

Hallmarking

All silver items over 7.78g sold in the UK are required by law to be hallmarked and a hallmark can only be applied by an Assay Office. I have my Sponsor mark registered at the London Assay Office and any item you purchase from me over the required weight will have a full UK hallmark. This is your guarantee that the item is silver.



2022 was a very special year where we celebrated the 70-year reign of our Queen. To commemorate this wonderful achievement a special hallmark was designed and can only be applied to items made in the year 2022.

Some of my items made in 2022 have this additional hallmark.



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						
		2009			 London Birmingham Sheffield Edinburgh					
	Sterling		9 carat							
	Britannia		14 carat							
		2010	18 carat							
			22 carat							
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					Gold					
Date Letter										
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
International Convention Marks		Palladium			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.					
	Silver		Gold	Platinum						
Exemption Weights*	7.78 grams	1.0 gram	1.0 gram	0.5 grams						
Articles above these weights must be hallmarked										

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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