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ENGELHARD 7TH AND 9TH SERIES 10oz INGOTS

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When you hear the name Ferrari, you immediately think *Red*; the name Rockefeller, you think *Oil*; Microsoft, you think *Windows*; Apple, you think *iPhone*; so, if you're a silver bullion enthusiast or collector, when you hear the name **Engelhard**, you naturally think and visualize 10oz poured ingots -- 7th and 9th series, to be specific. We're not trying to put these words and images into your head. Your mind just naturally associates Engelhard to the above images, does it not? Yes. It does!

It just so happens that Engelhard's first major production 10oz bullion bars possessed beautiful casting and stamping characteristics that exemplified all things Engelhard, past and future. To the point, Engelhard 10oz 7th and 9th series ingots are unequivocally the Benchmark of Bullion, Period.

Often referred to as biscuits, loafs and pillows, these precious ingots all came out of the oven differently. No two were produced alike, and that is quite a strong statement considering an estimated 50,000 7th series ingots were produced from 1976-1978 and another estimated 50,000 9th series 10oz ingots were produced from 1978-1979. These ingots were technically hand poured, with a hand guided mechanical hallmark and purity stamp, and a rotary serial number stamp. The manufacturing process was far from perfect, and as expected, there were many imperfections, anomalies and errors over the production span. After all, these were not made to be Tiffany gifts for the elite to clamor over perfection, these were still old world crude ingots with just a slight touch of improved refinement over earlier 5 digit 10oz ingots.

Engelhard 7th and 9th series 10oz ingots are still readily available in the public market, and commonly seen on eBay auction. As of this writing, current retail prices are trending \$4-6 over spot price for 7th series, and \$3-5 over spot price for 9th series. Considering many of these ingots were melted and repurposed over the past 25 years, these Benchmark Bullion Bars bestow beauty and bonanza, and are unbelievably below basement bargains at today's becoming values! But this, too, will change as collectors discover the amazing feel, alluring appeal and genuine scarcity of these worldly treasured gems. Need we again say "Get 'em while you can," as the current sale on these 7th and 9th series ingots will be over before you know it, and we are all too familiar with the awkwardness, pain and embarrassment of kicking ones self.

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