the precious metal content of the item you are buying. Sellers in contravention of the law may be prosecuted and could face fines or imprisonment.

COMPULSORY MARKS		THE HALLMARK COMPRISES THREE COMPULSORY MARKS: A SPONSOR'S MARK, A FINENESS MARK AND AN ASSAY OFFICE MARK.								
Sponsor's Mark The registered mark of the company that submitted the article for hallmarking.	Fineness Mark Tells you the precious metal content, expressed in parts per thousand.				Assay Office Mark Tells you which Assay Office tested and hallmarked the article.					
	Silver	Palladium	Gold	Platinum						
	 800	2009  500	 375 9 carat	 850	 London  Birmingham  Sheffield  Edinburgh					
	 925 Sterling	 950	 585 14 carat	 900						
	 958 Britannia	 999	 750 18 carat	 950						
	 999	2010  500	 916 22 carat	 999						
		 950	 990							
		 999	 999							
OPTIONAL MARKS		YOU MAY SEE OPTIONAL MARKS, SUCH AS THE TRADITIONAL FINENESS SYMBOL AND THE DATE LETTER DEPICTING THE YEAR THE ITEM WAS HALLMARKED.								
Traditional Fineness Symbols	 Sterling Silver	 Sterling Silver Scotland	 Britannia Silver	 Palladium	 Gold	 Platinum				
Date Letter	 2015	 2016	 2017	 2018	 2019	 2020	 2021	 2022	 2023	 2024
International Convention Marks	 Silver	 Palladium	 Gold	 Platinum	This mark is used by countries, including the United Kingdom, that are signatories to the International Convention on Hallmarking and is recognised by all those countries.					
Exemption Weights* Articles above these weights must be hallmarked	7.78 grams	1.0 gram	1.0 gram	0.5 grams						

What should I do if my item is not hallmarked? If you have a concern regarding hallmarking contact your local Trading Standards Authority.
For more information visit www.gov.uk/government/organisations/british-hallmarking-council

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