

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 company that submitted 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
	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
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Traditional Fineness Symbols	Sterling Silver	Sterling Silver Scotland	Britannia Palla	adium Gold	Platinum
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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	

What should I do if my item is not hallmarked? If you have a concern regarding hallmarking contact your local Trading Standards Authority.

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