

Overview

- Founded in 2000, Certified Guaranty Company (CGC) has certified more than 15 million collectibles across multiple categories.
- Newer entrant to the trading card grading industry compared to PSA, BGS, and SGC.
- Built a strong reputation by leveraging its experience in grading comic books, magazines, and other collectibles.

Grading

- Each card is examined by multiple professional graders who work independently before their grades are consolidated into a final consensus.
- This process reduces individual bias and ensures consistency.
- This system is supplemented with advanced technology to evaluate centering, surface defects, and other factors with precision.
- Detailed reports are provided to explain how grades were determined.
- Cards that achieve the Pristine 10 designation are given an exclusive gold CGC label, instantly setting them apart in the marketplace.

Slab

- One of CGC's biggest differentiators is its state-of-the-art holder design.
- The slab combines advanced archival materials, crystal-clear optics, and enhanced security features to provide both protection and premium display quality.
- Security features on the label include microprinting, UV ink, holographic foil, and a unique certification number with barcode, making counterfeiting or tampering extremely difficult..

Pros & Cons

- **Pros:** Lower pricing options, faster turnaround times, strong reputation from other collectibles, modern slab design, subgrades option, online verification & population reports
- **Cons:** Lower resale value, new to the sports card market, brand recognition, potential for crossover loss from cracking/resubmitting elsewhere, and smaller population reports