

THE SIXTY-SECOND CHECKLIST

Print this page single-sided, at 100% — not “fit to page”, or the card comes out the wrong size. Cut along the grey outline, fold on the dashed line, and the two sides land back to back. Two cards per sheet: keep one, give one away.

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- 1 Good light + 10x loupe. A zoomed phone photo is not enough.
- 2 Raised, or cut in? Raised and rounded = ✓ **keep going**. Cut in and sharp-edged = ✗ **PMD, stop here**.
- 3 Does the mark follow the design, or plow straight through it? An error respects the design. Damage ignores it.
- 4 Weigh it (0.01 g scale) if the color or size looks off. See the table on the back.
- 5 Check the date + mintmark against a documented variety list before you get excited.
- 6 If it passes every step above, don't guess the number — check it live: eBay Sold Listings (sold, never active), then the Heritage public archive for anything that looks significant.

Two rules that never change: never clean it · hold it by the edge.

Weigh it — U.S. coin specifications

Coin	Weight (g)	Diameter (mm)	Composition
Lincoln Cent 1982–present (zinc)	2.500	19.05	97.5% zinc, copper plated
Lincoln Cent pre-1982 (copper)	3.110	19.05	95% copper
1943 Steel Cent	2.700	19.05	zinc-coated steel (magnetic)
Jefferson Nickel	5.000	21.21	75% copper, 25% nickel
War-time Silver Nickel 1942–45	5.000	21.21	56% Cu, 35% Ag, 9% Mn
Roosevelt Dime 1965–present	2.268	17.91	copper-nickel clad
Roosevelt Dime pre-1965 (silver)	2.500	17.91	90% silver
Washington Quarter 1965–present	5.670	24.26	copper-nickel clad
Washington Quarter pre-1965 (silver)	6.250	24.26	90% silver
Kennedy Half Dollar 1971–present	11.340	30.61	copper-nickel clad

Magnet test: a 1943 cent should stick to a magnet. One that doesn't is either a rare off-metal error or a common plated fake — get it looked at before you do anything with it.

Coin turn: flip it top-to-bottom — the reverse should land right-side up.

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To make it last: run a strip of wide packing tape over both sides before you cut it, or slip the folded card into a plastic card sleeve.

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THE SIXTY-SECOND CHECKLIST — DESK VERSION

The same checklist, larger, to keep on the workbench next to the scale. Print this page only if you want it — nothing to cut, nothing to fold.

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