

In the UK it is illegal to sell or describe any item as Gold, Silver, Platinum or Palladium unless it is hallmarked*

A UK hallmark is struck by an independent assay office and guarantees the precious metal content of the item you are buying. Sellers in contravention of the law may be prosecuted and could face fines or imprisonment.

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| MARKS Sponsor's Mark The registered mark of the company that submitted the article for hallmarking. | A SPONSOR'S MARK, A FINENESS MARK AND AN ASSAY OFFICE MARK. Fineness Mark Tells you the precious metal content, expressed in parts per thousand. | | | | Assay Office Mark Tells you which Assay Office tested and |
| | Silver | Palladium | Gold | Platinum | hallmarked the article. |
| AB | 800 | 2009 500 | 375 9 carat | 850 | |
| | 925 Sterling | 950 | 585 14 carat | 900 | London |
| | 958 Britannia | 999 | 750 18 carat | 950 | Birmingham |
| | 999 | 2010 500 | 916 22 carat | 999 | Sheffield |
| | | 950 | 990 | | |
| | | 999 | 999 | | Edinburgh |
| OPTIONAL MARKS | | | | ONAL FINENESS SYN WAS HALLMARKED. | 1BOL |
| Traditional Fineness Symbols | Sterling Silver | Sterling Silver Scotland | Britannia Silver | Iladium Gold | Platinum |
| Date Letter | j 2008 | 2009 | | 2011 2012 | 2013 |
| International Convention Marks | Silver | A950A Palladium | Gold | A950A Platinum | This mark is used by countries, including the United Kingdom, that are signatories to the International Convention on Hallmarking and is recognised by all those countries. |
| Exemption Weights* Articles above these weights must be hallmarked | 7.78 grams | 1.0 gram | 1.0 gram | 0.5 grams | |

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