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Silver Makers Marks

This mark testifies that the piece has been tested as sterling silver, i. The typeface, whether the letter is uppercase or lowercase, and even the shape inside which the letter is stamped, must all be taken together to determine the year.

How to read UK sterling silver marks

Guilds served three main functions: 1.

How to read Hallmarks

However, in 1696, rising concerns over the amount of coinage being melted down and used to make silver items meant that the required fineness was raised to the higher Britannia standard. The Guild of Joiners was established in 1375, and for the next two or three centuries, disputes between the two were frequent, and occasionally, bloody. Hallmarks, Touchmarks, and Guilds: Regulating the Production of Silver, Pewter, and Furniture By John Fiske and Lisa Freeman In early England, the selling and manufacturing of goods was tightly controlled by the Guilds.

Online Encyclopedia of Silver Marks, Hallmarks & Makers' Marks

The most important were the Joiners, the Upholders upholsterers , and the Turners.

How to read Hallmarks

Town marks for Birmingham the anchor and Sheffield the crown. This is generally not done today. The information within the diamond changed after 1867.

English silver hallmarks: British maker's marks identification B&

In 17th and early 18th century households the most expensive furnishings were the hangings for the master bed. Though it was technically a mark of the London guild, it was used by provincial makers as well. Note that, in all the reported examples, the hallmarks are struck either on the left or

on the right of the maker mark the first to be struck on each piece , but with the same sequence date letter, lion passant and leopard head.

Fiske & Freeman: Hallmarks, Touchmarks, and Guilds

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