ALERT: Counterfeit "Proof" Engelhard Prospectors Offered in PCGS Holders on eBay

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Collectors — please exercise extreme caution. We are seeing recent offerings of purported proof, but likely counterfeit, Engelhard American Prospectors that have been certified/slabbed by PCGS and listed on eBay.

An example of one such listing is here: https://www.ebay.com/itm/137826606130

Genuine Engelhard proof Prospectors are very scarce. Many of the pieces currently being offered show diagnostic features consistent with the long-known Chinese counterfeits (particularly the common 1984 Big-E types and proof-like examples). The presence of a PCGS holder does **not** automatically guarantee authenticity of the round itself. We do believe the eBay sellers of these probable counterfeits may have been misled by PCGS's erroneous certification.

One of our collectors by the YouTube handle Silver Struck has produced a detailed video for our community that compares authentic examples against known counterfeits and highlights key visual differences. Here's the YouTube link, pardon the initial commercial… Hard To Believe PCGS Graded FAKE Engelhard Prospectors!!

We will be contacting PCGS directly and will provide them with the video and supporting documentation in the hope that their authentication standards for these rounds can be strengthened.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Do not rely solely on a PCGS label or certification number when buying proof or high-grade Prospectors.
- Cross-check the certification number on the official PCGS website and carefully examine high-resolution photos of both the round and the slab (fonts, holograms, label details, etc.).
- Compare it against known genuine diagnostics (pan detail, wave patterns, letter forms, reverse logo, edge, etc.).
- When in doubt, contact us at allengelhard@gmail.com before purchasing.

Please stay vigilant. The counterfeiters continue to improve their products and are now targeting the graded market. That said, 99.9% of our market is pure and genuine, but as Ronald Reagan said, **Trust, but Verify!**

Stack Aggressively but tread cautiously,

— The **All Engelhard** Team