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 hallmarked the article.
	Silver	Palladium	Gold	Platinum	
A B	800 925 Sterling 958 Britannia 999	2009 500 950 999 2010 500 950 999	375 9 carat 585 14 carat 750 18 carat 916 22 carat 990 999	850 900 950 999	London Birmingham Sheffield Edinburgh
OPTIONAL MARKS	YOU MAY SEE OPTIONAL MARKS, SUCH AS THE TRADITIONAL FINENESS SYMBOL AND THE DATE LETTER DEPICTING THE YEAR THE ITEM WAS HALLMARKED.				
Traditional Fineness Symbols	Sterling Silver	Sterling Silver Scotland	Britannia Silver	Palladium	Gold / Platinum
Date Letter	q 2015	r 2016	s 2017	t 2018	u 2019 / v 2020 / w 2021 / x 2022 / y 2023 / z 2024
International Convention Marks	925 Silver	950 Palladium	375 Gold	950 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.
For more information visit www.gov.uk/government/organisations/british-hallmarking-council

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