

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 | | | |
|  |   Sterling  Britannia  | 2009    2010    |  9 carat  14 carat  18 carat  22 carat   |     |  London  Birmingham  Sheffield  Edinburgh | | |
| | 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 |  2010 |  2011 |  2012 |  2013 |  2014 |  2015 |
| | 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.bis.gov.uk/britishhallmarkingcouncil

Produced in Accordance with the Hallmarking Act 1973
Version 4/2013
© British Hallmarking Council