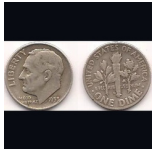
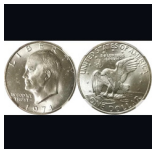


Find the silver. Check the exception.

Quick-sort selected common U.S. coins by date and issue. Percentages are silver by weight. A matching design or date does not authenticate a coin.

Example photo	Coin / dates	Silver	What to check
	Roosevelt dime 1946-1964	90%	Later silver proof issues exist. Identify them separately.
	Washington quarter 1932-1964	90%	Ordinary later circulation quarters are clad. Special silver collector issues are separate.
	Kennedy half dollar 1964	90%	Keep 1964 halves separate from the 1965-1970 group.
	Kennedy half dollar 1965-1970	40%	Ordinary 1971-and-later circulation halves are clad. Silver collector editions are separate.
	Eisenhower dollar Selected S issues: 1971-1974; 1776-1976	40%	An S alone is not enough. 1973-S proofs can be clad or silver. Verify the exact issue.
	Jefferson war nickel 1942-1945 silver-alloy issues	35%	Look for large P, D or S above Monticello on the reverse. Not every 1942 nickel is silver.

Three sorting habits

Keep a "needs review" group. Later proofs, commemoratives and collector editions need their own issue check. Do not clean coins. Keep original holders and paperwork. Do not discard a clad coin just for its metal. Date, variety and condition may still matter.

[Identify the issue, then estimate its metal value with the NumisTrends calculator.](#)

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Composition and issue references

[NGC: U.S. coin melt-value and composition table](#)

[PCGS: Collecting Jefferson wartime nickels](#)

[PCGS: 1973-S clad proof Eisenhower dollar](#)

1942 is a transition year. Regular silver-alloy 1942 nickels are P or S issues; 1943-1945 include P, D and S. A regular 1942-D nickel is not a silver-alloy issue.

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