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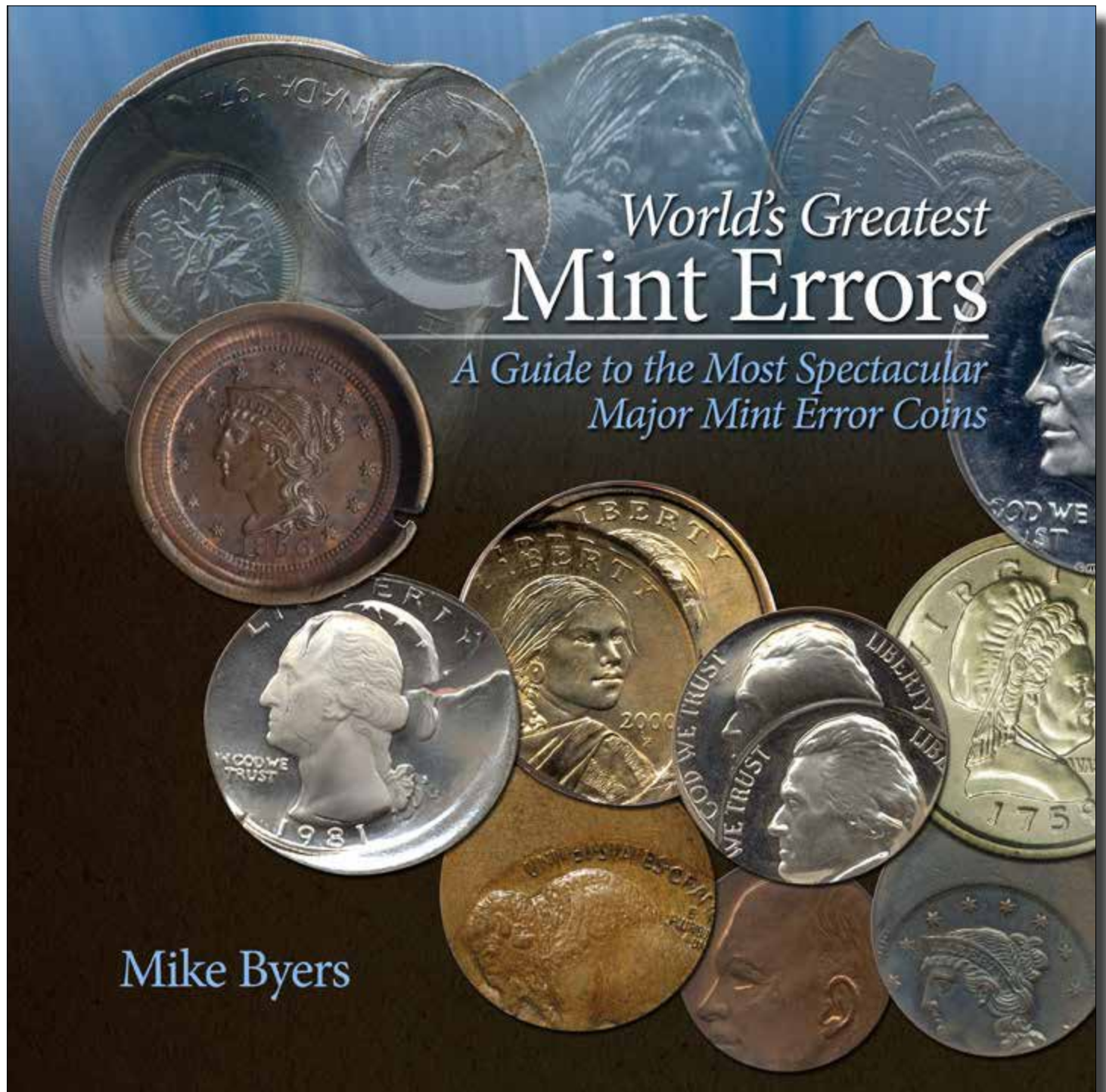
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Mike Byers, Publisher & Editor, Welcomes You!

**W**elcome to Mint Error News Magazine, bringing the latest mint error news and information to the collector. This is our 22nd year bringing you both an online PDF magazine and the Mint Error News website. There are over 1,500 articles, features, discoveries, news stories with mint error related info from the United States and around the World. Our website, [minterrornews.com](http://minterrornews.com), has become the most popular and informative Internet resource for mint errors and is read by thousands of dealers and collectors.

Over the last 22 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 22 years.

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

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



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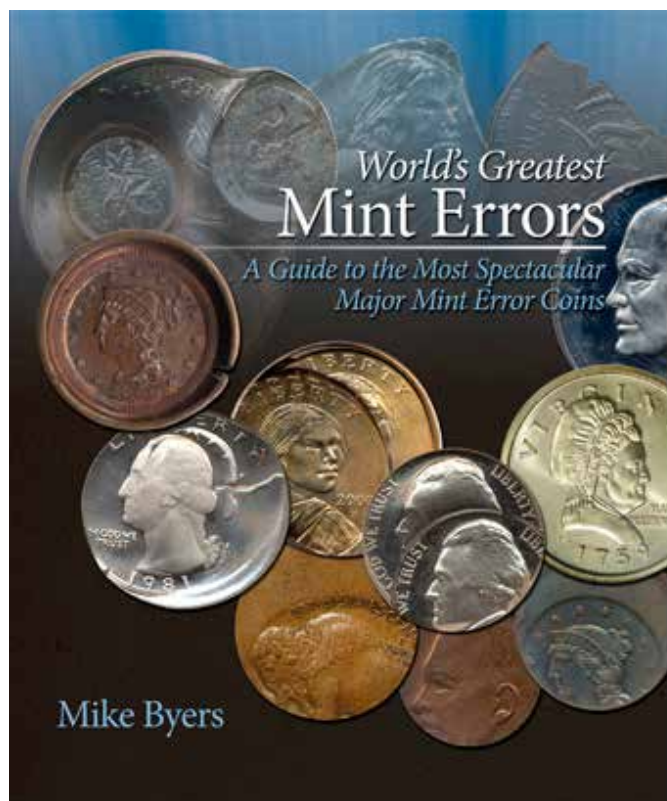


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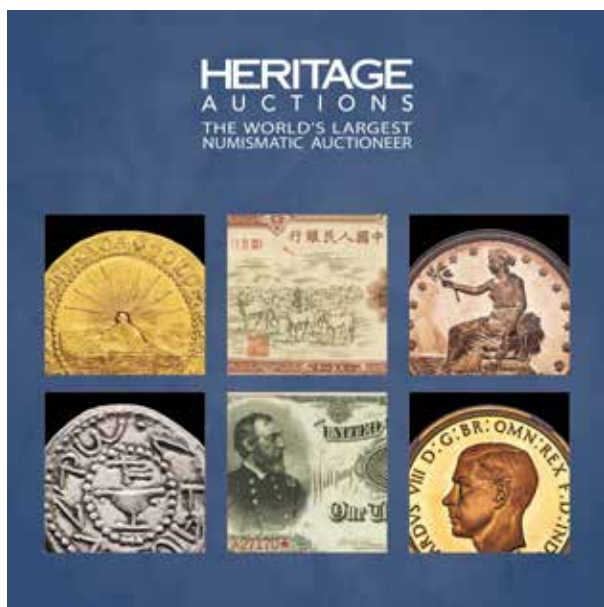
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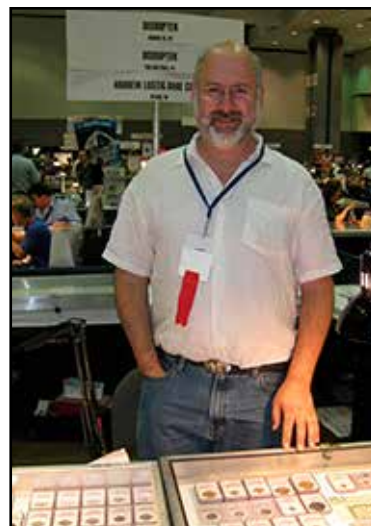
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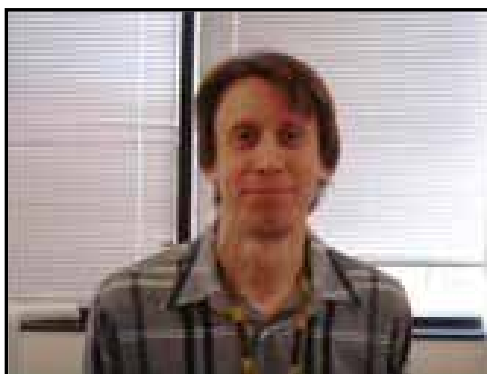
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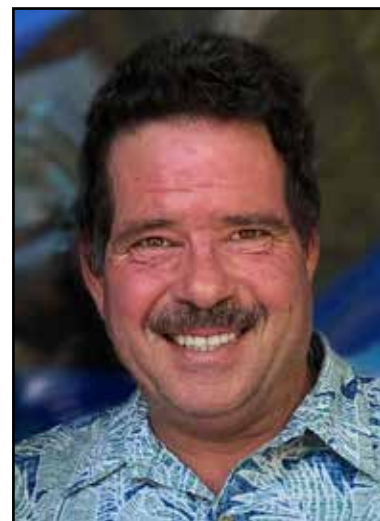


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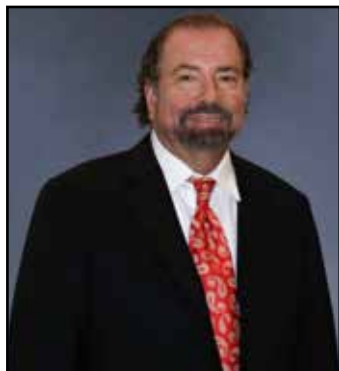
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An interesting array of dollar errors is currently available to be viewed on Northern Nevada Coin's website [brokencc.com](http://brokencc.com). The gallery includes several off-center Morgan dollars, a broadstruck Morgan, a spectacularly broadstruck Peace dollar, an example of a rotated reverse, a blank silver dollar planchet, and the Amazing Broken CC.

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Great Collections holds the record auctioning the famous \$1 Sacagawea obverse muled with a Quarter reverse for \$194,062.50.

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# NGC CERTIFIES PAIR OF PROOF UNCANCELLED MARTHA WASHINGTON DIES

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

*Martha Washington dies were used by the U.S. Mint  
and contracted vendors for experimental testing.*



**Used to Strike Half Dollar Test Pieces (Judd #2131-2143)**



# NGC CERTIFIES PAIR OF PROOF UNCANCELLED MARTHA WASHINGTON DIES

This is the *only known* set of PROOF Uncancelled Martha Washington Half Dollar-sized dies in private hands. Martha Washington dies have become the U.S. Mint's all-purpose design for testing new compositions, surfaces and planchet sizes. These experimental strikings were conducted both inside the Mint and outside by companies contracted by the U.S. Mint. Companies within the United States included IDX Inc, PMX Industries, and Olin Brass Corporation while Schuler AG in Germany struck coins overseas. Schuler AG is the supplier of Schuler coin presses to the United States Mint to strike our coinage.

These PROOF Uncancelled Martha Washington Half Dollar-sized dies are featured on the cover of *Mint Error News Magazine* Issue #86. There are only two other Martha Washington Half Dollar-Sized Uncancelled Dies known in private hands, and those struck mint state test pieces. The first one discovered was featured both in *Coin Week* and on the cover of *Mint Error News Magazine* Issue #44.

Martha Washington dies have “fantasy designs” intended to avoid creating rarities with regular coinage motifs. The design of these proof dies was used by the U.S. Mint for metallurgical testing beginning in 1965 until 2011 when the dies were redesigned. The obverse features a bust of Martha Washington, with the inscription “VIRGINIA” above and the date “1759” (the year she married George Washington) below. The reverse typically features an image of Mount Vernon. These Martha Washington proof dies and test pieces are featured in the U.S. Patterns website ([uspatterns.com](http://uspatterns.com)).

This unique set of PROOF Uncancelled Martha Washington Half Dollar-sized dies belong in a premier collection of U.S. patterns or unique numismatic treasures. These dies are part of the U.S. Mint's history of experimenting and striking pattern coins prior to producing our nation's coins for circulation. The story of the Martha Washington dies and test strikes, as it unfolds, is one of the most interesting numismatic developments in decades.



# NGC CERTIFIES PAIR OF PROOF UNCANCELLED MARTHA WASHINGTON DIES

## uspatterns.com



J2132/P2083

This is the Martha Washington half dollar. The Martha Washington obverse was designed by Edward R. Grove and the reverse is by Philip Fowler.

Examples are believed to have been struck as follows:

Nickel [J2131](#) with a single example offered in Heritage 10/14 and Heritage 8/20 sales - NGC64.

Cupro-Nickel Clad [J2132](#) with over a dozen known including the illustrated piece above courtesy of Bowers and Merena from their July 2005 sale.. An example was first offered in ANR's 12/03 sale and a second one was in Bowers & Merena's 7/05 sale and later reoffered in ANR's 1/06 sale. One is also known struck on a clad quarter planchet. A mint error, it was offered in Heritage 3/2003 and 8/2004 sales. To view this piece, click [here](#). It is unknown if these were struck inside or outside the mint.

50% Silver, 50% Copper [J2133](#)

Silver Clad [J2134](#) as used from 1965 to 1970 on the Kennedy half dollar. There are 6 examples, 3 each embedded in two blocks of blue lucite, along with [J2101/P2081](#) and [J2116/P2082](#) in the Smithsonian. To view one of these blocks, click [here](#).

Pollock inadvertently lists these Smithsonian pieces as being struck in cupro-nickel clad.

Columbium (type 1) [J2135](#)

Columbium (type 2) [J2136](#)

Zirconium [J2137](#)

Monel (nickel base alloy) [J2138](#)

Nickel-5% Silicon with Magnetic Core [J2139](#)

Stainless Steel (type 301-Type I) [J2140](#)

Stainless Steel (type 301-Type II) [J2141](#)

Stainless Steel (type 302) [J2142](#)

Copper Zinc Silver alloy [J2143](#). In March 2016, NGC received an example for grading that is Cu 58.3%, Zn 34.3% and Ag 7.2%. This alloy does not match any mentioned in "A Study of Alloys Suitable for Use as United States Coinage". The piece was later offered in Heritage 1/17 FUN sale.

It is not known if any of the other alloys mentioned still exist.

These dies are now used by the U.S. Mint to test various planchet sizes and alloys. They were used in 1999 to test the new "brass" planchet used on the Sacagawea dollar. To view one of these trial pieces, click [here](#).

A waffle cancelled example appeared in Heritage 4/14 sale.

These dies were also given out to certain vendors including IDX Inc, PMX Industries, Schuler AG and the Olin Brass Corporation by the Mint to test planchets and may be the source for several of these which have recently appeared in collector's hands.

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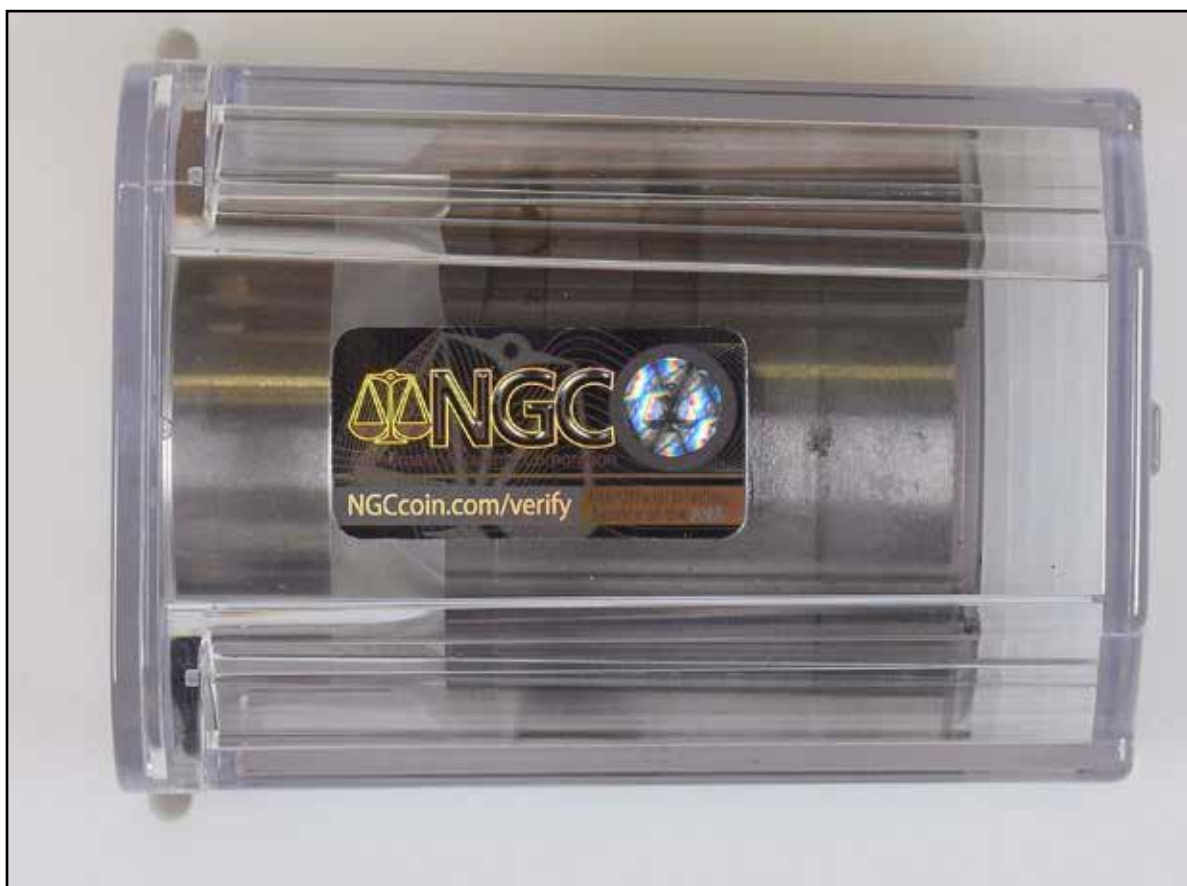


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## Martha Washington Obverse Die Used To Strike Half Dollar Experimental Test Pieces For U.S. Judd #2131-2143



There are only three Martha Washington Half Dollar-sized Uncancelled Obverse Dies in private hands, two mint state and one proof. There is only one proof Martha Washington Half Dollar-sized Uncancelled Reverse Die known in private hands. This half dollar obverse Martha Washington Die was featured on the cover of *Mint Error News Magazine* Issue #44.

I discovered the first known Martha Washington Test Pieces, of ANY denomination in 2000. It was struck on a U.S. cent planchet. *Coin World* featured this discovery on their front page on August 7th, 2000.

Since then, there have been Martha Washington Test Pieces struck on the 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c and \$1 size denominations. Different metal compositions and surfaces were used in these experimental test pieces.

# NGC CERTIFIES PAIR OF PROOF UNCANCELLED MARTHA WASHINGTON DIES

## Martha Washington Reverse Die Used To Strike 1 Cent Experimental Test Pieces For U.S. Judd #2180



This is the only known Martha Washington Cent-sized Uncancelled Die in private hands. It was featured on the cover of *Mint Error News Magazine* Issue 51. There are only four other Martha Washington Half Dollar-sized Uncancelled Dies known in private hands, two mint state and two proof. They were used to strike the half dollar obverse for the experimental patterns. These Half Dollar-sized obverse Martha Washington Dies were purchased by Mike Byers. The first one discovered was featured both in *Coin Week* and on the cover of *Mint Error News Magazine* Issue #44.



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Mike Byers' discovery was featured in  
a front page article in *Coin World*

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The image shows the front cover of the August 7, 2000 issue of *Coin World*. The title "Coin World" is in large red letters. To the right is a circular logo for "40 YEARS" with a red and white design. Below the title, it says "August 7, 2000" and "Enriching coin collecting through knowledge". The website "www.coinworld.com" and price "\$1.95" are in the top right. The main article is titled "Martha Washington 'error' may not be Mint product" by Victoria Stone Moledor. It includes two images of coins: a Lincoln cent on the left and a weakly struck cent on the right. The text discusses the discovery of a current Lincoln cent planchet with an off-center image of the Martha Washington dies.

**Martha Washington 'error' may not be Mint product**  
Mint lends dies to private firms for tests  
By Victoria Stone Moledor  
COIN WORLD Staff

A recent discovery of a current Lincoln cent planchet with the off-center image of the U.S. Mint's trial Martha Washington dies led to an announcement from Mint officials: The dies are made available to the Mint's metal and blank vendors for testing, and therefore any item with the image of the trial pieces may not have been struck by the U.S. Mint.

The dies are not regulated by the U.S. Mint, said Michael S. White. Therefore, it is not outside the bounds of reason that the dies may at times be used in an "uncontrolled" manner, meaning that any item with the image of the Martha Washington pattern dies may have been struck outside the U.S. Mint, and would therefore not be considered a U.S. Mint product.

**A WEAKLY** struck cent planchet struck with the Mint's Martha Washington pattern test die may not be a genuine Mint product.

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## MARTHA from Page 1

By press time, the Mint could not confirm for *Coin World* how many years it has made the Martha Washington dies available to outside vendors for metallurgic testing, how many companies may have the dies and how many pairs are outside the Mint. The Mint also could not confirm if the pattern dies were employed recently for use in the U.S. Mint.

The item that drew comment from the Mint was submitted to ANACS by Michael S. Byers of Byers Numismatic Corp. Byers told *Coin World* the item was found in a Mint-sewn bag of 1999 Lincoln cents when it was opened in a Brink's Inc. counting room.

In light of the information provided by the Mint, said Michael Fahey, senior authenticator with ANACS, the coin was returned as a "no decision" item since it could not be verified as an official U.S. Mint product.

The item is uniface with a weak, 10 percent off-center strike. "There is a marked difference in coins that are struck on an ordinary machine press vs. a U.S. Mint coinage press," Fahey said. "This item could have easily been created with an ordinary machine press," he added.

The piece was struck on a copper-plated, zinc planchet of the type first used for the 1982 Lincoln cent and for all cents since 1983.

According to *United States Patterns 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. They are embedded in a block of Lucite displayed at the Smithsonian Institution.

According to an April 22, 1975, letter to pattern researcher Abe Kosoff from Eva

Adams, Mint director from October 1961 to August 1969, "... to be certain no coins were 'lost' while being viewed at official hearings, etc., we had them embedded in a large plastic 'block' which no one certainly could 'pocket' accidentally or otherwise. One of these was presented to the Smithsonian Institution. ..."

*Coin World* readers will recall that in April 2000, the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation of America authenticated and encapsulated a Martha Washington "dime." Eagle Numismatics submitted the dime trial piece to NGC, which graded the piece Mint State 65.

Readers will also recall that in 1999 as the Sacagawea dollar alloy was tested, Martha Washington pattern dies were used to test the alloy's suitability for coining. The dies were the size of the dollar, and *Coin World's* photo files dating from 1965 confirm that dies also exist in the half dollar, quarter dollar and dime size. The dies were used in testing potential replacement compositions for the 90 percent silver alloy

used for those three denominations since the 19th century.

Given the size of the image reproduction on the latest item, both the owner and ANACS staff surmised that an obverse dime die struck the coin.

Edward R. Grove, a sculptor, medallist and bank note engraver, is credited with preparing the Martha Washington obverse design. The test designs were used because of "the technical avoidance by the government of forging their own coins before they were passed into law," according to *The Numismatist* article.

Grove's design features a bust of Martha Washington facing right. In the right field is inscribed MARTHA WASHINGTON, with VIRGINIA above and 1759 below.

Another Mint engraver, Philip Fowler, is credited with executing the designs for the Mount Vernon reverse. The design features a three-quarters view of the Washington's Virginia mansion with MOUNT VERNON below. Inscribed around is HOME OF THE WASHINGTON FAMILY. **CW**

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## Martha Washington Test Pieces

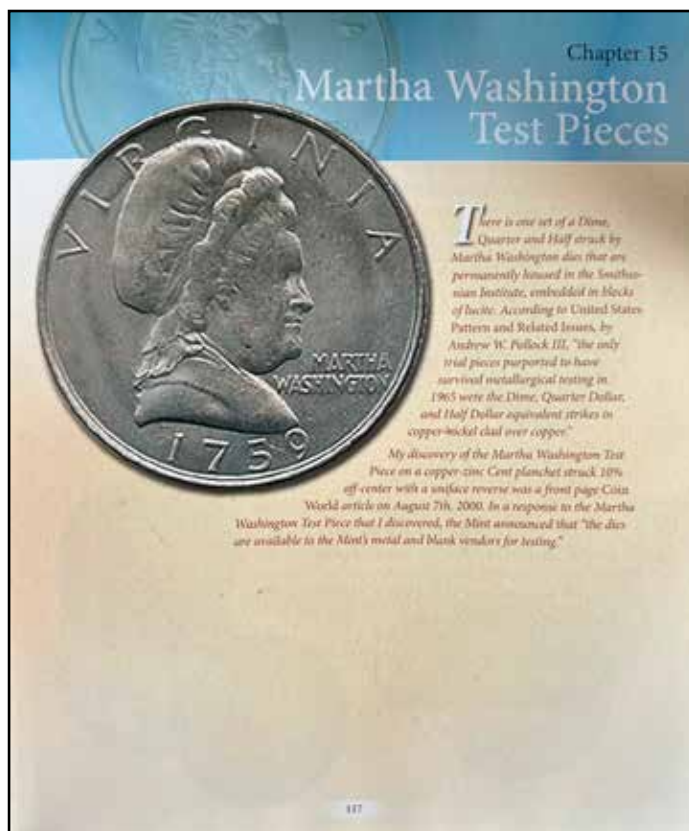
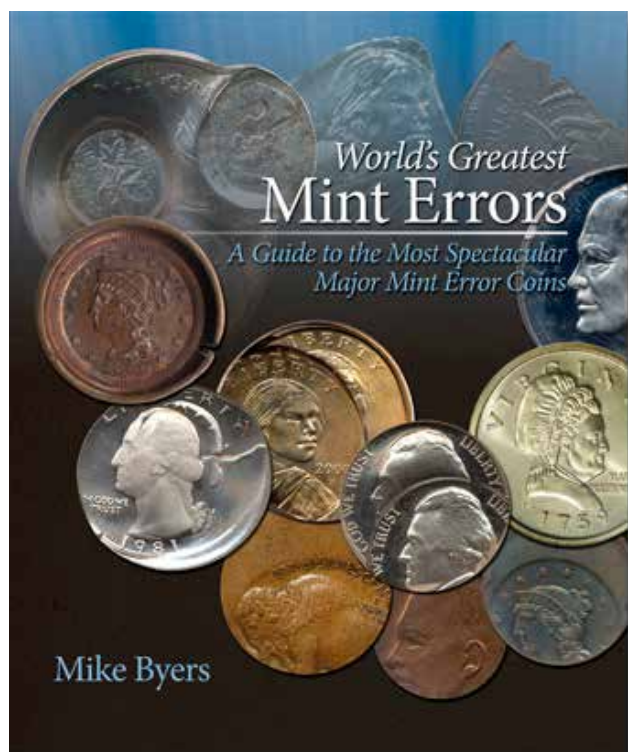


The U.S. Mint conducted metallurgical tests in 1999 on the golden colored manganese-clad planchets which would later be used for the Sacagawea Dollar. I discovered one of the three known Martha Washington Test Pieces struck on a Sacagawea Dollar . It was certified by NGC as a dollar-sized test piece weighing 8.0 grams and was graded MS 66. It is listed as Judd #2185 on page 294 of eighth edition of *United States Pattern Coins, Experimental and Trial Pieces*.



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Martha Washington Test Pieces are featured in my NLG award winning book, *World's Greatest Mint Errors*.





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## 1873 Closed 3 Half Eagle, SP64 Sole Certified Specimen Example



**1873 \$5 Closed 3 SP64 NGC.** The Philadelphia Mint struck just 25 proof half eagles in 1873, all of which were delivered on February 18, but the coin offered here is something more special -- the sole certified Specimen strike from either service. It is a hybrid of sorts, with the deeply reflective fields and pinpoint-sharp, richly frosted devices of a highly contrasted proof, as well as the Closed 3 design type of all proofs of the year. However, it was struck from circulation strike dies. Unlike regular proofs, there is no polish seen between the shield stripes, and the second vertical line of stripe 2 does not extend into the horizontals above, diagnostic of the 1866A proof reverse used until 1880. Yet, it was clearly made with special care, and die polish lines suggest special preparation.

Proof 1873 five dollar gold pieces are rarely seen and are of great importance to gold specialists -- John Dannreuther estimates only 14-16 examples are extant in all grades today. This Specimen coin may have been a one-off special strike requested by Mint Director Linderman, or a trial strike prior to implementation of the Open 3 dies. No proofs or Specimen strikes are known of the Open 3 type. This coin possesses an irresistible combination of high technical quality, absolute rarity, and terrific eye appeal. We expect intense competition from series specialists and Registry Set enthusiasts when this lot is called. Census: 1 in 64 (1 in 64★), 0 finer (9/25).

*Ex: Dallas Signature (Heritage, 8/2020), lot 4011; Summer FUN Signature (Heritage, 7/2021), lot 3122.*



**1873 Closed 3 Half Eagle, SP64**  
**Sole Certified Specimen Example**



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**1891-O Seated Dime, PR66**  
**Unique as a Proof; Unique Variety**  
**First O-Mint Dime Production Since 1860**



**1891-O 10C PR66 NGC.** Light cameo contrast results from the combination of satiny, lustrous devices, and fully mirrored fields that are warmly bathed in an array of sky-blue, rose, and champagne toning. The strike is absolutely full and complete, as expected for such a small coin struck on a large press intended for silver dollar coinage. This confluence of factors provide this Premium Gem proof with exceptional eye appeal.

The New Orleans Mint struck proof silver dimes and quarters in 1891. They were most likely struck on Sunday, July 5, the first day of production, to commemorate these denominations' resumption at the New Orleans Mint, where they had not been minted since 1860. The facility was opened in 1838 and operated continuously until January 1861, when it fell into the hands of the State of Louisiana, and a short time later, the Confederate government. Toward the end of the war, the U.S. government regained control. However, the Mint remained dormant for many years. In 1870, a joint resolution was referred to the Committee on Commerce regarding the New Orleans Mint, recommending that the buildings and property revert to the City of New Orleans, which had originally conveyed the grounds to the U.S. upon the Mint's inception. Nine years later, the Mint resumed operation, striking silver dollars and a small number of double eagles.

When dime and quarter production resumed twelve years after the Mint's reopening, the New Orleans Times-Picayune ran this brief but information-rich article in their July 26, 1891 issue:

“The United States mint is now engaged in coining one million dimes a month. The dime banks and other causes have created a scarcity and Uncle Sam has ordered his money factories to the rescue. There is considerable demand for the dimes. They are the first coins of that smallness the mint has made, and the same presses with which the dollars were coined are used, the ingots being also of similar size. The new dies reached here about the 1st of the month, and the dimes commenced to roll out on the 5th.

“The mint has on hand the bullion representing 3,000,000 trade dollars, shipped from the Philadelphia mint about two months ago, and the 863,000 ounces of uncurrent money sent from various sub-treasuries; so that there is no lack of silver to keep the presses going.”

We have never seen or heard of another 1891-O proof dime, and the issue was unknown to Breen in his Encyclopedia of United States and Colonial Proof Coins. Two or three proof quarters are known, including the Dunham coin certified Specimen 66 NGC that we handled most recently in our August 2013 Chicago Signature, and which realized \$161,000 in our 2008 May Long Beach Signature. The present dime was also struck from a unique die marriage. We were unable to match it to a known die marriage upon our first sale of the piece in 2014. However, proprietor of the Liberty Seated Dime reference website [www.seateddimevarieties.com](http://www.seateddimevarieties.com), Gerry Fortin, determined that the obverse is unlisted and confirmed the reverse as his Reverse P, with the mintmark close to the bow knot and tilted sharply left. Both dies are perfect, with no trace of date or mintmark repunching, no clash marks, no die cracks, and no evidence of lapping. This unique and extraordinary branch mint proof dime is destined to be one of the centerpieces of a specialized collection of Seated Liberty dimes.

*Ex: Central States Signature (Heritage, 4/2014), lot 5574; FUN Signature (Heritage, 1/2016), lot 5316.*



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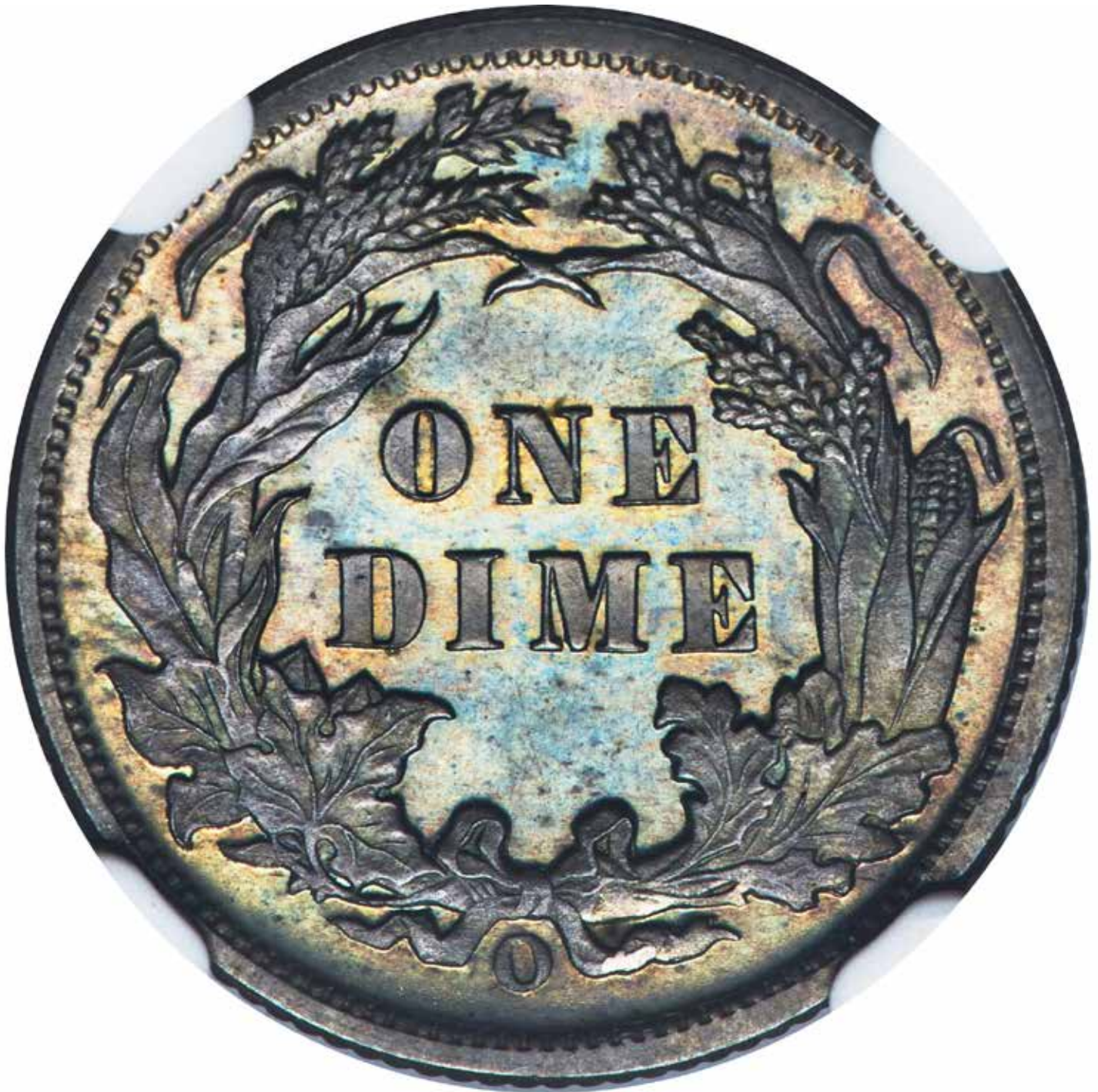


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## 1898 Barber Dime Obverse Die Cap, MS61 Slightly Uncentered



**1898 Barber Dime -- Obverse Die Cap -- MS61 PCGS.** The initial strike was slightly uncentered and the coin became adhered to the obverse die in that uncentered position. Subsequent strikes occurred with new planchets fed between the struck reverse of the die cap coin and the face of the reverse die. The peripheral planchet metal of the die cap coin was forced up around the obverse die shaft, creating the “cap.” Hints of gold, russet, and green-blue toning accent satiny gunmetal-gray toning.



**1898 Barber Dime Obverse Die Cap, MS61  
Slightly Uncentered**





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**1812 Half Eagle, Vibrant and Frosted MS66  
BD-1, Wide 5-D, Double Struck  
Final Year Draped Bust To Left Type**



**1812 \$5 Wide 5D, BD-1, R.3, MS66 PCGS.** Ex: Harry W. Bass, Jr. Collection. Bass-Dannreuther Die State a/a. The Harry W. Bass, Jr. Core Collection includes a remarkable Premium Gem BD-1 half eagle. This coin is struck from an early die state, although at first glance a later die state might be suspected. Close examination reveals the dies are not clashed, lapped, or cracked; rather, the coin is in fact double struck. It is a fascinating Mint error -- seldom seen for the type -- although the initial strike is somewhat obscured by the strong second strike. Anomalies appear along the rims as the ghostly remnants of an underlying initial strike are seen on each side. Adding to the intrigue is the realization that the first strike was off-center by about 15%, followed by a rotated second strike when the flan was subsequently fed into the coining press for its second impression.

The 1812 five dollar gold pieces represent the final year of the John Reich's Draped Bust half eagle design, offering two varieties defined by either the Wide 5D or Close 5D denomination. The BD-1 coins have an inexplicably wide gap between 5 and D, while the BD-2 pieces display the 5 and D normally spaced. The Wide 5D examples are by far the more available variety. The Bass double struck coin ranks a close second to the former Pogue Collection example on the BD-1 Condition Census. The coin is vibrantly lustrous and frosted throughout both sides, illuminating radiant green-gold color with olive overtones and wisps of orange within the eagle's shield. A lengthy raised die defect spans the eagle's wings left-to-right, curving across the horizontal shield lines and exiting the coin just left of the first A in AMERICA. The defect appears prior to any die clashing and seems to fade on later die states.

### **A Roster of Significant Examples (Provided by Ron Guth).**

**1. MS66+ PCGS.** Norman Stack Type Set, purchased before 1986; Stack's, sold privately; Eric Streiner; Mark Yaffe and Kenneth Goldman; "From an old-time Eastern collection" (Superior, 8/1991), lot 711, not sold; Jay Parrino, sold privately circa 1994; Hanks and Associates; Great Lakes Collection, sold privately in 6/2001; Hanks and Associates; D. Brent Pogue Collection, Part III (Stack's Bowers & Sotheby's, 2/2016), lot 3143, \$158,625.

**2. MS66 PCGS.** A-Mark Coin Co., sold privately on 3/16/1978; Harry W. Bass, Jr. Foundation Collection (HBCC# 3124); Harry Bass Core Collection, Part III (Heritage, 5/2023), lot 4556, where it sold for \$111,000; FUN Signature (Heritage, 1/2024), lot 4338. Double struck, first strike off-center.  
**The present coin.**



**3. MS65+ PCGS.** FUN Signature (Heritage, 1/2008), lot 3154, \$161,000; Joan Zieg Steinbrenner Collection (Heritage, 8/2019), lot 3869, \$102,000.

**4. MS65+ PCGS.** ANA Sale (Stack's Bowers, 8/2019), lot 5326, \$90,000; D.L. Hansen Collection (PCGS Set Registry).

**5. MS65 PCGS.** Boston Rarities (Bowers and Merena, 8/2010), lot 1645, \$97,750; Castle Pines Collection (Stack's Bowers, 8/2021), lot 4206, \$96,000.

**6. MS65 PCGS.** Prior provenance unknown.

**7. MS65 NGC.** Long Beach Signature (Heritage, 9/2003), lot 7918, \$19,550; Pre-Long Beach (Goldberg Auctions, 9/2009), lot 3369, \$69,000.

**8. MS65 NGC.** Nathan M. Kaufman Collection (RARCOA, 8/1978), lot 802; Harry W. Bass, Jr. Collection, Part III (Bowers and Merena, 5/2000), lot 312, \$19,550; Rarities Sale (Bowers and Merena, 7/2002), lot 780, \$35,650; Freedom Collection (Heritage, 1/2007), lot 3525, \$63,250; Pre-Long Beach (Goldberg Auctions, 9/2009), lot 3370, not sold; Pre-Long Beach (Goldberg Auctions, 5/2010), lot 1565, \$71,875; Chicago Signature (Heritage, 8/2011), lot 7537, \$74,750.

**9. MS65 NGC.** FUN Signature (Heritage, 1/2010), lot 2170, \$74,750.

**10. MS65 Uncertified.** "Taylor" (unidentified source); W. Elliot Woodward, sold privately on 2/28/1880; T. Harrison Garrett Collection; Robert Garrett Collection; John Work Garrett Collection; Johns Hopkins University Collection, Part I (Bowers and Ruddy, 11/1979), lot 457, \$20,000.

**1812 Half Eagle, Vibrant and Frosted MS66  
BD-1, Wide 5-D, Double Struck  
Final Year Draped Bust To Left Type**





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## 1855-O Gold Dollar, AU Details Double Struck, Second Strike Off Center



**1855-O G\$1 -- Double Struck, Second Strike Off Center -- Damaged -- NGC Details. AU. Winter-2.** This is a rather spectacular piece, not simply because it is an off-center double strike error, but because it is the rare occurrence of that error type on a gold coin. Moreover, it occurs on a New Orleans gold dollar of the Type Two design, rendering it all the more interesting and unique. The first strike was normal, while the second strike was 95% off center toward 7 o'clock relative to the obverse. Only a portion of the dentils and rims of the second strike are evident. NGC notes Damage due to the small dig at Liberty's eye; otherwise, the coin is satiny, lustrous, and has attractive orange-gold color. Relatively few off-center double strikes are known on any U.S. gold piece due to the rarity of gold error coins as a whole. It has been published elsewhere that the current coin is the only double struck gold coin with the second strike off center that has currently come to light, and we have no evidence to suggest that assertion is not still current for this piece.



**1855-O Gold Dollar, AU Details  
Double Struck, Second Strike Off Center**





**1855-O Gold Dollar, AU Details  
Double Struck, Second Strike Off Center**





**(1942-1945) Australia Florin, MS62  
Struck on a U.S. Five Cent Silver Planchet**



**194X-S Australia Florin -- Struck on a U.S. Silver Five Cent Planchet -- MS62 NGC.** 4.9 grams. One of two examples known for this specific error, showing a 1940s Australia Florin struck on a silver wartime nickel planchet. The San Francisco Mint struck Australian Florins from 1938 to 1945, overlapping the period in which the same mint utilized silver-alloy planchets for U.S. nickels (1942 to 1945). The present piece shows the S mintmark clearly on the lower reverse, but the date of the coin is off the flan. Each side is brilliant and satiny, with a couple hair-thin scratches on the portrait that limit the grade.

**(1942-1945) Australia Florin, MS62**  
**Struck on a U.S. Five Cent Silver Planchet**





**(1942-1945) Australia Florin, MS62**  
**Struck on a U.S. Five Cent Silver Planchet**



## Lincoln Memorial Cent, MS64+ Struck on a 2.8-Gram Screw



**Undated Lincoln Memorial Cent -- Struck on a 2.8 gram Screw -- MS64+ PCGS.** A metal screw, approximately 30 mm in length, was struck between Lincoln Memorial cent dies to create the present dramatic mint error. The screw appears to have a steel alloy, but portions of the piece struck by the reverse die have a copper-red color, perhaps from traces of copper in the die chamber that adhered to the screw during the strike. The threads of the screw are mostly flattened on the obverse side, which displays LIBERTY and IN GOD WE TRU. Lincoln's head is present except for his jaw, mouth, and nosetip. On the reverse, the screw threads are partial. Flat areas show ONE CEN and the bottom left portion of the Lincoln Memorial. A memorable minting mishap.



**Lincoln Memorial Cent, MS64+  
Struck on a 2.8-Gram Screw**



**Lincoln Memorial Cent, MS64+  
Struck on a 2.8-Gram Screw**





## 1883-O Morgan Dollar, MS63 Flipover Double Struck in Collar



**1883-O Morgan Dollar -- Double Struck in Collar, Flipover Second Strike -- MS63 PCGS.** Flipover double strikes are rarely encountered, even on modern issues. They are extremely rare on 19th century silver type coins. This lustrous, untoned, and boldly struck O-mint dollar shows significant portions of its initial strike around the border on each side and across the central relief elements. The date from the first strike is readable, and located near the ON in ONE DOLLAR. The New Orleans mintmark from the first strike is also apparent, located beneath Liberty's highest shoulder curl.  
*Ex: ANA Signature (Heritage, 3/2011), lot 4334 (as NGC MS63).*

**1883-O Morgan Dollar, MS63  
Flipover Double Struck in Collar**





**1883-O Morgan Dollar, MS63  
Flipover Double Struck in Collar**



**1969-S Lincoln Cent, MS64+ Red**  
**The Tremonti Doubled Die Cent, CAC**



**1969-S 1C Doubled Die Obverse, FS-101, MS64+ Red PCGS. CAC.**

This important, interesting, and generally unavailable variety has one of the most surprising backgrounds in 20th century American numismatics. As described in several publications, counterfeit doubled die cents dated 1969 had appeared, and government agents confiscated any examples they came across. The legitimate 1969-S doubled die pieces were caught up in this dragnet; Fivaz and Stanton report that the coins were later authenticated by the Mint and returned, while Lange's *The Complete Guide to Lincoln Cents* states that the Mint destroyed at least a few of the S-mint coins. That early excitement greatly increased the notoriety of the 1969-S doubled die coins, though the population of survivors remains excessively low.

The piece offered here, however, has no such story of confiscation and redemption. In fact, its history is essentially blank until October 3, 2007, when collector Michael Tremonti discovered the coin in a heretofore-unsearched roll of 1969-S cents. As related by Ken Potter in a report for the October 29, 2007 edition of *Coin World*, the noted numismatist was understandably skeptical: "... I just assumed that his find was one of the exceedingly common examples of strike doubling found on this date. ... I advised [Tremonti] of this, but he shrugged it off as not being what he found."



While Potter agreed to examine the coin, he was not expecting to find an actual doubled die: “Even though [Tremonti] sounded like he knew what he was talking about, I was still prepared to find an example of strike doubling. To my surprise, what I beheld was a Brilliant Uncirculated example of the 1969-S Lincoln, Doubled Die cent.”

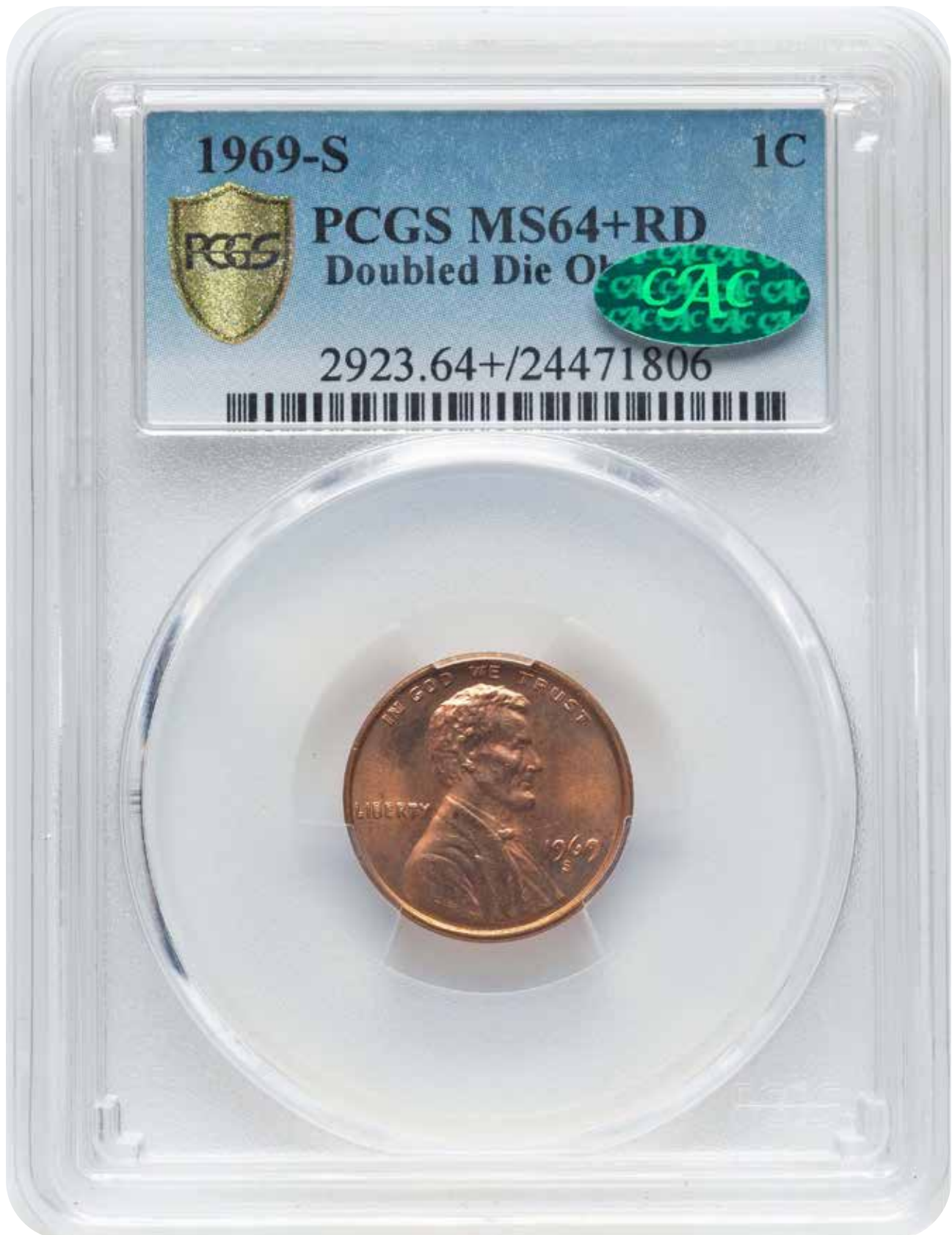
Interest in the 1969-S Doubled Die cents remains strong, although Mint State pieces are seldom seen. We last sold this piece in January of 2008 for \$126,500, surpassing what many collectors and dealers had speculated the coin would fetch. Among the authorities suggesting the possibility of a significant price at that time was David Hall. His commentary, as printed in the November 13, 2007 edition of *Numismatic News*: “I was totally amazed that this coin could turn up out of nowhere. The coin is completely original and full mint red. ... What an incredible find! This could be a six-figure coin.”

The shining surfaces of this important cent are fresh copper-orange with a triangular area of peach-umber behind Lincoln’s head. The strike is crisp, and the peripheral elements of the obverse show this variety’s characteristic doubling, with the effect most prominent at LIBERTY and the date. Though a handful of marks are present in the fields, the devices are attractively preserved, and the overall effect is tantalizingly close to a Gem designation.

The combined certified populations of NGC and PCGS show just two Gem 1969-S Doubled Die cents as the highest-graded examples, one at each service and both graded as Red. This remarkable DDO is the sole example in MS64+ Red, separating it from the Choice examples to claim the sole third finest graded piece amongst PCGS and NGC. This example has been approved with the CAC green sticker, and the variety is listed in the *100 Greatest U.S. Modern Coins* by Scott Schechter and Jeff Garrett.

*Ex: FUN Signature (Heritage, 1/2008), lot 2718.*

**1969-S Lincoln Cent, MS64+ Red  
The Tremonti Doubled Die Cent, CAC**





**1969-S Lincoln Cent, MS64+ Red**  
**The Tremonti Doubled Die Cent, CAC**



**1969-S Lincoln Cent, MS64+ Red  
The Tremonti Doubled Die Cent, CAC**





**1969-S Lincoln Cent, MS64+ Red  
The Tremonti Doubled Die Cent, CAC**



## 1887 Morgan Dollar, AU Details Struck 30% Off Center



**1887 Morgan Dollar -- Struck 30% Off Center -- Cleaned -- NGC Details. AU.** Struck widely off center toward 2:30 and exceedingly rare so. This silver dollar shows nearly all of the date, only missing the tail of the 7. The mintmark area is intact, confirming a Philadelphia origin. OF AMERICA, BUS UNUM, and LLAR are absent.

Mostly stone-white, with hints of russet and blue-green toning near the wreath bow and the top of Liberty's cap. Probably dipped in its past, but nonetheless desirable. Liberty's chin and neck display a few small oval-shaped strike-throughs, as made.

*Ex: The Misfits Collection of US Error Coins Showcase, Part 2 (Heritage, 12/2022), lot 93224.*



**1887 Morgan Dollar, AU Details  
Struck 30% Off Center**



**1887 Morgan Dollar, AU Details  
Struck 30% Off Center**





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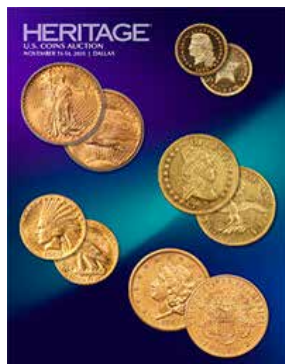
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# PRICES REALIZED FOR MINT ERRORS IN THE NOVEMBER 2025 HERITAGE U.S. COINS SIGNATURE<sup>®</sup> AUCTION



The following mint errors sold in the November 2025 US Coins Signature<sup>®</sup> Auction Auction #1387.

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**‘Two-Tailed’ Washington Quarter Mule, MS64  
Struck With Two Reverse Dies  
Previously Unknown Specimen**

**Sold For: \$84,000.00**





**Undated 25C Washington Quarter Mule -- Struck With Two Reverse Dies -- MS64 NGC.** Many collectors consider mules -- coins struck with mismatched dies -- to be the proverbial Holy Grails of U.S. coin errors. Only a few dozen are collectively known across all types, series, and denominations. Perhaps the most famous mule is the Sacagawea dollar struck with a Washington State quarter obverse die. Approximately 18 examples of that specific mule exist. Others include various Lincoln cents struck with Roosevelt dime reverses. But the rarest of the mules are those “double sided” coins struck with two obverse or two reverse dies. One of these is the clad Washington quarter struck with two reverse dies, of which only a handful are known.

The first of these Washington quarter reverse die mules was discovered in 2001, and later that year a second example was reported. Both of those coins were subsequently certified by NGC as MS63. More than a decade later, in 2017, PCGS certified another piece in MS62. A similar piece, certified MS66 NGC as struck with two reverse dies with an additional indent, was offered in our auctions in 2006.

The present piece, certified by NGC as MS64, is a new discovery of this magnificent mule. It was acquired by our consignor a number of years ago as part of an estate sale purchase, where it was in a collection of other U.S. coins. This mule was raw at the time, housed in a simple paper envelope, and was subsequently certified at NGC. Unfortunately, its origins prior to appearing in that estate offering are unknown. Existing scholarship on these “two-tailed” mules is that they were struck at the San Francisco Mint during the 1965-1967 coinage era when mintmarks were not used, but concrete details are yet to be unearthed.

The other two-tailed quarter mules were not available for comparison by this cataloger, but studying images of two of the other pieces suggests this MS64 coin was struck with the same dies, and thus likely was struck at the same time. The facing side as slabbed in the NGC holder is from the worn and flow-lined die, while the opposite side is from the slightly reflective die with heavy striations in the fields. It also has a perfect coin alignment. A generally sharp strike adorns each side, though some weakness appears on the eagle’s wing tips and on the final A in AMERICA. Eye appeal is certainly spectacular for the grade.

*Ex: Purchased raw from an estate, later certified at NGC; consigned to Heritage’s November 2025 Dallas Signature Auction (9/2025).*

**‘Two-Tailed’ Washington Quarter Mule, MS64  
Struck With Two Reverse Dies  
Previously Unknown Specimen**





**‘Two-Tailed’ Washington Quarter Mule, MS64  
Struck With Two Reverse Dies  
Previously Unknown Specimen**



**1979-P Anthony Dollar, MS67  
Struck on a 1978 Quarter  
Double Denomination Error**

**Sold For: \$10,200.00**



**1979-P Susan B. Anthony Dollar -- Overstruck on a 1978 25C, Double Denomination -- MS67 NGC.** Although cents struck on dimes are encountered from time to time, other double denomination mint errors are challenging to find, especially combining obsolete types. This impressive Superb Gem displays a bold date and mintmark for the dollar strike. The quarter date is faint but essentially complete, located between 3 and 4 o'clock on the reverse of the dollar strike. Washington's profile is surprisingly clear and complete. From the quarter strike, most of the eagle's left wing is prominent within the upper outline of the Anthony bust. A hint of tan-gold toning visits both sides of the virtually pristine surfaces.

*Ex: Misfits Collection of Error Coinage, Part 2 (Heritage, 12/2022), lot 93243.*



**1979-P Anthony Dollar, MS67  
Struck on a 1978 Quarter  
Double Denomination Error**





**1979-P Anthony Dollar, MS67  
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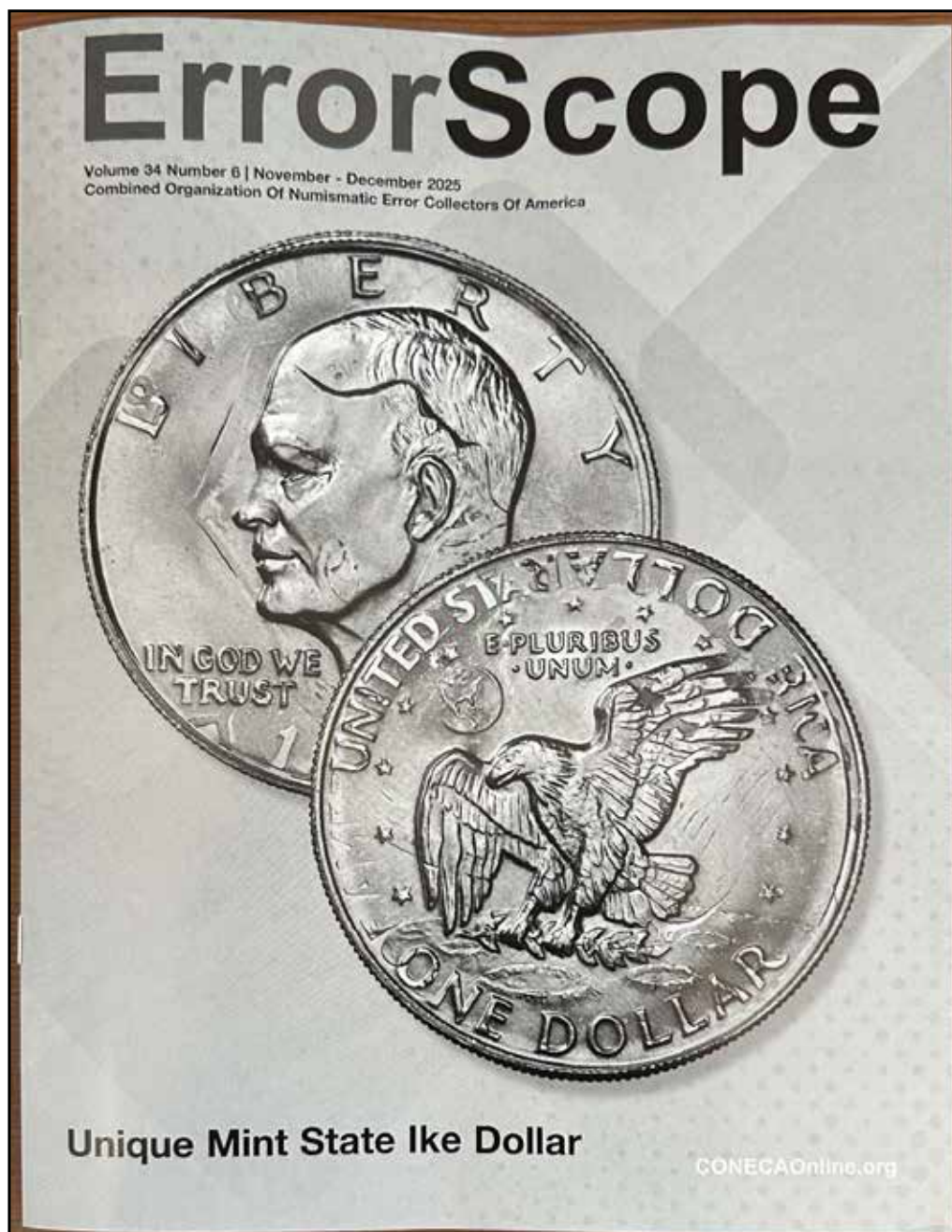
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# UNIQUE MINT STATE IKE DOLLAR FEATURED IN ERRORSCOPE

*Editor's Note:* ErrorScope featured my Unique Mint State Ike Dollar on the cover of the November - December 2025 issue with an introduction to the article by Greg Bennick.





# UNIQUE MINT STATE IKE DOLLAR FEATURED IN ERRORSCOPE

## Unique Mint State Ike Dollar Overstruck on Proof Ike Dollar Struck at the Philadelphia Mint AND the San Francisco Mint

By Mike Byers

Introduction by Greg Bennick



**A**s the deadline for this issue of ErrorScope approached, I asked Mike Byers if he had a coin that he was particularly excited about and that he thought would be interesting or inspiring for readers of ErrorScope. I am glad he chose this coin. Eisenhower dollars are alluring for people simply because of the size of the coins. Even a clipped planchet looks exciting when it's on a giant planchet.

There is a mystique to these coins as well because few today can imagine a time when it was convenient to carry around a pound of these coins in your pocket so that you could buy a sandwich. They are immense and unwieldy, and they feel and look unusual and uncommon even without the error. When you add in a major error to the mix, things get even more dramatic and impressive.

Major errors on Ike dollars are few and far between. One might see an off-center example from time to time, but major double strikes, over strikes, die caps, brockages, and other dramatic things are very rare.

This one is particularly impressive because it was struck at two different mints! While clearly it

had some help along the way (we can all obviously doubt that it was struck once in San Francisco, and flipped out of the coining chamber to fly across the country on its own, only to land in the coining chamber in Philadelphia?!), it is a fascinating numismatic item regardless and is a great study piece.

I will let Mike describe the coin himself to you. Thanks for reading!

This is an amazing Eisenhower Dollar which was unknown to the numismatic community at large until just this last year. It was authenticated by J.P. Martin of ANACS four decades ago. Although obviously a *piece de caprice* it stands alone as a unique Eisenhower Dollar and has no equals.

It was just authenticated and certified by NGC as a 1978 Eisenhower Dollar Overstruck on a Proof Clad 1978-S Eisenhower Dollar. It was graded MS 67 and has gem pristine surfaces. The proof surfaces from the San Francisco dies are dramatic and clearly visible. Upon closer examination, the S Mint Mark is also visible.

It is unique for two very important reasons. It is an Eisenhower Dollar struck by the San Francisco



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Mint as a proof, which was subsequently overstruck by mint state Eisenhower Dollar dies from the Philadelphia Mint. It is a unique combination of a *proof and mint state* Eisenhower Dollar struck by two different U.S. Mints.

Considerable detail including Eisenhower's portrait is clearly visible from the Philadelphia overstrike on the obverse. The reverse also shows considerable detail of the overstrike as well.

This unique Eisenhower Dollar was authenticated by J.P. Martin of ANACS four decades ago.

determining that it was legal to own. The State of California then auctioned the collection and the rest is history.

Another example of U.S. error coins escaping the Mint occurred in the 1970's. A hoard of proof error coins were smuggled out of the San Francisco Mint inside the oil pans of forklifts that were being serviced outside of the Mint. This topic was discussed in the June 6, 2022 Issue of *Coin World*, which covered Fred Weinberg's account of this story. The *Coin World* Managing Editor concluded:



One of the most controversial categories of U.S. coins are mint errors. Many dealers and collectors, as well as coin auction houses, buy, sell, trade and auction many rare, exotic and unique major mint errors. Obviously, some of these defy logic and were intentionally created and taken out of the Mint.

In the early 2000's, a group of several hundred U.S. error coins were found in a safe-deposit box. Fred Weinberg purchased this group which included coins struck for proof sets and also coins struck for circulation. This group was auctioned by the California State Controller's Office of Unclaimed Property. The U.S. Secret Service inspected and released this collection to the State of California

Obviously, the marketplace accepts these coins, and some collectors are happy paying thousands of dollars for coins that show every indication of having been created through illegal means.

In Episode 11 of the PCGS video series Slab Lab, Seth Chandler interviews Fred Weinberg. In



part 2 of the interview, Fred explains in detail why mint errors that are decades old are not recovered by the U.S. Mint. Fred's recollection of conversations in his office with the Chief of the U.S. Mint Police are extremely insightful and

explain why the Mint doesn't attempt to recover error coins from decades ago.


Readers interested in the interview with Fred can find it here: <https://tinyurl.com/frederrors>

Thanks for reading! Anyone interested in Ike errors should check out [mikebyers.com](http://mikebyers.com) anytime for more examples and archived photos of incredible coins. ■




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# A Unique Swedish Gold Die Trial

by Martin Wettmark



Here is a 10 Öre uniface gold trial strike. The obverse shows King Oscar II. The obverse is identical with the dies that was used for the striking of 10 Öre for Oscar II during the years 1872-73. The weight of this die trial is 2.16 grams, which is much heavier than the weight of a regular silver 10 Öre at 0.85 grams.

Usually trial strikes are made in cheaper metals to test the dies. Why this striking was made is somewhat of an enigma. A similar coin does not exist in the extensive collection of trial strikes and patterns at the Royal Coin Cabinet in Stockholm or in any other collection. I purchased it 2005 at an auction in Stockholm.

# A Unique Swedish Gold Die Trial





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# A Unique Swedish Gold Die Trial

Here is a regular silver 10 Öre  
that was struck from 1872 to 1873:







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# 1866 \$2.5 Struck on 3 Cent Nickel Planchet Certified by NGC

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

I submitted this very rare mint error or pattern to NGC. They authenticated and certified it as a 1866 \$2½ Liberty struck on a 3 Cent Nickel Planchet. According to uspatterns.com, there are five known, and were either deliberately struck for sale to collectors or are mint errors struck on 3 Cent planchets.

In addition to being a very rare mint error or pattern, the controversy of which designation is correct adds to the mystique and allure of these off-metals.





# 1866 \$2.5 Struck on 3 Cent Nickel Planchet Certified by NGC



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*From the USPatterns website:*

## J542/P607

The regular dies trial piece struck in nickel. These were either deliberately struck for sale to collectors or are mint errors struck on 3 cent nickel planchets.

We can account for the following examples:

1) Parmelee-NY Coin & Stamp 6/1890, Reed-Durham Museum – ICG62



2) Heritage 8/99 ANA as PCGS66, Simpson-Heritage 11/20 – PCGS67





# 1866 \$2.5 Struck on 3 Cent Nickel Planchet Certified by NGC

3) Stacks 8/76 ANA, Fairfield-B/R 10/77, Byers-Heritage 4/15 as NGC66, StacksBowers 5/16 – PCGS66



4) Merkin 3/68



5) MTB in 1974, T.R. Walsh, per Pollock, possibly the same as #2 or #4

# 1866 \$2.5 Struck on 3 Cent Nickel Planchet Certified by NGC

The Mike Byers coin has been authenticated and certified by NGC as a MINT ERROR. It was struck on a 3 Cent Nickel planchet and graded Mint State 66 as shown below.



It is unclear, at this time, what the true status of these pieces really is.

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# A Rare Series For Major Errors

by Greg Bennick - *Exclusive to Mint Error News*

## *Errors on Standing Liberty Quarters Are Rare Indeed*





# A Rare Series For Major Errors

It goes without saying that every coin series is different but lets see how that applies to major mint errors. Beyond the typical differences of design, denomination, and date, there are levels to rarity from series to series in terms of how many major errors that series has produced and left behind.

We can look at the history of United States Federal coinage as a somewhat similar array in terms of the purpose of coinage itself and its role in our society. But the series themselves are very different in terms of aspects such as their production details, the quantity of coins produced over the course of the series, and especially in terms of the known major errors amidst them.

Take Lincoln cents for instance. If you were to show me a double struck Lincoln cent, I might enjoy the error, but I wouldn't think twice about the series on which we are seeing that particular error type. That changes quickly if you show me the same error, a double struck coin, but on a Mercury dime, or on a Shield nickel. Now, you would have my attention. Both are series in which double strikes (and major mint

errors) are very uncommon or rare.

Another example would be an off-metal nickel on cent. It sounds like a great error to add to my collection as wrong planchet errors are indeed very cool. But there are more of certain dates (1978, 1979, 1980) than others even if those are still great coins. And in a different series the landscape changes dramatically. One of my first ever purchases, as a ten-year-old, was an 1889 Liberty nickel struck on an Indian cent planchet. Now we are in double digits in terms of how many are known rather than far greater numbers for Jefferson nickels struck on cent planchets.

This brings us to Standing Liberty Quarters and the coin I am showcasing in this article. This is a perfect example of how a series can produce very few major errors over the course of its run. This is a 1917-S Standing Liberty Quarter, struck off center. On many modern series, even from the 20th Century, this - as an error type - isn't the stuff of legend. On a Standing Liberty Quarter, however, even though struck in the 20th century, it certainly is the stuff of legend. In fact, this coin

# A Rare Series For Major Errors

came from the legendary collection showcased page by page via a reprint of the original auction catalog in the last issue of Mint Error News. This was the Milt Cohen Collection, sold decades ago by the late New York error dealer Natalie Halpern. I highly recommend that you go back and look carefully over every lot in that fantastic error sale.

The sale, a showcase of some spectacular mint errors and one-of-a-kind pieces, earned its reputation through the large number of coins from series with far less errors than typically seen on others. This off-center Standing Liberty Quarter was one of those.

It was described in the sale as *Lot #46, 1917-S Standing Liberty Quarter, Type 1, VG, Probably unique*. Again, an off-center quarter, whether on Mercury Dimes, Jefferson Nickels, Indian Cents or numerous other series, wouldn't be nearly as impressive as an off-center Standing Liberty Quarter. The coin has a wonderful patina, and even wear, but beyond that, it's just a very cool experience to see an off-center Standing Liberty Quarter firsthand.

So how does this help support you as a collector and buyer of major mint errors? If you combine the knowledge that some series are less prevalent in terms of the numbers of major errors they have produced, it gives you a solid research launching pad from which to explore and learn. I would recommend auction records, old catalogs, and use those as educational tools to learn what has sold throughout the history of the hobby.

Do this and you will see trends in what is selling, what has been sold, and what has been offered. Look at which types of errors in each series are selling. The series represented less often, and the mint error types within those series are ones you will want to focus on as you are considering purchasing major mint errors based on rarity.

Thank you for reading! As always, I would be happy to hear from you with comments or questions at [minterrors@gmail.com](mailto:minterrors@gmail.com). And of course, if you happen to have fantastic errors for sale, please get in touch with us here at Mint Error News, because we would love to hear from you. Until next time...



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# COLLECTING ERROR COINS STRUCK ON DEFECTIVE PLANCHETS

by Christopher Talbot Frank, CTF Error Coins

Collecting error coins struck on defective planchets allows you to collect unique examples as every one is different. There are various types of defective planchet errors as shown below in the photos. These errors happen when planchets are defective before the strike and not after a coin is struck. An example of the difference is when a lamination happens pre strike on a planchet, therefore the coin is struck on a defective planchet. If the lamination happens after the strike, then it is called a lamination error.

Defective planchet errors are different than error coins struck on scrap and fragments which are not planchets. Many error coin collectors like to add unique examples of error types to their collection. Defective planchets error coins let collectors add uniqueness to their collection as every one is different.

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## 2022-D NGC MS63RD Struck On Large 2.1 Gram Defective Planchet Shield Cent Error

This is the largest defective planchet error that I have ever seen on a Shield Cent. Major errors are very rare in the Shield

Cent series making this example uniquely collectable.





**2022-D NGC MS63RD Struck On Large 2.1 Gram  
Defective Planchet Shield Cent Error**



## 1963 PCGS MS64 Struck On A Defective Planchet Franklin Half Dollar Error

It is rare to find a Franklin Half Dollar struck on a planchet with such a large defect. This error coin has a nice grade and great eye appeal making it very collectable.





**1963 PCGS MS64 Struck On A Defective Planchet  
Franklin Half Dollar Error**





## 1967 NGC MS62 Struck On Defective Planchet Silver Kennedy Half Dollar Mint Error

This is a cool struck on a defective planchet error on a Kennedy Half Dollar. Only the lucky number 7 is visible on the date adding to the coolness of this error coin.





**1967 NGC MS62 Struck On Defective Planchet Silver  
Kennedy Half Dollar Mint Error**





## 2004-D PCGS Struck On Defective Cracked Planchet Wisconsin Quarter Mint Error

Here is a nice example of a struck on a 2004-D Wisconsin Statehood Quarter.  
defective and cracked planchet error on





## 2004-D PCGS Struck On Defective Cracked Planchet Wisconsin Quarter Mint Error

Major errors on Statehood Quarters since 2002 are very rare. This would be a nice addition for one and only one collector

to add to a short set of Wisconsin Leaf Errors.



**196X NGC MS65RD Pac-Man Coin**  
**Struck On Defective Planchet Cent Mint Error**

Sometimes you get to name an error coin. This high grade struck on a defective planchet error coin looks like Pac-Man so that is what I named it.





**196X NGC MS65RD Pac-Man Coin**  
**Struck On Defective Planchet Cent Mint Error**





## 1962-D ANACS MS63 Struck On A Defective Planchet Silver Half Dollar Mint Error

This is a really cool 1962 Franklin Silver Half Dollar struck on a defective planchet. It looks like the planchet had a lamination issue before the strike making this a struck on a defective planchet error and not a post strike lamination error.





**1962-D ANACS MS63 Struck On A Defective Planchet  
Silver Half Dollar Mint Error**





## 1980 ANACS MS62 Struck On Defective Cracked Planchet With Blowhole Dime Error

This is a very interesting struck on a defective planchet error. This defective planchet error coin has a long crack, a blowhole, and missing partial clad layer. The multiple errors makes this coin an outstanding example of this type of error.





**1980 ANACS MS62 Struck On Defective  
Cracked Planchet With Blowhole Dime Error**





## **196X NGC MS66 RD Struck On 2.1 Gram Defective Planchet Lincoln Cent Mint Error**

Here is an extreme example of a struck on defective planchet error. This coin has a very high grade for this type of error which just adds to its collectability.





**196X NGC MS66 RD Struck On 2.1 Gram  
Defective Planchet Lincoln Cent Mint Error**





## 2023 NGC MS66RD Struck On Defective Copper Plating Planchet Shield Cent Error

It is nice to find a major error on an ultra modern coin. This 2023 Shield Cent has defective plating before the strike making

this another rare Shield Cent struck on a defective planchet.





**2023 NGC MS66RD Struck On Defective  
Copper Plating Planchet Shield Cent Error**



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# COUNTERFEIT DETECTION: 1776 CONTINENTAL DOLLAR

BY NGC

*Finding a genuine example of one of these pieces celebrating the new United States would be an epic discovery, but copies abound.*

The enigmatic 1776-dated Continental Dollars have a strong following among numismatists, who have debated their origins. It is possible they are the earliest coins authorized by the United States after its independence, though other

evidence points to them being struck as medals, possibly even in Europe. What is not in question is their value; even the most heavily worn genuine examples easily fetch thousands of dollars at auction.



Genuine 1776 Continental Dollar (Pewter CURRENCY variety)

The Continental Dollars were struck in various metal compositions, including brass, pewter and silver, and with various designs. They apparently began with a design that spelled CURENCY with only a single 'R' on the obverse and used beads to

outline the chain on the reverse. Later, the beads were smoothed into solid lines, while the obverse design is also found with spellings of CURRENCY and CURRENCEY. Due to intense collector interest, restrikes and copies are numerous.



**Counterfeit 1776 Continental Dollar (CURRENCY variety)**



NGC recently received a purported example of a CURRENCY variety. The coin is in terrible shape, but the submitter might have assumed its condition was due to being buried in the ground or improperly stored. The surfaces are pitted and uneven and much of the reverse is illegible.

Similarly, on the obverse, the motto MIND YOUR BUSINESS is also barely there, and the bottom rays of the sun appear to be blending together. The letters themselves have an unexpected

rounded quality. The inferior craftsmanship behind this coin could mean it was originally intended for sale as a novelty at a gift shop or an online platform, and it is almost certainly cast in lead rather than struck by dies in silver or pewter.

If you aren't sure whether you have a coin that is worth thousands of dollars or is merely a cheap knockoff, remember that NGC backs its determinations of authenticity and grade with the NGC Guarantee.



Close-ups of the obverse (left) and reverse of the counterfeit (right)

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The Society of U.S. Pattern Collectors is dedicated to the study of many of the rarest coins struck at the U.S. Mint: patterns, die trials and experimental pieces.

## **Welcome to The Society of U.S. Pattern Collectors!**

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.

A good place to start learning about these pieces is our Beginner's Corner which includes a page on How to use this Website or the Photo Gallery which contains examples of many of the different pattern issues.

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.



# 1945 LINCOLN CENT STRUCK WITH SILVER COMPOSITION OF 12% JUST DISCOVERED

by Mike Byers and Roger Burdette

*Editor's Note: Roger Burdette, author of United States Pattern and Experimental Pieces of WW-II, researched this just discovered mint error. Based on his research, a very likely scenario of how this mint error occurred is that War Nickel silver alloy was accidentally mixed the normal copper alloy resulting in a planchet with a composition of 83% copper, 12% silver, and 5% zinc.*



# 1945 LINCOLN CENT STRUCK WITH SILVER COMPOSITION OF 12% JUST DISCOVERED

February 11, 2025

Mike,

The coin photos arrived OK.

A standard 1945 cent has a calculated density of 8.8685 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Your 1945 cent has a calculated density of 9.0521 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, which is about 0.1836 greater than normal due to the silver content.

Nominal weight of a 1945 cent is 3.11035 grams (48 grains +/- 2 grains). The slab weight of your coin is 3.61 grams, which is about 0.5 gram greater than normal.

Considered together, and assuming minimal deviation from expected values, your coin should weigh 3.6814 grams or about 0.0741 grams (1.144 grains) heavier than reported on the slab. This discrepancy is within the legal tolerance; or might be due to measurement error in weight, or rounding error in XRF measurement, or poor XRF technique.

None of these explain the silver content.

From knowing that both normal alloy cents and wartime alloy nickels were in production at the Philadelphia Mint in 1945, an initial speculation might be cross contamination with the 56% copper, 35% silver component of five-cent coin alloy. (Copper and silver were prepared and mixed separately from the 9% manganese.)

To see if this is a plausible conjecture we have to examine Philadelphia Mint melting operations in 1944-1945 - the only years that both shell case brass, pure copper, and five-cent wartime alloy were in simultaneous use.

## **Normal operation for 1944 cents (and 1945).**

To return one-cent coins to the pre 1943 alloy and quell complaints about zinc coated steel cents, the War Production Board encouraged use of expended 50cal shell cases for cent coinage. By November 1943 a suitable compromise had been agreed to. The Mint did not have suitable ventilation and annealing equipment to melt brass shell casings. Contractors melted 70% Cu, 30% Zn shell cases into brass bars. The brass was supposed



## 1945 LINCOLN CENT STRUCK WITH SILVER COMPOSITION OF 12% JUST DISCOVERED

to be assayed to ensure compliance with the contract. However, Dir. Ross' memo to Shanahan, Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint states:

While the specifications in the bid invitations provide for assay certifications it is not contemplated that the shell ingots will be kept segregated by melts as is done with silver. It is expected by all concerned that the shell-ingot melts will run sufficiently uniform in composition to satisfactorily permit their use without consideration of the probable small variations, particularly since the 5 to 1 ratio of added virgin copper will materially diffuse the shell-ingot variations. In other words, it is anticipated that the indicated procedure will produce coin practically within the limits of the legal composition.

Normal cent coinage alloy was made by combining one (1) bar of shell case brass and five (5) times the brass' weight with pure copper. (A proportion of 5 Cu: 1 Brass.) This produced a normal 95% Cu, 5% Zn alloy. A trace of tin was added to comply with the coinage law.

If a bar of the 5-cent coin alloy 56% Cu, 35% Ag without Mn were substituted for one of the pure Cu bars (same weight) the resulting alloy would be 89% Cu, 6% Ag and 5% Zn.

If two bars of this same 56-35 alloy (same weight) were substituted for two bars of pure Cu, the alloy would be about 82.82% Cu, 12.03% Ag, 5.16% Zn. The calculated alloy density would be 9.0505. This "two bar" substitution is too close to the reported XRF to ignore. It also uses what we currently understand about mint operations for shell case brass and wartime five-cent alloy. The director's comment about not assaying shell case bars might also indicate a pervasive assumption that the alloy resulting from the 5:1 ratio was "good enough not to be tested," and that little attention was paid to possible alloy ingot or strip color differences.

That said, we cannot prove this kind of accident occurred. It is, however, all I can come up with given the current limited state of operational detail and the overall coinage operations in 1945.

Last, in looking at the photos you sent, I have an impression that the two 1945 cents are a product of different hubs. But, you have the coins in-hand and are in a much better position to make that determination. This is unlikely to affect anything involving the two coins, but is mentioned for completeness.

Roger Burdette

## **1945 LINCOLN CENT STRUCK WITH SILVER COMPOSITION OF 12% JUST DISCOVERED**

**Here is a comparison between a  
regular 1945 Lincoln Cent (left) and  
this just discovered mint error (right)**





# 1945 LINCOLN CENT STRUCK WITH SILVER COMPOSITION OF 12% JUST DISCOVERED





# 1945 LINCOLN CENT STRUCK WITH SILVER COMPOSITION OF 12% JUST DISCOVERED





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# Pattern

## “Struck-Over”

By Ron Guth

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**P**attern coins, by definition, are experimental pieces created to test new designs, different metal alloys, formats (sizes and weights), or denominations. Out of convenience and economy, most U.S. pattern coins were made using readily available blanks. Occasionally, new alloys were mixed up, rolled out, and the resultant blanks were punched out to the required diameters. In extremely rare instances, existing coins were plucked from circulation and were overstruck using pattern dies. The stories these unusual overstrikes tell can be quite revealing

– for example, the dates on some of the host coins are LATER than the dates on the overstrike, proving that some pattern coins were restrikes made years later to satisfy collector demand. Other overstrikes were made privately using dies discarded by the U.S. Mint; these are not official pattern coins but their inclusion in traditional pattern coin listings has given them special status.

The following list of pattern “struck-overs” includes some of the most unusual American pattern coins ever made -- and their fascinating stories.



# Pattern “Struck-Over”



**Credit: Professional Coin Grading Service**

1804 10C Judd A1804-2, Pollock 6070

Struck on an 1838 Large Cent, Newcomb 1. This piece (as well as most of the others in this article) proves that the date on a coin is not necessarily the year in which it was struck. Technically, this piece is not an overstrike since the Dime is so much smaller than the Large Cent -- plus the reverse was struck with a blank punch of the approximate size of a Dime. By themselves, regular-issue 1804 Dimes are quite scarce and this appears to have been made using an obverse die that was discarded by the Mint. This suspicion is confirmed by the extreme late state of the dies, which is never seen on the actual Dimes. The Large Cent was not annealed (softened by heat) before the Dime die was punched in, resulting in myriad, spidery die cracks around the overstrike and deforming the Large Cent into an oval shape. A second example of this type is known, but the host coin has not been identified and may just be a copper blank.



# Pattern “Struck-Over”



**Credit: Professional Coin Grading Service**

1818 1C Judd 45, Pollock 6210, Silver

Struck over an 1860 Quarter Dollar. This piece is clearly a private strike using mis-matched dies discarded by the Mint. It combines the obverse of an 1818 Quarter Dollar (Browning 2) and the reverse of an 1818 Large Cent (used on Newcomb 8 and 10). At one time, this was believed to have been struck over an 1800 Quarter Dollar -- a coin that never existed. Another interesting anomaly found on this piece is that the reeded edge of the Quarter Dollar has been flattened, indicating that it was struck in a close collar – something that was not in use on American coins until 1827.



# Pattern “Struck-Over”



**Credit: Professional Coin Grading Service**

1827/3 25C B-2, Judd 48a, Square Base 2 in 25C, Restrike, Period One (Class II)

Struck over a Draped Bust Quarter Dollar of undetermined date. The provenance on this coin is lengthy and goes all the way back to Adam Eckfeldt, the second Chief Coiner at the Philadelphia Mint from 1814 to 1839. Unlike the later restrikes, the dies on this piece show minimal rust and the strike details are as strong as on any of the Original 1827/3 Quarters. Could it have been struck in 1827 to test a close collar, was it struck later, and did Eckfeldt really own this coin?

1827/3 25C B-2, Judd 48a, Square Base 2 in 25C, Restrike, Period One (Class II)

Struck over a Draped Bust, Heraldic Eagle Quarter Dollar of undetermined date. Similar to the preceding piece, with the same characteristics, the same Eckfeldt ownership, and the same unanswered questions. However, both this and the preceding coin are the closest to being true patterns of all of the coins on this list because they were struck near the time when the Mint was experimenting with (and adopting) close collars, accounting for the crushed edge lettering on both coins.



# Pattern “Struck-Over”



**Credit: Professional Coin Grading Service**

1836 \$1 Judd 67, Pollock 70

Struck over an 1859 Gold Dollar. Traces of the word DOLLAR and the date 1859 are visible near the center of the reverse. This coin was once part of the fabulous Dr. John E. Wilkison collection, one of the most complete collections of U.S. gold pattern coins. The 1859 date is a dead-giveaway that this is a later restrike.



# Pattern “Struck-Over”

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**Credit: Professional Coin Grading Service**

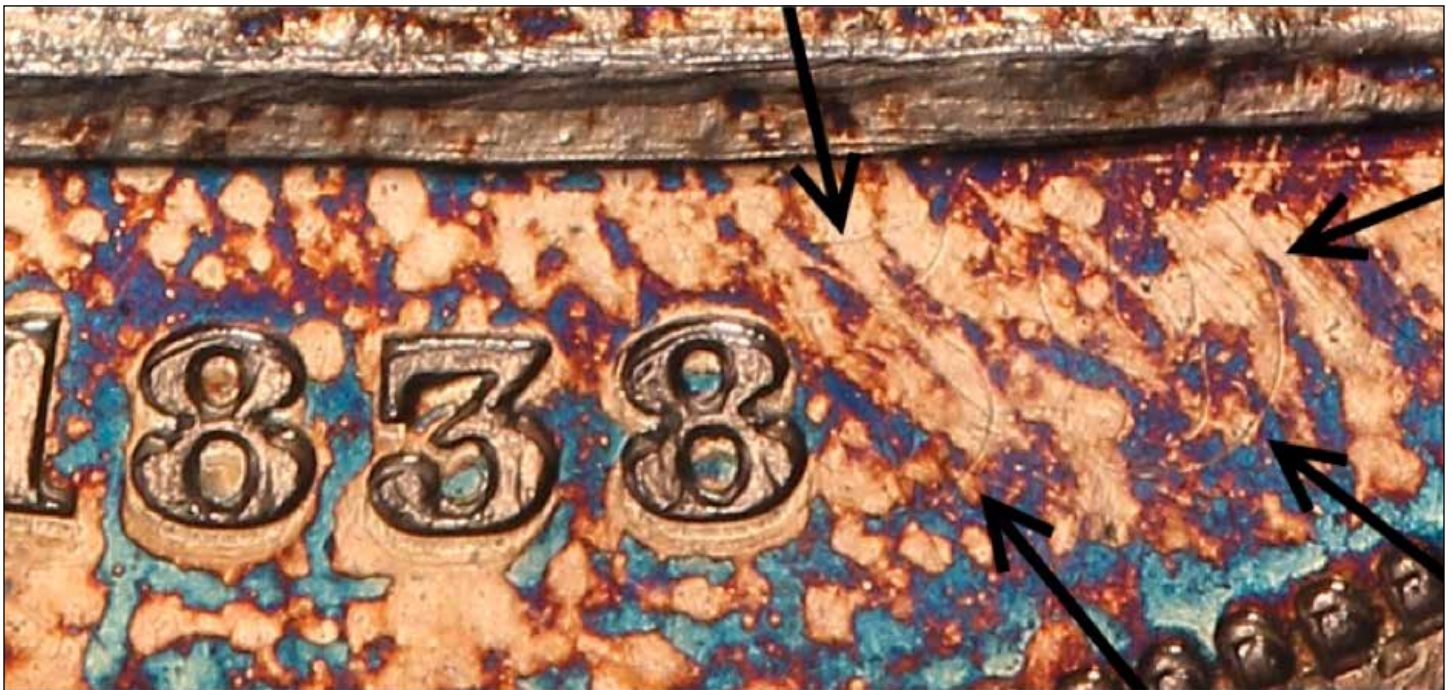
1838 50C Judd 83a, Pollock 92, Copper, Plain Edge, Unique

Counterfeit 1838 50C dies struck twice over a genuine 1798 Large Cent

Plated on p. 93 of Keith R. Davignon’s “Contemporary Counterfeit Capped Bust Half Dollars”, 2nd edition. An obvious concoction that somehow made it into the Judd listing, thus giving it elite status among contemporary counterfeit Half Dollars. In Judd’s defense, the coin looks legitimate. Judd may never have seen the actual coin or he may have relied on prior listings. Either way, he did not have the benefit of subsequent research and the excellent, digital photography of today.



# Pattern “Struck-Over”



**Credit: Professional Coin Grading Service**

1838 \$1 Judd 84, Pollock 93, Silver, Reeded Edge, Gobrecht, Restrike, Die Alignment III  
Struck over an 1859 Silver Dollar. This overstrike was first publicized by Walter Breen in the May 1957 issue of “The Numismatist.” This is one of the “coolest” Gobrecht Dollars. The host coin was positioned in the press such that the 1838 date sat atop part of the underlying 1859.



# Pattern “Struck-Over”



**Credit: Professional Coin Grading Service**

1852 \$1 Judd 137, Pollock 164, Gold, Reeded Edge, Rarity 8

Struck over a cut-down Quarter Eagle (possibly an 1846). This Annular (or Ring Dollar) attempted to overcome the objection that existing Gold Dollars were too small. The diameter matched that of the \$2.50 Quarter Eagle, but by punching out the center, the weight matched that of a Gold Dollar. Unfortunately, the width of the outer “ring” provided limited space for the legally-required design elements.



# Pattern “Struck-Over”



**Credit: Professional Coin Grading Service**

1852 \$1 Judd 137, Pollock 164, Gold, Reeded Edge, Rarity 8

Struck over an 1859 \$2.50. Similar to the preceding except this one has a clearly legible 1859 date on the wreath side. This coin was once owned by the legendary collectors Col. E.H.R. Green and King Farouk of Egypt.



# Pattern “Struck-Over”

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**Credit: Mike Byers**

1852 \$1 Judd 138, Pollock 165, Silver, Plain Edge, Thin Planchet, Rarity 7

Struck over a gold-plated, cut-down Seated Liberty, Legend Obverse Dime. This unique item, discovered by Mike Byers and announced in July 2018 is the only known instance where a coin was gold-plated BEFORE it was struck. Adding gold plating to a pattern coin that had already been struck appears to have been a frequent occurrence at the U.S. Mint, though some coins may have been gold-plated at a later date or outside the Mint. However, until this coin appeared, no previously-plated host coin was known to exist.

# Pattern “Struck-Over”

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**Credit: Professional Coin Grading Service**

1852 \$1 Judd 138, Pollock 165, Silver, Plain Edge, Thick Planchet, Rarity 8  
Struck over a cut-down 1860 Dime. Similar to the preceding except that, in this case, the Dime was not gold-plated before or after striking. This type did not bear a denomination on either side but was clearly intended for a Gold Dollar (why make an underweight Ring Dime when regular Dimes were already being made with no complaints?). At least two of these are known.



# Pattern “Struck-Overs”



**Credit: Professional Coin Grading Service**

1852 \$1 Judd 145, Pollock 173, Gold, Plain Edge, Thick Planchet, Rarity 5

Struck over a \$2.50 gold piece of undetermined date. This was a more sophisticated version of the Ring Dollars, with denticled borders on both sides, a full UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and an actual DOLLAR denomination on the reverse. Like so many of the other patterns in this list, it was most likely a restrike made in a later year to be sold or traded to a collector.



# Pattern “Struck-Over”



**Credit: Professional Coin Grading Service**

1852 \$1 Judd 146, Pollock 174, Silver, Plain Edge, Rarity 8

Struck over an 1860 Dime. Identical in design to the preceding and, in this case, the date of the host coin is legible and the Restrike status is indisputable.



# Pattern “Struck-Over”

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**Credit: Heritage Numismatic Auctions**

1865 \$1 Judd 434, Pollock 507, Silver, Reeded Edge, Rarity 7-  
Struck over an 1866 Silver Dollar

This is a so-called “transitional” pattern that purportedly bridged the design change from the old No Motto type to the new With Motto type that went into production in 1866. However, the 1866 of the host coin is readily apparent under the 1865 date. To make matters even more interesting, it was once believed that the host coin was dated 1853; however, close examination of high-quality digital images refutes that claim.



# Pattern “Struck-Over”



**Credit: Professional Coin Grading Service**

1915 50C Judd 1960 (formerly Judd 1793), Pollock 2031, Gold, Reeded Edge

Struck over a cut-down Saint-Gaudens \$20 and lacking the usual “S” Mintmark. Apparently, the Philadelphia Mint played around with the Panama-Pacific Exposition dies before sending them out to San Francisco, as several off-metal Half Dollars and Dollars are known without mintmarks and there are even unconfirmed reports of Fifty Dollars (Octagonal and Round) in silver. At least two Half Dollars, including this one, were struck on Saint-Gaudens Double Eagles that had been cut down to Half Dollar size, then filed down (but not completely enough to obliterate all the details of the host coin).

## HONORABLE MENTIONS:

What do you call a regular issue coin struck over a Pattern? At least seven 1795 Half Cents exist with undertypes of copper 1794 Half Dollars. In a true demonstration of frugality, U.S. Mint employees in 1795 took copper pattern 1794 Half Dollars, cut them down in size, then struck them as 1795 Half Cents and released them into circulation!

The existence of these pattern overstrikes and the recent discovery (2018) of a new type should motivate collectors and researchers to examine their pattern coins more closely. Who knows what interesting host coins and “struck-over” patterns are out there waiting to be discovered?





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## **Ron Guth, Numismatic Expert**

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Ron created the CoinFacts website (now PCGS CoinFacts) in 1999 and sold the website to Collectors Universe in 2004 (where it is now presented as PCGS CoinFacts). Ron served in various capacities at Collectors Universe, including Director of Numismatic Research, President of the Professional Coin Grading Service, and President of PCGS CoinFacts.

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# A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS - PART SIX -

by Mike Byers

Here are some more of my favorite Mint Errors, Patterns & Die Trials that I have handled throughout my 50 year career.

**1875-S Seated Liberty Half Dollar  
Struck 15% Off-Center  
PCGS AU 58**



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# A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

**1867 5¢ Obverse Hub Trial Struck in Copper**

**Judd Plate Coin J-A1867-9**

**NGC MS 63 Brown**

**UNIQUE**



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**1867 5¢ Obverse & Reverse Hub Trial Struck in Copper**

**Plate Coin Judd & Pollock - Judd # J-A 1867-15**

**NGC MS 64 Brown**

**UNIQUE**



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## SBA Dollar Struck on Experimental Planchet PCGS MS 67



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## Double Struck French 5 Francs on Spoon!!



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**1856 Large Cent Cap  
NGC MS 63**



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**1800 Draped Bust Dollar  
Double Struck 2nd Strike 15% Off-Center  
PCGS XF 45**



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## Liberty Nickel Counterbrockage ANACS MS 64



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## 1900-O Barber Half Dollar Struck 10% Off-Center PCGS AU 50 Extremely Rare



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## Canadian 1978 Cent Multi Struck Over 1974 \$10 Olympic Commemorative



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## (C1865) Lincoln Medals K-247 Broken Column Pair of Lead Obv & Rev Die Trials (Uniface) Reverse Die Trial is Double Struck NGC AU 55 & MS 61 UNIQUE



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**Chile 5 Pesos Uncancelled Obverse Die  
UNIQUE IN PRIVATE HANDS  
Gem Matte Condition  
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**Unique Set of Ike Dollar Experimental Planchets  
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# A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

**Ike Dollar Struck 40% Off-Center  
On a Philippine 1 Piso Planchet  
PCGS MS 64  
UNIQUE**



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**1971 Great Britain ½ Pence  
Struck With Two Obverse Dies  
NGC MS 61  
UNIQUE**



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# A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

1843-C \$2½  
Partial Brockage  
PCGS AU 58  
UNIQUE



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Peace Dollar  
Die Adjustment Strike  
25% Off-Center  
PCGS AU 50



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# A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

## 1864 2¢ Obverse Die Cap Mated With Brockage PCGS MS 62 UNIQUE



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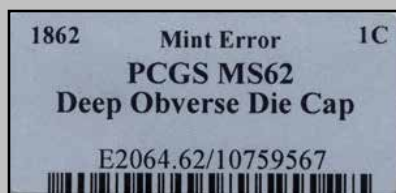
## 1863 Indian Head Cent Deep Obverse Die Cap PCGS MS 65



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# A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

1862 Indian Head Cent  
Deep Obverse Die Cap  
PCGS MS 62



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1981 Dime Cap  
Overstruck on a 1981 Cent Cap  
UNIQUE



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# Mint Error News Price Guide

*- Updated November 2025 -*

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 November 2025)



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



# Mint Error News Price Guide

## Broadstrikes (Updated November 2025)



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	\$750	N/A	\$1,000
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	\$750	N/A	\$1,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500
Seated Dime Legend	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500
Barber Dime	\$150	\$250	\$200	\$400
Mercury Dime	\$40	\$150	\$150	\$250
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$750	N/A	\$1,000
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	\$750	N/A	\$1,000
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	\$1,000	N/A	\$2,000
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 November 2025)



**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	XF/AU	Unc
Large Cent	\$100	\$200
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$500	\$1,500
Indian Cent	\$35	\$100
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$30	\$100
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$25	\$50
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$750
3 Cent Nickel	\$150	\$500
3 Cent Silver	\$250	\$750
Shield Nickel	\$200	\$600
Liberty Nickel	\$50	\$150
Buffalo Nickel	\$50	\$75
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$40	\$60
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$1,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$750	\$1,500
Seated Dime Legend	\$500	\$1,250
Barber Dime	\$75	\$150
Mercury Dime	\$30	\$100
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$1,250
Barber Quarter	\$300	\$750
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$1,250	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$40	\$75
State Quarter	N/A	\$15
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$1,500
Barber Half	\$1,000	\$1,500
Walking Liberty Half	\$1,500	\$3,500
Franklin Half	\$500	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$50	\$100
Kennedy Half Clad	\$20	\$30
Proof Clad Half	N/A	\$2,000
Morgan Dollar	\$150	\$300
Peace Dollar	\$1,000	\$2,500
IKE Dollar	\$50	\$100
SBA Dollar	\$20	\$30
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$100
Presidential Dollar	N/A	\$400
\$1 Gold Type 1	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$2½ Liberty	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$2½ Indian	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$3	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$5 Liberty	\$4,000	\$5,000
\$5 Indian	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$10 Liberty	\$4,000	\$7,500
\$10 Indian	\$7,500	\$10,000
\$20 Liberty Type 3	\$7,500	\$10,000



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## Uniface Strikes (Updated November 2025)



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 (Updated November 2025)



**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	\$10,000
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 (Updated November 2025)



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 November 2025)



**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)	—	—	—	\$10,000
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	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
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 November 2025)



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	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$350,000
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	\$12,500
Washington Quarter 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
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	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
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	\$5,000
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 November 2025)



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	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$7,500
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$7,500
\$2½ Liberty	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$2½ Indian	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$7,500
\$3 Indian	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$35,000
\$5 Liberty	\$4,000	\$8,500	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$30,000
\$5 Indian	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$10 Liberty	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$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 November 2025)



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	\$2,500
SBA Dollar	\$200	\$400	\$250	\$500
Sac Dollar	\$300	\$500	\$400	\$750

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## Die Caps (Updated November 2025)



Die caps are caused when a struck coin sticks to the upper hammer die. Once the coin is struck to the die face, the reverse of the struck coin becomes the new die face. When the next blank is fed into the collar and the strike occurs, the reverse design of the adhered struck coin impresses itself into the new blank. This struck coin is a brockage strike. The coin that adhered to the upper die is known as a die cap. This process repeats itself as more coins are struck by the cap. The greater the number of strikes, the higher the cap metal will be pushed around the upper die shaft. Eventually, the cap brakes away from the die in the shape of a thimble.

Denomination	Obverse Cap XF	Obverse Cap Unc	Reverse Cap XF	Reverse Cap Unc
Large Cent	\$25,000	\$50,000	—	—
Indian Cent 1859	\$20,000	\$40,000	—	—
Indian Cent 1860-1864	\$15,000	\$40,000	—	—
Indian Cent 1864-1909	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$2,500	\$7,500
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	\$5,000	\$10,000
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 November 2025)



**D**ie 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	\$1,000
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	\$1,500
Proof Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$1,000
Morgan Dollar	\$1,500	\$2,500
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 November 2025)



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	\$2,000	\$3,000
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 November 2025)



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	\$10,000
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$500	\$2,500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$1,500	\$5,000

# Mint Error News Price Guide

## Double & Multiple Strikes (Updated November 2025)



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	\$2,000
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	\$2,000
Barber Dime	\$4,000	\$10,000
Mercury Dime	\$3,500	\$8,500
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$2,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$15,000	\$50,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$200	\$350
State Quarter	N/A	\$350 – \$750
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$2,000
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	\$5,000
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



# Mint Error News Price Guide

## Off-Center Strikes (Updated November 2025)



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	\$1,000	\$2,000
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	\$1,000	\$2,000
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	\$1,000	\$2,000
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	\$1,500	\$2,000
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	\$1,500	\$3,000
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

# Mint Error News Price Guide

## Off-Metals (Updated November 2025)



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	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000
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	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$350,000
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 November 2025)

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	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
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

# Mint Error News Price Guide

## Counterbrockages (Updated November 2025)



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	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
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 November 2025)



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

# Mint Error News Price Guide

## Martha Washington Test Pieces (Updated November 2025)



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	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Martha Nickel	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Martha Dime	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Martha Quarter	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$3,000
Martha Half Dollar	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Martha Dollar (SBA Planchet)	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Martha Dollar (Sac Planchet)	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000



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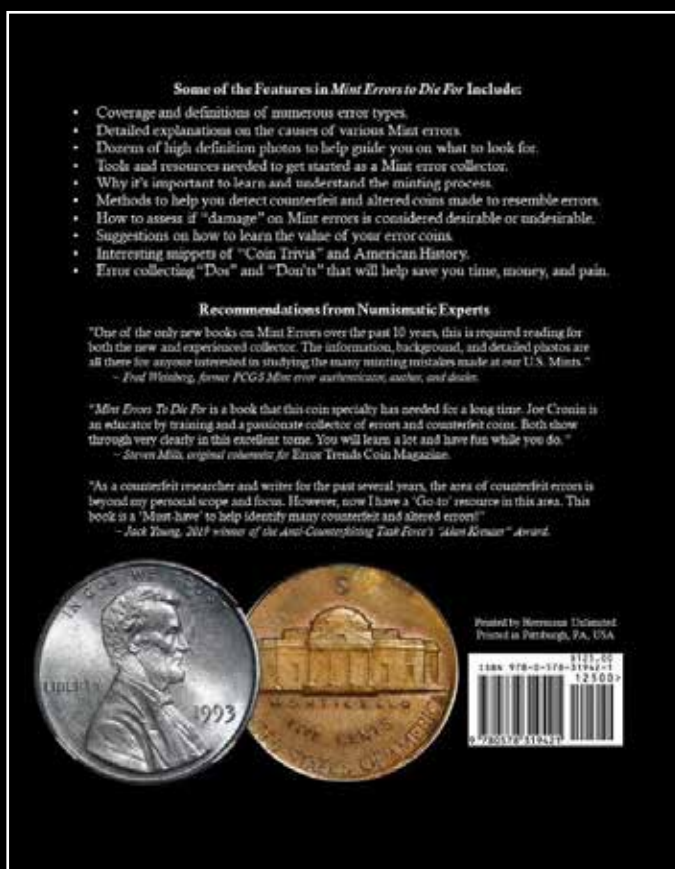
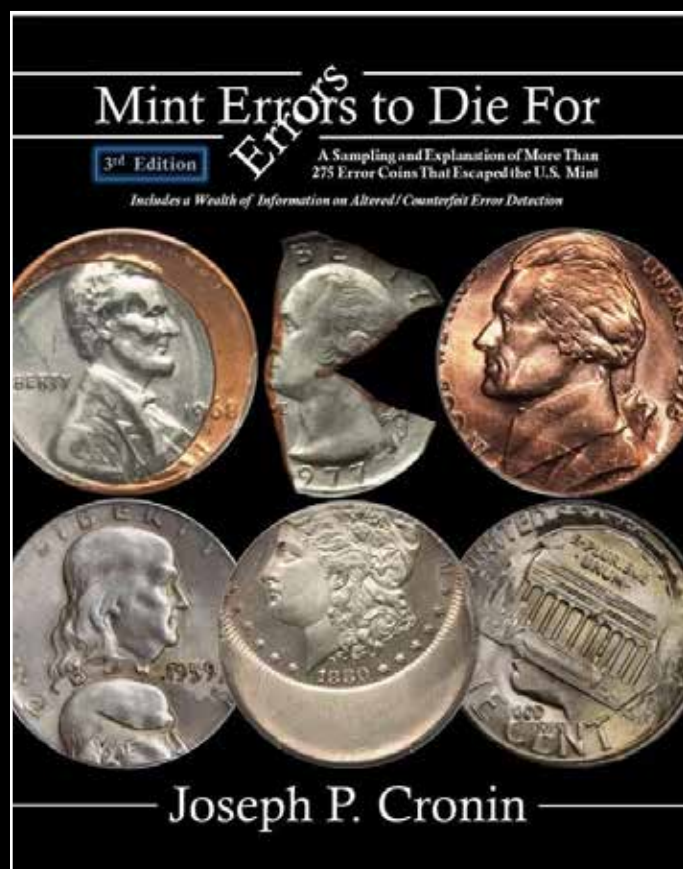
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## Non-gold Coins Struck on Gold Planchets



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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

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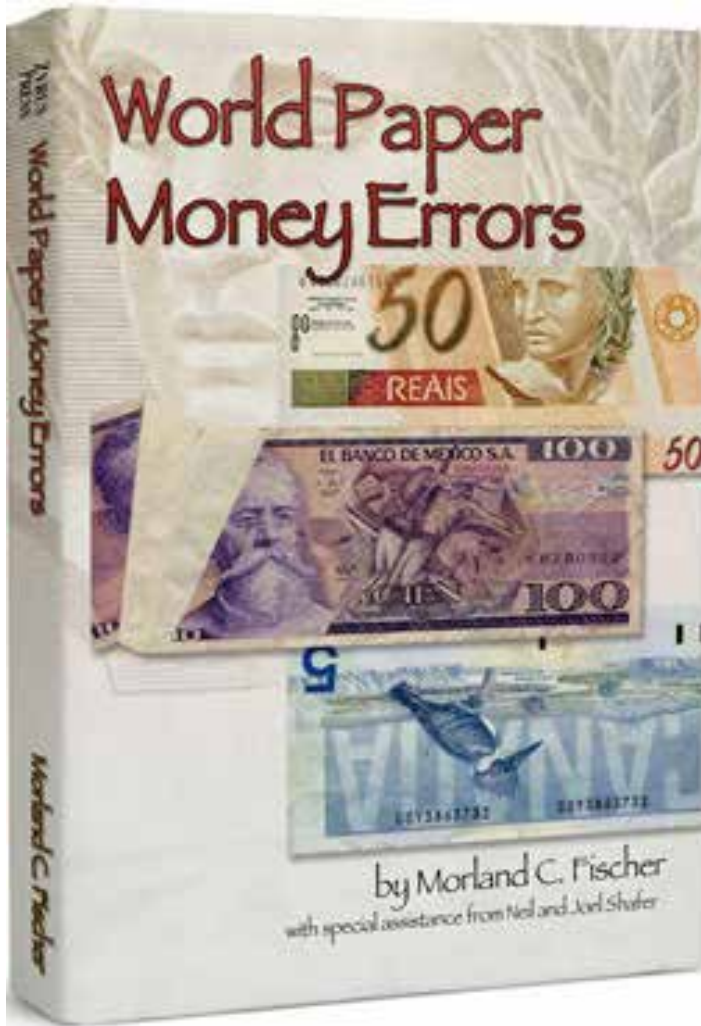


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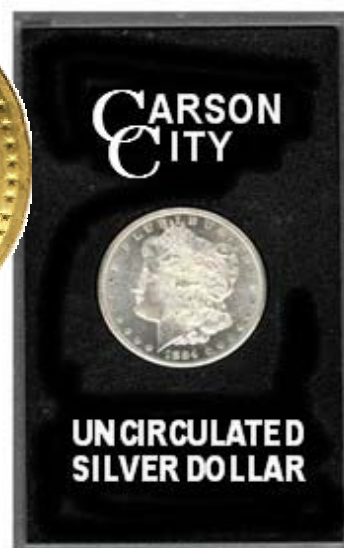


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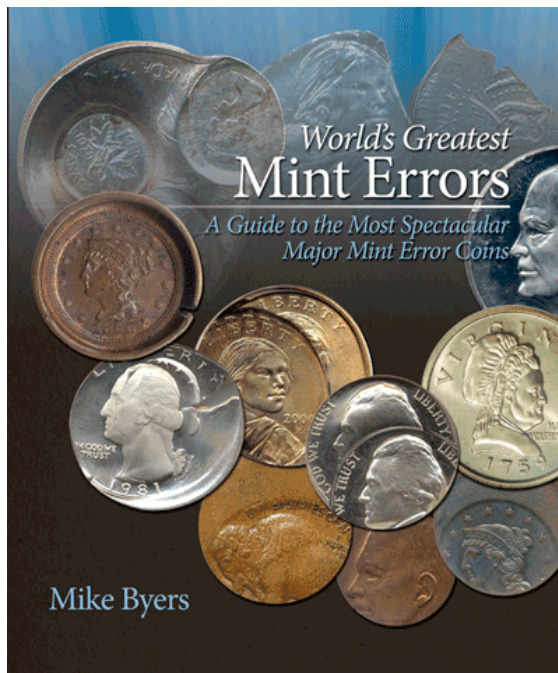


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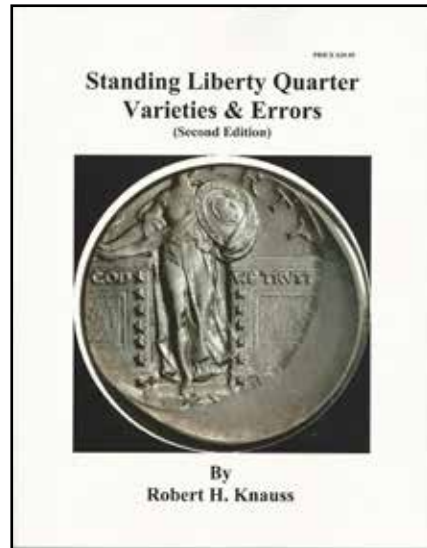
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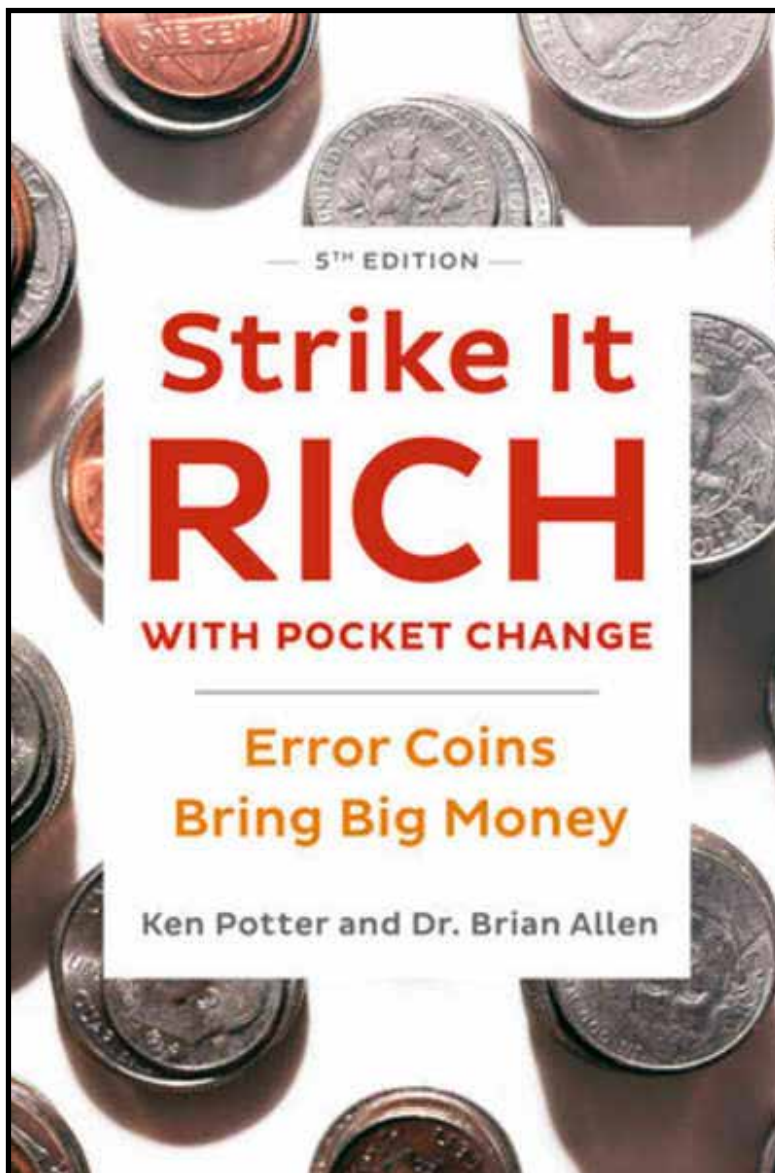
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## What Are Uncancelled Dies?

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This is the only known Martha Washington Cent-Sized Uncancelled Die in private hands. It was featured on the cover of *Mint Error News Magazine* Issue #51. There are only four other Martha Washington Half Dollar-Sized Uncancelled Dies known in private hands, two mint state and two proof. These half dollar Martha Washington Dies were purchased by Mike Byers. The first one discovered was featured both in *Coin Week* and on the cover of *Mint Error News Magazine* Issue #44.



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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.

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