

ENGELHARD CANADA

PRESSED 5oz & 10oz BARS

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FINALLY, some *honest* press, which is exactly what these heavyweights have so greatly deserved for so many years. Imagine a select group of Tier 1 Engelhard bars with mintages of <100 and <200 going virtually unnoticed in the marketplace, perhaps overshadowed by their earlier poured brethren, or assumed common production based on their near identical smaller 1oz Maple siblings. While most every poured bar is different in some way, whether cooling lines, air pockets, offset or varied stamping, aged patina, etc., substantially every pressed bar is die struck and machined THE SAME. How much fun is that?! Well, for the record, the examples of this post are incredibly beautiful, very well struck with brilliant luster (such that they are difficult to photograph!), exceedingly rare, and almost never seen on the market. So maybe they're not overlooked, maybe they're just unavailable in the first place. Or perhaps, on rare occasion, they're mistakenly traded or sold assuming they were the common 'Large E Logo' or 'Eagle Logo' 10oz bars. But the bottom line is that only <12,000 Canadian pressed 5oz & 10oz bars were minted, 10,000 of those being the 1st and 2nd series Tier 2 Commercial 10oz class, which are rare in themselves, leaving the remaining varieties in the ultra rare category. Certainly the 3rd series Tier 1 Canadian Commercial bar as shown bottom right has been mistaken for the 1st and 2nd series Canadian Commercial bars to the left, and occasionally snubbed off as fake due to its unconventionally large font, uncharacteristic of Engelhard. But if you know these bars, and are one of the lucky handful (yes, singular) of collectors to find one, you are certainly smiling right now. There's no doubt that collectors will be watching these pressed bars a bit closer moving forward.

Below are the Canadian varieties of 5oz and 10oz class bars with their respective mintages:

5oz Class Canadian Maple	< 250
10oz Class Canadian Maple / Plain back	< 250
10oz Class Canadian Maple / TD Reverse	<1000
10oz Class ScotiaBank Obverse/Maple Reverse	< 250
10oz Class 1 st Series Commercial	<5000
10oz Class 2 nd Series Commercial	<5000
10oz Class 3 rd Series Commercial	< 100

Our last article hot off the *press* was on [SilverTowne](#) vintage underdogs, and it really got us thinking about which Engelhard bars remain as underdogs in this rapidly growing collector market. We typically suppress our biases in these writings, but we would be hard *pressed* to recommend a stronger play than the Canadian pressed bars featured above. That's our impression anyway, and that's no **BULL!** If we weren't *pressed* for time we would make a *press-pot* of *espresso*, call the *pressroom* on this *pressing* issue, and search the archives for sales comparatives on these uber impressive bars. In fact, we can't *impress* upon you enough that you may become *depressed* if you miss an opportunity to buy one of these rare compressed bars of our favorite metal from our favorite refiner. No *pressure*, right! So with that, *press* on!

Expressively,

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