

INGOT OR BAR? FOR THE RECORD

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For the OCD collectors amongst us who strive to be meticulously correct in every aspect of their hobby (God help us, please!) there IS a notable difference between a Bar and an Ingot. Technically speaking, an ingot *may* be classified as a bar, if you must, but a bar is not always an ingot. We see auctions regularly on eBay misrepresenting each, but does it really matter? Probably about as much as whether you pronounce the word *often* with an audible "t" or not. But then again, how *often* does someone really give a rat's ass? Well... I guess **we** do, enough to write this. So, for the record...

INGOT: Metal, either pure or alloy, heated past its melting point and cast into a bar or block using a mould chill method. The examples immediately below are Ingots. They are often referred to as poured, pillows, biscuits, loafs, etc. They often have bubbles and cavities, cooling lines and layering, and visible imperfections.



BAR: Metal, either extruded or pressed, with high density, consistency and strength. The examples immediately below are Bars. They are typically perfectly proportioned and well struck, with a brilliant finish.



For those simple-minded folks, there really isn't a lot more to it than the illustrations above. For those others, perhaps we haven't even scratched the surface, but please accept this as a simple explanation rather than a dissertation. So, before you cast us as stupid old ingots and press the risk that we bar you from the website, consider the differences stated above. Engelhard's, like their respective collectors, are not all cut from the same mould!

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