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Proof coins are specially-made collectible coins. They usually have highly polished fields (backgrounds) that create a mirrored effect, although proofing techniques have varied over time.Proof Lincoln penny. The highly reflective fields appear almost black in photographs.Originally, proofs were made by mints in small quantities as show pieces for government officials. Lawmakers would be allowed to inspect the new coin designs prior to their release to the public.Today, government mints make proof coins specifically as collectibles. Proofs normally have lower mintage totals than their non-proof counterparts. They are sold to coin collectors and coin dealers at a significant mark-up.The Different Types of Proof CoinsOver time, the minting techniques used to create the distinctive devices on proof coins have occasionally changed. In the early 20th century, the U.S. Mint made proofs with a matte or sandblast finish. Although they could be visually distinguished from coins made for circulation, most observers dont find their appearance as striking as modern mirrored proofs.The selection of special finishes offered by todays mints has been expanded. These now include coins with reverse proof and enhanced uncirculated finishes, although these may not be offered every year the way traditional proof coins are.The reverse proof American Silver Eagle was first introduced as a collectible in 2006.Like the name sounds, the reverse proof finish has the opposite effect of a regular proof: the raised devices (relief) are mirrored, while the rest of the coin has a frosted appearance. In both cases, the frosted elements and mirrored elements create an eye-appealing contrast to one another.Proof Coins vs. Regular CoinsProof coins are made specifically for coin collectors. Regular coins made for circulation (i.e. circulating coins) can also become collectible, but that's not their original intention. With proofs, the intention from the beginning is for the coins to be saved in collections. This also distinguishes proof coins from bullion coins, which are sold for investment purposes. Proof coins may be made of gold and silver, but bullion coins are bought specifically for their precious metal content. A bullion coin is rarely considered a collectible.So how do you tell a proof coin from a regular circulated coin? The easiest way to distinguish a proof coin from a normal coin is its appearance. The highly reflective field has a mirror-like quality that clearly stands out. You can usually tell a proof coin apart visually from a regular coin that happens to be very shiny.It's also worth discussing the difference between proof coins and uncirculated coins. The latter are also generally intended as collectibles. However, uncirculated coins will not have the same mirrored background that proofs do. This is the clearest visual difference.Proof Sets vs. Mint SetsEach year, most government mints release proof sets of coins. These sets include one coin of each denomination with a proof finish. They are sold in special packaging and make popular gifts for coin collectors. In addition, the mint may also release a "mint set" that includes all of the same coins with an uncirculated finish.Proof set values tend to be rather modest. Depending on the set of coins, prices for sets from the U.S. Mint can range from $35 to well over $100. The higher prices are usually reserved for annual silver proof sets, where each coin is struck from silver. Unfortunately, on the secondary market, a proof set from a given year may only garner $5 to $10.Buying and Collecting Proof CoinsLike all collectible coins, proofs are always meant to be kept in mint state. By virtue of their special finish, they are very susceptible to environmental damage if handled improperly. Any proof that is certified below a grade of 60 is considered impaired. (Abbreviations of PR-60 or PF-60 are used as the equivalent of the MS abbreviation for normal mint-state coins.)Sometimes you will find a proof coin mistakenly spent as money and returned as change. (I personally have experienced this at the grocery store on one occasion!) This also means, however, that the coin has been touched and circulated, which will almost invariably cause distracting damage to the coin, such as scratches, which will greatly reduce its value. Sadly, an ugly proof coin becomes almost worthless from a collectible perspective.If you'd like to buy proof coins, follow the link below to browse our available inventory:Shop for Proof Coins at Gainesville CoinsFrequently Asked Questions About Proof CoinsWhat is the difference between proof coins and mint coins?Mint coinsbetter known as uncirculated coins or business strike coinsare made for public circulation, while proof coins are not. Rather than being distributed to banks, proofs are often sold directly by the government mint in proof coin sets. Many commemorative coins made for collectors will come in both proof and uncirculated versions.Proof coins also go through a special minting process that is not conducive to the mass minting techniques used for circulating coins. The proofing process involves using highly polished dies and coin blanks to create a mirror-like finish on the fields of the coins. The sharper details of proofs are created by multiple strikes from the coin press, whereas regular coins are only struck once.Is it better to buy a proof coin or uncirculated coin?Choosing between proof coins or uncirculated coins is entirely up to you and your personal preferences. If you want a coin with a much shinier finish, go with a proof. Bear in mind that most collectors gravitate towards proof coins, so as a result their uncirculated counterparts will sometimes end up with lower mintage totals and thus become more valuable as collectibles down the road.Can a proof coin be circulated?Proof coinage is not intended to be circulated. Instead, they are minted specifically for collecting and are sold at much higher prices. However, on occasion it certainly happens that a proof coin will mistakenly end up in circulation. This invariably leaves the coin in a lower grade and impairs its collectible value.Can you touch a proof coin?It is not recommended. Due to their highly reflective fields, proof coins are more susceptible to showing fingerprints, smudges, and scratches than normal coins. You should keep proof coins in a protective capsule. If you must handle them, use cotton gloves and hold the coin by its edge.Read more about the different types of coins from the expert authors at Gainesville Coins:What Are Brilliant Uncirculated Coins? Beginner's GuideWhat Are Gem Coins? Understanding Quality, Rarity, and ValueWhat Are Uncirculated Coins? Guide to Condition and ValueHow to Collect Coins for Beginners: Coin Collecting 101Numismatics Guide: Discover the Thrill of Coin Collecting ,the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit.117,937 active editors 7,001,365 articles in EnglishThe English-language Wikipedia thanks its contributors for creating more than seven million articles! Learn how you can take part in the encyclopedia's continued improvement.GL Mk.II transmitter vanRadar, Gun Laying, MarkI, or GL Mk.I for short, was an early World WarII radar system developed by the British Army to provide information for anti-aircraft artillery. There were two upgrades, GL/EF (elevation finder) and GL Mk.II (pictured), both improving the ability to determine a target's bearing and elevation. GL refers to the radar's ability to direct the guns onto a target, known as gun laying. The first GL sets were developed in 1936 using separate transmitters and receivers mounted on gun carriages. Several were captured in 1940, leading the Germans to believe falsely that British radar was much less advanced than theirs. The GL/EF attachment provided bearing and elevation measurements accurate to about a degree: this caused the number of rounds needed to destroy an aircraft to fall to 4,100, a tenfold improvement over early-war results. The Mk.II, which was able to directly guide the guns, lowered the rounds-per-kill to 2,750. About 410 Mk.Is and 1,679 Mk.IIs were produced. 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Since then, the group have held 9 concert tours, 13 fan meetings, and have performed at a number of music festivals and awards shows. Their concert tours include the Right Here World Tour, which sold over one million tickets, and the Follow Tour, which was noted by Billboard as being the top grossing K-pop tour of 2023. In 2024, Seventeen made their first appearances at festivals in Europe, when they were the first South Korean act to perform at Glastonbury Festival's Pyramid Stage and as headliners for Lollapalooza Berlin. Seventeen's live performances are well regarded by fans and critics alike, and garnered them the award for Top K-pop Touring Artist at the 2024 Billboard Music Awards. (Fulllist...)Recently featured: Accolades received by Top Gun: MaverickNational preserve76th Primetime Emmy AwardsArchiveMore featured listsIgnace Tonen (1840 or 1841 15 March 1916), also known as Nias or by his Ojibwe name Maiagizis ('right/correct sun'), was a Teme-Augama Anishnabai chief, fur trader, and gold prospector in Upper Canada. He was a prominent employee of the Hudson's Bay Company. Tonen was the elected deputy chief before being the lead chief and later the life chief of his community. In his role as deputy, he negotiated with the Canadian federal government and the Ontario provincial government, advocating for his community to receive annual financial support from both. His attempts to secure land reserves for his community were thwarted by the Ontario premier Oliver Mowat. Tonen's prospecting triggered a 1906 gold rush and the creation of Kerr Addison Mines Ltd., although one of his claims was stolen from him by white Canadian prospectors. 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"Adore U" serves as the lead single for the EP.17 Carat features five tracks written, co-written, and co-produced by Seventeen's group members. "Adore U" was chosen as the lead single for the EP and was performed on multiple music shows by the group. "Shining Diamond" was used as a pre-single on the group's reality debut show. The group stated that the tracklist was chosen to reflect Seventeen's core concept of "boys' passion".[1] The album has two physical versions: one with a "black" themed photo card set, and the other with a "white" themed photo card set. All copies include a CD containing the songs and a fold-up poster/lyric sheet."Adore U" is the lead single of the extended play. It was written by Woozi, S.Coups, and Yeon Dong-geon.[2] The Korea Herald states "'Adore U' is a funky pop song about a teenage boy trying to navigate through puppy love."[3] It marks the beginning of the group's trilogy composed of the singles Adore U, Mansae, and Pretty U about a boy meeting, falling in love and asking out a girl. The track was composed and arranged by Woozi, Bumzu, and Yeon Dong-geon. The music video for the single was released on May 29, 2015, and was directed by Dee Shin. The dance choreography accompaniment to the song was choreographed by Hoshi and focuses on "storytelling, and on highlighting each member's strengths onstage".[4] The single has sold more than 38,000 digital copies and peaked at number 13 on the Billboard US World Chart.The EP has sold over 82,972 copies in South Korea.[5] It peaked at number 4 on the Korean Gaon Album Chart[6] and number 8 on the US World Billboard Chart.[7]Year-end listsCritic/publicationListRankRef.BillboardThe 10 Best K-pop Album of 2015Placed[8]Hoshi participated in the choreography of "Adore U" and "Shining Diamond", Dino choreographed "Jam Jam".[9]Official track list[10]No.TitleLyricsMusicArrangementsLength1."Shining Diamond"WooziVernonS.CoupsKim Min-jeongWooziMasterKeyRishiMasterKeyRishi3:242.""Adore U"" (; Akkinda)WooziVernonS.CoupsBumzuWooziBumzuYeon Dong-geonWooziBumzuYeon Dong-geon3:073."Ah Yeah" (Hip-Hop unit)S. 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