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## The Birmingham Mint 1977-1991 & 1998-2003



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**BM 1 - The Birmingham Mint, The  
Mint 1860**

- Silver (hallmarked) (45.2g, 45mm)



Rarity Scale: VR



**BM 2a - The Birmingham Mint, The Mint 1860**

- Copper (44.0g, 45mm)

Rarity Scale: R

The Birmingham Mint, The Mint 1860



**BM 2b - The Birmingham Mint, The Mint 1860**

- Silver (weight unknown, 45mm)

Image courtesy of Dix Noonan Webb  
- September 2016 auction

Rarity Scale: R

**BM 3 - The Birmingham Mint, Car**



The Birmingham Mint, Car Park Token

### Park Token

- Copper Nickel (6.8g, 28.5mm)

The Birmingham Mint had a car park that used tokens in the early to mid 1980's. The token system was only there for a short time as it was continually vandalized.

Rarity Scale: R



The Birmingham Mint, Direct Elections to European Parliament, 1979

### BM 4 - Direct Elections to European Parliament, 7th June 1979

- Silver (Hallmarked) (29.8g, 38.2mm)

Rarity Scale: S



The Birmingham Mint, Schmitz Rolling Mill

### BM 5 - The Birmingham Mint, Schmitz Rolling Mill

- Silver (38.4g, 45mm)

Rarity Scale: S



The Birmingham Mint, Birmingham Mint Products Test Piece

#### BM 6a - The Birmingham Mint, Test Piece

- Copper (4.2g, 20mm)

Rarity Scale: VR



#### BM 6b - The Birmingham Mint, Test Piece

- Nickel (4.2g, 20mm)

Rarity Scale: VR



The Birmingham Mint, 1982, B.M.P

#### BM 7 - 1982, B.M.P (Birmingham Mint Products)

- Nickel (4.3g, 20.5mm, reeded edge)

Rarity Scale: VR



Birmingham Mint PLC, Icknield Street, Birmingham England

**BM 8 - 1982, Birmingham Mint  
PLC, Icknield Street, Birmingham England**

- CuNi (14g, 27mm)
- Reeded Edge with Lettering (BIRMINGHAM)

Rarity Scale: VR



The Birmingham Mint, Industry Year 1986

**BM 9 - The Birmingham Mint,  
Industry Year 1986**

- Copper/Nickel (14.0g, 32mm)

Rarity Scale: C

**BM 10a - The Birmingham Mint, The  
Mint 1860**

- Brass (36g, 45mm)

Rarity Scale: R



The Birmingham Mint, The Mint 1860

**BM 10b - The Birmingham Mint, The Mint 1860**

- Silver (37.9g, 45mm)

Rarity Scale: R



The Birmingham Mint 1988

**BM 11 - The Birmingham Mint, The Mint 1988**

- composition, weight & diameter unknown

Rarity Scale: VR

**BM 12 - The Birmingham Mint, 4 Quadrants(B)**

- Silver (hallmarked) (45g, 45mm)

Rarity Scale: VR



### BM 15a - Birmingham Mint 1984 Calendar

- Bronze (weight unknown, 76mm)

Rarity Scale: R

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### BM 15b - Birmingham Mint 1985 Calendar

- Bronze (weight unknown, 76mm)

Rarity Scale: R

Image courtesy of Dix Noonan Webb  
- September 2016 auction

Birmingham Mint Ltd, 1985 Calendar Medal

### BM 15h - Birmingham Mint 1991 Calendar

- Bronze (weight unknown, 76mm)

Rarity Scale: R

Thank you to John for providing photos



The Birmingham Mint, 1992 Calendar

### BM 15i - Birmingham Mint 1992 Calendar

- Bronze (weight unknown, 76mm)

Rarity Scale: R

Thank you to John for providing photos

Although this is dated 1992, it still shows 'The Birmingham Mint' inscribed on the right side of the calendar. I believe this was produced in 1991 prior to IMI's takeover of The Birmingham Mint



The Birmingham Mint, Birmingham Mint Group, 100th Annual General Meeting 1988

### BM 16 - Birmingham Mint Group 1988, 100th Annual General Meeting

- Brass (27.6g, 38.8mm)

Rarity Scale: S

### BM 17 - Technical Meeting of Mints, Bangkok 1991

- Brass (weight & diameter unknown)

Rarity Scale: R



The Birmingham Mint 1991

### BM 18 - The Birmingham Mint, 1991

- Bi-metallic (9.7g, 26mm)

Rarity Scale: VR



The Birmingham Mint Limited

### BM 19 - The Birmingham Mint Limited, Spinner

- Brass (10.9g, 30.8mm)

Rarity Scale: R

### BM 20 a-e - Scan Coin

- Used for coin machine calibrations
- For more information see: <http://africa.worldofcoins.eu/sub008a1.htm>
- Full Set - Rarity Scale: VR
- Individual Pieces - Rarity Scale: R

- 20a - Scan Coin 1
- 20b - Scan Coin 2
- 20c - Scan Coin 3
- 20d - Scan Coin 4
- 20e - Scan Coin 5
- 20f - Scan Coin 6



The Birmingham Mint, Scan Coin



The Birmingham Mint, Poker Chip

**BM 21a - The Birmingham Mint, Bicycle Poker Chip**

- Metal Inner Core (12.5g, 39mm)

Rarity Scale: VR



The Birmingham Mint, Condado Plaza Hotel & Casino

**BM 21b - The Birmingham Mint, Condado Plaza Poker Chip**

Rarity Scale: VR

**BM 21c - The Birmingham Mint, The**



The Birmingham Mint, The Poker Chip Co.

### Poker Chip Co.

Rarity Scale: VR



The Birmingham Mint, El San Juan Hotel & Casino

### BM 21d - The Birmingham Mint, El San Juan Hotel & Casino

Rarity Scale: VR



### BM 21e - The Birmingham Mint, The Gambler

Rarity Scale: VR

- Added June 22, 2020

### BM 22 - The Redeveloped



### Birmingham Mint, 7-7-89

- Brass Alloy (39.9g, 45mm)

Rarity Scale: R

The Redeveloped Birmingham Mint



### BM 24 - Coca Cola Festival of Sports, National Indoor Arena Brimingham

- Brass (45.1g, 50mm)

The medal is celebrating the first event held at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham. The NIA was officially opened on October 4, 1991 by athlete Linford Christie. The event was the Coca-Cola Festival of Sport.

Rarity Scale: S

Coca-Cola Festival of Sport, National Indoor Arena, The Birmingham Mint

The next two pieces were issued after IMI sold the mint in 1998 and it was renamed The Birmingham Mint again. The pre IMI version of The Birmingham Mint used an 'H' mint mark to the left of the coin maker's elbow, the post IMI version of The Birmingham Mint uses an 'H' mint mark on the left ribbon and a 'KN' (Kynoch Mint) on the right side of the ribbon (same as IMI Birmingham Mint). They also used 'stripes' on the ribbon left of the coin maker's elbow.

### BM 25a - The Birmingham Mint, Awarded To

- Nickel Alloy (48.4g, 50mm)

Rarity Scale: VR



The Birmingham Mint, Awarded To

#### BM 25b - The Birmingham Mint, Awarded To

- Bronze (47.9g, 50mm)

Rarity Scale: VR

**The Birmingham Mint Specimen Euros**  
BM 26a - 1 Cent, BM 26b - 2 Cent, BM 26c - 5 Cent  
BM 26d - 10 Cent, BM 26e - 20 Cent, BM 26f - 50 Cent  
BM 26g - 1 Euro, BM 26h - 2 Euro  
Rarity Scale Individually: ER  
Rarity Scale as a set: UL

There has been a lot of conjecture as to what these pieces were for, how many were made and how many are currently in private hands. Here is the story about the Birmingham Mint specimen euro coins.

The Birmingham Mint was involved, along with other European mints and blank manufacturers, in defining the technical specifications for the blanks used for the new Euro coins. The original specifications were adopted in May, 1998. After consultation with some stakeholders, the final technical specifications were adopted in February 1999. The Birmingham Mint Specimen Euro coins were minted on blanks from the original specifications of 1998.

The Birmingham Mint was vying to get contracts to supply blanks to the mints of Europe. They wanted to show potential customers the quality

of their blanks. Specimen pieces were minted on actual Euro blanks the Birmingham Mint produced. There were 65 presentation sets made and distributed to mint masters throughout Europe. There were also some 'pouch' sets that Birmingham Mint employees carried with them as salesman's samples.

The European Commissioner who oversaw the quality of the Euro, saw these specimen pieces and deemed them to be counterfeit because they were the exact size, weight and metal composition of proposed new Euro coins. He ordered them to be destroyed.

Most of the sets were re-obtained by the Birmingham Mint and destroyed. There were a few sets unaccounted for and remain in private hands. It is estimated that less than 10 full presentation sets and a few 'pouch' sets still remain.

There is also a 2 Euro mono-metallic piece (see below). This piece is the same metal used in the outer ring of the bi-metallic 2 Euro coin. It was specifically made to test the security edging used on the 2 Euro coin. It was never part of the set given to the European mint masters or in the 'pouch' sets.

The Birmingham Mint never officially minted Euro coins. They did however strike some 2 Euro coins for the Royal Dutch Mint in secret. The Birmingham Mint was already producing the blanks for the RDM but the RDM was struggling in striking the 2 Euro coin.

This information was provided by Kevin Binnion who was the Engineering Manager of The Birmingham Mint, and oversaw the production of the Euro blanks and the collection and destruction of the 'counterfeit' specimens.



2 Euro Specimen

### BM 271 - 2 Euro - Specimen mono-metallic

The Birmingham Mint, Specimen Euros

- Nickel (9g, 26mm)
- Reeded Edge with lettering

Rarity Scale: VR



The Birmingham Mint, Trial Piece

### BM 28 - Trial Piece, Both sides the same

- Reeded Edge with lettering

Rarity Scale: VR



The Birmingham Mint, England Basketball

### BM 35 - England Basketball

- Mixed Alloy (46.3g, 50mm)

- This was made for the ISBBC  
(International Summer Basket Ball Camp)  
Four Countries Tournament held in Lea  
Green, March 2003.

Rarity Scale: VR

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