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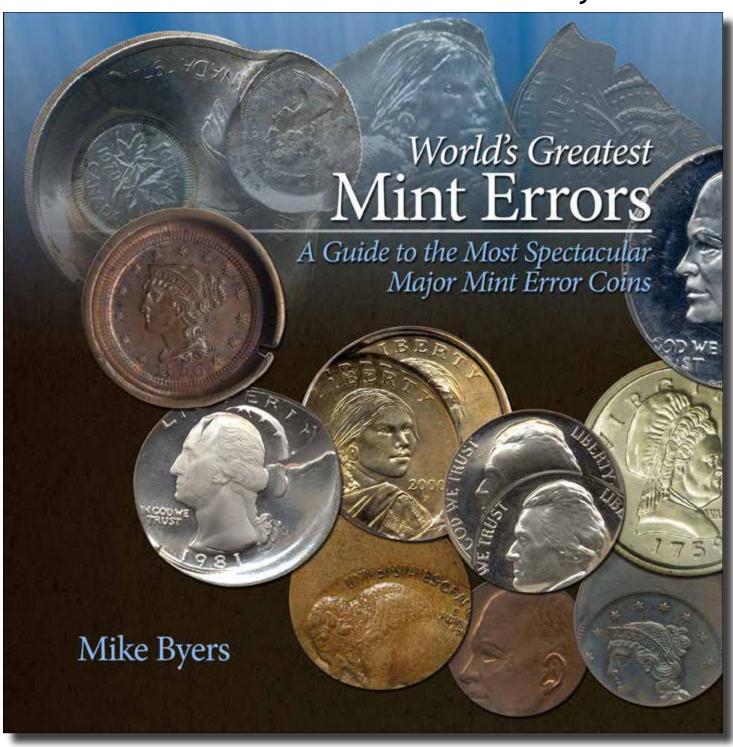




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Welcome to Mint Error News Magazine, bringing the latest mint error news and information to the collector. This is our 20th year bringing you both an online PDF magazine and the Mint Error News website. There are over 1,400 articles, features, discoveries, news stories with mint error related info from the United States and around the World. Our website, minterrornews.com, has become the most popular and informative Internet resource for mint errors and is read by thousands of dealers and collectors.

Over the last 20 years with the advent of the internet millions of collectors have flocked to online auctions and dealer websites. Many people connect to various online forums and clubs to share knowledge and learn about Mint Errors. Everyone, including dealers, collectors and even investors have instant access to information as never before. The Mint Error market has experienced an explosion in collector interest over the last 20 years.

Time and again, rare and unique Mint Errors in the numismatic market have made headline news. Authentication and certification of Mint Errors is now commonplace. In 1991, ANACS was the first to authenticate, grade and encapsulate major Mint Errors. In 1999, PCGS and NGC began certifying Mint Errors. Major Mint Errors are now pursued, collected and traded just like patterns, territorial Gold, colonials and other interesting segments of numismatics.

In 1975, I purchased a 1900 Indian Head Cent struck on a \$2 1/2 Indian Gold blank planchet for \$7,750 at a major coin auction. That price ranked among the top five ever realized for a Mint Error that few dealers or serious collectors would even consider. At that time price guides for Mint Errors were nonexistent and today that Indian Head Cent struck in Gold is certified MS65 by PCGS and is valued at six figures.

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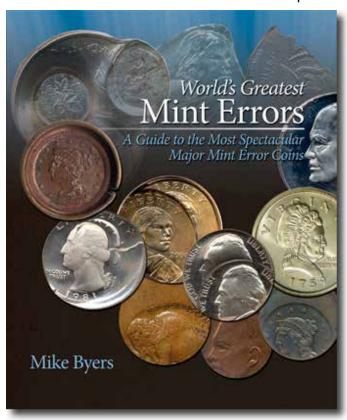


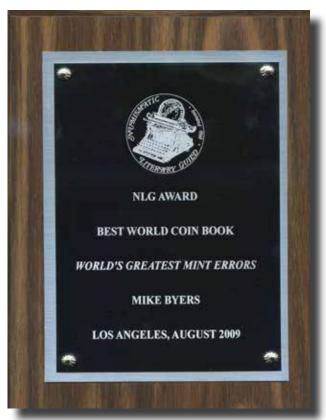




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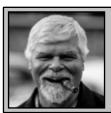
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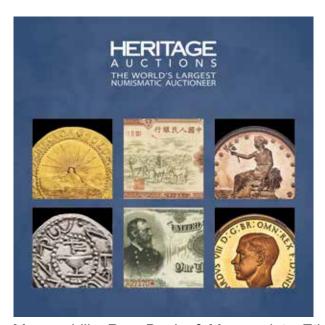
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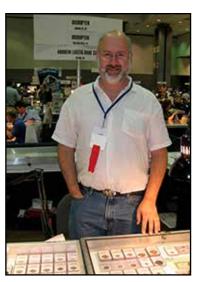
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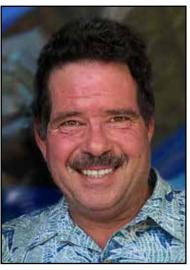
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An interesting array of dollar errors is currently available to be viewed on Northern Nevada Coin's website brokencc.com. The gallery includes several off-center Morgan dollars, a broadstruck Morgan, a spectacularly



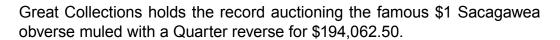
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broadstruck Peace dollar, an example of a rotated reverse, a blank silver dollar planchet, and the Amazing Broken CC.

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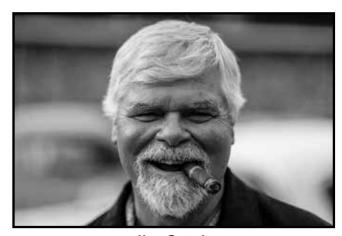
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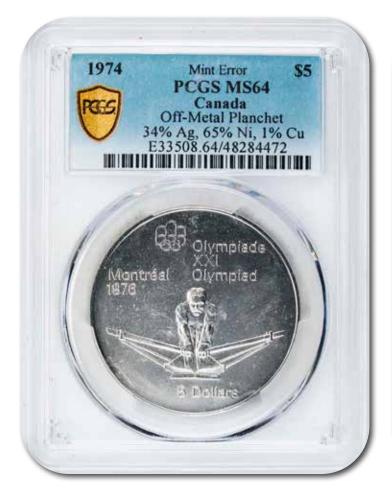
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Struck on Experimental Silver Planchet Intended for Uniface Essay Trial Strikes

This 1974 Canada \$5 Commemorative for the Montreal Olympics is a unique off-metal mint error. As noted on the PCGS insert, it was struck on

a planchet with a silver fineness of 34%. The remaining composition is 65% nickel and 1% copper. The planchet was burnished or has an experimental finish.





It lacks the luster of the regularly issued commemorative in .925 (sterling) silver. It was accidentally struck as a mint error on a leftover planchet which was used by the Royal Canadian Mint for the essay trial strikes. In addition to being the only known off-metal mint error in the entire Montreal Olympics Commemorative series, being struck on an experimental silver essay planchet places it in a league of its own.

Essai (essay) is the term for a trial, pattern, and experimental strike of

a design that may, or may not, be adopted. Essays are often uniface test pieces.

The Royal Canadian Mint issued 28 commemorative sterling silver coins to help finance the hosting of the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal. There were seven series of coins with specific design concepts: geographic, Olympic motifs, early Canadian sports, Olympic track and field, Olympic water sports, Olympic team and body contact sports, and Olympic motifs. There was a single series of four coins



issued in 1973 and two series each issued in 1974, 1975, and 1976. Each series included two designs used on

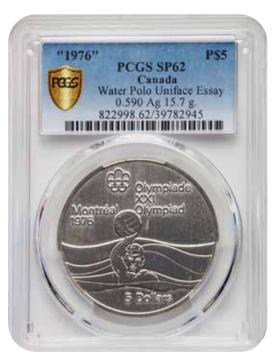
\$5 and \$10 silver coins. The obverse of all the coins features the bust of Queen Elizabeth II.

The 1974 \$5 Montreal Summer Olympic Commemorative coin featuring rowing was issued in 1974 with a mintage of 1,990,570. The composition is 92.5% Silver (sterling) and 7.5% Copper with a weight of 24.3 grams, a diameter of 38 mm and a thickness of 2.4 mm. It was struck in proof and mint state.



A Canadian auction house sold a group of Canadian \$5 and \$10 pattern uniface essay trial strikes on experimental planchets featuring various designs for the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Most were struck on planchets with a silver composition varying in fineness. They were certified by PCGS as specimens and were from the estate of Derek Dawson, Former Director of Products and Logistics, and Chairman of the Olympic Coin Design Committee.

Here are a few of the \$5 pattern uniface essay trial strikes with different silver compositions:





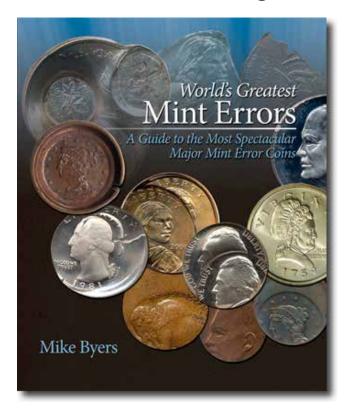








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The following Canadian Elizabeth II Specimen Uniface Essay Trial Strikes were struck for the 1976 Olympics and were featured in the October 2020 World & Ancient Coins Platinum and Signature Online Auction - Dallas #3088



Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Sailboats" 5 Dollars 1976-Dated SP62 PCGS, KM-Unl. 15.8gm. 0.460 fine.



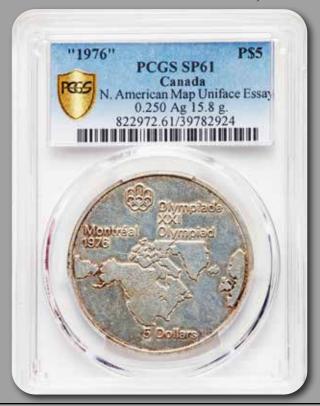


Elizabeth II copper-nickel Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Sailboats" 5 Dollars 1976-Dated SP63 PCGS, KM-Unl. 15.5gm.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "North American Map" 5 Dollars 1976-Dated SP61 PCGS, KM-Unl. 15.8gm. 0.250 fine.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "North American Map" 5 Dollars 1976-Dated SP62 PCGS, KM-Unl. 15.9gm. 0.150 fine.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Unadopted Background" 5 Dollars 1976-Dated SP64 PCGS, KM-Unl. 15.2gm. 0.450 fine.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Kayak" 5 Dollars 1976-Dated SP62 PCGS, KM-Unl. 15.2gm. 0.540 fine.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Marathon" 5 Dollars 1976-Dated SP62 PCGS, KM-Unl. 15.4gm. Bonded Planchet, struck in pure silver.



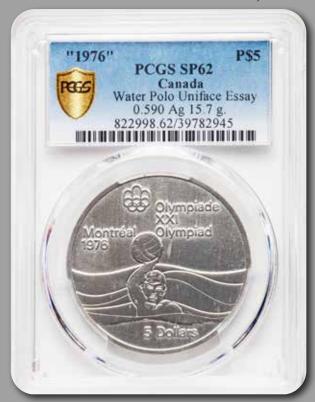


Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Javelin" 5 Dollars 1976-Dated SP63 PCGS, KM-Unl. 31.3gm. Bonded Planchet, 0.955 fine.



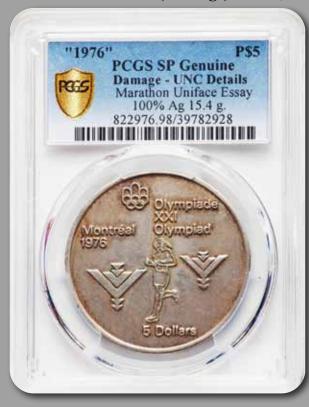


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Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Marathon" 5 Dollars 1976-Dated UNC Details (Damage) PCGS, KM-Unl. 15.4gm. Struck in pure silver.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Javelin" 5 Dollars 1976-Dated UNC Details (Damage) PCGS, KM-Unl. 15.2gm. Struck in pure silver.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Canoeing Water" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP63 PCGS, KM-Unl. 45gm. 0.450 fine.





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Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "World Map" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP62 PCGS, KM-Unl. 22.4gm. 0.365 fine.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Skyline" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP61 PCGS, KM-Unl. 22.4gm. 0.420 fine.





Elizabeth II copper-nickel Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "World Map" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP63 PCGS, KM-Unl. 22.7gm.





Elizabeth II copper Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Hurdles" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP62 Brown PCGS, KM-Unl. 47gm. Bonded Planchet, struck in pure copper.





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Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Diving" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP63 PCGS, KM-Unl. 44.7gm. Bonded Planchet, 0.490 fine.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Hurdles" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP62 PCGS, KM-Unl. 47.2gm. Bonded Planchet, 0.980 fine.





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Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Shot Put" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP62 PCGS, KM-Unl. 46.5gm. Bonded Planchet, 0.870 fine.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Skyline" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP62 PCGS, KM-Unl. 22.5gm. 0.180 fine.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Shot Put" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP61 PCGS, KM-Unl. 46.7gm. Bonded Planchet, struck in pure silver.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Swimming" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP63 PCGS, KM-Unl. 44.3gm. Bonded Planchet, 0.510 fine.





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#### CANADIAN SPECIMEN UNIFACE ESSAY TRIAL STRIKES

Elizabeth II copper Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Shot Put" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP62 Brown PCGS, KM-Unl. 46.4gm. Bonded Planchet, struck in pure copper.





Elizabeth II silver Specimen Uniface Trial Strike "Hurdles" 10 Dollars 1976-Dated SP62 PCGS, KM-Unl. 47.7gm. Struck in pure silver.





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his is an amazing and unique set of Canadian quarter L mint errors. Each of these are Canadian quarters struck by Canadian cent dies and are referred to as double denominations. These are among the rarest type of double denomination since they were deliberately overstruck by dies of a smaller denomination. Six out of the seven have dates that differ from the 1978 Canadian cent dies which makes them "dual date" mint errors as well. PCGS has authenticated and certified these as mint errors.

The Canadian quarter struck from 1968-1978 depicts the second portrait of Queen Elizabeth II on the obverse and the reverse portrays a caribou. These were struck in nickel composition with a weight of 5.05 grams and a diameter of 23.88 mm.

In 1973, a different design was used for the reverse, portraying the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. It was a circulating commemorative coin. To my knowledge, this 1973

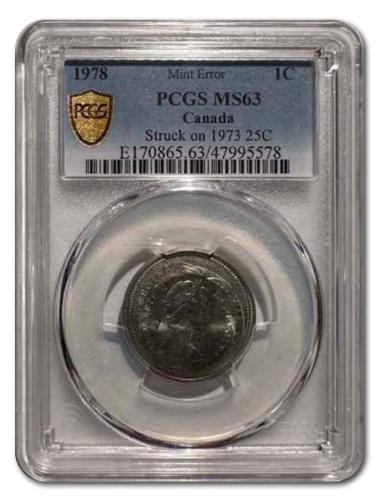
commemorative quarter overstruck by 1978 Canadian cent dies is unique.

Two of the seven quarters were overstruck off-center by the cent dies, the other five were struck within in the diameter of the quarter. PCGS noted on the inserts that two of the quarters were scratched and when this occurs, they are not given a numeric grade. In my professional opinion, having dealt in major mint errors for 45 years, it is more likely that the scratches are actually ejection marks or handling marks from the creation of these exotic and intentional major mint errors. These quarters (with a diameter of 23.88 mm) obviously did not fit properly in the collar designed for the 1978 Canadian cents

Each of these are extremely dramatic and were obviously kept together as a set for half a century. These were intentionally struck and are prized and collected by many dealers and collectors who specialize in dramatic and rare major mint errors.

#### 1978 1C Struck on 1973 25C PCGS MS 63

This overstrike shows the full date and complete design including the maple leaf from the reverse cent die, the full 1973 date of the Canadian quarter, and is in choice uncirculated condition. In 1973, a different design was used for the reverse, portraying the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and it was a circulating commemorative coin. This double denomination mint error is also a "dual date." To my knowledge, this 1973 commemorative quarter overstruck by 1978 Canadian cent dies is unique. The eye appeal of this mint error is fantastic.



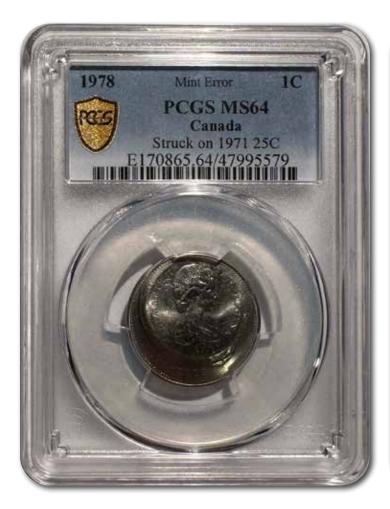






#### 1978 1C Struck on 1971 25C PCGS MS 64

This overstrike shows the full date and complete design including the maple leaf from the reverse cent die, the full 1971 date of the Canadian quarter, and is almost in gem condition. The eye appeal of this mint error is fantastic. This double denomination mint error is also a "dual date."









# 1978 1C Struck Off-Center on 1977 25C PCGS MS 64

This overstrike shows the full date and maple leaf from the reverse cent die, the 77 from the 1977 date of the Canadian quarter, and is almost in gem condition. This double denomination mint error was struck off-center and is also a "dual date."









# 1978 1C Struck on 1974 25C PCGS MS 63

This overstrike shows the full date and complete design including the maple leaf from the reverse cent die, the full 1974 date of the Canadian quarter, and is in choice uncirculated condition. The strike from both cent dies is perfectly positioned in the center of both the obverse and reverse. This double denomination mint error is also a "dual date."









#### 1978 1C Struck on 1978 25C PCGS MS 64

This overstrike shows the full date and complete design including the maple leaf from the reverse cent die, the full 1978 date of the Canadian quarter, and is almost in gem condition. Both dates are 1978 on this double denomination mint error.



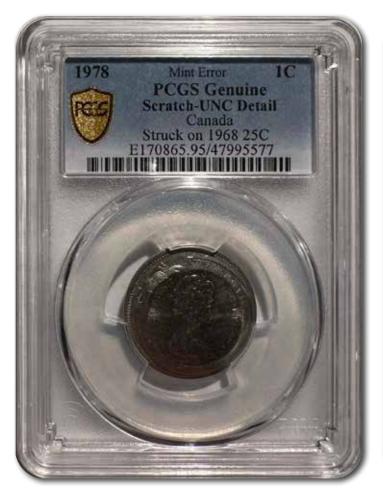






# 1978 1C Struck on 1968 25C PCGS Genuine Scratched UNC Detail

This overstrike shows the full date and complete design including the maple leaf from the reverse cent die and the full 1968 date of the Canadian quarter. Although PCGS designated this as "scratched UNC detail," in my opinion it is more likely that the scratches are actually ejection marks or handling marks from the creation of this intentional major mint error. This double denomination mint error is also a "dual date."



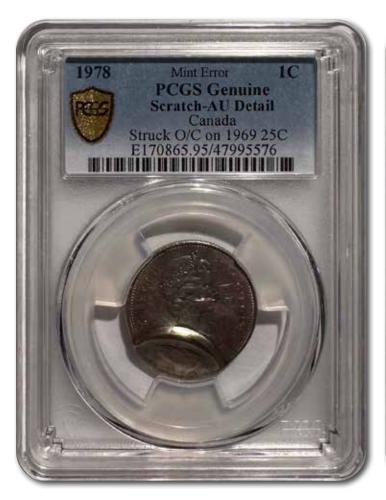






# 1978 1C Struck Off-Center on 1969 25C PCGS Genuine Scratched AU Detail

This overstrike shows the full date of the reverse cent die and the full 1969 date of the Canadian quarter. Although PCGS designated this as "scratched AU detail," in my opinion it is more likely that the scratches are actually ejection marks or handling marks from the creation of this intentional major mint error. This double denomination mint error was struck off-center and is also a "dual date."







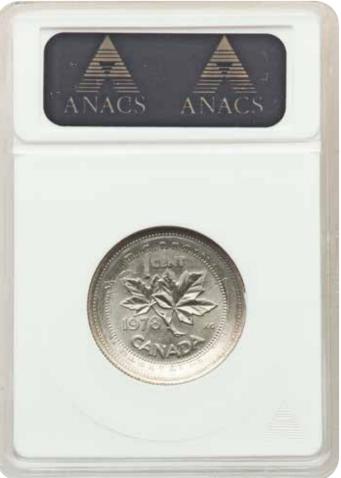


The Canadian quarter struck from 1968-1978 depicts the second portrait of Queen Elizabeth II on the obverse and the reverse portrays a caribou. These were struck in nickel composition with a weight of 5.05 grams and a diameter of 23.88 mm. In 1973, a different design was used for the reverse, portraying the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. It was a circulating commemorative coin. To my knowledge, this 1973 commemorative quarter overstruck by 1978 Canadian cent dies is unique.



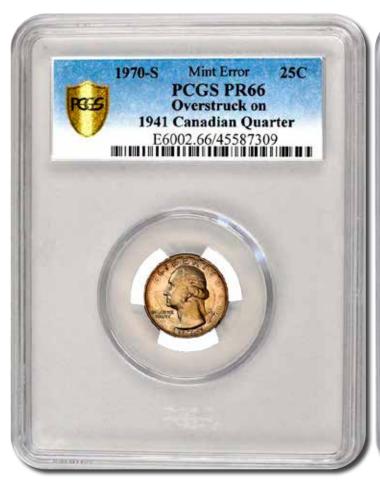
This Canadian 1978 cent struck on a 1969 quarter was sold by Heritage Auctions in 2022 for \$3,600.00 (Lot 64374). After researching Heritage Auctions and Stack's Bowers archives, this is the only other example of a Canadian cent overstruck on a Canadian quarter.





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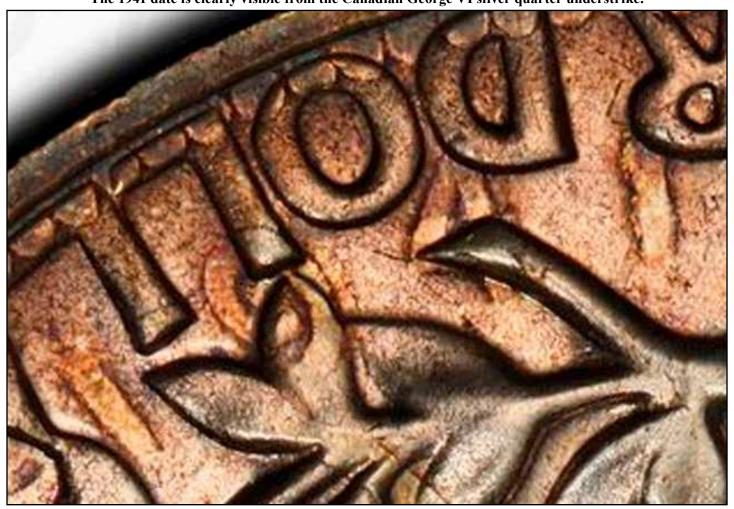
Proof coins are struck by technicians who hand feed the blanks into special presses. They are produced, examined and packaged using extreme quality control. It is very unusual to find major proof errors. A few broadstrikes, off-centers, double strikes (in collar) and off-metals have been known to be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

This unique 1970-S Proof Quarter from the United States was overstruck on a 1941 Quarter from Canada and was intentionally produced. It was originally discovered in the group of San Francisco Proof Errors that was auctioned by the State of California. There is a significant amount of detail on both sides showing the design of the Canadian Quarter. This is one of the most fascinating and intriguing proof mint errors ever discovered.

A different 1970-S Proof Washington Quarter is also known that was overstruck on a Canadian Quarter from an earlier design. It was struck from 1911-1936 featuring King George V. It was authenticated and certified by NGC as PR64. However, this unique 1970-S Proof Washington Quarter overstruck on a 1941 Canadian Quarter is the only one known with King George VI.

This famous and enigmatic Washington Quarter from the San Francisco Mint struck in Proof, over a 1941 Canada Silver Quarter was featured in a TV interview I did with Fox News. This fascinating error went "viral" and was featured in USA Today, London's Daily Mail, APNews, Coin Week, New York Post, Newsmax, NBC News, Numismatic News, Time Magazine and on Maria Bartiromo's TV show.

The 1941 date is clearly visible from the Canadian George VI silver quarter understrike.





Mike Byers was on Fox News in a segment featuring this incredible quarter mint error.





# PCGS Certifies Unique Proof Canadian \$100 Struck in Platinum & Rhodium

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This is the only known Canadian \$100 platinum striking of any design or series.





This is one of the most spectacular coins ever released by the Royal Canadian Mint. It is certified by PCGS as an "Unofficial Platinum Strike Uniface." Lab analysis determined that the metal composition is 90% platinum and 10% rhodium and weighs 16.73 grams. In 1985, the Royal Canadian experimented Mint platinum coins and began issuing them in 1988. This is the only known platinum mint error or pattern/die trial.

The Royal Canadian Mint issued the \$100 National Park Commemorative Coin in 1985. This coin was issued in gold for one year only in 1985.

The obverse depicts Queen Elizabeth II and the reverse has a Bighorn mountain sheep. Starting in 1988, the Royal Canadian Mint produced platinum coins that were made of .9995 pure platinum in four denominations of different sizes, consisting of 1 troy ounce (oz), 1/2 oz, 1/4 oz, and 1/10 oz. bearing the face values of \$50, \$20, \$10, and \$5, respectively. Since then they have also struck platinum coins with various designs in \$8 \$300 and denominations. The Royal Canadian Mint did not strike any \$100 denomination coins in platinum of any design or series.

It is incredible that this dramatic and unique platinum striking was discovered and subsequently sent to PCGS for authentication and grading. This proof Canadian \$100 Commemorative Coin struck in platinum combines several major mint errors. It is an offmetal (not struck in gold) and is also uniface. Whether it is a mint error or a pattern/die trial only adds mystique to this

world-class proof platinum uniface striking. It is in gem proof condition and is on a perfectly centered full size planchet with full reeding, specifically produced to strike this platinum proof uniface coin. This unique proof platinum striking rivals any U.S. Major Mint Error, Pattern or Die Trial in rarity, prestige and value.



Here is a comparison of this platinum proof striking (left) with the authorized issue in gold (right).



#### PCGS Certifies Unique Proof Canadian \$100 Struck in Platinum & Rhodium





# NGC CERTIFIES CANADA \$15 STRUCK ON GOLD PLANCHET IN CUSTOM MULTI-COIN HOLDER

#### by Mike Byers

One of the four-known 1992 Canadian "Spirit of the Generations" Olympic silver coins to be struck in pure gold at the Royal Canadian Mint. An "Off-Metal" gold strike in the same category as the gold "Indian Head" cents!



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#### NGC CERTIFIES CANADA \$15 STRUCK ON GOLD PLANCHET IN CUSTOM MULTI-COIN HOLDER

During the 1992 Olympic Games, the Canadian government and its "Royal Canadian Mint" issued a series of official silver Olympic coins to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the games. A total mintage of 105,645 proof silver coins were struck, comprising four coin designs which included among them a beautiful silver \$15.00 legal tender coin entitled "Spirit of the Generations".

A historic discovery occurred in 2015 when the first of four identical "Spirit of the Generations" \$15.00 proof coins appeared unofficially struck on one-ounce Canadian "Maple Leaf" pure gold bullion planchets (instead of on their normal sterling silver planchets). They thus joined the illustrious ranks of other unofficial mint issues such as the "Class III" 1804 silver dollars, 1913 Liberty Nickels, 1885 Trade Dollars, or comparable off-metal gold strikes like the 1900 gold Indian Head cent or 1915 Panama Pacific gold half dollars. Ironically, many of the world's most valuable coins such as these were unofficially struck for private collectors, and not public circulation.

An extraordinary event transpired during the striking of the four "Spirit of the Generations" gold coins which is rarely seen. The diameter of the silver "Spirit of the Generations" coin dies measure 40 millimeters in size, whereas the diameter of the "Maple Leaf" gold planchets struck with

those dies is a much smaller 30 millimeters. As each pure gold "Maple Leaf" planchet was struck, it expanded dramatically in size another 10 millimeters (over one-third inch), allowing it to essentially fill the void between the two coin dies striking it.

A new numismatic world record was also established upon the appearance of these coins, as these rare Canadian Olympic "Spirit of the Generations" coins represent the largest off-metal gold coins ever struck!

"Off-Metal" coins struck in gold at the mint of any nation in the Western hemisphere rank among the world's rarest coins, and the "Spirit of the Generations" gold coins now join that exclusive rarities club! Rarities like the five-known 1900 - 1905 "Indian Head" cents and two-known 1915 "Panama Pacific" half dollars struck in gold (selling at \$275,000.00 and \$460,000.00 respectively at auction).

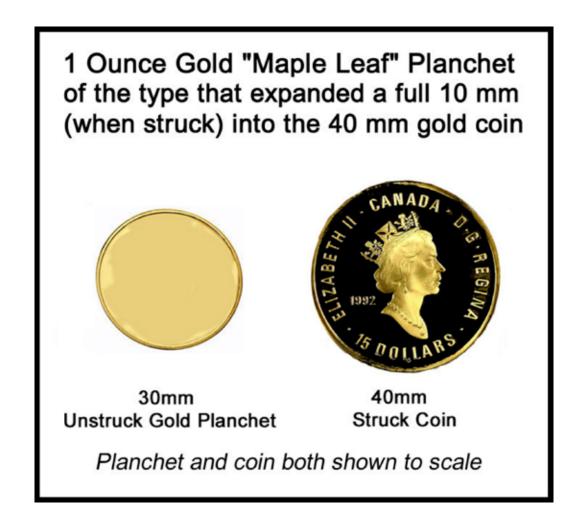
This and one other example were sealed in specially-designed holders by the "Numismatic Guaranty Corporation" in 2019 along with a "Spirit of the Generations" coin normally struck in silver for comparison. It was also featured in the Winter, 2015 "Mint Error News Magazine", and remains among the rarest (and arguably most undervalued) gold coins in private hands in the world!



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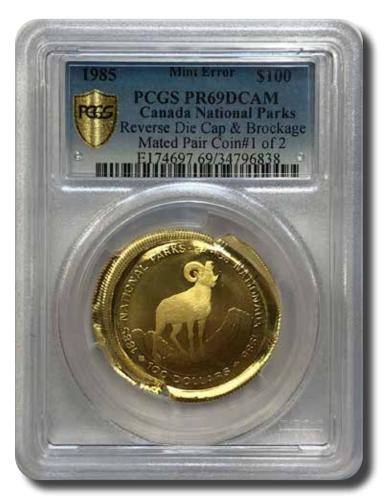


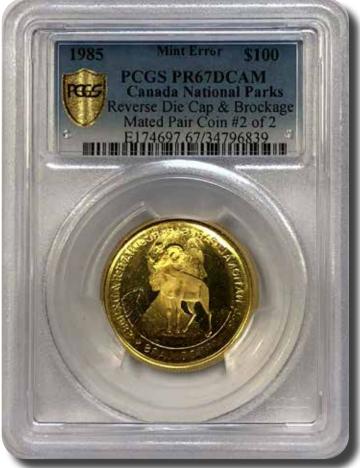
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by Mike Byers





This is a unique mated pair of the only known reverse die caps for any Canadian gold coin.

Coin #1 is a Canadian Gold \$100 Reverse Die Cap. The Royal Canadian Mint issued this coin in 1985. It is the \$100 National Park Commemorative Coin. The obverse depicts Queen Elizabeth II and the reverse depicts a Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep.

After being struck, Coin #1 adhered to the reverse die and became a reverse die cap striking blank planchets that created a brockage on the reverse of each coin.

The obverse design of this die cap expanded with each strike. As with any reverse die cap, the shape resembles a bottle cap with deep walls. This gold die cap struck a large number of coins as the diameter expanded.



This proof gold reverse die cap (Coin #1) is more than 30% larger in diameter than a properly struck commemorative.

Coin #2 is also a Canadian Gold \$100 Reverse Die Cap. After being struck, this coin adhered to the reverse die becoming a reverse die cap. It subsequently struck Coin #1 creating a brockage on the obverse of Coin #2, resulting in this phenomenal mated pair. As with any reverse die cap, the shape resembles a bottle cap.

It is incredible that this dramatic gold die cap mated pair was discovered and subsequently sent to PCGS for authentication and grading. Furthermore, there is only one other known gold die cap from any country. It is an 1824 English Half Sovereign obverse die cap, which struck

only two or three coins and is very shallow and slightly cupped. By comparison this proof Canadian \$100 Commemorative Gold Die Cap Mated Pair combines several major mint errors; deep reverse die caps with brockages that were mated and struck multiple times.

These are two of the rarest, most expensive and most spectacular Canadian Mint Errors known. This unique proof gold die cap mated pair rivals any U.S. Gold Mint Error in rarity, prestige and value. In fact, there are no known U.S. gold obverse or reverse die caps and only two known U.S. gold brockages.



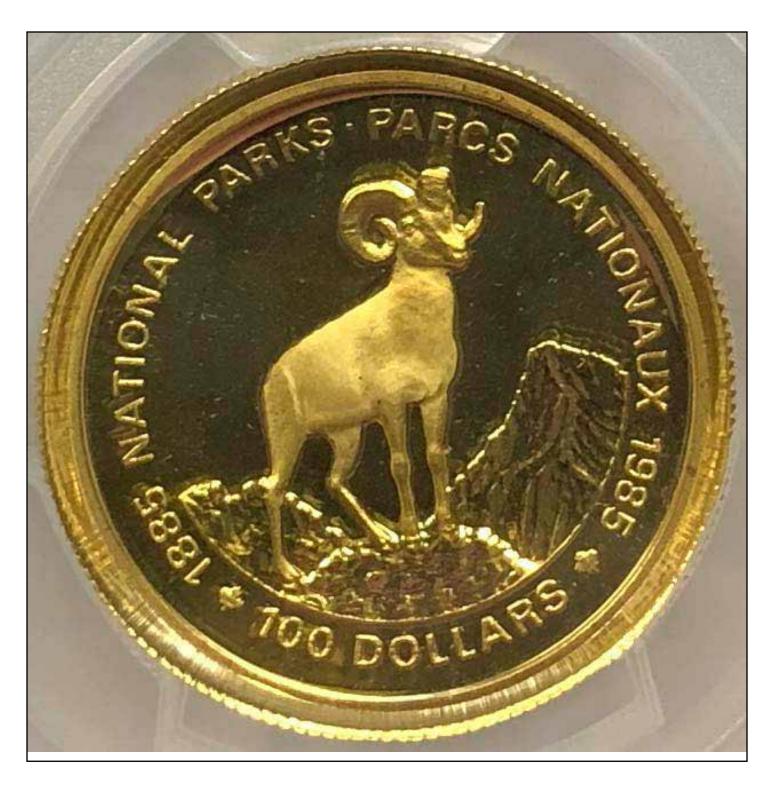
Canadian Gold \$100 Reverse Die Cap & Brockage (Coin #1 Obverse)



Canadian Gold \$100 Reverse Die Cap & Brockage (Coin #1 Reverse)



Canadian Gold \$100 Reverse Die Cap & Brockage (Coin #2 Obverse)



Canadian Gold \$100 Reverse Die Cap & Brockage (Coin #2 Reverse)

## Canadian 50-Cent Struck on a Gold Planchet

#### by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)



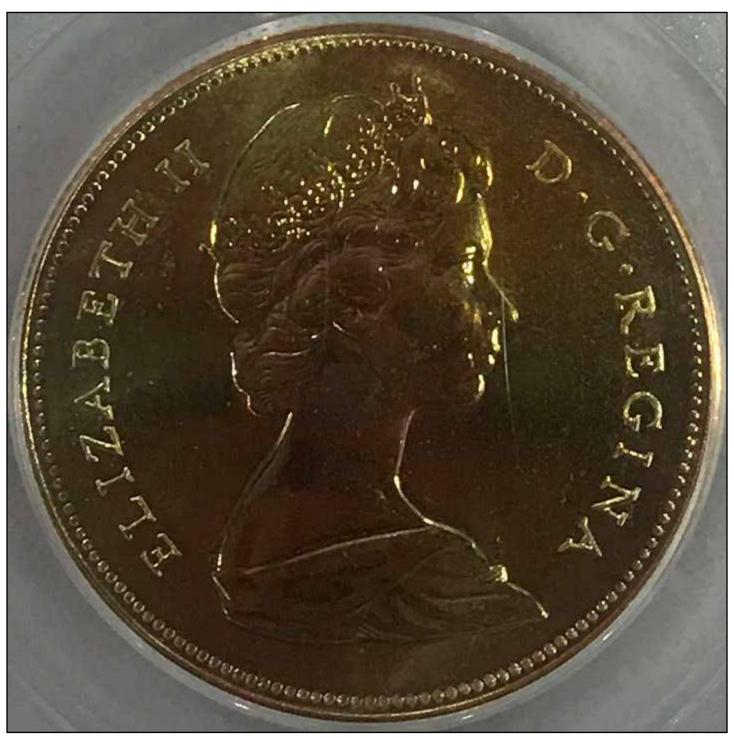


his is one of the most fascinating mint errors ever struck at the Royal Canadian Mint. This 1970 Canadian 50-Cent piece was struck on a .9999 fine gold blank weighing 12.1 grams. There are only a few U.S. and Canadian off-metal mint errors struck in gold in the last century. They have sold for strong prices and are highly prized by mint error collectors.

A U.S. Pan Pac Half Dollar struck in gold sold for \$460,000 in a recent Heritage auction. A U.S. gold Indian Cent also recently sold in a Heritage auction for \$253,000. A Canadian quarter struck in gold sold in a Heritage auction for over \$21,000. Although there were several 1970 Dollars struck in gold, to date, this is the only known 50-cent in gold.

#### Canadian 50-Cent Struck on a Gold Planchet

1970 Canada 50-Cent Struck on 12.1 Gram Gold Planchet PCGS MS 64



#### Canadian 50-Cent Struck on a Gold Planchet

1970 Canada 50-Cent Struck on 12.1 Gram Gold Planchet PCGS MS 64



## Canadian 25-Cent Struck on a Great Britain Gold Sovereign

#### by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)





This 1969 Canadian 25-Cent piece was struck on a 1963 Great Britain Gold Sovereign. This is a unique double denomination for several reasons. It involves, two different countries, two different dates, and is struck in gold instead of nickel. There are only a few U.S. and Canadian double denomination

off-metal mint errors struck in gold in the last century. They have sold for strong prices and are highly prized by mint error collectors

A 1969 Canadian 25-Cent piece struck on a 1967 Great Britain Gold Sovereign sold for \$21,150 in a recent Heritage auciton.

#### Canadian 25-Cent Struck on a Great Britain Gold Sovereign

1969 Canadian 25-Cent Struck on a 1963 Great Britain Gold Sovereign PCGS MS 64



#### Canadian 25-Cent Struck on a Great Britain Gold Sovereign

1969 Canadian 25-Cent Struck on a 1963 Great Britain Gold Sovereign PCGS MS 64



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This is a Canadian Gold \$100 multi struck coin. The Royal Canadian Mint issued this coin in 1985. It is the \$100 National Park Commemorative Coin. The obverse depicts Queen Elizabeth II and the reverse depicts a Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep.

The obverse has a 20% crescent with the original design showing and a mirror surface on the

remainder of the planchet. Part of the Bighorn mountain sheep design is still visible on the reverse. It was struck multiple times at an angle which created a deep baseball cap shape.

It is incredible that this multi struck proof Canadian gold coin was discovered and subsequently sent to NGC for authentication and grading.

#### Here is this proof multi struck mint error compared to a properly struck commemorative.



1985 Canada \$100 National Parks Commemorative Gold Coin Multi Struck NGC Proof 69 Ultra Cameo



1985 Canada \$100 National Parks Commemorative Gold Coin Multi Struck NGC Proof 69 Ultra Cameo



### Unique Canada Parliament Commemorative Struck on a Gold Maple Leaf Planchet

#### by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This is a 1992 \$5 Gold Maple Leaf Planchet that was struck 25% off-center with a 1992 Parliament \$1 Commemorative reverse. The tremendous force of the strike caused the planchet to

bend to nearly a 90-degree angle!

It is incredible that this proof Canadian gold coin was discovered and subsequently sent to PCGS for authentication and grading.





### Unique Canada Parliament Commemorative Struck on a Gold Maple Leaf Planchet Here is this side view of the planchet:



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#### Unique Canada Parliament Commemorative Struck on a Gold Maple Leaf Planchet



#### Unique Canada Parliament Commemorative Struck on a Gold Maple Leaf Planchet



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Tare "Two Tailed" Canadian Cent in 2001. My discovery was featured in a front page Coin World article (shown below). I had purchased a small group of Canadian Major Mint Errors. I purchased these directly from a Canadian coin dealer who handled a major Canadian collection of error coins. Several of the errors in the collection were off-metals and major error types.

The most amazing Mint Errors in this collection were (2) "Two Tailed" 1980 Canadian Cents. Both of these were authenticated, certified and graded Mint State 64 Red by PCGS. Both of these "Two Tailed" coins were struck with two reverse dies. For reference purposes, the front of the holder shows side "A". The back of

the holder shows side "B". The reverse die on side "A" is slightly misaligned and has an extremely high wire rim. The reverse die on side "B" is rotated approximately 100 degrees.

Although there are genuine "Two Headed" or "Two Tailed" coins that have been authenticated by ANACS, PCGS or NGC, two-headed and two-tailed coins from Canada and the U.S. are extremely rare. It is amazing that there are only a few known two-tailed U.S. and Candian coins. Recently, a two-tailed U.S. quarter sold for \$80,000 and a two-tailed U.S. dime sold for \$45,000.

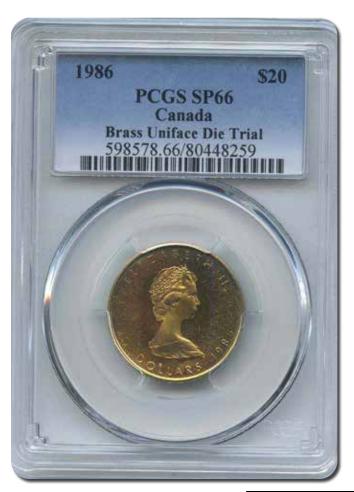
The specimen is a World Class Mint Error and would be the centerpiece of a major collection.





#### by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This is a pair of SPECIMEN brass die trials for the Canadian \$20 1986 ½ oz Gold Maple Leaf Coin.





These Canadian \$20 SPECIMEN brass die trials are uniface since each die was tested separately. They are in gem specimen condition with original toning. These SPECIMEN die trials are among the most spectacular coins ever released by the Royal Canadian Mint.

These die trials two were struck on brass planchets with a diameter of 25 millimeters, specifically produced for testing of the ½ oz Maple Leaf. These were Type One planchets that do not have a raised rim. They were struck in the collar and have a plain edge. The authorized issues struck in gold have reeding and were struck on Type Two gold planchets.

The Royal Canadian Mint issued the first 1 oz Maple Leaf gold coins starting in 1979. It was such a success that they added the ½ oz Maple Leaf in 1986. The obverse depicts Queen Elizabeth II and the reverse has the Canadian Maple Leaf. The ½ oz Maple Leaf has a diameter of 25 millimeters and weighs 7.7850 grams. It was struck in .9999 fine gold and has a gold content of 3.11 grams.

It is incredible that these dramatic SPECIMEN brass die trials were discovered and subsequently sent to PCGS for authentication and grading. They are off-metal (not struck in gold), uniface and have plain edges.









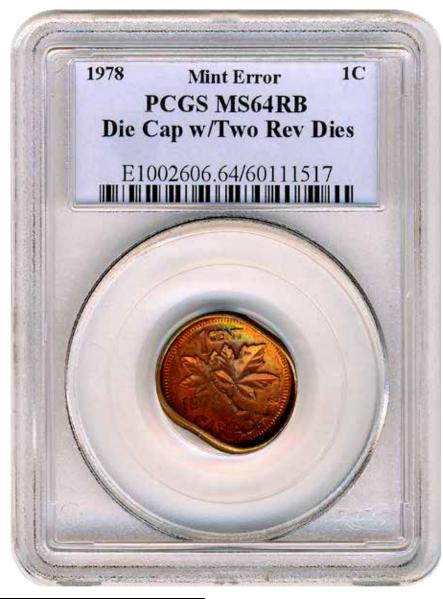
# PCGS Certifies Incredible Canadian "Two Tailed" Die Cap

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Although struck over 25 years ago, this new discovery was just certified at PCGS. It is the only known certified two headed or two tailed coin that is also a die cap. The odds of this combination occurring are extremely rare.

There are approximately thirty genuine two-headed or two-tailed coins that have been authenticated by ANACS, PCGS and NGC. There are only three known "Two Tailed" U.S. coins: two Quarters and one Dime. One of the Quarters recently sold for \$80,000.

I have handled most of the world coins that were struck with either two obverse or two reverse dies. Two of these are Canadian Copper Cents that were struck with two reverse dies and authenticated by PCGS. I purchased these in a Canadian Mint Error Collection and they have since been featured in a front page Coin World article.



## PCGS Certifies Incredible Canadian "Two Tailed" Die Cap



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Here is this proof double struck flip-over compared to a properly struck commemorative.



This is a Canadian Gold \$100 flip-over and double struck coin. The second strike is 40% off-center. The Royal Canadian Mint issued this coin in 1985. It is the \$100 National Park Commemorative Coin. The obverse depicts Queen Elizabeth II and the reverse depicts a Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep.

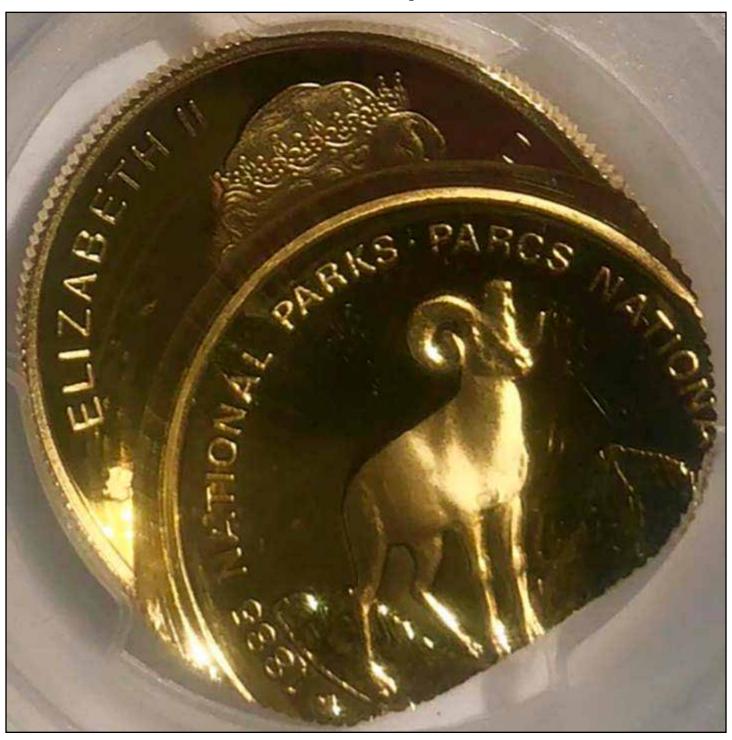
The first strike was normally struck in the collar. The struck coin then flipped over and was struck again creating the most dramatic flipover double strike imaginable. The second strike is 40% off-center showing the complete Bighorn mountain sheep on the obverse. The second strike is uniface on the reverse where it was struck by a blank planchet. After it was struck and flipped over, it was not seated in the collar for the second strike. It was struck at an angle the second time and the blank planchet underneath the second strike

created a deep baseball cap shape. Because of the way this double struck flip-over off-center coin was produced, it was certified and sealed in a special PCGS holder that is twice as deep.

There is one double struck Canadian \$100 gold National Parks known that was not flipped over. It is as spectacular as this flip-over although a flip-over is a much rarer type of mint error and obviously is more dramatic since it shows both the portrait of Queen Elizabeth II and the Bighorn sheep on the same side. The double struck that was not flipped over just sold in the New York International Heritage Auction for \$19,200.

It is incredible that this double struck flip-over proof Canadian gold coin was discovered and subsequently sent to PCGS for authentication and grading.

1985 Canada \$100 National Parks Commemorative Gold Coin Flip-Over & Double Struck Second Strike 40% Off-Center PCGS Proof 67 Deep Cameo



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# 1982 Canadian Dime Muled with Cent Die

#### by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This Canadian Dime muled with the reverse die of a 1982 Cent is one of only two known. It was purchased from a Canadian collector who discovered it in change. Major Canadian mint errors such as two-headed or two-tailed, and certain mules of different denominations are highly collected by US collectors and are very valuable.



# 1982 Canadian Dime Muled with Cent Die





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This is an incredible and unique Canadian mint error. 1978 Cent Dies were struck multiple times over an Olympic 1976 Commemorative \$10 that was dated 1974.

Although many dramatic and unusual Canadian errors surfaced during the 1970's, this is the most dramatic and spectacular piece that I have ever seen.

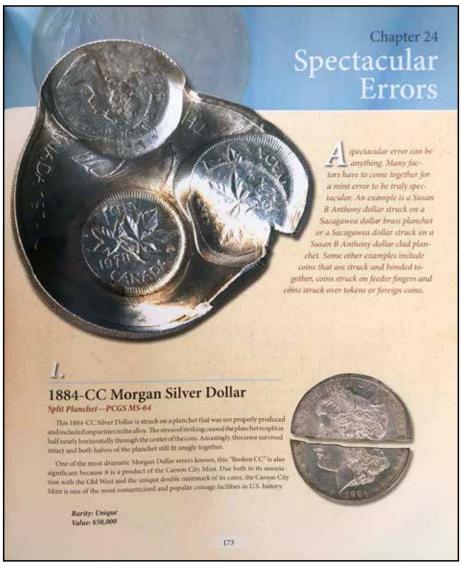








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#### - Updated August 2024 -

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 (Updated August 2024)



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	\$1,000 - \$1,500	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,500 - \$3,000	\$500
Proof Jefferson Nickel	\$2,500 - \$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,000 - \$5,000	\$1,000
Proof Clad Dime	\$3,000 - \$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,500 - \$5,000	\$1,250
Proof Clad Quarter	\$4,000 - \$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$1,500
Proof Clad Half	\$5,000 - \$7,000	\$4,000 - \$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$2,000
Proof Ike Dollar	\$15,000	-	\$25,000	-	\$4,000
Presidential Dollar	-	-	-	-	3 Known

#### Broadstrikes (Updated August 2024)



A 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	\$7,500
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	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
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	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$6,000	\$10,000
IKE Dollar	\$100	\$150	\$150	\$200
SBA Dollar	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$200
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$300	N/A	\$1,000
Presidential Dollar	N/A	\$1,500	N/A	\$2,500

## Partial Collars (Updated August 2024)



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 raises 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	\$250	\$750
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
Presidential Dollar	N/A	\$400
\$1 Gold Type 1	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$2½ Liberty	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$2½ Indian	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$3	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$5 Liberty	\$4,000	\$5,000
\$5 Indian	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$10 Liberty	\$4,000	\$7,500
\$10 Indian	\$7,500	\$10,000
\$20 Liberty Type 3	\$7,500	\$10,000

#### Uniface Strikes (Updated August 2024)



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	<b>Uniface Obverse Unc</b>	Uniface Reverse XF	<b>Uniface Reverse Unc</b>
Large Cent	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$2,000
Indian Cent	\$750	\$3,000	\$700	\$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	\$4,000	N/A	\$3,000
SBA Dollar	\$500	\$1,000	N/A	\$750
Sac Dollar	\$750	\$1,500	N/A	\$1,000

#### **Bonded Coins**

(Updated August 2024)





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. These coins will then crush and bond together. This may occur many times as more coins bond.

Denomination	2 Planchets	3-4 Planchets	5-10 Planchets
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$5,000	\$15,000	_
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$600	\$2,000	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$1,250	\$5,000	\$6,000 - \$10,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$4,000	\$12,500	_
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$1,500	\$5,000	_
Washington Quarter Silver	\$7,500	_	_
Washington Quarter Clad	\$3,000	_	-
State Quarter	\$5,000	_	_
Kennedy Half Silver	\$12,500	_	_
Kennedy Half Clad	\$10,000	_	_
IKE Dollar	_	_	_
SBA Dollar	\$10,000	_	_
Sac Dollar	\$10,000	_	_

# Struck Fragments

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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 the larger denominations. These can be uniface or die struck both sides and are very rare on type coins.

Denomination	Uniface	Die Struck Both Sides
Indian Cent	\$1,000	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$750	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$75	\$125
3 Cent Nickel	\$3,000	\$3,500
Jefferson Nickel	\$100	\$200
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$500	\$1,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$150	\$250
Washington Quarter Silver	\$1,250	\$1,500
Washington Quarter Clad	\$200	\$300
State Quarter	\$750	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$1,500	\$2,500
Kennedy Half Clad	\$750	\$1,250
IKE Dollar	\$4,000	\$6,000
SBA Dollar	\$2,000	\$3,000
Sac Dollar	\$2,000	\$4,000

## Mated Pairs (Updated August 2024)



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 when one of the coins is 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	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$7,500	_
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$500	\$750	\$750	\$1,250
Liberty Nickel	_	\$20,000	_	_
Jefferson Nickel (pre War Time)	_	_	_	\$15,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,500
Barber Dime	_	_	-	\$50,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	_
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$5,000	_	_	_
Washington Quarter Clad	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
State Quarter	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	_
Kennedy Half Silver	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$12,500
Kennedy Half Clad	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,500
Kennedy Half Bicentennial	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
IKE Dollar	\$20,000	_	_	_
SBA Dollar	\$10,000	\$12,500	_	
Sac Dollar	_	_	_	_

# Transitional Errors (Updated August 2024)



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. 1943 cents were struck in steel because of the copper shortage during World War II. 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 eight known 1999 SBA Dollars struck on the brass planchet for the 2000 Sacagawea Dollar, and four known 2000 Sacagawea Dollars 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	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$250,000
Lincoln Cent 1944 Transitional	Steel Cent Planchet	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Lincoln Cent 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
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	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Ike Dollar Transitional	40% Silver Planchet	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
SBA Dollar Transitional	Sacagawea Planchet	N/A	N/A	\$7,500	\$10,000
Sacagawea Dollar Transitional	SBA Planchet	N/A	N/A	\$7,500	\$10,000

# U.S. Gold Errors (Updated August 2024)



Agior 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	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$35,000
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$2½ Liberty	\$2,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$20,000
\$2½ Indian	\$2,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$17,500
\$3 Indian	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$35,000
\$5 Liberty	\$4,000	\$8,500	\$3,000	\$12,500	\$30,000
\$5 Indian	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$30,000	\$50,000
\$10 Liberty	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$3,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
\$10 Indian	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$30,000	\$60,000
\$20 Liberty	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$7,500	\$50,000	\$125,000
\$20 St. Gaudens	_	_	\$5,000	_	_
\$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	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$10,000

#### Indents (Updated August 2024)



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	\$600	\$750	\$2,000
Indian Cent	\$250	\$500	\$400	\$750
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	\$500	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,000
Liberty Nickel	\$400	\$1,000	\$750	\$1,500
Buffalo Nickel	\$300	\$1,000	\$600	\$2,000
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	\$200	\$400	\$250	\$500
Sac Dollar	\$300	\$500	\$400	\$750

## Die Caps (Updated August 2024)



Die caps are 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 that 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	\$25,000	\$50,000	_	_
Indian Cent 1859	\$20,000	\$40,000	_	_
Indian Cent 1860-1864	\$15,000	\$40,000	_	_
Indian Cent 1864-1909	\$15,000	\$30,000	_	_
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	_	_	_	_
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$500	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$150	\$200	\$50	\$100
2 Cent Piece	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
3 Cent Nickel	_	_	_	_
Shield Nickel	_	_	_	_
Liberty Nickel	\$12,500	\$25,000	_	_
Buffalo Nickel (1 Known)	_	\$30,000	_	_
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$10,000	_	_	_
Jefferson Nickel	\$200	\$350	\$150	\$250
Barber Dime	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$12,500	\$20,000
Mercury Dime (2 Known)	\$5,000	\$7,500	_	_
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$750	\$1,250	\$500	\$750
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$200	\$400	\$200	\$250
Barber Quarter	\$20,000	\$50,000	_	_
Washington Quarter Silver	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$350	\$750	\$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	_	\$30,000	_	_
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$15,000	N/A	\$10,000
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$15,000	N/A	\$15,000

## Die Adjustment Strikes (Updated August 2024)



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	\$1,000	\$2,000
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	\$2,500	\$3,500
Mercury Dime	\$1,000	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$350	\$500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$100	\$125
Seated Quarter	\$4,000	\$7,500
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$7,500	\$15,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$500	\$750
Washington Quarter Clad (Pre-State)	\$125	\$150
State Quarter	N/A	\$200
Walking Liberty Half	\$2,500	\$5,000
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	\$4,000	\$7,500
Peace Dollar	\$7,000	\$10,000
IKE Dollar	\$300	\$400
IKE Dollar Bicentennial	\$350	\$500
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$500
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$1,000

## Double Denominations (Updated August 2024)



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	\$12,500	\$20,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Roosevelt Dime	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
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	\$750
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	N/A	\$750	\$1,000
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	\$7,500
State Quarter (Extremely Rare)	Any Other Denomination	N/A	\$10,000	\$12,500
Franklin Half	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$25,000
Kennedy Half (Extremely Rare)	Any Denomination	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
IKE Dollar (Extremely Rare)	Any Denomination	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000
Sac Dollar	Maryland State Quarter	N/A	\$3,000	\$4,000

#### Brockages (Updated August 2024)



Abrockage 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	\$10,000
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	\$5,000
Liberty Nickel	\$1,250	\$2,250	\$2,000	\$4,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$7,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$250	\$750	\$750	\$1,500
Jefferson Nickel	\$50	\$75	\$50	\$150
Barber Dime	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$12,500
Mercury Dime	\$750	\$3,000	\$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	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$7,500
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$500	\$2,500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$1,500	\$5,000

#### Double & Multiple Strikes (Updated August 2024)



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.

(Since each double and multiple strike can vary from being 10% offcenter to 90% off-center, the prices listed below can be substantially more based on the percent off-center and dramatic overall look.)

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Large Cent	\$1,000	\$7,500
Indian Cent	\$600	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$850	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$400	\$1,500
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$4,000
3 Cent Nickel	\$2,000	\$3,500
Liberty Nickel	\$4,000	\$10,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$5,000	\$10,000
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$750	\$2,000
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$5,000
Barber Dime	\$4,000	\$10,000
Mercury Dime	\$3,500	\$8,500
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$5,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$15,000	\$50,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$200	\$350
State Quarter	N/A	\$350 - \$750
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$6,000
Walking Liberty Half	\$10,000	\$25,000
Franklin Half	\$6,500	\$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	\$10,000	\$25,000
Peace Dollar	\$15,000	\$40,000
IKE Dollar	\$2,000	\$4,000 - \$7,500
SBA Dollar	\$1,000	\$2,500 - \$4,000
Sac Dollar	\$750	\$1,250 - \$2,500

## Off-Center Strikes (Updated August 2024)



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	\$10,000
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$20,000
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	\$7,500
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	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
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	\$4,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$20,000
Walking Liberty Half	\$4,000	\$12,500	\$7,500	\$20,000
Franklin Half	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$7,500
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	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
Peace Dollar	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
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
Presidential Dollar	_	_	\$1,500	\$5,000

#### Off-Metals

(Updated August 2024)



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	\$5,000	\$7,500
Indian Cent	Dime Planchet	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
Lincoln Cent Before 1919	Dime Planchet	\$4,000	\$6,500	\$10,000	_
Lincoln Cent Before 1919	Foreign Planchet	\$750	\$2,000	\$4,000	_
Lincoln Cent 1919 – 1940	Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$6,000
Lincoln Cent 1919 – 1940	Foreign Planchet	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	Dime Planchet	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$7,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Transitional	Copper Cent Planchet	\$75,000	100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000
Lincoln Cent 1944 Transitional	Steel Cent Planchet	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears (1941-1964)	Dime Planchet	\$500	\$600	\$1,000	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 and Later	Dime Planchet	\$125	\$150	\$200	\$350
Lincoln Cent 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
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	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$60,000
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	\$7,500	\$12,500	_
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	\$10,000	\$12,500
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

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Washington Quarter Clad			AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
	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	\$12,500
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	Dime Planchet	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$50,000
Walking Half	Quarter Planchet	\$17,500	\$22,500	\$40,000	\$35,000
Walking Half	Foreign Planchet	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$25,000
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	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Ike Dollar	Cent Planchet	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000
Ike Dollar	Nickel Planchet	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$20,000
Ike Dollar	Dime Planchet	\$7,500	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Ike Dollar	Quarter Planchet	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000
Ike Dollar	Half Planchet	\$1,600	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$3,000
Ike Dollar	Foreign Planchet	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Ike Dollar Transitional	40% Silver Planchet	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$5,000
SBA Dollar	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$1,750	\$3,000	\$5,000
SBA Dollar	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
SBA Dollar	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$10,000
SBA Dollar	Quarter Planchet	N/A	\$600	\$850	\$1,000
Sac Dollar	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$20,000
Sac Dollar	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$20,000
Sac Dollar	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$8,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
Sac Dollar	Quarter Planchet	N/A	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500

# Counterbrockages

(Updated August 2024)



A counterbrockage error involves a cap die and a previously struck coin. When a cap die strikes a previously struck coin, the obverse design from that struck coin will be impressed into the cap. The result will be a design where the cap face will be an incuse brockage. When a new blank is struck by this cap die with an incuse brockage image, the obverse will have a raised and spread image from that incuse design of the cap. This brockage impression is known as a counterbrockage.

Denomination	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc - Gem
Indian Cent	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$500	\$750	\$1,500	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$200	\$200	\$300	\$500
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$40	\$50	\$75	\$100
Shield Nickel	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Liberty Nickel	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200
Barber Dime	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$300	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$100	\$150	\$250	\$300
Washington Quarter Silver	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400
State Quarter	N/A	\$750	\$1,250	\$1,500
Kennedy Half Silver	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
Kennedy Half Clad	\$500	\$750	\$1,250	\$1,500
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000

# Mint Error News Price Guide

### Fold-Over Strikes (Updated August 2024)





Afold-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.

Denomination	AU	AU Dated	Unc	Unc Dated
Indian Cent Memorial Copper	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent Memorial Zinc	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,250
Jefferson Nickel	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$4,500
Washington Quarter Silver	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
State Quarter	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,500

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# Martha Washington Test Pieces (Updated August 2024)



There is one set of a Dime, Quarter and Half struck by Martha Washington dies that are permanently housed in the Smithsonian Institute, embedded in blocks of lucite. According to United States Pattern and Related Issues, by Andrew W. Pollock III, "the only trial pieces purported to have survived metallurgical testing in 1965 were the Dime, Quarter Dollar, and Half Dollar equivalent strikes in copper-nickel clad over copper."

Mike Byers' discovery of the Martha Washington Test Piece on a copper-zinc Cent planchet struck 10% off-center with a uniface reverse was a front page Coin World article on August 7th, 2000.

Denomination	Unc	Choice	Gem
Martha Cent	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Martha Nickel	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Martha Dime	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Martha Quarter	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Martha Half Dollar	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Martha Dollar (SBA Planchet)	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000
Martha Dollar (Sac Planchet)	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$10,000

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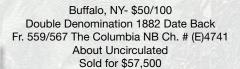
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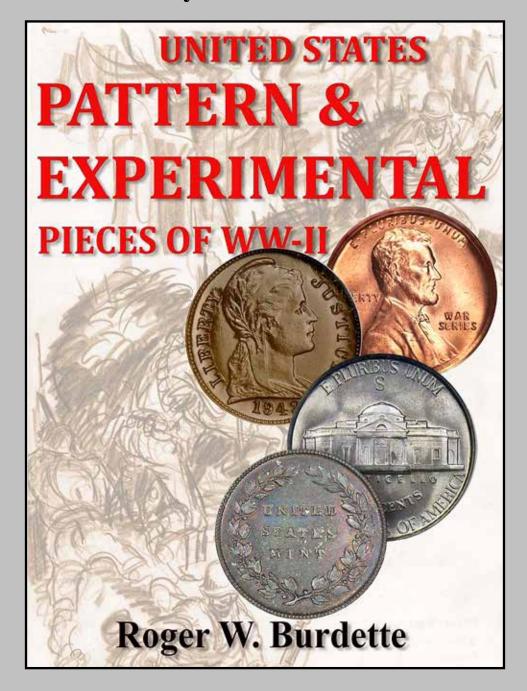
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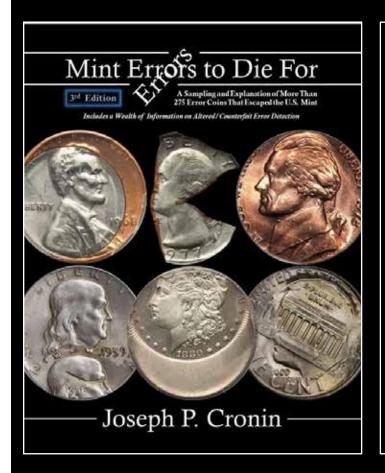
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Coin Trivia: Though the 1913 Buffalo nickel is on a \$5 gold Half Eagle planchet, Mint errors on \$2.5 gold planchets include: Indian Head Cents: (3) 1900, 1905, 1906. and 1907. Lincoln Cents: 1911, 1915. and 1927

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In an interesting twist, Las Vegas rare coin dealer Mike Byers reacquired the coin and advocated it shouldn't have been given a "Genuine" label as there are a few other high-profile straight-graded coins/patterns with post-Mint alterations. NGC agreed and straight-graded it at AU-53; he later sold the coin privately for \$400,000! (Source: MikeByers.com/6324417-001.html)



#### What the Planchet Was Intended to Become Below is a 1913 Indian Head \$5 gold Half

Below is a 1913 Indian Head \$5 gold Half Eagle, which is likely what the planchet for the featured 1913 Buffalo nickel was supposed to become. Seeing that U.S. Mint control of gold and silver planchets was so tight even back then, it is unknown if this is a true error or a Mint-assisted coin. (Photos courtesy of PCGS ® Used by permission at PCGS.com/CoinFacts)





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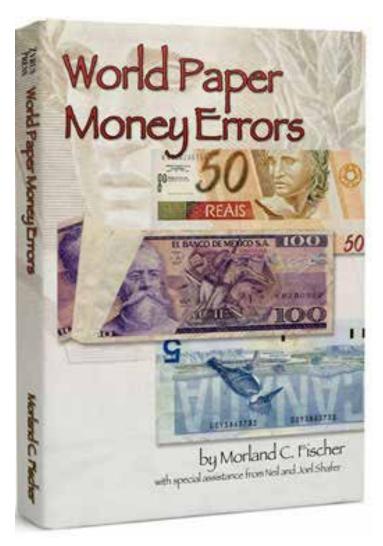
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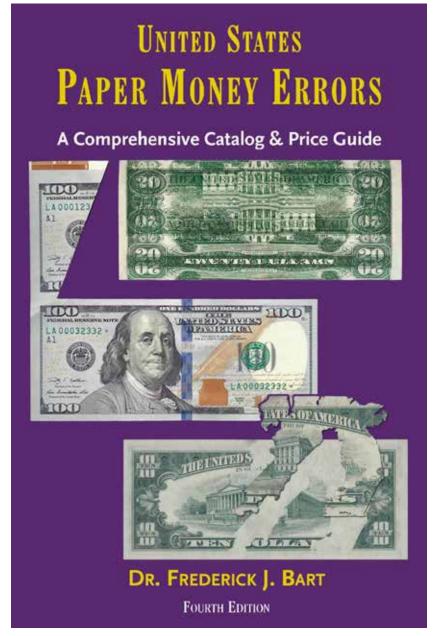
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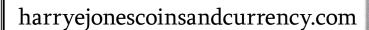
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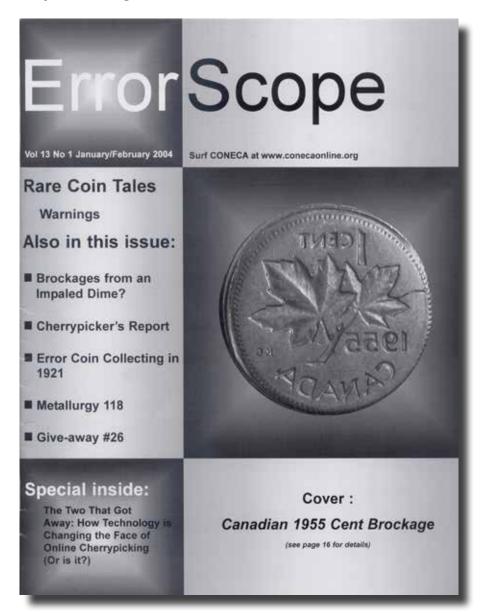




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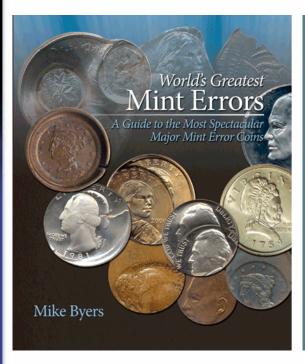
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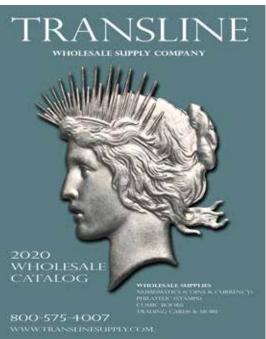
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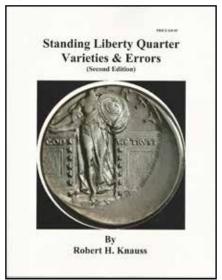
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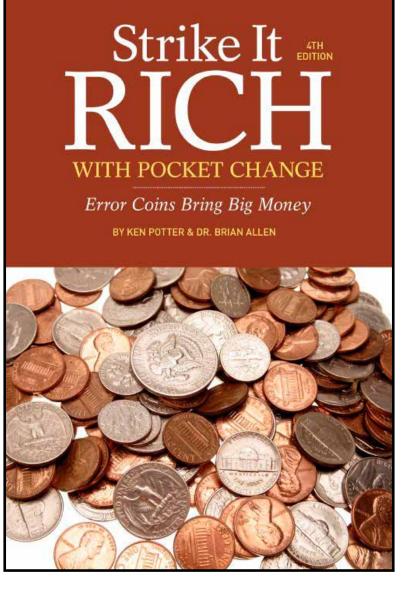
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