

NEW ADDITIONS

A WORK IN PROGRESS...

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In every hour of every day, one of us 'Engelheads' is logging and updating information, comparing notes or photographs, authenticating pieces or exploring production theories to present at our next Core Group meeting. Generally, not a day goes by without some minor tweak to the AllEngelhard.com website. Truth be told, we are all obsessive-compulsive bastards who lose sleep over mould dimensions, casting characteristics, font style or serial number sequencing, with our sole mission being to deliver the most comprehensive and accurate database available for Engelhard collectors. It's not unusual for us to be texting each other at 1am with a pressing question or new observation. Thank God our wives already know that we're THAT crazy. And while we may have made some decent progress over the years, with your help, there are still many questions we want answers to, many holes to fill, and many new discoveries that will or can only be made in time, as the data comes forward and research is completed. Our June 10, 2017 article titled "[Super Sequentials](#)" brought to light a newly discovered phenomenon that has sparked a treasure hunt of sorts within our collector circles. Imagine the discovery of a sequential pair of differing sized ingots! This was something unheard of just a month ago. Now imagine finding a triple sequential series of bars crossing the size ranks! It is very probable that it is out there. But we won't... until we know.

On that note, just two months ago a new variety of 10oz Engelhard "Colonial" co-branded bar was identified, with two known examples (photo below). These bars have a larger, flatter mould than any Engelhard or co-brand variety currently known, and note the unusual ribbed side, not akin to any other Engelhard product that we know of. The "P" prefix serial number stamping is Engelhard appropriate, and the number falls directly within the range of another co-brand variety, SilverTowne, in this weight class. The purity and weight stamping are also Engelhard appropriate for 10oz "P" and "W" weight class, however, the purity/weight top line on these Colonial 10's is $\frac{1}{4}$ " longer than on Engelhard's standard "P" and "W" bars, likely because of the wider surface area, but this begs the question that this was likely an individual mould and that more examples may come forward in time? Again, we will never know... until we know.



And the jury is still out on the Colonial 1oz horizontal bars, but they do absolutely resemble Engelhard 1oz horizontal bars from the early 1980's. Did Engelhard copy Colonial's design? Or vice versa? Or did the brands share information and agree to share their specific styling? Or was it entirely coincidence? Below are photos of 1oz Colonial bars stacked up to Engelhard 1oz bars. All we can say is Hmmm. You Bullionados know that Colonial Refining, Inc. was a huge art bar production player in the 1970's and early 1980's. If anyone has any information on the production date range, mintage, and possible relationship with Engelhard, we would graciously welcome your email to the website.



We've been at this game for 12+ years now, and are continuously baffled at the new surprises that come to market. This discovery process is not atypical for collectibles. Take the coin market for example, where many rarity varieties like double stamp, peeling die, clipped planchet, and other anomalies were discovered long after production, as collectors sorted through their coins and made discoveries and shared information. This same process is now happening in our Engelhard market, and it's so exciting! We have come a long way in the past 12 years, but we do believe that the best is yet to come on all fronts for us Engelhard collectors. In the coming months and years, we will continue to witness and validate new discovery, and as information and research develops and is digested in the collector world, we will see a continued correlated increase in our collector base, resulting in increased demand, ultimately translating to increased valuations across the board. As good as the past decade has been to us Engelheads, now is still a fortuitous time to enter the market. Inventory is plentifully available and prices are still very reasonable. These will most certainly change, and likely in short order.

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