

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 hallmark applied by a UK Assay Office is not proof of origin or place of manufacture of an item.

The hallmark of a UK Assay Office (whether applied by a UK Assay Office in its approved locations in or outside the UK) is proof that an item (in all its parts) is of the standard of fineness indicated by the hallmark struck on that item.

Hallmarks applied by UK Assay Offices at their approved locations within the UK are clearly differentiated from those applied by UK Assay Offices in their approved locations outside of the UK (as detailed in the table below).

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 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	Marks applied in the UK			Marks applied outside of the UK					
	800	2009 500	375 9 carat	850	London Birmingham Sheffield Edinburgh	Birmingham							
	925 Sterling	950	585 14 carat	900									
	958 Britannia	2010 500	750 18 carat	950									
	999	950	916 22 carat	999									
	999	999	990 999										
<b>Exemption Weights*</b> Articles above these weights must be hallmarked	7.78 grams	1.0 gram	1.0 gram	0.5 gram									
OPTIONAL MARKS							YOU MAY ALSO SEE OPTIONAL MARKS SUCH AS THE TRADITIONAL FINENESS SYMBOL OR THE DATE LETTER FOR THE YEAR THE ITEM WAS HALLMARKED, OR A CONVENTION MARK.						
<b>Traditional Fineness Symbols</b>	Sterling Silver		Sterling Silver Scotland		Britannia Silver		Palladium		Gold		Platinum		
<b>Date Letter</b>	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034			
<b>Common Control Marks (CCM)</b> This mark is used and recognised by countries, including the UK, that are signatories to the International Convention on Hallmarking.	TYPE 1: CCM FINENESS MARKS						TYPE 2 CCM						
	Silver		Palladium		Gold		Platinum						

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](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/british-hallmarking-council)

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