

STATUS		Contracting State	
CONTROL SYSTEM		Compulsory	
LEGAL PRECIOUS METALS & STANDARDS OF FINENESS*			
Platinum	Gold	Palladium	Silver
999	999	999	999
-	990	950	958
950	916	500	925
900	750	-	800
850	585	-	-
-	375	-	-
WEIGHT EXEMPTIONS**			
Platinum	Gold	Palladium	Silver
0.5 g	1 g	1 g	7.78 g
RECOGNITION OF MARKS			
CCM		Yes	
Other marks			

Control marks

Ask if it's
hallmarked
IT'S YOUR GUARANTEE

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.

COMPULSORY MARKS

THE HALLMARK COMPRISES THREE COMPULSORY MARKS:
A SPONSOR'S MARK, A FINENESS MARK AND AN ASSAY OFFICE MARK

Sponsor's Mark The registered mark of the article for hallmarking	Fineness Mark Tells you the precious metal content, expressed in parts per thousand				Assay Office Mark Tells you which Assay Office tested and hallmarked the article.	
	Silver	Palladium	Gold	Platinum	Marks applied in the UK	Marks applied outside of the UK
	 2009  Sterling  Britannia 	2009    2010   	 9 carat  14 carat  18 carat  22 carat  	   	 London  Birmingham  Sheffield  Edinburgh	 Birmingham
Exemption Weights* Articles above these weights must be hallmarked	7.78 grams	1.0 gram	1.0 gram	0.5 gram		

OPTIONAL MARKS

YOU MAY ALSO SEE OPTIONAL MARKS SUCH AS THE TRADITIONAL FINENESS SYMBOL OR THE DATE LETTER FOR THE YEAR THE ITEM WAS HALLMARKED, OR A CONVENTION MARK

Traditional Fineness Symbols	 Sterling Silver	 Sterling Silver Scotland	 Britannia Silver	 Palladium	 Gold	 Platinum				
Date Letter	 2015	 2016	 2017	 2018	 2019	 2020	 2021	 2022	 2023	 2024
Common Control Marks (CCM)	TYPE 1: CCM FINENESS MARKS								TYPE 2 CCM	
	 Silver	 Palladium	 Gold	 Platinum						



London



Edinburgh



Birmingham



Chester



Dublin



Sheffield



Exeter



Glasgow



Newcastle