Littleton's Illustrated Guide to **Mint Marks on Regular-Issue U.S. Coins**



Philadelphia: Mint mark "P" - coinage years 1793 to date. Since this was the first U.S. Mint and has always been the main facility, most coins from historic Philadelphia have no

mint mark. Exceptions are the Wartime nickels of 1942-45 (shown), Anthony dollars of 1979-81, and all other Philadelphia coins after 1979 except the cent.



Denver: Mint mark "D" – coinage years 1906 to date. Establishment of a Denver Mint was the natural result of major

gold and silver discoveries in Colorado in the late 1800s. Note: Collectors should not confuse the Denver "D" on coins 1906 to date with the "D" mint mark on gold coins of 1838-61 struck at the shortlived Dahlonega, Georgia facility.



Carson City: Mint mark "CC" - coinage years 1870-1893. Named after the famous frontiersman Kit Carson, this intriguing capital city of Nevada was chosen as a mint location

because of its nearness to such rich silver mines as the Comstock Lode of Virginia City, Nevada.

Note: "C" mint mark gold coins were struck from 1838-61 at Charlotte, North Carolina.



San Francisco: Mint mark "S" coinage years 1854 to 1955, 1968 to date. The mint facility in this romantic

and popular West Coast city was opened shortly after the 1849 gold rush in California. It was more economical to refine and coin locally than to ship raw bullion ore all the way to Philadelphia. No "S" coins were minted from 1956-67.



New Orleans: Mint mark "O" - coinage years 1838-1861, 1879 to 1909.

Nicknamed the "Crescent City" for its location stretching around a bend in the Mississippi River, fascinating New Orleans was the site of a branch mint which handled bullion ore from southern mines. After closure, the building lay vacant until converted to a museum and art center.

About Mint Mark Punches: Until the 1990s, dies for branch mints were hand-punched with the mint mark, and the size and location of the mint mark varied depending on where and how deeply the punch was impressed. Before 1900, the punches themselves varied greatly in size. Nowadays, mint marks are added directly to the master dies, and are transferred along with the coin designs to the dies that are used to strike coins.

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Mint Marks 1908-1909 only



Lincoln Cent, Wheat Ears Reverse1909-58



Lincoln Cent, Memorial Reverse1959-2008 No Mint Marks 1965-67



Lincoln Cent, Bicentennial Reverse2009



Lincoln Cent, Shield Reverse.....2010-Date



Liberty Head Nickel

1883-1913 Mint Marks 1912 only



No coins minted 1922, 1932-33



No Mint Marks 1965-67



Varrs of

Jefferson Nickel .1968-2003



Jefferson Nickel, Westward Journey......2004-2005



Jefferson Nickel, Monticello......2006-Date



Liberty Seated Half Dime1837-59, 1870-72 No Mint Marks 1837, 1843, 1845-47



Liberty Seated Half Dime1860-69, 1872-73 No Mint Marks 1861-62



1837-60 Liberty Seated Dime .. No Mint Marks 1837, 1841, 1844, 1846-48, 1855



Liberty Seated Dime. 1860-91 No Mint Marks 1879-83, Mint Mark above or below bow 1875





Mercury Dime1916-45 No coins minted 1922, 1932-33







Roosevelt Dime



1968-Date

No Mint Marks 1877-78



Liberty Seated Quarter 1838-91 No Mint Marks 1838-39, 1845-46, 1848, 1863, 1879-87, 1889-90





Standing Liberty Quarter 1916-30 No Mint Marks 1916, 1921, 1925 No coins minted 1922

