

Guide to Grading Coin Condition

Abbreviation	Condition	Description
MS-70	Perfect Uncirculated	Perfect new condition, showing no trace of wear. The finest quality possible, with no evidence of scratches, handling, or contact with other coins. Very few circulation-issue coins are ever found in this condition.
MS-65	Gem Uncirculated	An above average Uncirculated coin that may be brilliant or lightly toned and that has very few contact marks on the surface or rim.
MS-63	Choice Uncirculated	A coin with distracting contact marks or blemishes in prime focal areas. Luster may be impaired.
MS-60	Uncirculated	A coin that has no trace of wear, but which may show a number of contact marks, and whose surface may be spotted or lack some luster.
AU-55	Choice About Uncirculated	Evidence of friction on high points of design. Most of the mint luster remains.
AU-50	About Uncirculated	Traces of light wear on many of the high points. At least half of the mint luster is still present.
EF-45	Choice Extremely Fine	Light overall wear on the highest points. All design details are very sharp. Some of the mint luster is evident.
EF-40	Extremely Fine	Light wear on the design throughout, but all features are sharp and well defined. Traces of luster may show.
VF-30	Choice Very Fine	Light, even wear on the surface and highest parts of the design. All lettering and major features are sharp.
VF-20	Very Fine	Moderate wear on design high points. All major details are clear.
F-12	Fine	Moderate to considerable even wear. The entire design is bold with an overall pleasing appearance.
VG-8	Very Good	Well worn with main features clear and bold, although rather flat.
G-4	Good	Heavily worn, with the design visible but faint in areas. Many details are flat.
AG-3	About Good	Very heavily worn with portions of the lettering, date, and legend worn smooth. The date may be barely readable.

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