

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

A hallmark applied by a UK Assay Office is not proof of origin or place of manufacture of an item.

The hallmark of a UK Assay Office (whether applied by a UK Assay Office in its approved locations in or outside the UK) is proof that an item (in all its parts) is of the standard of fineness indicated by the hallmark struck on that item.

Hallmarks applied by UK Assay Offices at their approved locations within the UK are clearly differentiated from those applied by UK Assay Offices in their approved locations outside of the UK (as detailed in the table below).

COMPULSORY MARKS		RK COMPRISES T MARK, A FINEN		SORY MARKS: DAN ASSAY OFF	FICE 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 applie	ed in the UK	Marks applied outside
AB	800	<sup>2009</sup> 500	375 9 carat	850			
	925 Sterling	999	585 14 carat 750	900	Lone		<b>♣</b>
	958 Britannia	2010 <b>500</b>	18 carat	950	Birmin	ngham	Birmingham
		950	916 22 carat	999	Shef	field	
		999	990		Edinb	ourgh	
Exemption Weights* Articles above these weights must be hallmarked	7.78 grams	1.0 gram	1.0 gram	0.5 gram			
OPTIONAL MARKS				H AS THE TRADIT			
Traditional Fineness Symbols	<b>**</b>						
	Sterling Sil	ver Sterling Scotla		itannia f Silver	Palladium	Gold	Platinum
Date Letter	2015	2016		U V 2019 202	W 2021	X 2022 2	<b>Z</b> 023 2024
Common Control Marks (CCM)		-	TYPE 1: CCM FIN	NENESS MARKS			TYPE 2 CCM

Palladium

This mark is used and recognised by countries, including the UK, that are signatories to the International Convention on Hallmarking.

Platinum