Liberty Dollar Encyclopedia

One Ounce Silver Series Liberty Dollars

1 oz. Silver Liberty Varieties beginning in 1998

Since the introduction of the Liberty Dollar on October 1st of 1998 there have been many varieties of the one ounce Silver Liberty minted for distribution. There have also been very limited quantities of some of these varieties that were hand stamped with special hallmarks by Bernard von NotHaus, the "monetary architect" who invented the privately issued Liberty Dollar. They are cataloged on the 'Specially Marked Pieces' page.

Although the basic design of the obverse has not changed since the date was removed from the front with variety #3, carefully examining the different pieces reveals that there is quite a bit of variation from die to die. Examining the location of the first 'T' in the 'TRUST IN GOD' logo shows that it is sometimes closer to Miss Liberty's neck than at others, and the lock of hair right above it is longer or shorter on certain dies, and there is the 'crooked GOD' obverse. Addendum: The date was returned to the obverse in 2007 and the Ron Paul Silver Liberty is the first and only piece on which the obverse deviates from the Liberty head design as of July, 2009.

There may be other subtle, undiscovered varieties that were created whenever a worn die was replaced, but it is unlikely at this point.

Here is a description of the major differences in the known obverse and reverse varieties.

Obverse:

- 1. Original obverse bore the date 1998.
- 2. Replaced the date with TRUST IN GOD.
- 3. Mint error on new die no TRUST IN GOD.
- 4. TRUST IN GOD restored.
- 5. Large head and lettering 'E' in liberty touches crown on both edges.
- 6. Head and lettering size reduced deeply struck with flatter rim.
- 7. Shallow relief, wide rim, 'Crooked' GOD, short hair lock.
- 8. Shallow relief, wide rim, 'Straight' GOD, long hair lock.
- 9. 2007 date, English.
- 10. 2007 date, Spanish.
- 11. 2008 Ron Paul.
- 12. 2008 Liberty (post raid).
- 13. 2009 Liberty
- 14. 2009 'long spikes' type I
- 15. 2009 PEACE
- 16. 2009 'long spikes' type II'

Reverse:

- 1. Symbol reverse.
- 2. 1999 reverse.
- 3. 2000 type I reverse.
- 4. 2000 type II reverse.
- 5. 2003 reverse.
- 6. 2004 \$20 reverse not released until 2006.
- 7. 2005 \$10 reverse.
- 8. 2006 PUERTO RICO \$10 reverse.
- 9, 2005 \$20 reverse.
- 10. 2006 PUERTO RICO \$20 reverse.
- 11-17. 7 2006 state SMI reverses.
- 18. 2006 MARCO ISLAND reverse.

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19-36. 18 2006 state SMI reverses.
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- 37. 2006 Generic reverse.
- 38. Puerto Rico flag reverse.
- 39. Panama reverse.
- 40. Ecuador reverse.
- 41. California Bear reverse.
- 42. Gillie's reverse.
- 43. Chambersburg reverse.
- 44. Ron Paul reverse.
- 45. Milwaukee ANA reverse.
- 46. Evansville reverse
- 47. Chiropractic reverse
- 48. Naked Back (\$20 base)
- 49. Naked Back (\$50 base)
- 50. Tenth Anniversary (\$50 base)
- 51. 20 Euro
- 52. 2009 Naked Back (\$20 base)
- 53. 2009 Torch Back type I (\$20 base)
- **54. 2009 Torch Back type II (\$20 base)**

The major varieties use combinations of these obverse and reverse patterns as follows;

- #1. 1998 Obv 1, Rev 1 (semi scarce)
- #2. 1998/1999 Obv 1, Rev 2 (scarce)
- #3. 1999 Obv 2, Rev 2 (common)
- #4. 2000 type I 'Godless' -Obv 3, Rev 3 (scarce)
- #5. 2000 type II -Obv 4, Rev 3 (unknown, may be scarce)
- #6. 2000 type III Obv 4, Rev 4 (common)
- #7. 2003 type I Obv 4, Rev 5 (common)
- **#8. 2003 type II Obv 5, Rev 5 (semi scarce)**
- #9. 2003 type III Obv 6, Rev 5 (scarce)
- #10. 2003 type IV Obv 7, Rev 5 (common)
- #11. 2004 \$20 Obv 7, Rev 6 (semi scarce)
- #12. 2005 \$10 Obv 7, Rev 7 (common)
- #13. 2006 Puerto Rico \$10 Obv 8, Rev 8 (scarce)
- #14. 2005 \$20 type I Obv 7, Rev 9 (semi scarce-minted before #13, released after moveup and after #13)
- #15. 2005 \$20 type II Obv 8, Rev 9 (unknown)
- #16. 2006 Puerto Rico Obv 8, Rev 10 (unknown)
- #17. 2006 SMI Michigan Obv 8, Rev 11 (unknown)
- #18. 2006 SMI California Obv 8, Rev 12 (common)
- #19. 2006 SMI Colorado Obv 8, Rev 13 (common)
- #20. 2006 SMI Washington Obv 8, Rev 14 (unknown)
- #21. 2006 SMI Florida Obv 8, Rev 15 (unknown)
- #22. 2006 SMI New Hampshire Obv 8, Rev 16 (unknown)
- #23. 2006 SMI Georgia Obv 8, Rev 17 (common)
- #24. 2006 MARCO ISLAND Obv 8, Rev 18 (unknown)
- #25. 2006 SMI Pennsylvania Obv 8, Rev 19 (common)
- #26. 2006 SMI Indiana Obv 8, Rev 20 (common)
- #27. 2006 SMI New Mexico Obv 8, Rev 21 (unknown) #28. 2006 SMI North Dakota - Obv 8, Rev 22 (unknown)
- #29. 2006 SMI Idaho Obv 8, Rev 23 (scarce)
- #30. 2006 SMI New York Obv 8, Rev 24 (unknown)
- #31. 2006 SMI Alaska Obv 8, Rev 25 (scarce)
- #32. 2006 SMI Massachusetts Obv 8, Rev 26 (scarce)
- #33. 2006 SMI Virginia Obv 8, Rev 27 (unknown)
- #34. 2006 SMI Missouri Obv 8, Rev 28 (scarce)
- #35. 2006 SMI Texas Obv 8, Rev 29 (unknown)
- #36. 2006 SMI North Carolina Obv 8, Rev 30 (unknown)
- #37. 2006 SMI Alabama Obv 8, Rev 31 (unknown)
- #38. 2006 SMI Montana Oby 8, Rev 32 (common)
- #39. 2006 SMI Illinois Obv 8, Rev 33 (scarce)

- #40. 2006 SMI Mississippi Obv 8, Rev 34 (scarce)
- #41. 2006 SMI Oregon Obv 8, Rev 35 (scarce)
- #42. 2006 SMI Maine Obv 8, Rev 36 (scarce)
- #43. 2006 Generic Obv 8, Rev 37 (common)
- #44. 2007 Puerto Rico English Obv 9, Rev 38 (unknown)
- #45. 2007 Puerto Rico Spanish Obv 10, Rev 38 (unknown)
- #46. 2007 Panama Obv 10, Rev 39 (unknown)
- #47. 2007/2006 generic Obv 9, Rev 37 (common)
- #48. 2007 Ecuador Obv 10, Rev 40 (unknown)
- #49. 2007 California Bear Obv 9, Rev 41 (unknown)
- #50. 2007/2006 Texas SMI Obv 9, Rev 29 (scarce)
- #51. 2007 Gillie's Obv 9, Rev 42 (unknown)
- #52. 2007 Chambersburg Obv 9, Rev 43 (unknown)
- #53. 2008 Ron Paul Obv 11, Rev 44 (unknown)
- **#54. 2007 Milwaukee ANA Obv 9, Rev 45 (unknown)**
- **#55. 2007 Evansville Obv 9, Rev 46 (unknown)**
- #56. 2007 Chiropractic Obv 9, Rev47 (unknown)
- #57. 2008 \$20 Generic Obv 12, Rev 48 (unknown)
- #58. 2008 \$50 Generic Obv 12, Rev 49 (unknown)
- #59. 2008 \$50 Tenth Anniversary Obv 12, Rev 50 (unknown)
- #60. 2008 20 Euro Obv 12, Rev 51 (extremely rare 100 made)
- #61. 2009 Naked Back Obv 13, Rev 52
- #62. 2009 Torch Back Obv 14, Rev 53
- #63. 2009 PEACE Obv 15, Rev 52
- #64. 2009 Torch Back Obv 14, Rev 53

#1 1998 - The original design.



(highest known auction price \$750)

#2 1998 obverse - 1999 reverse.



(highest known auction price \$1000)



#4 2000 Type I - 'GODless' obverse omission error.



(highest known auction price \$300)

#5 2000 Type II - block font date.



(highest known auction price \$500)

#6 2000 Type III



#7 2003 Type I - small 'E'



#8 2003 Type II - big 'E'



#9 2003 Type III - deep strike



#10 2003 Type IV - wide rim



#11 2004 \$20.



(highest known auction price \$150)

#12 2005 \$10



#13 2006 Puerto Rico \$10



(highest known auction price \$250)







#15 2005 \$20 Type II



#16 2006 \$20 - PUERTO RICO.



#17 2006 \$20 - MICHIGAN.



#17 is the first of the 25 state SMI. for #17-23 & 25-42

They are in one photo at the bottom of the SMI page

#24 2006 MARCO ISLAND



(highest known auction price \$80)

#43 2006 GENERIC.



#44 2007 PUERTO RICO ENGLISH



#45 2007 PUERTO RICO SPANISH.



#46 2007 PANAMA



#47 2007/2006 DOUBLE DATE



#48 2007 ECUADOR



This was the forty eighth one ounce piece produced by NORFED (now Liberty Services). It is .999 fine silver with a \$20 face value. This is the third custom reverse following on the heels of the Puerto Rico and Panama pieces. It was sponsored by a Washington state RCO planning a move to Ecuador. In my personal opinion, this piece sports the most beautiful reverse design of the series. I doubt if more than 500 of these were minted.

#49 2007 CALIFORNIA BEAR



#50 2006/2007 TEXAS



(highest known auction price \$150)

#51 2007 GILLIE'S



#52 2007 CHAMBERSBURG



#53 2008 RON PAUL



(highest known auction price \$425)

#54 2007 MILWAUKEE ANA



(highest known auction price \$125)

#55 2007 EVANSVILLE



(highest known auction price \$900)

#56 2007 CHIROPRACTIC



(highest known auction price \$60)

On November 14th, 2007 the Liberty Dollar main office in Evansville, Indiana was raided by the FBI and Secret Service, simultaneously with the Sunshine mint, Verify First Technologies and Kevin Innes' Asheville, NC RCO. All Liberty Dollar medallions and certificates were siezed along with books and records, computers, dies and metals. It seems the FBI had been investigating Liberty Dollar for possible criminal activity and had concluded (somehow???) that the Liberty Dollar was a counterfeit currency. As of this writing on January 8th, 2009, no charges of any kind have been brought against anyone nor has a cease and desist order been issued against the organization. After careful consideration of the organization's postition, the decision was made to continue producing and distributing the Liberty Dollar, but with a reverse bearing a sizeable blank area in the center ("naked back") for local hallmarking by regional RCOs and the

MSRP (Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price) and PVBC (Private, Voluntary Barter Currency) mnemonics. With skyrocketing silver prices driving the Liberty Dollar to the \$50 base on Easter of 2008, another change to the reverse die in the way of a disclaimer that the Liberty Dollar in any way represents legal tender, current money or coin was adopted. The first new issue in February of 2008 was the 57th one ounce silver piece issued by the organization, with the new \$50 base, #58 being issued the following April. A total of 35 different hallmark designs have been created for the "naked back" issues as of this writing on January 8th, 2009.

#57 2008 \$20 NAKED BACK



#58 2008 \$50 NAKED BACK



#59 2008 \$50 TENTH ANNIVERSARY



#60 2008 20 EURO



Only 100 made - un-numbered pieces are VERY rare and probably exist only in Europe.

(highest known auction price \$430)

#61 2009 NAKED BACK



#62 2009 TORCH BACK TYPE I



#63 2009 PEACE NAKED BACK



#64 2009 TORCH BACK TYPE II



This piece is easy to distinguish from #62 by the rough finish on both sides. The copyright symbol under the date is so lightly struck it is not visible. All lettering is rounder on top than the much superior #62, which was struck at a different mint with a different set of dies. Click the photo for a larger picture that clearly shows the roughness.

#65 2009 TORCH BACK TYPE III (brought to you by a donation from Dave Gille)



This piece is VERY similar to #64 but made with a different set of dies at a different mint.

Distinguishing differences between 62, 64 and 65 are as follows:

#62 - Smooth, shiney field and smooth face and torch details. Curved light artifact across Miss Liberty's cheek and neck. Top quality.

#64 - Rough field, rough head and torch. Copyright symbol under date too lightly struck to show. Line on reverse fades under 'V' in PVBC.

#65 - Smooth field, rough head and torch (especially flames). Miss Liberty's mouth line is noticeably shorter. 'N' in trust in god short on lower right corner.





(Minted prior to the cease and desist order, but not released to the public by Liberty Dollar as of 10/30/2009)

#67 2009 FREEDOM TORCH BACK (brought to you by a donation from Alan McConnell)



(Minted prior to the cease and desist order, but not released to the public by Liberty Dollar as of 10/30/2009)

(highest known auction price \$158)

#68 2009 SECOND AMENDMENT (brought to you by a donation from Marco Busse)



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