

X811888



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If you missed the eBay auction last week, to us it was much like Roger Federer's 26 shot 5th set rally against Rafa Nadal in the [2017 Australian Open](#). It started off slow and steady, but when it approached the closing it heated up with multiple bidders, and the final sale price was **Very** impressive at \$2,175.00US. We often see eBay auctions for 'partial' X8 prefix stamps, and these have been noted on most sizes of early 1970's Engelhard bullion bars where the hand rotary stamp was used. We recall seeing a full '8' prefix bar offered last year on eBay, although it appeared to have been withdrawn from auction. Until last week, we have only logged One (1) example of a full X8 prefix, ingot X811882. Now we know of Two examples! And what a cool serial number of X811888!

The significance of this auction is that while \$2,175.00 would seem to be a very strong price for a 3rd series error bar, a 1 of 2 known error variety among a catalog of logged partial X8 ingots is *off-the-charts* **Rare**. We are now routinely seeing Top Logo ingots with <100 or <200 mintages bring \$3,500.00US+, and the same for other sizes with similar rarity. But 1 of 2? We're thinking maybe the auction was not seen by many collectors, or simply overlooked as a more common error bar. What is cool and important about this error is that it is not a double stamp or reverse stamp, it is a blatant and obvious 7-digit serial number on an otherwise 5-digit ingot. The X and 8 dials were set as firmly as the other 5-digits, making a full and clear serial number.

Every week it seems we see new surprises in bullion offerings, and we're making edits and updates to the website daily now. Not surprising, as when a market heats up with activity, more dormant inventory comes out of the safes and strong boxes. That's the fascinating and exciting part of our great hobby, you just never know what you'll come across tomorrow!

Happy Collecting!

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