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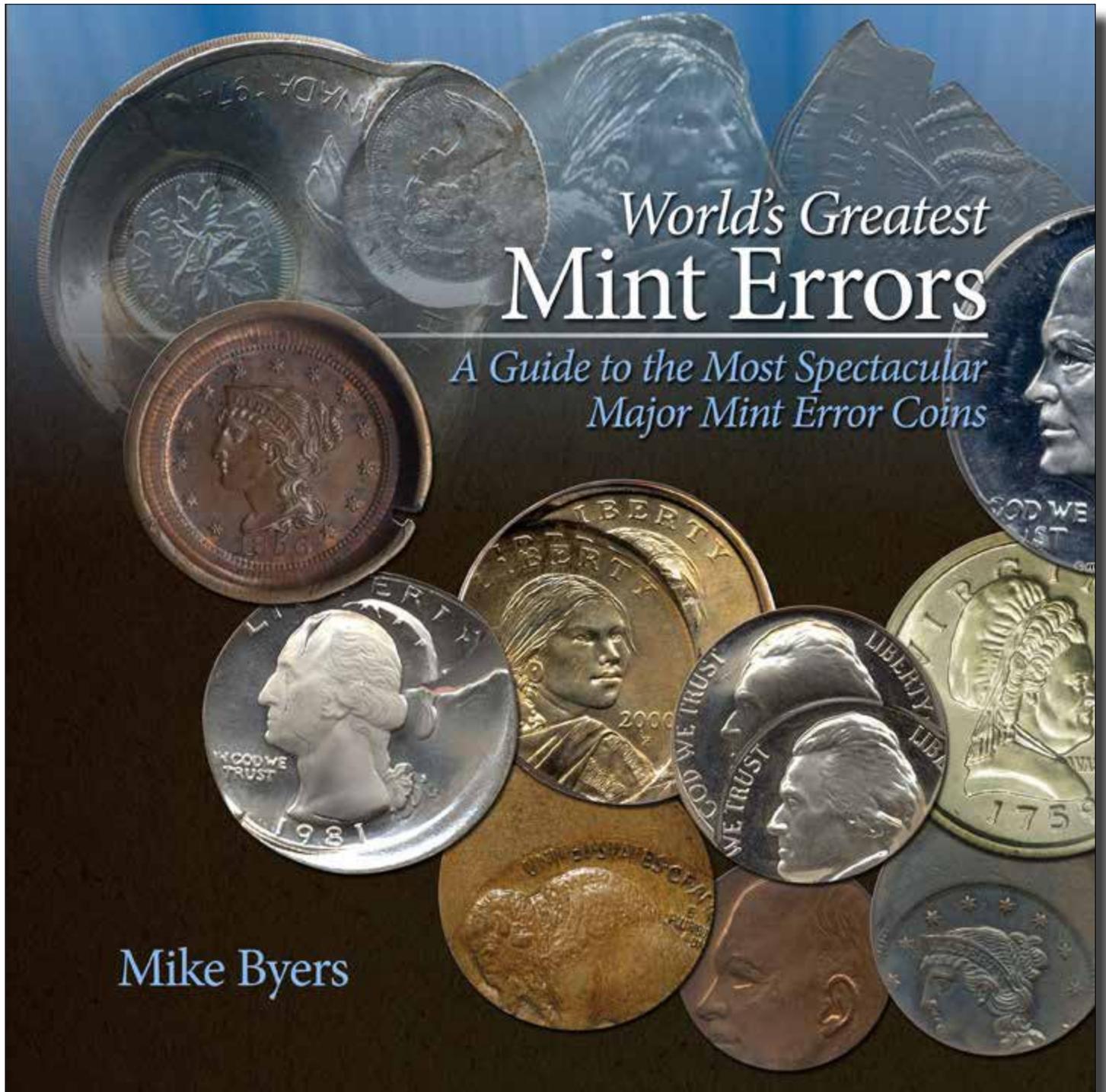
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Over the last 20 years with the advent of the internet millions of collectors have flocked to online auctions and dealer websites. Many people connect to various online forums and clubs to share knowledge and learn about Mint Errors. Everyone, including 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.

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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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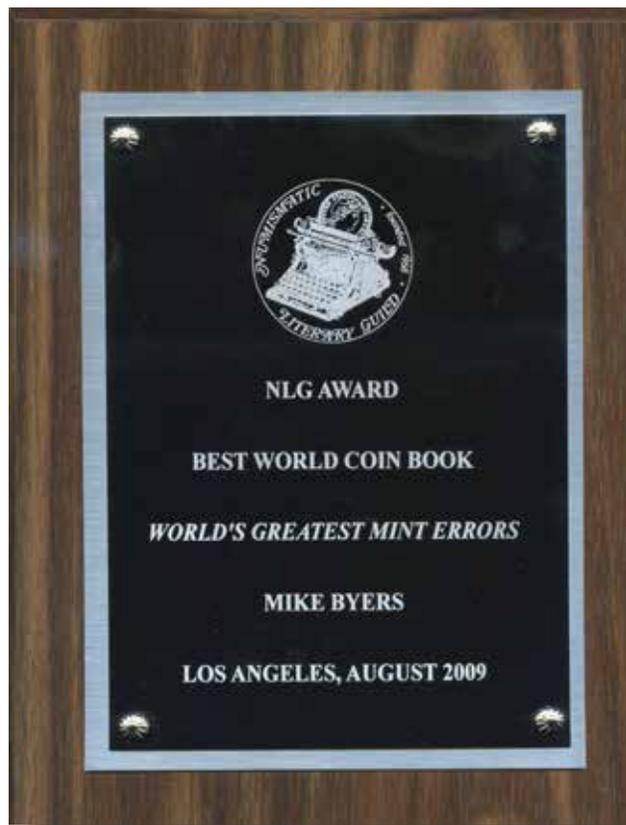
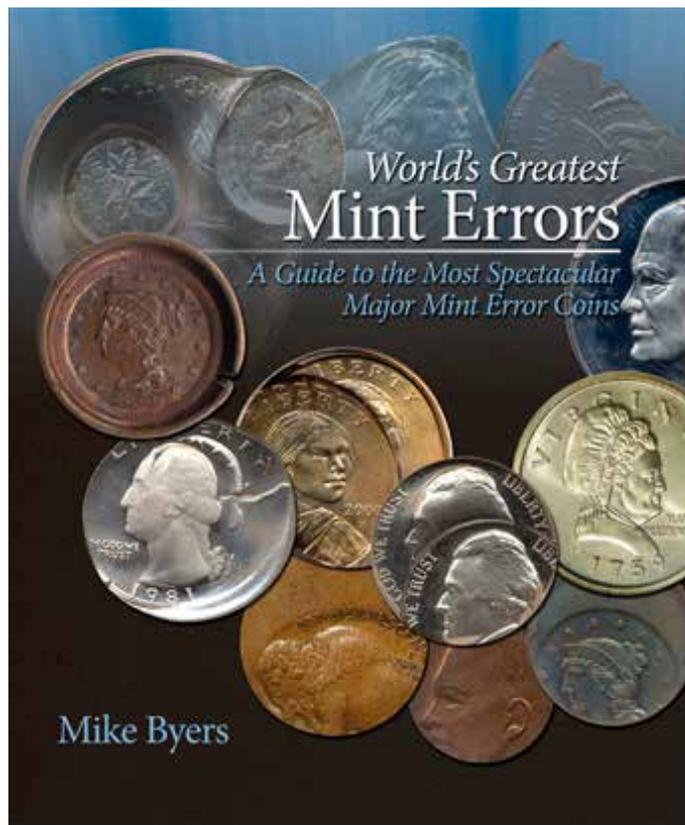


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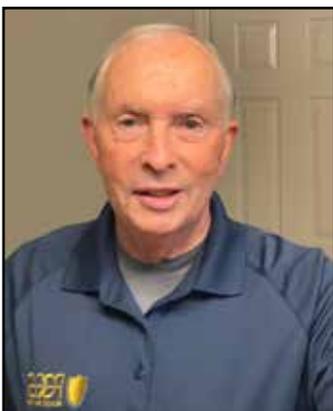


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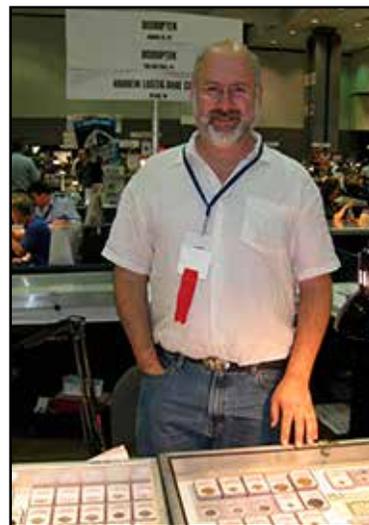
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# UNIQUE PROOF BICENTENNIAL IKE DOLLAR DOUBLE STRUCK, 2ND STRIKE OFF-CENTER

by Mike Byers



This proof Bicentennial Dollar major mint error is unique in many ways and has no equals. It is

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It is the only known double struck. There are no off-centers known, no off-metals known, no mated pairs known, and no double denominations known.

Even though non-Bicentennial proof Ike Dollar major mint errors are rare, there are examples known with several types of major striking errors.

A 3-Leaf Clover set of Ike Dollars struck on dimes sold in a Heritage auction for \$105K, two mated pairs have sold for \$40K and \$75K, off-metals have sold for as high as \$25K each, off-centers and double strikes at \$25K as well, a unique Bronze Ike Dollar sold for \$75K, and a unique Ike Dollar on a struck Bronze Medal sold for \$40K in a Heritage auction.

This double struck proof

Bicentennial Eisenhower Dollar is pedigreed to John Devine “Lonesome John,” a famous pioneer in the field of mint errors and was just certified by NGC. It was *previously unknown* to the numismatic community and is just now being offered for sale.

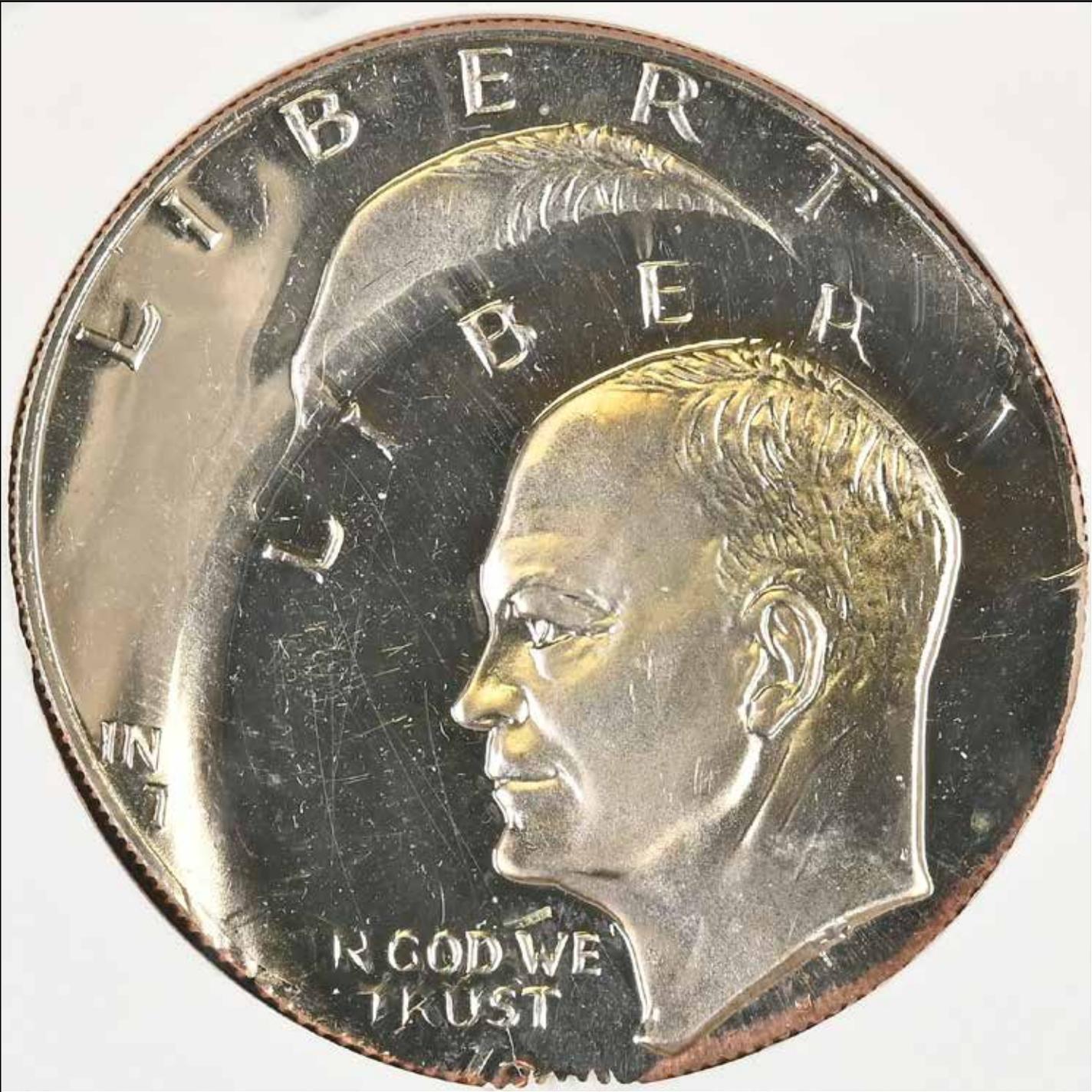
It is in very choice proof condition and has deep mirrored fields with a cameo portrait and liberty bell. It has high eye appeal since the major devices on the second strike are fully struck. The Ike portrait, Liberty Bell and the Moon are fully present as well as the complete *IN GOD WE TRUST* and *E PLURIBUS UNUM*.

Being the only known Proof Bicentennial Ike Dollar major mint error of any kind propels it into the rank of unique, amazing and spectacular numismatic rarities.

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# The “Libertas Americana” Metallurgical Trial Pieces

by John Wang, Mint Error News Consultant

The Joe Zaffern specimen of the 12-sided, roughly nickel-sized Libertas America Metallurgical Trial Piece was sold for \$2587.35 (\$2,202 hammer plus 17.5% buyers premium) in the Numismatic Auctions LLC auction 67 on Saturday, January 28, 2023.

These pieces are fascinating pieces of history. These were previously discussed in Ken Potter’s 1998 article titled “5¢ Size ‘Libertas Americana’ Metallurgical Trial Piece Surfaces.” Since then more specimens have surfaced and this article attempts to list a complete census of the known specimens including nickel-sized pieces, and a cent-sized piece.



5 cent Libertas Americana pattern. Photos courtesy of Numismatic Auctions LLC.

# The “Libertas Americana” Metallurgical Trial Pieces



**1 cent Libertas Americana pattern. Photos courtesy of Jesse Patrick.**

## **Background**

These "Libertas Americana" patterns are extremely interesting and mysterious due to the Libertas Americana motif and a lack of historical records, but having some physical resemblance to other US Mint related issues. In addition to the 12-sided, nickel-sized pieces, there is a single cent-sized Libertas Americana pattern known. These have been discussed in several articles and venues with the general consensus that while no definitive information is available, these are likely to be US Patterns struck using dies made by the US Mint due to their resemblance to other US Mint issues and their date of discovery. From a date perspective, the nickel-sized pieces were struck before the GM roller press pattern cents and share the "2358" number on the reverse with those pieces. A 5 cent sized piece was first published in May 1962 per Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine while the first discussions for the GM roller press cents first started in late 1963 according to Eric M. Larson.

These pieces have been discussed over many years:

- 1962 - Alfred Kramer publishes 5 cent photos in Numismatic Scrapbook
- 1979 - David E. Schenkman publishes 1 cent photos in The Numismatist
- 1985 - Eric M. Larson writes about 1 cent pattern with photos in Coin World
- 1997 - Jesse Patrick publishes article on 1 cent specimen
- 1998 - Ken Potter publishes article on newly discovered Zaffern 5 cent specimen
- 2010 - Jonathan Brecher publishes new 5 cent specimen in discussion thread
- 2023 - Steve Davis documents and sells Zaffern 5 cent specimen

# The “Libertas Americana” Metallurgical Trial Pieces

The relationship of these to US Mint issues have been subject to much discussion, including:

1. The image of Lady Liberty has been observed to be similar to and likely based on the US Mint 1945 Assay Medal done by John Ray Sinnock, the 8th Chief Engraver of the US Mint. This has been mentioned by Andrew W. Pollock III (author of United States Patterns and Related Issues), Martin Logies (director and curator of the Cardinal Collection Education Foundation), Thomas K. DeLorey (2009 ANA Numismatist of the Year), Ken Potter (editor of Cherrypickers' Guide To Rare Die Varieties) and others.
2. The nonsensical terminology used seems similar to the Pollock-4060 GM Roller Press patterns created by Frank Gasparro. Both Libertas Americana pieces and the GM Roller Press pieces feature the number "2358" on the reverse. The cent-sized piece and GM pieces also feature the nonsensical text "ACFH KOPRW". The nickel-sized pieces feature similar nonsensical text "ACFLN OPRSV". Additionally the first known appearance of the nickel-sized piece was posted in the May 1962 issue of Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine by Albert Kramer, at least 2 years before the GM roller press experiments started. It is speculated that Frank Gasparro would have only used "2358" on his GM pieces if the number was previously used on other US Mint pieces.
3. The reverse devices for the wreath and inner circle areas have similarities between the cent Libertas Americana piece and Pollock-4060 as well as the nickel Libertas Americana piece and US Mint struck coins for Honduras from 1931-1958.

Ken also covers similarities to Canadian 12-sided pieces issued in conjunction with WWII and the Korean War, and speculates the US may have been doing experiments along similar lines at the time. To summarize, he writes:

The fact is, we have no positive proof of exactly what they represent or who made them. However, we can almost assume with certainty that the dies were produced by the U.S. Philadelphia Mint. Clearly, Gasparro would not have patterned his G.M. "Roller Press - Young Lady's Head" reverse die design, complete with nonsensical legends and the exact four-digit number found on the "Libertas Americana" tokens, if they had no connection to the U.S. Mint. It is probable that Gasparro patterned his die from designs available in-house. Of course, one may ask, if Gasparro copied the reverse, why didn't he also copy the obverse of the "Libertas Americana" token for his G.M. dies. But it must be pointed out that the "Young Lady's Head" design used by G.M. was created to closely mimic the metal flow of a Lincoln cent design; the bust occupied the same general location, her hair in a "bun" represented Lincoln's beard and nonsensical legends took the place of the date, Mintmark, Liberty and In God We Trust.

[...]

While this article hasn't presented any conclusive evidence as to the exact nature of the tokens or era in which they were produced - there is enough evidence to presume the dies were produced inside the U.S. Mint for experimental purposes and that the two token varieties known thus far represent probable metallurgical trial strikes.

# The “Libertas Americana” Metallurgical Trial Pieces

A discussion and visual comparison, along with a census follows.

## **Libertas Americana Comparison to US Mint Assay Medal**

Below are images of Lady Liberty on this pattern and the 1945 Assay Medal done by John Sinnock. The following is a photo of the nickel-sized Libertas Americana piece.



**US Mint Assay Medal - Richard Jewell specimen. Photo courtesy of Stack's Bowers.  
5 cent Libertas Americana Pattern - Photo courtesy of Numismatic Auctions LLC.**

## **Nonsensical Text Comparison to Pollock-4060**

The following photos show the identical 2358 text across all the pieces as well as similar nonsensical text.

- The nickel-sized Libertas Americana piece is to the left
- The cent-sized Libertas Americana piece is in the center
- Frank Gasparro's GM roller press pattern is to the right

# The “Libertas Americana” Metallurgical Trial Pieces



Photos courtesy of Numismatic Auctions LLC, Patrick Mint, and PCGS.

Of note the cent-sized Libertas Americana piece has more text similarity to Pollock-4060. This may be coincidental ore because both are cent-sized pieces.

- Nickel-sized Libertas Americana pattern: "ACFLN 2358 OPRSV"
- Cent-sized Libertas Americana pattern text: "ACFH KOPRW 2358"
- Cent-sized GM roller press pattern: "AUNHRB ACFH KOPRW 2358 G"

## **Cent Wreath Comparisons to Pollock-4060**

Also of note, is that the wreaths bear similarities between the Libertas Americana pieces and other US Mint pieces. Below is a comparison of the 1 cent-sized piece and Pollock-4060, noting that the leaves, flowers and berries are in the same locations.



Comparison of wreaths including leaves, flowers and berries.

# The “Libertas Americana” Metallurgical Trial Pieces

## Nickel Wreath Comparisons to Honduras Centavos Coins

It has also been noted that the 5-cent Libertas Americana piece has a reverse wreath and inner circle area very similar to smaller denomination Honduras coins which was minted by the US Mint from 1931 to 1958.

This was noted by Ed. S. on the Collectors Universe message boards.

Honduras is listed in the US Mint struck foreign coinage list maintained by Mint Error News here:

[https://minterrornews.com/foreign\\_coinage\\_production\\_figures.pdf](https://minterrornews.com/foreign_coinage_production_figures.pdf)



Comparison with 1957 Honduras 1 Centavo.  
Honduras photo courtesy of NumisCorner.com

# The “Libertas Americana” Metallurgical Trial Pieces

## Physical Description

The following information is summarized from Ken Potter, Jonathan Brecher, and Steve Davis.

Specimen	Composition	Diameter	Weight	Specific Gravity	Die Alignment
1 cent	homogeneous and highly magnetic steel alloy	19 mm	2.8 g	7.657	Coin turn, rev rotated 200 deg clockwise
5 cent (Zaffern)	three bonded/clad layers with a magnetized steel core and two outer cupro-nickel layers	20.775 mm	4.54 g*	7.9	Coin turn, rev rotated 200 deg counter- clockwise
5 cent (Brecher)	copper-plated aluminum	20.8 mm	1.478 g	Unknown	

\* Ken Potter indicated the Zaffern specimen had the approximate specifications of a "Canadian war-time 'steel' 5¢ piece." 4.54 grams is the weight of a Canada war-time chrome-plated steel 5 cent piece. This is the same weight the Canada 5 cent piece had from 1922 to 1981.

Ken Potter describes the Patrick 1 cent specimen as:

The 1¢ size specimen is described by Patrick as having a plain smooth edge, being approximately the same diameter, thickness and weight of a U.S. zinc coated steel cent; the token being 2.8 grams in weight, 19 mm in diameter and struck in an apparently homogeneous and highly magnetic steel alloy with a specific gravity of 7.657. (For comparison, a 1943 "steel cent" weighs 2.7 grams and has a specific gravity of 7.80, is 19.05 mm in diameter and is composed of zinc plated steel.) It is struck in "coin alignment" (though its reverse is rotated approximately 200 clockwise). It should also be noted that the "Patrick Specimen" is the identical piece reported upon in David Schenkman and Joseph Levine's, Exonomia Notebook column in the May 1980 issue of the American Numismatic Association's, The Numismatist (pg. 1070). As such, the 1¢-size variety may be unique.

# The “Libertas Americana” Metallurgical Trial Pieces

Ken Potter describes the Zaffern 5 cent specimen as:

The "Mellon specimen" is 12-sided (though it does look somewhat round when viewed straight on), and is of the approximate size and specifications of a Canadian war-time "steel" 5¢ piece. The token, (being difficult to obtain an exact measurement of, due to variances on its edge), is approximately 20.775 mm in diameter (taken from top to bottom, i.e., 12:00 to 6:00), is struck on a probable cupro-nickel plated steel planchet with a specific gravity of 7.9. Its edges are rough and granular, and in some areas recessed, with the planchet being comprised of three bonded layers similar to our current "sandwich metal" clad coins. The planchet is highly magnetic, exhibits a shell that is extremely similar if not identical in color to our current clad coinage (and homogeneous cupro-nickel 5¢ piece), and shows a dark core with obvious traces of surface-rust that is indicative of steel. It is struck in "coin alignment" with its reverse rotated 200° counter-clockwise. Its obverse appears to exhibit more basined fields than the 1¢-size variety.

Jonathan Brecher describes his 5 cent specimen as:

This piece appears to be copper-plated aluminum. The obverse and reverse are bright copper color, while the edge is aluminum color. It is very light, 1.478 grams, and 20.8 mm diameter. It is 12-sided. The text on the reverse reads ACFLN / 2358 / OPRSV

# **The “Libertas Americana” Metallurgical Trial Pieces**

## **Census & Cataloging**

While the Frank Gasparro Lady Liberty pattern has been cataloged as Pollock-4060, the cent and nickel-sized Libertas Americana patterns have not been cataloged yet in Judd or Pollock.

In the absence of catalog numbers, this article assigns some catalog numbers for these specimens.

It appears there may be 4 known specimens of the 12-sized, nickel sized piece:

1. (WB LA-P-5.1) Albert Kramer specimen (first published in May 1962 issue of Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine)
2. (WB LA-P-5.2) Joe Zaffern, Greg Mellon, Steve Davis (Numismatic Auctions LLC) specimen (first published in 1998 article of Ken Potter's Educational Series)
3. (WB LA-P-5.3) Jonathan Brecher specimen (first published in 2010 Collectors Universe message boards)
4. (WB LA-P-5.4) eBay specimen

Additionally, there is one known specimen of the cent sized piece:

5. (WB LA-P-1.1) Jesse Patrick specimen (first published in May 1980 issue of The Numismatist)

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## **WB LA-P-5.1. Nickel-size Kramer Specimen**

The earliest known appearance of these pieces is in 1962 when Albert Kramer posted an article in the May 1962 issue of the Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine asking for information on this piece. A copy of the magazine issue was recently acquired and scanned by the author.



**Photo courtesy of Albert Kramer. Scan performed by John Wang.**

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## **WB LA-P-5.2. Nickel-size Zaffern-Mellon-Davis Specimen**

Ken Potter’s 1998 article mentions the discovery of the Joe Zaffern specimen, which was subsequently acquired by Greg Mellon and most recently sold by Steve Davis of Numismatic Auctions LLC. The 2023 photos of the show the same reverse diagnostics as the Zaffern-Mellon specimen in Potter’s 1998 article.

These photos of the Zaffern-Mellon specimen are taken by Numismatic Auctions LLC. In discussion with Steve Davis of Numismatic Auctions, this specimen has a copper-nickel color.



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## WB LA-P-5.3. Nickel-size Brecher Specimen

Jonathan Brecher posted photos of this specimen to the Collectors Universe message forums on July 30, 2010 in the following thread and described the piece as likely being copper-plated aluminum where the “obverse and reverse are bright copper color, while the edge is aluminum color. It is very light, 1.478 grams, and 20.8 mm diameter. It is 12-sided.”

Forum thread:

<https://forums.collectors.com/discussion/783305/acfln-2358-oprsv-general-motors-roller-press-cent-with-libertas-americana-obverse/pl>



Photo courtesy of Jonathan Brecher

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## WB LA-P-5.4. Nickel-size eBay Specimen

This specimen was sold on eBay. The owner indicated that he had owned it for over 40 years and had not been able to learn much about it.



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## **WB LA-P-1.1: Cent-size Patrick Specimen**

Currently, there is one cent-sized specimen known, owned by Jesse Patrick, owner of the Patrick Mint. It was published by Jesse in 1997 and by Ken Potter in 1998. As noted, this piece has more similarity in the nonsensical text when compared to the GM roller press experimental patterns: “ACFH KOPRW 2358”. The piece is offered at \$3,495.00.

This piece first appeared in the August 1979 and May 1980 issues of *The Numismatist*, followed by the Jan 1995 FUN Convention, a 1997 Patrick Mint article and the 1998 Ken Potter article.



Photo courtesy of Jesse Patrick

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In addition to Jesse Patrick’s photos of this piece, the photos from the 1980 issue of *The Numismatist* are also available.



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## Pollock-4060: GM Roller Press Pattern

For reference, images of Frank Gasparro’s Lady Liberty GM Roller Press pattern are included.



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## **26mm Pennsylvania LYPPE Grinolds Specimen**

In the July 23, 2017 issue of E-Sylum, Volume 20, Number 30, Dick Grinolds posted a piece that has similar markings as Pollock-4060, which is summarized here. The obverse text reads: “LYPPE ES MYSOR SIKHTE ODI G.” It has a reeded edge and weighs 7.4 grams. The diameter is 26mm which is slightly larger than a Washington Quarter with a diameter of 24.3 mm and the 1884 Pennsylvania Bi-Centennial medal with a diameter of 25 mm.

The reverse has the Coat of Arms of Pennsylvania, in what looks very similar to the central device on the reverse of the 1882 Pennsylvania Bicentennial medal cataloged as Julian CM-18. A speculation is that CM-18 was done with a two-part die and that the center portion of the Coat of Arms is the same on this piece and CM-18 as the latter was offered by the U.S. Mint as a product at least until 1969 as (Mint List No. 613).

This piece was shown to John “JD” Dannreuther, Saul Teichman, and Fred Weinberg, none of whom had seen a piece before. According to Dick Grinolds, Fred Weinberg observed “the reeding within the reeding” and the denticles, concluding that neither would preclude it from being a U.S. Mint struck piece.

While not a Libertas Americana piece, this is included to provide a full reference for these nonsense text pieces. Read the article on E-Sylum for more information.

# The “Libertas Americana” Metallurgical Trial Pieces



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A comparison of the reverses of this piece and the 1882 Bicentennial Celebration medal was made and posted by Dick Grinolds to E-Sylum as shown below:



Photo courtesy of Dick Grinolds

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## Previous Articles

Many of the references used are easily available online as noted in the next section on References, however, some articles in older magazines are not directly linkable and are included here for reference.

## May 1962 Article: Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine

The following is from page 1295 with the following text:

### What Is It?

Albert Kramer, New York City, furnished the accompanying photo, in hopes someone can identify it. The head is somewhat similar to that used on early U.S. coins.



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## August 1979 and May 1980 Articles: The Numismatist

David Schenkman and Joseph Levine ran the Exonomia Notebook column in The Numismatist. David wrote the following on page 1685 of the August 1979 and page 1070 of the May 1980 issues.

Old issues of The Numismatist have been digitized by the Newman Numismatic Portal here:

- August 1979, page 1685: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/527595>
- May 1980, page 1070: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/527614>

### August 1979

### May 1980

#### What Is It?

Several months ago the illustrated item was sent to us by a reader in Florida. He had taken it to several coin shows, and nobody had been able to tell him what it was. We can't either and hope that a more knowledgeable numismatist in whatever specialty it belongs will be able to identify it.

The obverse design certainly is suggestive of some of our country's early coinage; the reverse inscription, ACFH KOPRW 2358, makes no sense at all (at least to me). The piece is 19mm and is struck in a nickel composition (possibly pure nickel — it is strongly attracted to a magnet). — D.E.S.



#### “What Is It” Identified



In the August 1979 “Exonomia Notebook” column a piece was illustrated which was owned by a collector who had been unable to learn anything of its origin. As a result of many letters from readers of this column, the mystery has been solved.

According to our correspondents, the piece was struck in the late 1960s on a roller press developed for the U.S. Mint by General Motors. Dies were made to approximate actual coins, but with meaningless lettering so that they could not be mistaken for real coins. The number struck has not been learned.

*Coin World* had a story on these “coins,” and they illustrated a different variety from ours. Their piece had been found in circulation “in the general area of the GM plant that worked on the press.” Evidently some pieces were kept by GM employees. D.E.S.

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## May 29, 1985 Article: Coin World

In 1985, Eric M. Larson wrote a six and a half page article on the GM roller press experiments for *Coin World* titled “Goldfinger’ preview for Treasury officials gives birth to Mint, General Motors roller press testing.” Near the end of the article there was a short discussion of the 1 cent Libertas Americana piece where Eric expresses his opinion that the 1 cent specimen could not have been a roller press piece since it seems to have been made of steel, which would have been too hard and broken the dies of the roller press. Here is a short excerpt of the article covering the Libertas Americana pattern from page 72 and 75.

California dealer Jesse Patrick recently publicized in *Coin World* and *Numismatic News* an experimental “one cent” issue which he identifies as a product of the GM roller press, but I believe the attribution to GM is incorrect. The reason is that the “Libertas Americana” issue, as Patrick has described it, “appears to be struck from a steel alloy, as it is highly magnetic and steel in color.” The piece is further described as measuring about 0.748-inch in diameter and weighing about 2.8 grams. The reverse bears some – but not all – of the same inscriptions which appear on the Lady Head piece, and denticles around the inside rim which do not. The obverse design’s similarity to Augustin Dupre’s Libertas Americana medal, struck in the late 1700s (but without Liberty cap and pole), has no obvious connection to the GM pieces.

If the Libertas Americana issue is made of steel, that fact would virtually preclude it from having been struck on the roller press at the Tech Center. Putting steel through the roller press would have broken all of the dies “immediately,” several former Tech Center employees stated emphatically. “It requires tremendous pressure to strike coins out of steel,” one stated, “like 10 times as much as copper. The roller press wasn’t designed for steel, wouldn’t have worked with steel, and it would have been unthinkable for anybody to have fed steel through it. There wasn’t enough pressure to strike coins like that in steel.”

A more likely explanation is that the Libertas Americana issue was struck at the Philadelphia Mint, as part of its experimentation with other metals to strike cents. “A steel piece couldn’t have been

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Coin World May 29, 1985 article continued.



**JESSE PATRICK** discovered this piece, which resembles the GM roller press piece series but which author Eric M. Larson believes is not a part. (Photo courtesy Jesse Patrick)

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struck at the Tech Center using the [roller press] machinery we had," he said.

Since the reverse of the Libertas Americana piece bears a design used by the Mint for experimental or trial coins, it is reasonable to conclude the dies for this issue

were made by the government. But it seems very unlikely that the Libertas Americana issue was produced by the roller press at the Tech Center. In visually comparing the Libertas Americana issue with

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**GM** from Page 72

the early roller press issues, it may be tempting for some people to conclude that the Libertas Americana issue was also a roller press issue. At this juncture, there is insufficient evidence for me to conclude that the Libertas Americana piece is an issue from the GM roller press.

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## 1997 Article: The Patrick Mint

The following is the full text of the 1997 article posted by Jesse Patrick to patrickmint.com, reprinted with his permission.

### **EXTREMELY RARE & IMPORTANT EXPERIMENTAL ONE CENT PIECE**

UNDATED experimental one cent piece. If not struck at the U.S. Mint itself then undoubtedly struck by a private firm at the mint's direction, possibly from mint prepared dies. The goal of this experiment may have been the development of a new type of coining press and/or metal alloy for use by the U.S. government. The obverse has a plain border with a head of Liberty, facing left, with flowing hair. The design is very similar to the famous Libertas Americana medal, lacking the Liberty Cap and pole, originally designed by Augustin Dupre' near the end of the eighteenth century. Of American coins the device most resembles the 1792 disme. The reverse appears to be a wreath of cotton tied with a bow of ribbon at the base all within a denticled border. Inside the wreath is the nonsense legend in three lines: ACFH / KOPRW / 2358. This plain edge piece is approximately the same thickness as a U.S. penny, weighs 2.8 grams, is 19mm (.748 inches) in diameter and struck in a steel alloy. This last is indicated by a specific gravity of 7.657, the fact that it is highly magnetic and steel in color. The die alignment is the same as a U.S. coin although the reverse is positioned off 20 degrees in a clockwise direction. These dimensions and properties compare closely with the 2.7 grams and 19mm diameter given by Yeoman in his Guide Book of U.S. Coins for the 1943 zinc coated steel cents and form the basis for our conjecture that this interesting coin was intended to be a cent. Sharply struck, about uncirculated condition with some original mint luster remaining. We note two light rust spots in the reverse field over AC and below right ribbon end which serve to identify this specimen. A very important coin and currently the only specimen we know of. Unlisted in the recent Pollack book on U.S. pattern coins.

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The composition of this piece suggests that it originated during World War II when the U.S. Government was searching for alternative metals to replace the copper used in U.S. coinage, particularly the cent. In spite of this, we think it is far more likely that this coin had its origin in the early 1960's during the coin shortage in this country. At that time General Motors was experimenting with the manufacture of a roller press to dramatically increase coin production for the U.S. Mint. The reverse die closely matches the known General Motors roller pennies in the composition of the wreath and includes the same three lines of nonsense legend. The most notable differences are another, smaller line of nonsense, the addition of the letter G and the lack of reverse denticles around the border. This very interesting and important experimental cent resurfaced at the January, 1995 FUN Convention in Orlando, Florida. Prior to its rediscovery, this identical specimen (identifiable by the above mentioned rust pits) was last reported on page 1070 of the May, 1980 issue of the Numismatist where it was pictured. A photo of a similar piece was submitted by Albert Kramer of New York City and published in the May, 1962 Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine on page 1295. That coin was perhaps struck from the same obverse die but had an entirely different reverse. Both reverses had the same numerals, 2358, but the wreaths differ as well as the border treatment and nonsense legend. The whereabouts of that piece is unknown, as is its composition and vital statistics. Other similar General Motors roller pieces, commonly referred to as “pennies”, were struck from different obverse dies and are occasionally encountered at coin shows and in auctions. The above specimen is significant because it was struck from different dies than the “pennies” as well as a completely different composition. The piece is unlisted in the recent Pollack book on U.S. pattern coins which features such pieces in an appendix.

# The “Libertas Americana” Metallurgical Trial Pieces

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# 1973-S PROOF EISENHOWER DOLLAR UNIQUE MATED PAIR

by Mike Byers



# 1973-S PROOF EISENHOWER DOLLAR UNIQUE MATED PAIR

**A**lthough there are a few known Proof Eisenhower Dollar mated pairs, these have been off-metals that were struck at the same time in the collar. An example would be a Proof Ike Dollar struck on a Cent that was mated to a Proof Ike Dollar struck on a Dime.

This unique Proof Eisenhower Dollar mated pair is the first known of this type of error. It appears that this mated pair was intentionally produced, only because they are Proof Ike Dollars and given the fact that both of these were kept intact together, recently surfacing after 50 years.

There are a few known U.S. coins that were struck on silver or clad layers but these are in lower denominations and struck

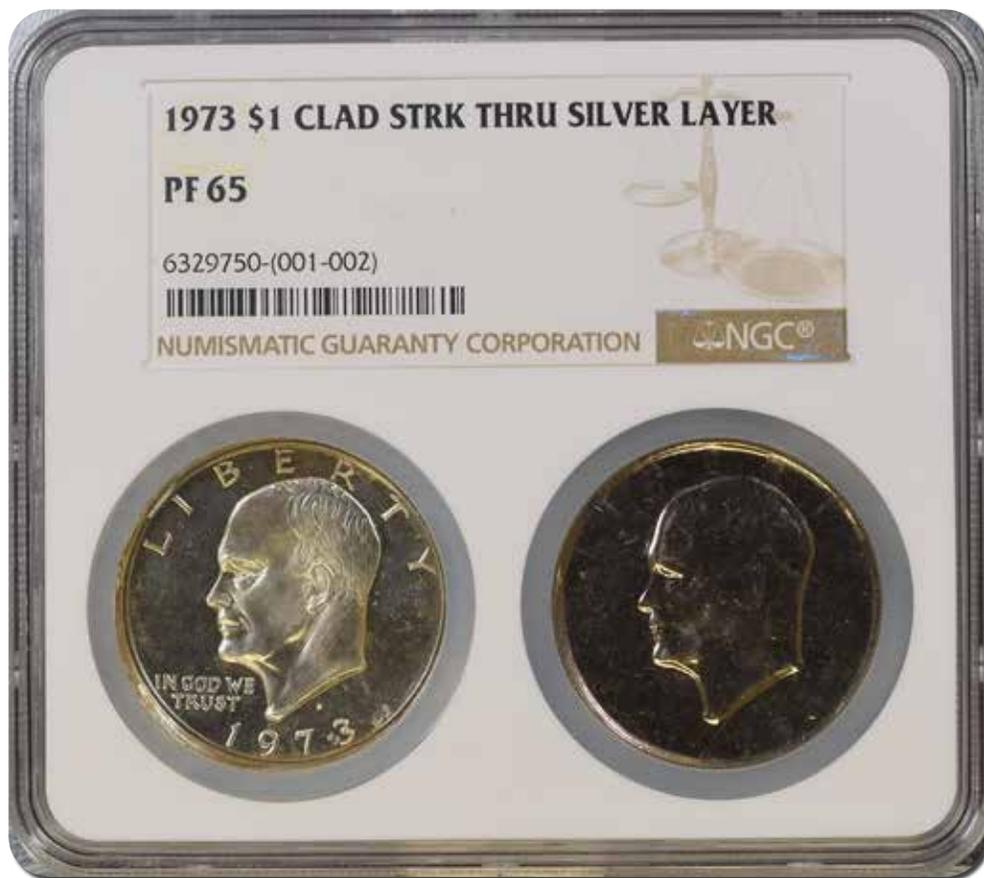
by circulation dies. Although the type of error is not unique, the circumstances point to this proof mated pair as being intentionally struck.

A silver Dollar layer was placed on top of the clad Dollar planchet and were struck simultaneously. This created the only known SILVER 1973-S Proof Ike Dollar.

They match 100% and both have a very high rim and lock into place when the silver layer is placed on top of the clad Ike Dollar.

In actuality, this is an off-metal Proof Eisenhower Dollar (on a silver layer) mated to a regular issue clad Proof Eisenhower Dollar. It is unique in several ways and to date, has no equals.

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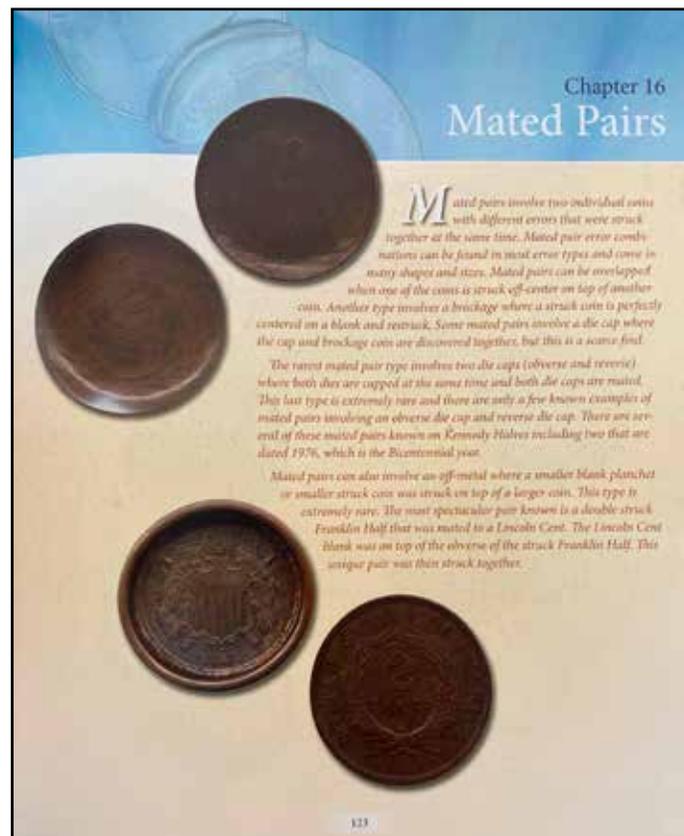
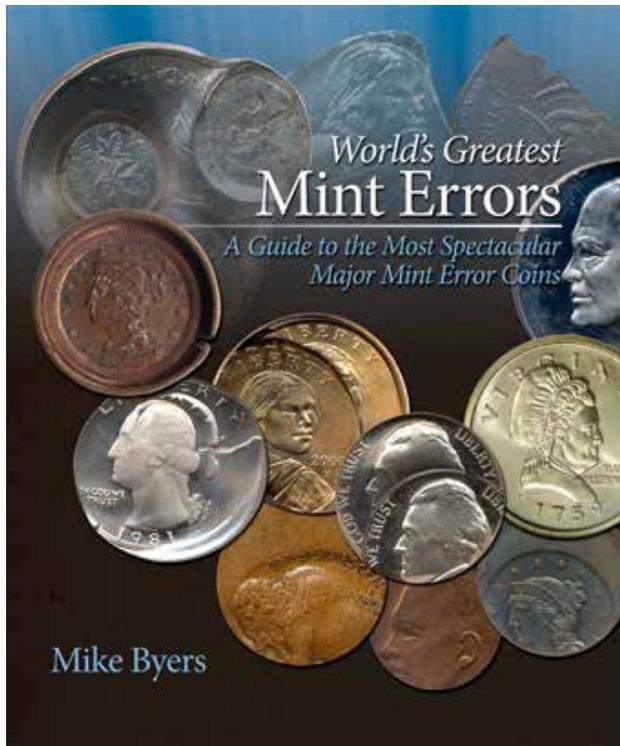


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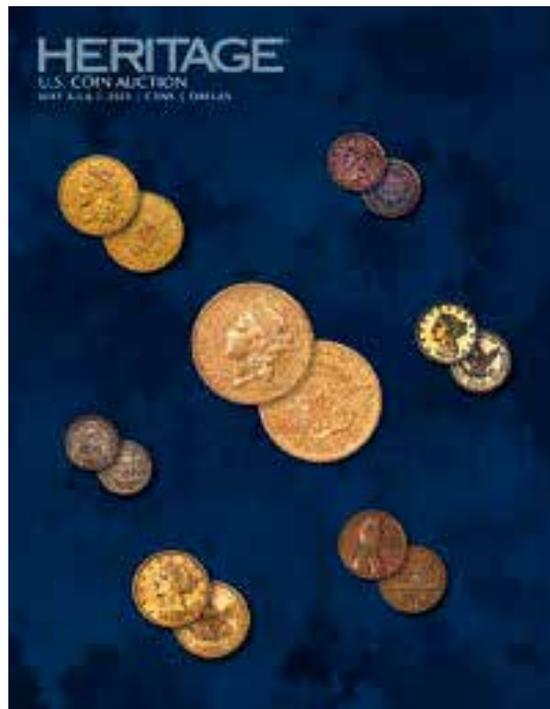


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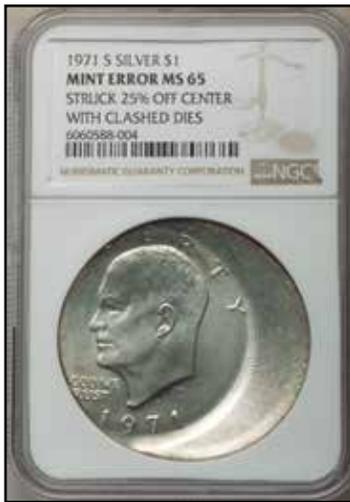


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**Undated Eisenhower Dollar -- Double Struck, Both Strikes Off Center -- PR66 Cameo NGC**



**1971-S Eisenhower Dollar, Silver -- Struck 25% Off Center, Clashed Dies -- MS65 NGC**



**1975-D Dime -- Struck on 2.6-gram Copper Planchet -- MS62 PCGS**



**1973-S Kennedy Half Dollar -- Double Struck on a Quarter Double Denomination -- PR68 Cameo NGC**



**1921 \$1 Peace Dollar -- Damaged, Double Struck Rotated in Collar  
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**197?-S Eisenhower Dollar -- Struck on a Half Dollar Planchet, Rotated Dies -- PR64 NGC**



**1968-S Lincoln Cent -- 1967 Costa Rica 5 Centavos Struck Into Obverse -- MS66 NGC**



**1787 Fugio Cent, STATES UNITED, 4 Cinquefoils, Pointed Rays,  
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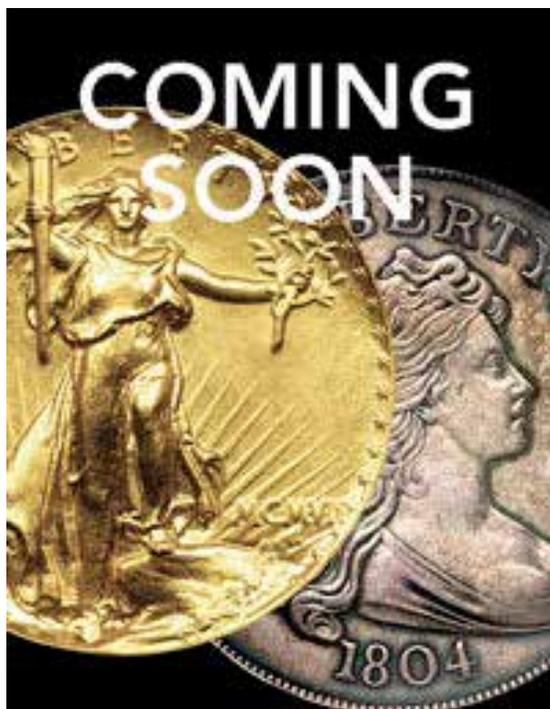
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## 1972-S Roosevelt Dime -- Double Struck Both Strikes Off Center -- PR65 NGC



**1972-S Roosevelt Dime -- Double Struck Both Off Center -- PR67★ NGC**



**1972-S Washington Quarter -- Double Struck on 10C Double Denomination -- PR68 NGC**



**1972-S Washington Quarter -- Double Struck on A 1C Planchet (3.2 g) -- PR66 NGC**



**1972-S Kennedy Half Dollar -- Double Struck on 5C Planchet (5g) -- PR66 Cameo NGC**



**1972-D Kennedy Half Dollar -- Obverse Indented by 1C Planchet MS64 NGC**



**1972-S Kennedy Half Dollar -- Obverse Die Break -- PR69★ Cameo NGC**



**1972-D Eisenhower Dollar -- Reverse Struck Thru Capped Die -- MS66 NGC**



**1972-S Kennedy Half Dollar -- Struck 98% Off-Center Proof Strike and Planchet -- PR62 PCGS**



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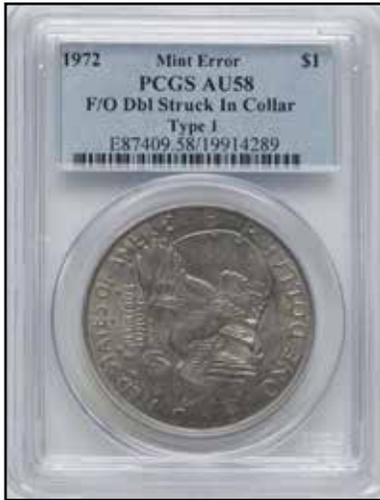
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**1972-S Kennedy Half Dollar -- Struck on Cent Planchet**  
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# New Discovery: Unique Proof 1973-S Kennedy Half Dollar Die Piece and Die Break Error Mated Pair

by John Wang, Mint Error News Consultant



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**T**his unique mated pair is a new discovery and fresh to the market from an old time collection. It consists of a unique U.S. Mint proof 1973-S Kennedy die piece and a matching proof 1973-S half dollar die break (cud) error struck after the die piece had fallen out. Die break errors are extremely rare for coins like proof Kennedy half dollars, with just a few known, and those with a die piece are almost unheard of. Both are graded a near perfect “PF 69 CAMEO” by NGC.

This die break error is also the largest known proof Kennedy die break error, includes the date on both pieces and does not impact the major design

devices on the coin. The proof die piece surfaces are pristine and represents a rare chance to appreciate the U.S. Mint’s proof die mirrored surfaces.

There is just one other mated pair with a detached die piece known, a 1972-S proof Kennedy Half with a much smaller cud and die piece. It was sold in a private sale a few years ago. Additionally there are two known coins struck with embedded die pieces, a 1971-S Kennedy Half and 1974-S Lincoln Cent, however, the proof die surfaces cannot be seen or appreciated on these. Mated pairs with proof die surfaces are both rare and a marvel to behold.

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For those of you not familiar with this fascinating area of numismatics, patterns are prototypes for coins that, for the most part, were never approved for circulation. Most patterns are very rare, some unique, and others unknown outside of museums.

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The United States Mint produced more than 1000 different patterns, as well as many die trials and experimental pieces. Despite the great rarity of many of these individual items, the great variety makes the series surprisingly collectable.

There are relatively few collectors specializing in United States pattern coinage. Most of these collectors target specific areas. For example, there are collectors who specialize in Indian Cent patterns, others collecting Morgan dollar patterns, and so on.

In addition to these specialists, there are thousands of collectors of regular issue United States coins who try to buy a few patterns to complement their collections. Many of these historical coins have wide appeal and are surprisingly affordable. There are many collectors who, for example, would like to own an 1855 Flying Eagle large cent (J-167, about 500 pieces struck) to go with their collection of large cents or with their collection of Flying Eagle small cents.

# New Error Coin Discovery: Dr. Sally Ride Quarter on Nickel Planchet Error Coin in GreatCollections April 30th Auction

by GreatCollections ([greatcollections.com](http://greatcollections.com))



## **New Error Coin Discovery: Dr. Sally Ride Quarter on Nickel Planchet Error Coin in GreatCollections April 30th Auction**

(Irvine, California) April 3, 2023 - The first [Dr. Sally Ride Quarter has been discovered struck on a Jefferson Nickel planchet](#). It has been certified and graded by Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) as NGC MS-67 and is being auctioned by GreatCollections on April 30th.

Issued in 2022, the Dr. Sally Ride quarter was released as part of the inaugural year of the American Women Quarters Program by the U.S. Mint. For this particular error coin, a planchet for a Jefferson Nickel found its way into the presses being used to strike quarters at the Philadelphia Mint.

In recent years, the U.S. Mint has significantly improved the production process, reducing

the number of errors that inadvertently leave the Mint and are later discovered in circulation. For the Dr. Sally Ride Quarter, issued in 2022, this is the first to have been discovered struck on an incorrect planchet.

Noted error coin authority Jon Sullivan said, “It is the only example known for the Dr. Sally Ride quarter, and one of only a few of the whole American Women Quarters series. Recently-produced errors like this are in demand, as they are much more scarce than most similar errors from 20-30 years ago.”

The error coin is being offered in an auction by GreatCollections, with bidding to end on Sunday, April 30th. At the time of writing, the current bid was \$6,000.

## **New Error Coin Discovery: Dr. Sally Ride Quarter on Nickel Planchet Error Coin in GreatCollections April 30th Auction**

Dr. Sally Ride, a noted physicist, astronaut, educator and first American woman in space, was celebrated in 2022 by the U.S. Mint alongside Maya Angelou, Wilma Mankiller, Nina Otero-Warren and Anna May Wong.

The error will be on view at the Central States 84th Anniversary Convention (CSNS) in Schaumburg, Illinois from April 26th to 29th and at the GreatCollections Irvine office by appointment. To view the auction, visit [www.greatcollections.com](http://www.greatcollections.com).

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# UNIQUE SHIELD NICKEL MULTI-DENOMINATION MATED PAIR ERROR DISCOVERED

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Long time error specialist Greg Bennick has discovered a multi-denomination mated pair of uncirculated 1867 Shield Nickels which had been described at auction as a lesser error type. What is so unusual about the set of two coins is that not only were the two coins struck together but one of the two coins was struck on a Shield nickel planchet, not a five cent planchet as had been described both by the auction house and on the third-party grading service holder. In addition, the three-cent piece had been struck previously, making it a double strike which imparted a brockage into the Shield nickel from the first strike of the three cent piece.

The set, unique for the Shield nickel series, and one of the most significant error finds in years, was purchased in Heritage's Misfits Collection of U.S Error Coinage, Part 2 as lot #93096 for \$10,800 (including buyers' premium) on Dec. 21st 2022.

About the pair, Bennick said, "When I saw the coins in the auction, they were described too simply by

Heritage, and were in third-party grading holders with labels that didn't accurately match the coins. Heritage described them as both having been struck on five cent planchets and gave details simply as 'Mated Error Pair of 1867 Shield Nickels, No Rays'. In addition, the tag on each third-party grading holder only said 'Mated Pair, Coin #1/2' and 'Mated Pair, Coin #2/2'. The first coin was clearly double struck as it had left a perfect brockage impression within the second coin during the strike which mated them together. I thought it odd that everyone had missed describing the double struck first coin. I also noticed that the two coins seemed to fit into one another more easily than they would if the planchets were the same denomination. The second coin had a bit of peripheral design remaining even though the first coin had been fully indented into it. I own and have studied many mated pairs, though nothing of this magnitude, and I thought if the third-party grading service had missed the double strike, that possibly they might have missed more about the pair as well." The three cent coin

likely was leftover in a bin that was then filled with five cent planchets for striking and then delivered to a press striking five cent pieces.

Bennick took a chance, winning the pair with a bid of \$10,800 (including the buyer's premium). Upon closer inspection of the coins, Bennick determined that one had been struck on a smaller planchet, a theory confirmed last week by NGC who slabbed the coins, with one coin having been struck on a three cent nickel planchet and the second struck on a Shield nickel planchet. NGC graded each coin MS64. Error expert Ken Potter indicates that the NGC holder should say that the first coin was struck on a three-cent nickel planchet previously struck by five cent dies as proven by Bennick's previous comments on the brockage in the second coin. The third party confirmation elevates the market value of the errors considerably.

A collector of major mint errors for over forty years since the age of 10,

Bennick is currently a board member with CONECA (The Combined Organization of Numismatic Error Collectors of America) and is thrilled with the discovery. He adds that he hopes news of the find will draw more new error collectors into the hobby. "There are still treasures to be found," he said, "and it all starts with excitement and education about errors, and then close and careful study of as many coins as possible." CONECA can be found online at [conecaonline.org](http://conecaonline.org).

Bennick asked now-retired error dealer Fred Weinberg if Weinberg had heard of any Shield nickel mated pairs during his career. Weinberg, former error authenticator for PCGS replied that he had never heard of any such set, even in the legendary Conway Bolt collection which Weinberg himself had sold in the early 1970s. Major error dealer Mike Byers did not recall knowing of any Shield nickel mated pairs either and said that this pair was worth multiples of the sales price.

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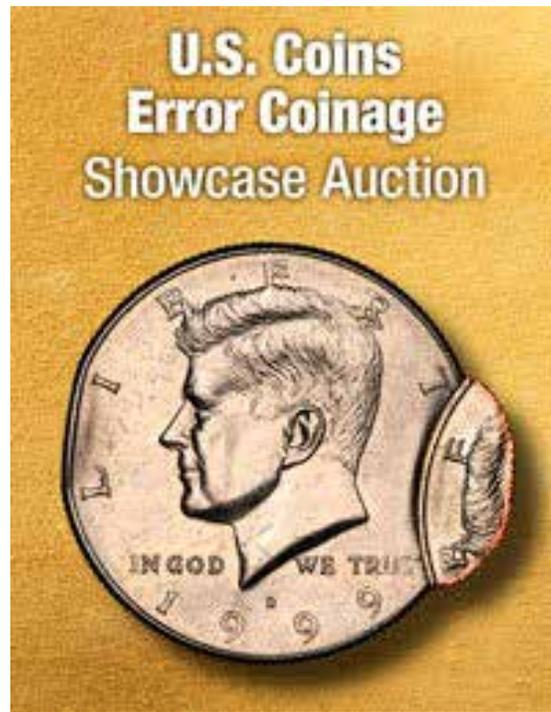
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# PRICES REALIZED IN THE MARCH 2023 ERROR COINAGE US COINS SHOWCASE HERITAGE AUCTION



*The following mint errors sold in the March 2023 Error Coinage US Coins Showcase Heritage Auction #60311.  
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**1968-S Lincoln Cent -- Double Denomination, On Struck 1967 Costa Rica 10C -- MS68 NGC  
\$4,560.00**



**2000 Lincoln Cent -- Struck on 2000 New Hampshire 25C, Double Denomination -- MS64 PCGS  
\$19,200.00**



**2007-D Lincoln Cent -- Struck on Steel Washer -- MS64 PCGS  
\$6,600.00**



**1864 Large Motto Two Cent Piece -- Struck on a Cent Blank -- AU58 NGC  
\$16,800.00**



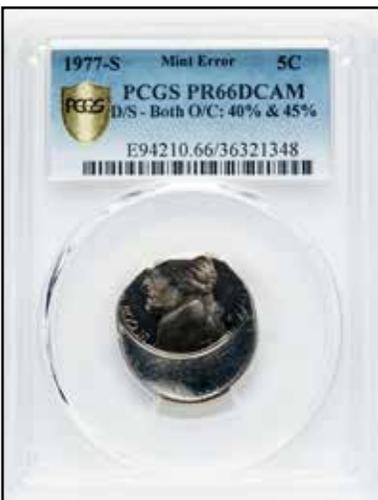
**Undated Jefferson Nickel -- Overstruck on a 1960 Peru 5 Centavos -- MS67 NGC**  
**\$3,840.00**



**1976-S Jefferson Nickel -- Struck on a Cent Planchet -- PR68 Red Ultra Cameo NGC**  
**\$4,800.00**



**1977-S Jefferson Nickel -- Double Struck, Both Strikes Off Center, 40% & 45% -- PR66 Deep Cameo PCGS**  
**\$1,440.00**



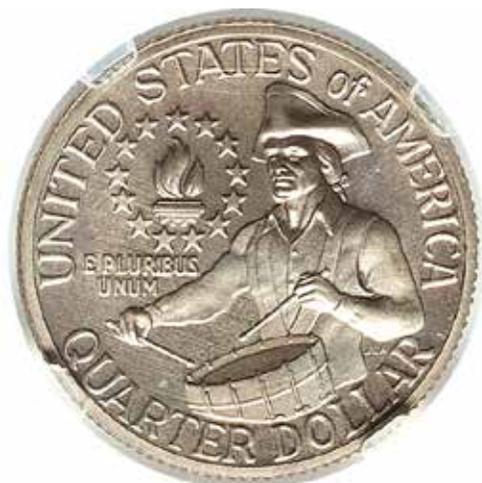
**1981-P Washington Quarter -- Double Denomination Mated Pair -- MS64 NGC**  
**\$6,600.00**



**1976 Bicentennial Quarter -- Two-Coin Mated Pair -- Brilliant Uncirculated NGC  
\$2,880.00**



1976-S Bicentennial Quarter -- Mated Pair -- PR66 NGC  
\$4,080.00



1976-S Bicentennial Quarter -- Mated Pair -- PR66 NGC  
\$3,840.00



**1973-S Kennedy Half Dollar -- Double Struck, Second Strike 25% Off Center -- PR66 Cameo NGC**  
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# Mint Error News Price Guide

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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 April 2023)



**P**roof 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

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## Broadstrikes (Updated April 2023)



A broadstruck error occurs when a coin is 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

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## Partial Collars (Updated April 2023)



**P**artial 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	X/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
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Presidential Dollar	N/A	\$400
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\$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

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## Uniface Strikes (Updated April 2023)



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	Uniface Obverse Unc	Uniface Reverse XF	Uniface Reverse Unc
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

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## Bonded Coins

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**B**onded 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	–	–

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## 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

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## Mated Pairs (Updated April 2023)



**M**ated 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	–	–	–	–

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## Transitional Errors (Updated April 2023)



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

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## U.S. Gold Errors (Updated April 2023)



Major 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

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## Indents (Updated April 2023)



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

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## Die Caps (Updated April 2023)



**D**ie 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

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## Die Adjustment Strikes (Updated April 2023)



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

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## Double Denominations (Updated April 2023)



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

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## Brockages (Updated April 2023)



A brockage 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

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## Double & Multiple Strikes (Updated April 2023)



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% off-center 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

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## Off-Center Strikes (Updated April 2023)



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

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## Off-Metals (Updated April 2023)



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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## Off-Metals (Updated April 2023)

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Washington Quarter Clad	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

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## Counterbrockages

(Updated April 2023)



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 April 2023)



A fold-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 April 2023)



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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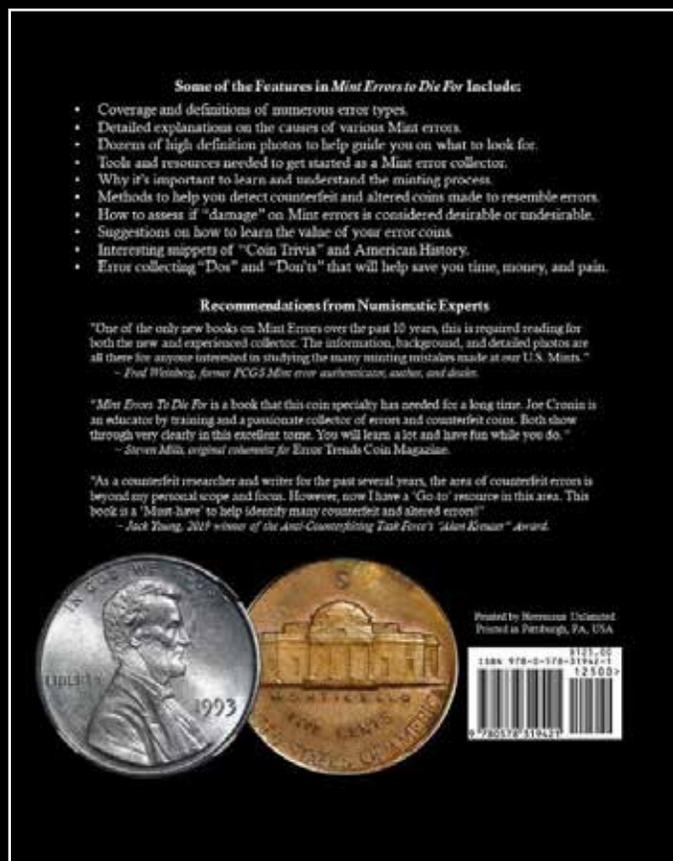
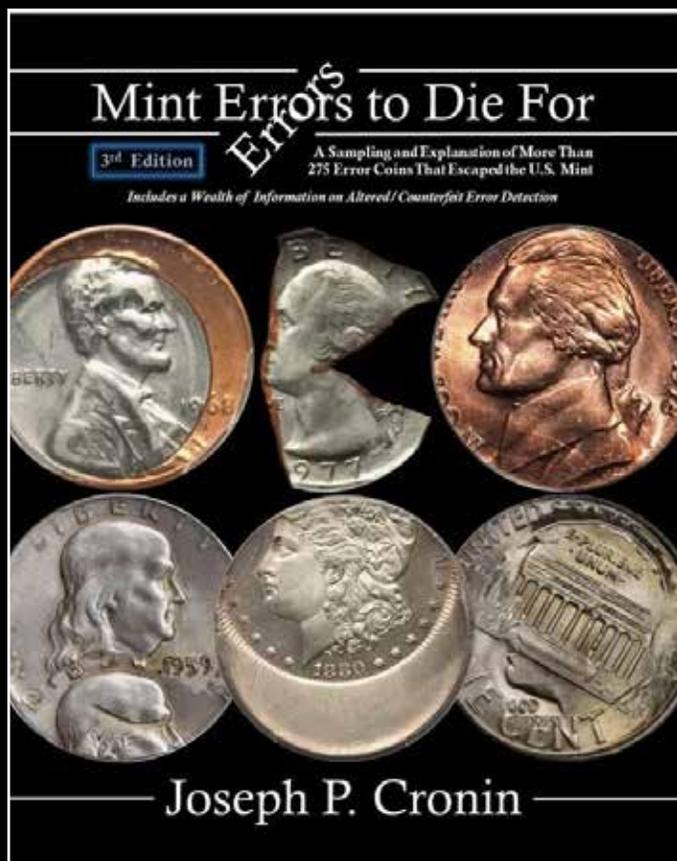
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## Non-gold Coins Struck on Gold Planchets



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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

### 1913 (Type 2) Buffalo Nickel:

#### Struck on a \$5 Gold Half Eagle Planchet

Though there are nine known cents (six Indian Heads and three Lincolns) struck on gold Quarter Eagle (\$2.5) planchets, this is the only known Buffalo nickel struck on a gold planchet of any type; in this case, it's likely a \$5 gold Half Eagle planchet. (Some speculate it was made intentionally as were the five known 1913 Liberty nickels). Sadly someone cut into the rim on the reverse at 8 o'clock (see photo below) likely to prove it's just another plated novelty coin. Now even if you're 99.9% sure your suspect coin is a fake, don't ever, ever do that! As a result, PCGS gave it a "Genuine/AU Details" grade. It's no surprise that the psychological impact of PCGS' grade adversely affected its initial selling price: \$78,000 at Heritage Auctions in January of 2021 – a heck of a lot less than what many experts expected despite the damage.

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](http://MikeByers.com/6324417-001.html))



### What the Planchet Was Intended to Become

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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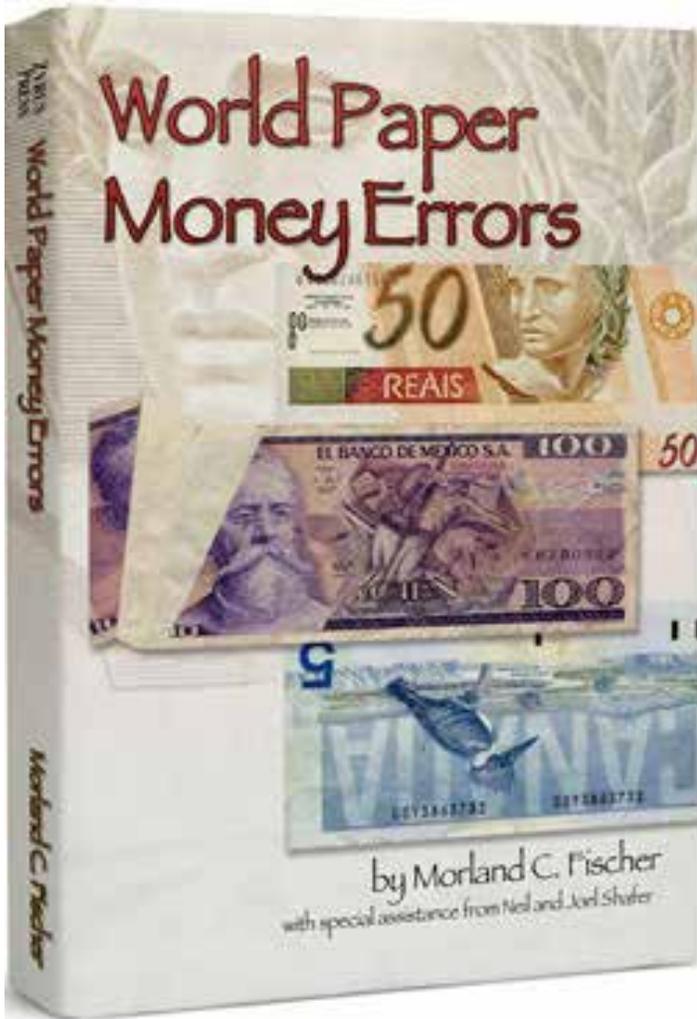
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*on a*

Dime Planchet

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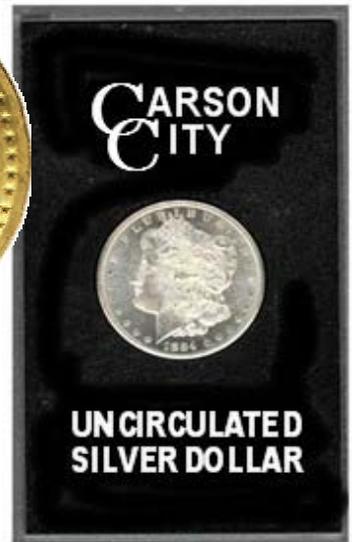


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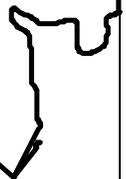
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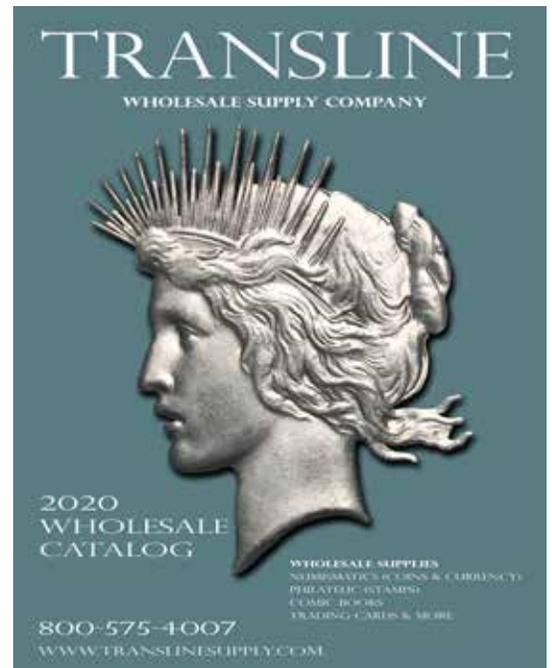
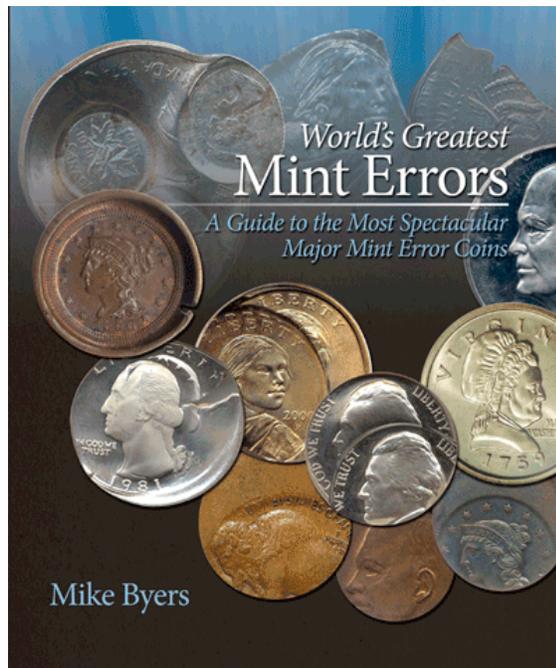


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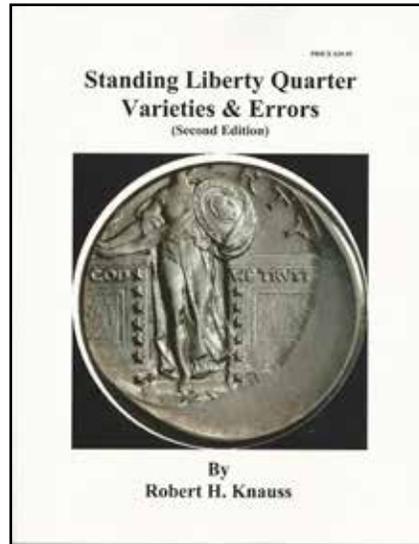
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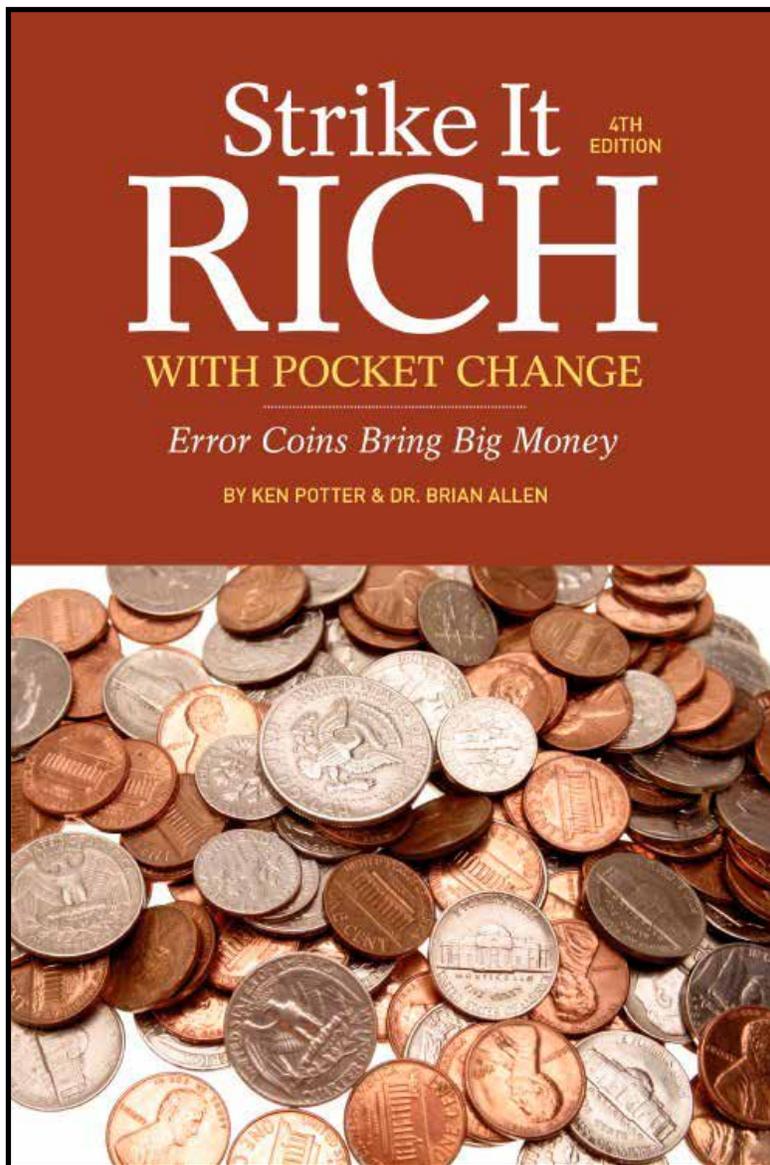
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# Martin's Error Coins

I have collected coins for more than 50 years and error coins for almost 35 years. I have collected not only Swedish coins but also coins from all over the world. My aim has been to find at least one such major error from all nations in the world. I also like to have as many type of errors represented in my collection. When I see a dramatic error coin I often think: how did it escape the mint? Most error coins are very unusual and should not come into circulation at all.



Great Britain 2 pence 1981, with double error. Off-cent strike and ragged edge clip, rare, Q: unc, nice toning. Price: 135 Euro



Germany Weimer republic 50 pfennig (1922) no date partial brockage strike, Q: vf price: 60 Euro

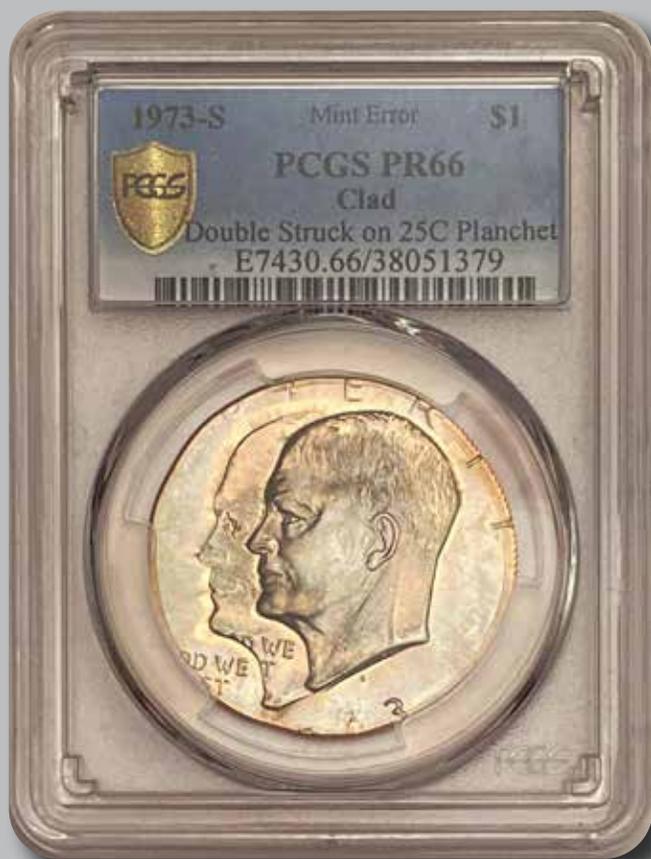


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# MINT *ERROR* NEWS GLOSSARY



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Pictured above is one of the most spectacular Proof Ike Dollar Mint Errors of all time. Not only is it a spectacular double struck, it is also struck on a clad half dollar planchet.

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Mike Byers was born in the coin business attending coin shows since he was six years old. When he was seventeen, he issued his first coin catalog. He has been a Market-Maker in U.S. Gold Coins and a dealer in major mint errors. In 1987 he offered limited partnerships and rare coin funds. He has written articles for The Coin Dealer Newsletter and has been featured on the front page of Coin World numerous times with his numismatic rarities. Mike Byers is a contributing author on mint errors for CoinWeek. He also assisted with the mint error section of Coin Facts on the PCGS website. You can visit Mike Byers and view his rarities at the ANA, Central States, FUN show and the Long Beach Coin Expo.

Mike Byers has been a professional numismatist for forty years. He is one of the largest dealers handling U.S. Gold Coins, Patterns and Rarities certified by PCGS and NGC. He has handled major coin collections and attends every major coin convention. Mike Byers carries an extensive inventory as well as solicits want lists and is always looking to purchase fresh inventory and collections.

Mike Byers was a consultant to ANACS for Mint Errors from 2000 to 2006. He is also the Publisher and Editor of Mint Error News Magazine and the Mint Error News Website that was founded in 2003. In 2009, Mike Byers published his first book, World's Greatest Mint Errors, which received the NLG Award for Best World Coin Book and is available on Amazon.com.

Mike Byers is a life member of ANA since 1985, a charter member of NGC and a featured dealer/member of PCGS. He is also a life member of the Central States Numismatic Society and the Florida United Numismatists. He is a member of CDN Exchange (BYRS).



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