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Struck on Gold Planchet  
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Partial Collar  
NGC MS 62



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Franklin Half Dollar  
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Double Struck  
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PCGS MS 63



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Mated With Brockage  
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Martha Washington Dollar Test Piece  
Clad Plan w/Exp Edge  
NGC MS 64



1869 Indian Cent  
Struck on Silver Dime Planchet  
PCGS AU 55



1856 Large Cent Obverse Cap/  
Brockage Reverse  
Gem BU



Martha Washington Dollar Test Piece  
Sac Plan w/Exp Edge  
NGC MS 64



1906-D \$20 Liberty Gold  
Broadstruck  
NGC AU 58



1920 SL 25¢  
Struck on Peru 20C Planchet  
NGC MS 60 FH Unique



1838 \$5 Die Trial Splasher  
J-A1838-6  
PCGS MS 65 UNIQUE



1866 Shield Nickel with RAYS  
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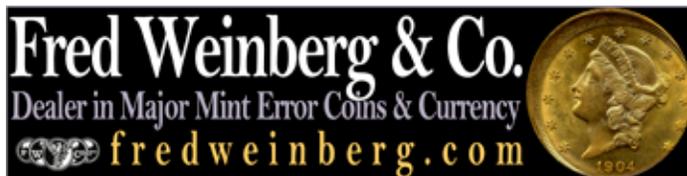
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# Washington Dollar Mint Error Special Section



*Editor's note: The Washington Dollar Missing Edge Lettering is one of the most exciting mint errors to surface in the last ten years. This following section contains information on this new release from the U.S. Mint and the new mint errors that have been discovered as well as articles informing the collector on what to look out for. There may be some repetition in content, but we at Mint Error News feel it is very important information that our readers should know.*



Beginning in 2007, the U.S. Mint released the first in a series of commemorative dollar coins featuring the presidents of the United States. Hoping to help dollar coins circulate more commonly than recent predecessors, the Sacagawea, Susan B. Anthony, and Eisenhower dollars, each coin is to be minted for a short time period and feature a different American president. The Mint will issue four of these Presidential Dollars each year, approximately one every 13 weeks.

These coins will feature edge-incused inscriptions with the year of issue, mint mark, "E Pluribus Unum" and "In God We Trust." This marks the first time an American coin has had design elements on the edge since the last \$20 Gold Double Eagles were struck in

1933. The size, weight and metal composition of these new Presidential \$1 Coin will be identical to that of the Sacagawea Golden Dollar. Each issue will share a common reverse design featuring the Statue of Liberty.

## Specifications:

Weight: 0.286 oz. (8.1g)

Diameter: 1.043 in. (26.5mm)

Thickness: 0.0787 in. (2.0mm)

Edge: "In God We Trust," "E Pluribus Unum," and the year of issue

Composition: 88.5% Copper, 6% Zinc, 3.5% Manganese, 2% Nickel



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Four Presidential Dollars will be released each year, following this schedule:

Year	President	Years Served
2007		
1	George Washington	1789-1797
2	John Adams	1797-1801
3	Thomas Jefferson	1801-1809
4	James Madison	1809-1817
2008		
5	James Monroe	1817-1825
6	John Quincy Adams	1825-1829
7	Andrew Jackson	1829-1837
8	Martin Van Buren	1837-1841
2009		
9	William Henry Harrison	1841
10	John Tyler	1841-1845
11	James K. Polk	1845-1849
12	Zachary Taylor	1849-1850
2010		
13	Millard Fillmore	1850-1853
14	Franklin Pierce	1853-1857
15	James Buchanan	1857-1861
16	Abraham Lincoln	1861-1865
2011		
17	Andrew Johnson	1865-1869
18	Ulysses S. Grant	1869-1877
19	Rutherford B. Hayes	1877-1881
20	James A. Garfield	1881

2012		
21	Chester A. Arthur	1881-1885
22	Grover Cleveland	1885-1889
23	Benjamin Harrison	1889-1893
24	Grover Cleveland	1893-1897
2013		
25	William McKinley	1897-1901
26	Theodore Roosevelt	1901-1909
27	William Howard Taft	1909-1913
28	Woodrow Wilson	1913-1921
2014		
29	Warren Harding	1921-1923
30	Calvin Coolidge	1923-1929
31	Herbert Hoover	1929-1933
32	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1933-1945
2015		
33	Harry S. Truman	1945-1953
34	Dwight D. Eisenhower	1953-1961
35	John F. Kennedy	1961-1963
36	Lyndon B. Johnson	1963-1969
2016		
37	Richard M. Nixon	1969-1974
38	Gerald R. Ford	1974-1977
40	Ronald Reagan	1981-1989

Note: Only deceased presidents will be honored on Presidential Dollars

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## Inside Minting:

# 2007 George Washington Dollar Missing Edge Lettering and Other Errors

by David J. Camire (ngccoin.com)

First, some overview: The new Presidential Dollar Coins were officially released on February 15th of this year. They are being minted at both the Philadelphia and Denver mints. The planchets used to make the new dollar coins are of the same composition (a three-layer clad composition), weight (8.1 grams), diameter (26.5 mm), and thickness (2mm) as the Sacagawea “Golden” Dollar. Where the coins differ most significantly, apart from the obvious obverse and reverse design difference, is the edge. On the Presidential Dollar, some of the requisite legends have been moved to the edge of the coin (Photo 1a and 1b).



1b.) 2007 P George Washington Presidential \$1 coin reverse showing edge lettering



1a.) 2007 P George Washington Presidential \$1 coin obverse showing edge lettering

The presidential coins are edge-lettered, with the date and mintmark (photo 1c), as well as the mottos E PLURIBUS UNUM, and IN GOD WE TRUST. The lettering is applied after the coins are struck in a separate process, and the edge lettering is attracting a lot of interest.

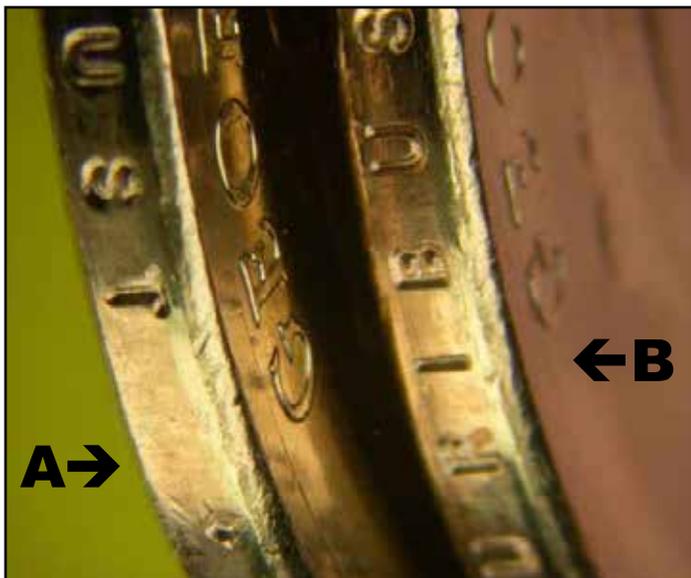
Struck coins are fed into an edge-lettering machine randomly, and thus the orientation of the edge lettering is also random. These coins can be found with the edge lettering that can be read either from looking at the edge holding the coin with the obverse facing up or

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1c.) Close-up image of edge lettering showing the date and mintmark

reverse facing up (Photo 1d). This variation in obverse lettering is a necessary and intended part of the minting process, and, unlike coins struck with a lettered edge collar, there is no significance to the orientation and placement of the lettering.



1d.) Two 2007 P George Washington \$1 coins showing opposite edge lettering orientation. Coin A shows lettering which can be read with the obverse facing up, while coin B shows edge lettering which can be read with the obverse facing down.

What if the coins were to inadvertently bypass or miss the edge-lettering stage of the minting process? The resulting coins would simply have a plain edge, the same as a Sacagawea dollar (Photo 2a). This does pose an interesting problem. The coins are not only missing the mottos E PLURIBUS UNUM and IN GOD WE TRUST; they are also missing the date and mintmark. (Photo 2b) Washington dollar coins missing the edge lettering are being found in rolls minted at both the Denver and Philadelphia Mints.



2a.) A George Washington Presidential \$1 coin missing edge lettering

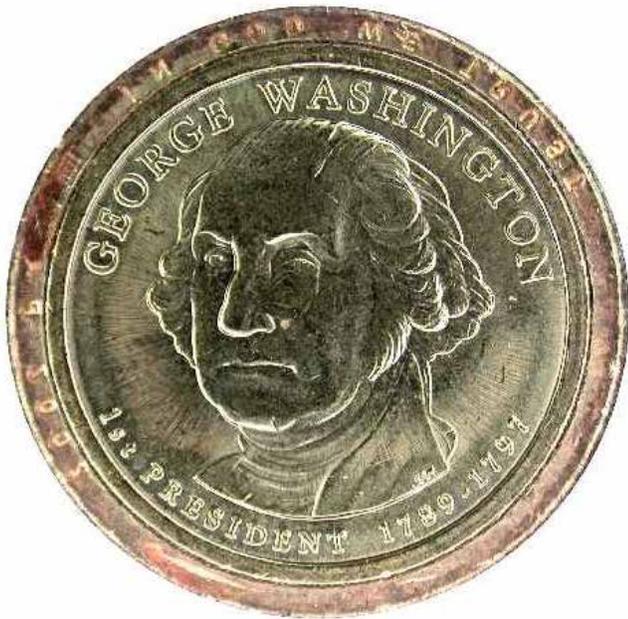


2b.) Close-up of the edge of a George Washington Presidential \$1 coin missing edge lettering

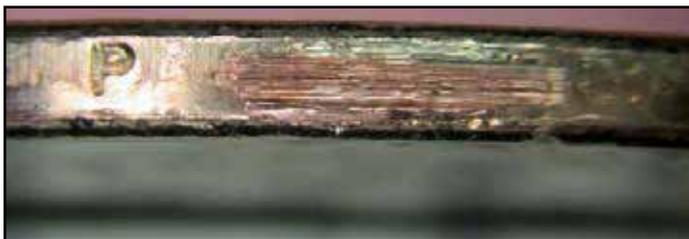
Aside from missing the edge lettering, other edge letter anomalies are being discovered, including partial and multiple edge lettering.

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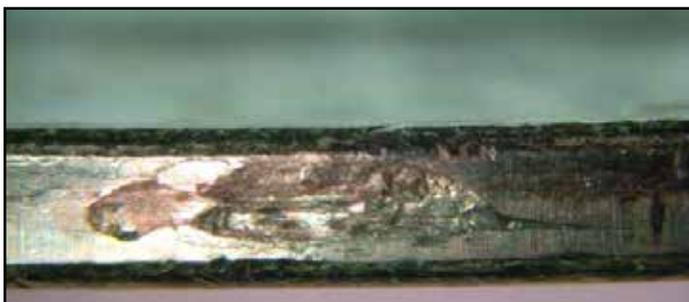
For example, this 2007 P Washington Dollar is missing the words E PLURIBUS UNUM (Photo 3a). The coin apparently became partially jammed (note the two edge marks Photo 3b, 3c) before exiting the machine, resulting in only a partial design transfer. NGC will certify and attribute partial and fully missing edge lettering as well as multiple edge lettering. All coins will be encapsulated in the NGC state-of-the-art coin EdgeView Holder™ so that the edge error will be visible.



3a.)

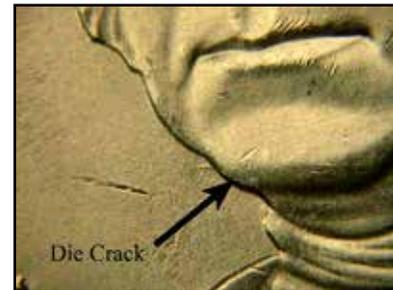


3b.)



3c.)

NGC will also grade and authenticate other Presidential dollar errors such as blanks and planchets (both plain-edge and with edge lettering), die adjustment strikes, broadstrikes, off-centers, multiple strikes, coins missing clad layer(s), coins struck on wrong planchets, and major clashed dies, etc. NGC will not attribute minor errors such as die cracks (Photo 4c), die chips, minor struck throughs (Photo 4b), minor clashed dies, minor die damage (Photo 4a), starburst effects, die polishing, etc.



4c.) Small die cracks, as shown, are not considered mint errors on circulating coinage, and are not recognized on the certification label by NGC.



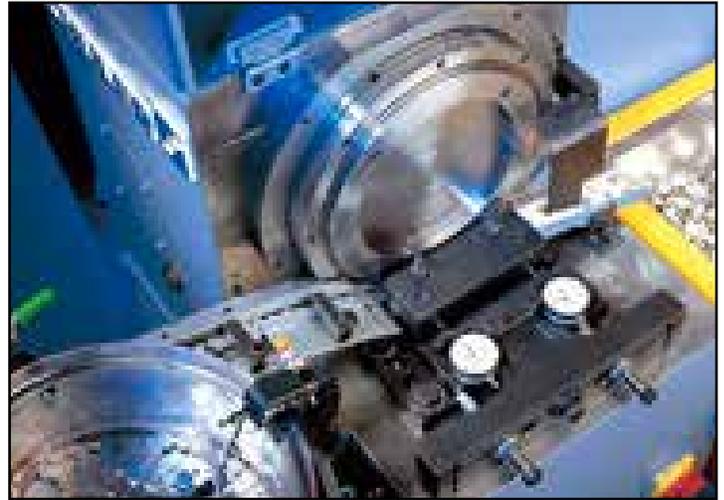
4b.) A coin with a small area struck through grease, as shown, is not significant enough to be considered a mint error and is not noted on the holder by NGC. Recognized struck throughs are struck through foreign material and/or missing major design elements.



4a.) Minor die damage visible near Liberty's neck, as shown, is not significant enough to be considered a mint error and is not noted on the holder by NGC.

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**Editor's Note:** Below are photos of a coin edge lettering machine. The new Presidential Dollars features edge lettering that includes the date, Mint mark, IN GOD WE TRUST and E PLURIBUS UNUM. Due to the minting process used on the circulating coins, the edge-incused inscription positions will vary with each coin. The chances of getting upside down rims are about 50/50. This is not a mint error.



After the minting process is completed, the Presidential Dollars leave the U.S. Mint in huge containers called “ballistic bags,” which hold 140,000 dollars in each bag. These dollars are then counted and rolled by several companies that have contracts with the U.S. Government. Eventually the Federal Reserve Banks distribute these coins to banks across the country.

## A Statement from the United States Mint:

“The United States Mint has struck more than 300 million George Washington Presidential \$1 Coins. We have recently learned that an unspecified quantity of these coins inadvertently left the United States Mint at Philadelphia without edge-lettering on them. It is unknown how many of these coins without inscriptions on the edge have been placed into circulation.

The United States Mint understands the importance of the inscriptions ‘In God We Trust’ and ‘E Pluribus Unum,’ as well as the mint mark and year on U.S. coinage. We take this matter seriously. We also consider quality control a high priority. The agency is looking into the matter to determine a possible cause in the manufacturing process.

Production of the Presidential \$1 Coin, with its unique edge-lettering, is a new, complex, high volume manufacturing system, and the United States Mint is determined to make technical adjustments to perfect the process. As we adjust this new process, we intend to eliminate any such defects.

Consistent with the agency’s practice in such situations, the United States Mint has informed the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of the Treasury about this matter.”

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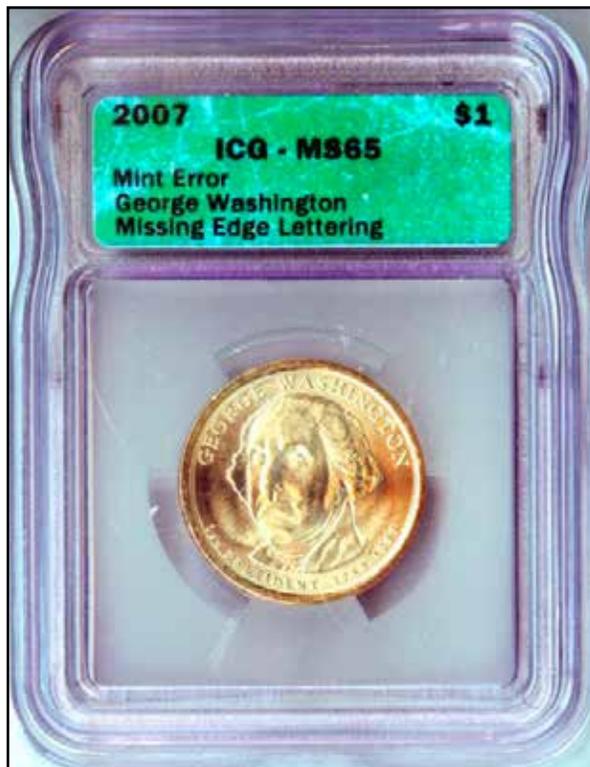
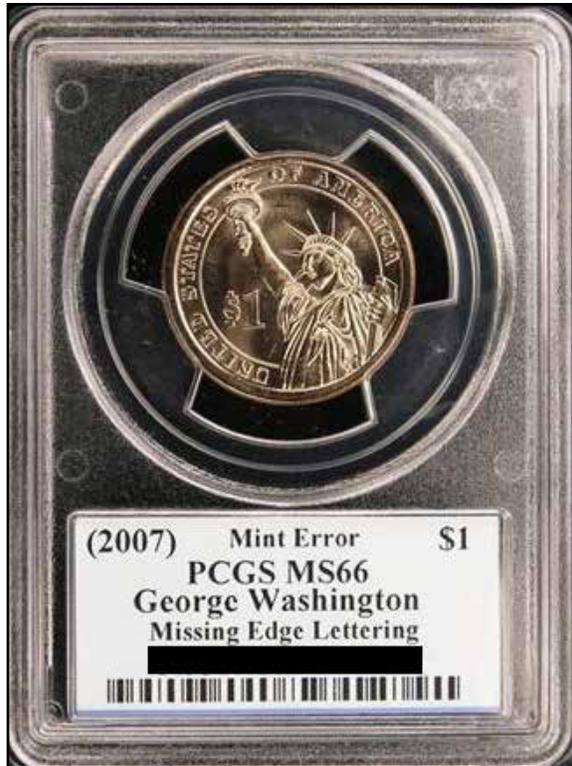


Notice the plain edges in the photos.



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*Editor's Note: There are many altered and buffed Washington Dollars that are not genuine mint errors. It is very important to have these "missing edge lettering" Presidential Dollars authenticated and certified by PCGS, NGC, ICG or ANACS.*



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The new Presidential Dollar has been featured in two Coin World cover stories since its release. The cover of the 3/19/07 issue reported the release of the Plain Edge Washington Dollar. The U.S. Mint Director Edmund C. Moy stated that “it is still too early to determine the exact number of Presidential dollars that missed going through the equipment that imparts the incuse edge inscriptions of the date, Mint mark, IN GOD WE TRUST and E PLURIBUS UNUM, although it could be in the tens of thousands, or even much higher.” Mint Director Edmund C. Moy also stated:

*“We’re embarrassed about these mistakes and we’re working to correct them. As a consequence of this, it’s created a lot of interest among collectors... It wasn’t intentional by the Mint. This was not part of a secret or covert plan or marketing strategy of ours. This was a mistake we feel badly about. There were manufacturing errors that were made. The men and women at the Mint and also the Mint director take responsibility for those error coins we know that we’ve made. We’re embarrassed by these mistakes and we’re working to correct them.”*

A second story entitled, Mint Probes Dollar Edge Errors, appeared on the cover of the 4/2/07 issue of Coin World.

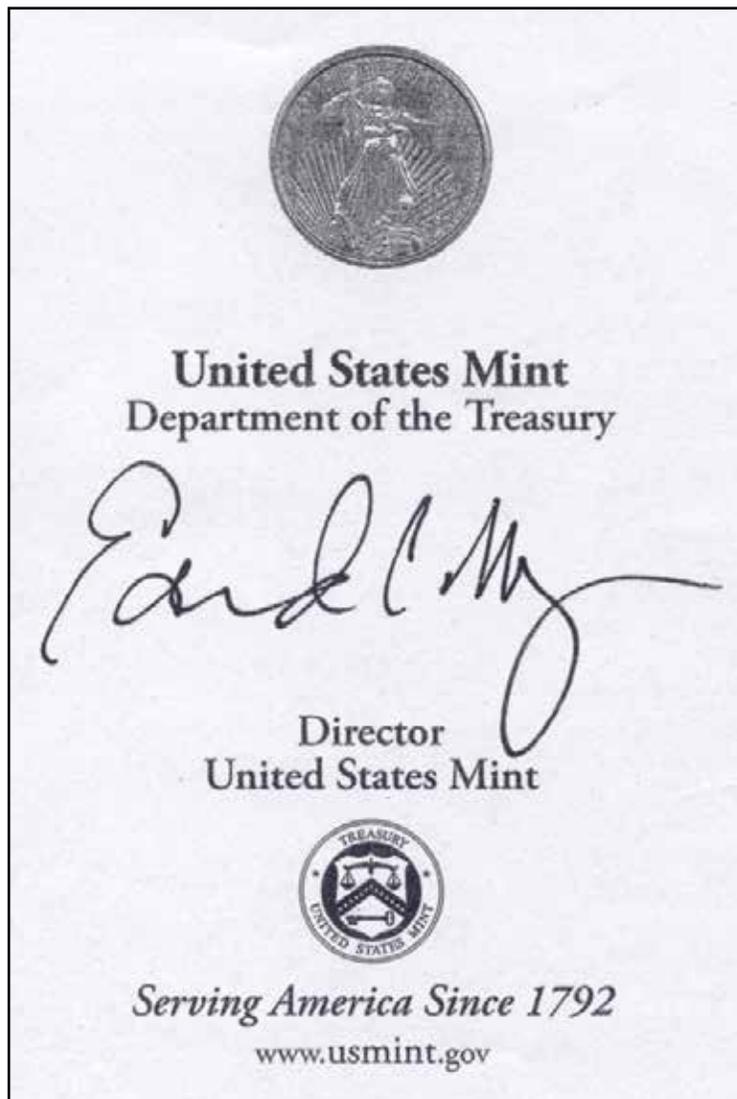
Numismatic News reported that the Mint Director Edmund C. Moy would host a collector forum at the American Numismatic Association’s National Money Show in Charlotte, North Carolina. It was announced that he would be available to the public from 11 a.m. to noon on March 16th at the Mint’s booth on the show bourse.

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## Director of U.S. Mint Autographs NGC Certified “Missing Edge Lettering” Presidential Dollar Mint Error



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# Altered Washington Dollars Surface

*Editor's Note: The following article was posted on March 22, 2007 on the NGC website (ngccoin.com).*

## *Presidential Dollars are filed to resemble widely publicized Missing Edge Lettering examples*

Less than a month after their official release, Presidential \$1 Coins with altered edges are being submitted to NGC for certification.

Considerable attention has been focused on Presidential \$1 Coins with edge lettering errors. The edge lettering is applied to these coins after they are struck in a process similar to the upsetting mill that raises rims during planchet preparation. As such, the edge lettering orientation will vary depending on how the coin falls into machine that impresses the letters, and its positioning and orientation on the coins are random. Nonetheless, coins are being offered and sold in the marketplace as mint errors in cases where the edge lettering is "upside down" in relationship to the obverse. This is not an error as the lettering orientation is arbitrary to the obverse and reverse of the coin. NGC does not describe the orientation of the edge lettering on its label or during the certification process.

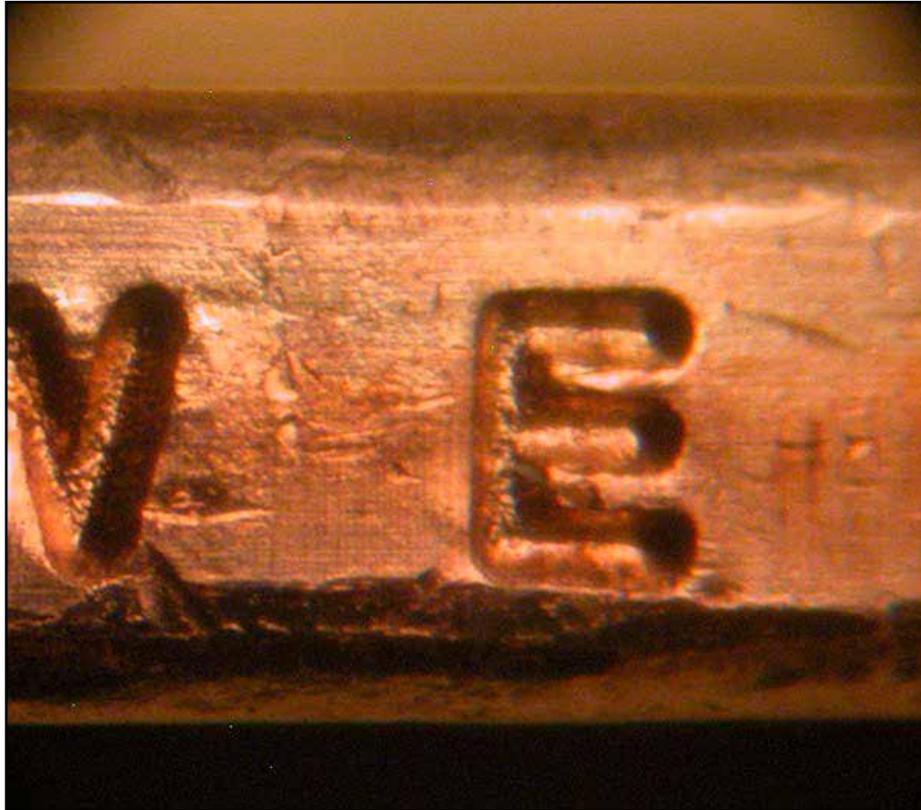
A few un-struck type two planchets with edge lettering have also shown up in the market place and these do appear to be legitimate Mint errors.

There are also a number of Washington dollars being found that do not have any edge lettering. Some of these are legitimate errors, but we are now seeing pieces that have been altered to resemble the plain edge error.

The alteration process is rather simple and consists of filing down the edge to remove the lettering. Since the edge lettering is incuse, considerable filing is needed to remove enough metal to erase traces of any of the letters. The alterations we have seen thus far are not deceptive upon close examination of the coin and measurement of the weight and diameter.

The genuine lettered edge Washington Dollars we tested ranged from 26.41 mm to 26.48 mm in diameter and have a weight ranging from 7.92 g to 7.99 g. A genuine Washington dollar with missing edge lettering fell within this range at 26.46 mm in diameter and 7.98 g. The altered specimen shows a clear loss of diameter and weight through the removal of metal in the process of filing the letters of the edge. An altered specimen weighed 7.89 g with a diameter of 26.21 mm.

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**Photo 1:** This is a genuine lettered edge Washington dollar with the smooth edge and fine vertical lines created when the coin was ejected from the collar after being struck.



**Photo 2:** This is a genuine Washington dollar with the edge lettering missing. The surfaces are original and unaltered and also show the fine vertical ejection marks.

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**Photo 3:** This is the altered Washington dollar with the edge filed down sufficiently to give the appearance of a piece that did not receive its lettered edge impression. Note the fine horizontal file marks, the rounded edge and the lack of vertical ejection marks.



**Photo 4:** (File: WASHINGTON \$ ALT EDGE 1) A closer view reveals the extent of the horizontal file marks and the lack of vertical ejection marks on the edge.

Specimen Comparison	Diameter	Weight
ALTERED: EDGE LETTERING REMOVED	26.21 mm	7.89 g
GENUINE: NO EDGE LETTERING	26.46 mm	7.98 g
GENUINE: RANGE OF TESTED EDGE LETTERED SPECIMENS	26.41 mm to 26.48 mm	7.92 g to 7.99 g

# PNG Experts Warn of Altered, No Edge-Lettering Dollars

**PNG Press Release:** March 21, 2007

The Professional Numismatists Guild (PNG), a nonprofit organization composed of the country's top rare coin and paper money dealers, issued the following consumer protection advisory on March 21, 2007 about altered coins being sold as genuine errors.

Some 2007-dated Presidential dollar coins, deliberately altered after leaving the United States Mint to remove the edge lettering including the motto, "In God We Trust," are being offered to unsuspecting buyers in online auctions and at swap meets. The Mint mistakenly released for circulation thousands of genuine coins without the edge lettering, but the PNG cautions that worthless, fake versions now are appearing in the marketplace, especially Internet auctions.

"The edge lettering on some perfectly-made coins is being intentionally removed in machine shops to fraudulently make the coins appear to have a plain edge without the date, without the mintmark and without the mottos, In God We Trust and E Pluribus Unum. It's the wild, wild West out there online, and it's probably going to get worse before it gets better," said Fred Weinberg of Encino, California, a former President of the Professional Numismatists Guild and an internationally known expert on mis-struck coins.

"You run the risk of paying \$100 or more for an altered coin that's only worth one dollar. Unless you know how to determine authenticity, the coin should be certified by a nationally-recognized authentication company or you should know the reputation of the professional dealer you're buying it from."

The normal weight of the George Washington dollar coin is 8.1 grams (125 grains) and the diameter is 26.5 millimeters. Any plain-edge coins that weigh less than 8 grams (123 grains) or with a diameter of 26 millimeters or less should be viewed with skepticism. They may have been deliberately trimmed to remove the edge lettering, according to the PNG.

"The altered coins are deliberately machined down until the lettering on the edges disappears. It's also possible for the incused lettering to be filled in, then re-plated or re-colored, and then the altered coin is deceitfully sold as a genuine Mint-made error," Weinberg explained.

Weinberg also cautions consumers to be wary of sale pitches for so-called "upside-down" lettering errors.

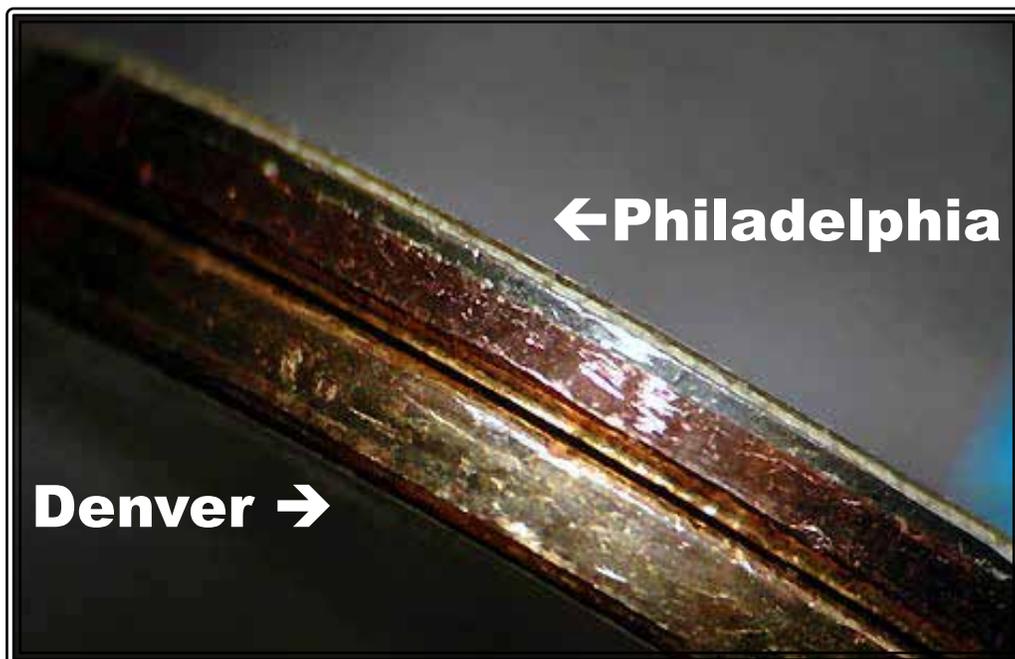
"The relationship is random between the edge lettering and the 'heads' side on the Presidential dollars. Some coins have the letters reading 'up,' and some are 'upside-down' when you view the front of the coin. These are not inverted-lettering errors, only a random method of placing the edge-lettering on the coins. Half the coins will have the letters up, and half will appear upside down."

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**Editor's Note:** Well known Mint Error Dealer, Fred Weinberg, recently purchased a group of 2007 **Denver** Washington Dollar "Missing Edge Lettering" mint errors. Here is a quote from Fred as well as his authentication letter that he included with each sale.

"Last Friday I bought 70 (out of 72) Plain Edges from a local coin shop. A lady had gone into her local bank branch on Ventura Blvd. in Sherman Oaks (next door to Encino, about two miles east of me), asked for a \$1,000 worth of dollars. The teller laughed at her and said, 'You won't find any of those errors that are on the news - they're all being found in Florida.' She bought a \$1,000 box of paper rolled coins and found 72 Plain Edges! These coins are all from the downtown Los Angeles Federal Reserve, where my bank downstairs got theirs. Yesterday at the same shop, a merchant two doors down came up with six of them! Tom DeLorey examined the first 'Denver' Plain Edge last week in Chicago, and my coins match his as far as 'edge comparison.' There is a difference that can be seen between the D's and P's, but I'm not sure if it's significant enough for the grading services to be able to put Philadelphia or Denver on a holder."



The Denver plain edge has no copper core visible since these were rinsed in a solution that coated the edge.

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## Fred Weinberg & Co.



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March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007

### ***2007-DENVER George Washington Presidential Dollar Missing Edge Lettering Mint Error***

The enclosed "Plain Edge" 2007 George Washington Dollar came directly from an original roll of 2007 Denver coins.

These Mint Error coins were purchased by Fred Weinberg and Company between March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from either the local coin shop that bought them from the person who found them in the original paper wrapped rolls, or by myself directly from another party who found them at a local bank on Ventura Boulevard in Sherman Oaks, California (San Fernando Valley).

The most noticeable difference between these Denver "Plain Edge", and the Philadelphia "Plain Edge" errors is that the Denver coins show very little of the copper core on the edge, and in fact show only a very light "copper tint" on the edge in most cases. The reason for this anomaly is currently being researched.

  
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## The NEW Washington Dollar Errors

by Rich Schemmer (richerrors.com)



**W**ow, talk about a HOT new subject! Since the release of the new Washington dollar in February, all sorts of errors have been found. Most are considered minor or just part of the normal minting process. Then there are the Washington dollars that have NO edge lettering at all!

It appears that many Washington Dollars totally missed this process since this edge lettering happens AFTER the actual striking of the coin. No one knows for sure if the mintage of these Washington dollars that missed this process is 1,000, 20,000 or 300,000. I guess that tally won't be known until the Mint releases an official statement or when all of the bags of Washington Dollars are released from the Federal Reserves.

Ebay has been loaded with these. The amount of pages in the Error section actually doubled. This new error has invited error counterfeiters into grinding off the edge lettering on this new dollar. As long as there is a dollar to be made, these bottom feeders will try to steal your money one way or another, so be careful. PCGS has started to certify these errors, as I'm sure NGC will also. But what if you're not sure what a real one or a fake one looks like? Stay with the dealers who have plenty of positive feedback on eBay. One such dealer from California actually gives a letter of Guarantee & Authentication with his Washington dollar errors.

So you want to buy off eBay:

- \*Look for those sellers with lots of Positive feedbacks
- \*Remember to look for grinding marks on the edge of the coin

\*Weighing the coin may help, but with so little metal being removed the weight will still be close.

\*The internal copper core will be uneven and more to one side than the other. This is normal (look at any Clad coin like a new quarter). If the copper core is "even" beware!

Prices haven't settled on these errors yet, they started out really high, around \$1,200 and now are around the \$200 to \$250 area. \$150 sounds really good if you get a letter of Authentication from the dealer or \$200 if it's certified by PCGS or NGC.

The final price will be determined by the amount that is finally released into circulation. The lower the mintage the higher the price and visa versa.

Beware of the Washington Dollar blank planchets being offered, whether raw or in Washington Dollar Shotgun rolls (rolls rolled by private companies) since these are a scam. The Washington Dollar planchets and the Sacagawea planchets are EXACTLY the same, identical in diameter, weight, and color. Yet some eBayers have been willing to pay HUGE sums of money for a Washington/Sacagawea planchet located in the end of a roll that was made by a private rolling company. Even Government released rolls can be tampered with to include one of these planchets. So what's the scam? Sacagawea planchets regularly sell between \$100-150. Some buyers have been paying \$400, \$800 and even \$2,000 for these so called Washington planchets as singles or in rolls... Be careful, know whom your buying from, ask questions and look at the feedback or just deal with a known error coin dealer.

## Presidential Dollar Errors

by Al Levy (alscoins.com)

Have you ever wondered how our ancestors felt when they heard gold was discovered? Or what it was like searching or digging for that “Mother Load”? I believe the people of Florida experienced this on Feb. 15th when the United States Mint released the first of the new Presidential dollar series. These Washington dollar coins were immediately scrutinized by the error/variety collectors who search for the slightest die variance.

The no edged lettered dollar was immediately discovered by a lucky collector in Florida. He brought this to the attention of the local media creating a mini “Gold Rush”. An article went on to explain that these \$1,000 boxes contained new error coins. They even noted that CWI #103 INSPECTED BY number with “not to be released” until Feb 15, 2007 held the new varieties. Bank tellers in Florida started searching through rolls and found thousands of these errors.

One of the first “smooth edge” dollars found its way on eBay and immediately sold for \$612.00. The 2nd one closed for a mere \$369.00. As more of these errors were listed the prices dropped. Individual coins were averaging \$75. Groups of 10 or more were going for approximately \$600. Then, the story broke across the nation on 03/07, enhancing the “Gold Fever”. These errors were now being auctioned on the internet averaging \$850 each.

The Mint’s news release stated that the coins edge lettering was being added after the coins were initially struck. The article stated how the edge lettering was added regardless of the position of the President’s bust. Collectors ignored this and created a new selling frenzy referred to as the “upside down lettered edge.” This new variety was listed on the Internet commanding record prices of \$75 plus for each coin. Insanity prevailed as

sellers gained a small fortune while buyers failed to read the full story to get the facts.

Speculation ran rampant in the Internet chat rooms. Claims were being made that someone in the Mint (who was an atheist) created these new “godless” dollars intentionally. Others said our founding fathers were spinning in their graves for taking the words “In God We Trust” off government issued coins. The fact is, the first coin the have “In God We Trust” was the 1864 Two Cent piece.

The error section of eBay normally lists twelve pages of new items on the weekends and five pages during the week. Suddenly, forty five pages were being added daily. Most of which were listing the new dollars. Ebay even added a new section under dollars: “Presidential (2007-Now),” and record prices were being generated.

An amazing money grabbing venture was the listings for Presidential blank planchets. These are the same blanks used for the Sacagawea dollars. The first blank listed on eBay as a Washington Dollar error closed for \$1,000. These type II blanks have been retailing since the Sacagawea dollar was first released in 2000 and are currently retailing between \$75 to \$100. At this time, there is no way to tell the difference between the Sacagawea or Presidential dollar blank. The grading services are expected to list these as simply Maganese blank planchet dollars. Both blanks weigh in at 8.1 grams (+ or - a tolerance factor) and are made of the same material and size. No mention of which dollar type can be identified correctly on the slab, so these coins are being over sold.

I believe for sometime eBay sellers are using a Klopp crimper (shotgun shell paper coin roller machine) which re-rolls previously opened rolls. Blank planchets will

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be inserted into the end of a roll and are professionally re-crimped. These will be sold to the unsuspecting buyer for large amounts of money on internet auctions as original Mint wrapped rolls. Since vast amounts of these blanks are available on the market, don't be surprised to learn most error dealers are out of stock. Because the lettered edge blank has been discovered and written about, people will believe that this is what they may find in an unopened roll where the blank is showing.

It is not unusual for a new coin issue to mandate a new process and use additional equipment that creates errors for the public to find, and a headache for the Mint. The Mint considers this to be an embarrassment. They do not intentionally create error coins for the collector. Normal procedures at the Mint capture the majority of all spoilage. The lack of training of new personnel, the failure to pass procedure changes onto the next shift, equipment failure, etc., help to create a new error/variety for collectors and dealers which allows new collectors to enter the market.

## **New errors/future errors to look for in reference to the new Presidential dollars:**

1. Smooth edge - being reported from the Philadelphia and Denver Mints. (As of this date, there is no definitive way to tell the difference as to which branch mint created these.)
2. Starburst smooth edge - between the "\$1" on the reverse is Washington's eye due to die clashing. Additionally, the obverse and reverse were struck through thin layers of oil/grease creating a starburst appearance. Individuals reported finding every tenth smooth edge dollar to be this variety.
3. Upside down lettered edge - common as 50% of all coins will show this.
  - A. Philadelphia Mint
  - B. Denver Mint
4. Misplaced lettered edge:
  - A. Slippage of the lettering. E Pluibus Unum almost on top of the mintmark.
  - B. Dropped letters or doubled letters.
  - C. Double lettered edge (Something to look for as this will be highly desirable)
  - D. Dual date lettered edge (Future possibility: 2007 over 2008) or Wrong president on wrong dated lettered edge!!! Or, "P" over "D" mintmarks.
  - E. Washington dollar struck over a struck Madison dollar. (I would love to see this one!) Or, Sacagawea dollar struck over a Presidential dollar)
  - F. Off metals/double denominations - Washington dollar struck on a dime planchet. (OR, a struck dime planchet.)
  - G. Very faint edge lettering (known)
5. Rotated reverses - already known: 40% to 90% clockwise rotation
6. Split off clad layers

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DESCRIPTION	GRADED	SOLD
<b>AVERAGE eBay RETAIL PRICE AS OF 03/31/07</b>	RAW	83.50
ANACS 65	5	182.90
ICG 64	5	190.51
ICG 65	4	327.76
ICG 66	2	309.66
ICG 67	1	999.95
NGC BU	20	242.68
NGC 64	64	180.47
NGC 65	147	257.78
NGC 66	47	488.66
NGC 67	6	1,640.99
NGC 67 "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE"	1	305.00
PCGS 63	6	145.42
PCGS 63 "STARBURST" (STRUCK THRU + CLASHG)	1	405.13
PCGS 64	31	195.66
PCGS 65	41	334.76
PCGS 66	20	702.07
PCGS 67 "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE"	1	1,450.00
PCI 64 JT STANTON SIGNED	3	99.50
PCI 65 JT STANTON SIGNED	5	174.50
2007-D FRED WEINBERG LETTER AUTHENTICITY	21	153.69
2007-D IN 2 x 2 (NO EDGE LETTERING) DENVER???	1	224.73
2007-D FOUR NO EDGE LETTERING	1	305.01
2007-P MINT SEWN BAG \$250	1	411.00
2007-P STRUCK THRU "O" WASHINGTON ANACS 64	1	147.50
2007-(?) LARGE CLIP (DIDN'T LOOK REAL)	1	382.00
ROTATED REVERSE - 40 DEGREE CCW ROTATION	1	180.50
STARBURST (SMOOTH EDGE, DIE CLASH, STRUCK THRU)	9	447.63
2007-(?) STRUCK THRU COPPER WASH(?)	2	688.29
1ST BLANK SOLD ON 02/25/07 (WASHINGTON)	1	125.50
SACAGAWEA/WASHINGTON BLANK	21	652.51
SACAGAWEA/WASHINGTON BLANK END OF ROLL	2	1,920.00
WASHINGTON BLANK REVERSE, SMOOTH RIM(?)	1	1,025.00
1,000 NO EDGE LETTERING (UNOPENED BOX?)	1	5,600.00

*Editor's Note: These Washington Dollar "Missing Edge Lettering" mint errors have also been sold on the Home Shopping Network on four separate occasions. The first three times HSN featured ICG certified MS 60 through MS 63 pieces and sold out at \$399.00 each. On April 16th they featured ICG certified double error Washington Dollars with "Missing Edge Lettering" and "Struck Through Grease" that sold out at \$599.00 each.*

## PCGS Certifies Presidential Dollar Blank Planchet with Edge Lettering - Discovery Coin -



The first known lettered-edge, blank planchet Presidential dollar was discovered by Ray and Mary Smith of Fort Collins, Colorado. This error was found in a 25-coin roll from a local bank. The Smith's sent the coin to PCGS for certification and will receive a \$2,500 reward for this Discovery Coin. Ron Guth, the PCGS President, stated that "although we anticipated its appearance, we never expected one to appear so quickly. Nonetheless, PCGS is thrilled to be able to certify the discovery example, and we congratulate Ray and Mary Smith on their lucky find. We're also happy that our reward program is helping to bring important rarities to light."

This type two (raised rim) planchet somehow made it to the final stage of the Presidential dollar minting process without being struck or burnished. The incuse edge lettering is complete with the date, mintmark and the two mottos, In God We Trust and E Pluribus Unum.

Ray and Mary Smith contacted us and wanted to share their discovery coin with the readers of Mint Error News Magazine. They sent us these photos of this incredible mint error in the PCGS holder.

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## NGC Certifies Presidential Dollar With No Edge Lettering and Reverse Clad Layer Missing

This fantastic multiple error Washington Dollar was discovered by Eric E. Beers. It was found among some other Washington Dollar “missing edge lettering” errors and weighs approximately 5.8 grams.



Missing Clad Layer (top)  
Regular Coin (bottom)



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Here are a few more Washington Dollar mint errors that have been discovered:

## Washington Dollar with Reverse Clad Layer Missing



Photo courtesy of Mary C. from Michigan.

## Washington Dollar with Doubled Edge Lettering



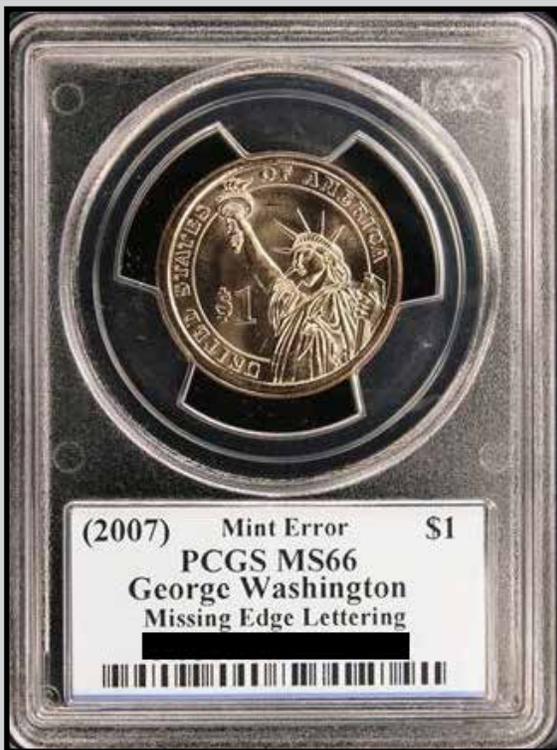
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## Population Reports & Estimates

*The U.S. Mint stated in a recent press release that “The United States Mint has struck more than 300 million George Washington Presidential \$1 Coins. We have recently learned that an unspecified quantity of these coins inadvertently left the United States Mint at Philadelphia without edge-lettering on them. It is unknown how many of these coins without inscriptions on the edge have been placed into circulation.”*

### Estimated mintages of the “Missing Edge Lettering” Washington Dollar

There has been wide speculation regarding the total number of Washington Dollars that are missing the edge lettering. Estimates range from a low of 40,000 to a high of 400,000. It has yet to be determined if all or part of one ballistic bag of Washington Dollars was released without the inscriptions on the edge. Many people are wondering if the U.S. Mint will release another statement on their estimation of the number of “Missing Edge Lettering” Washington Dollars released.

### Population Reports

Below are the population reports for PCGS, NGC, ICG and ANACS reflecting the number of “Missing Edge Lettering” George Washington Dollars that have been certified through mid-April. Since these population figures change daily, please check with the individual Grading Services for the most recent figures. Considering that over 300 million George Washington Presidential Dollar coins were struck by the Philadelphia and Denver Mints in early 2007, the numbers below reflect only a small fraction of the total number minted.

Service / Grade	AU 58	MS 60	MS 61	MS 62	MS 63	MS 64	MS 65	MS 66	MS 67	Total
<b>PCGS</b>	-	-	-	-	182	2,663	4,605	810	-	<b>8,260</b>
<b>NGC *</b>	1	-	-	6	66	5,326	12,595	993	23	<b>19,010</b>
<b>ICG</b>	-	-	32	104	1,416	3,220	1,308	633	234	<b>6,947</b>
<b>ANACS</b>	-	1	1	7	22	245	428	53	2	<b>759</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>11,454</b>	<b>18,936</b>	<b>2,489</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>34,976</b>

\* Please note: NGC has also certified approximately 15,000 of these “Missing Edge Lettering” mint errors as “BU.”

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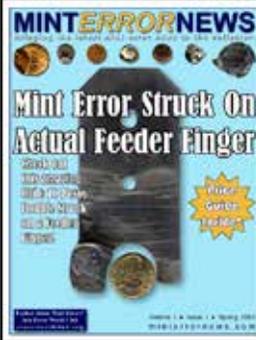
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