



# SUPER SEQUENTIALS

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On September 4, 2015, we posted a newsletter on [Sequential Serial Numbers](#). That posting only referenced sequential numbers of the same weight class. While we should have known it at the time, the thought hadn't yet occurred that sequential serial numbers might actually exist within different weight classes, as well as different mould sizes of the same weight class. We all know that the primary serial number run of most US and Canadian Engelhard ingots was shared among many weight classes, where batches of ingot sizes were interchanged as the serial numbers progressed. We also know that a high percentage of these bars have been melted over the years. While the odds of finding a sequential pair of same weight ingots is relatively easy given the larger serial spans of some ingots, what are the odds of finding a sequential pair in different weight class? Statistically not very likely, but it just recently happened and this is the first of record to our knowledge, and there very well may be more to come as collectors hone in on their own serial numbers.

One of our core collectors had this idea that there are likely many pair of sequential serial numbers that marked the change into and out of specific weight classes, and he realized that the only way he would be able to make a discovery in his own stash would be to line up all of his ingots by serial number, regardless of size. The challenge is that there were only two sequential transition sets that bridged the previous size to the current size to the next. You with us so far? The odds that one or more of the transitional ingots have been melted over the years is very, very high. So therefore, the probability is quite slim. And what would the odds be of pairing two collectors together to jointly make this discovery? Again, not very likely, as collectors tend to keep to themselves with respect to details of their respective stashes. Well, before too long, our collector came across 5oz s/n 171538 and 10oz s/n 171537, as shown above, **in his own stash!** Pretty amazing if you stop and think about it, and it just goes to show that it **can** happen! Truly, what are the odds that one collector could possess both? If I were him, I would buy a lottery ticket right now!

And, here is yet another example of sequential serial numbers within the same 20oz weight class, at the changeover from one mould size to another. This, too, is the only known example to date of this pattern, but it is likely that we may see more come forward as time moves along and collectors have their eyes open to this possible occurrence. But, as we touched on above, many sequential possibilities may have been melted long ago.



It is also very likely that 25oz US 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> series ingots have many examples of sequential serial numbers spanning different series, as these were likely produced on side by side assembly lines with numbers interchanging back and forth between series. If you have knowledge of any such sequential examples, or anything atypical that is worth noting, please email us at [allengelhard@gmail.com](mailto:allengelhard@gmail.com).

We'd love to dive into this further but we're late for Early Bird Bingo, and feeling very lucky right now!

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