$100 Note

Issued 2013 - Present

All U.S. currency remains legal tender, regardless of when it was issued.

Key Security Features

3-D Security Ribbon
Tilt the note back and forth while focusing on the blue ribbon. You will see the bells change to *100s* as they move. When you tilt the note back and forth, the bells and *100s* move side to side. If you tilt it side to side, they move up and down. The ribbon is woven into the paper, not printed on it.

Bell in the Inkwell
Tilt the note to see the color-shifting bell in the copper inkwell change from copper to green, an effect which makes the bell seem to appear and disappear within the inkwell.

Watermark
Hold the note to light and look for a faint image of Benjamin Franklin in the blank space to the right of the portrait. The image is visible from both sides of the note.

Color-Shifting Ink
Tilt the note to see the numeral *100* in the lower right corner of the front of the note shift from copper to green.

Security Thread
Hold the note to light to see an embedded thread running vertically to the left of the portrait. The thread is imprinted with the letters *USA* and the numeral *100* in an alternating pattern and is visible from both sides of the note. The thread glows pink when illuminated by ultraviolet light.

Additional Design and Security Features

Federal Reserve System Seal
A black seal to the left of the portrait represents the entire Federal Reserve System. A letter and number beneath the left serial number identifies the distributing Federal Reserve Bank.

Microprinting
Look carefully (magnification may be necessary) to see the small printed text *THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA* on Benjamin Franklin's jacket collar, *USA 100* around the blank space containing the portrait watermark, *ONE HUNDRED USA* along the golden quill, and small *100s* in the note borders.

Raised Printing
Move your finger up and down Benjamin Franklin's shoulder on the left side of the note. It should feel rough to the touch, a result of the enhanced intaglio printing process used to create the image. Traditional raised printing can be felt throughout the $100 note, and gives genuine Federal Reserve notes their distinctive texture.

Paper
Federal Reserve note paper is one-fourth linen and three-fourths cotton, and contains red and blue security fibers.

Portrait and Vignette
The $100 note features a portrait of Benjamin Franklin on the front of the note and a vignette of Independence Hall on the back of the note.

Symbols of Freedom
Phrases from the Declaration of Independence and the quill the Founding Fathers used to sign the historic document are found to the right of the portrait.

Gold 100
A large gold numeral *100* on the back of the note helps those with visual impairments distinguish the denomination.

Treasury Seal
A green seal to the right of the portrait represents the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Serial Numbers
A unique combination of eleven numbers and letters appears twice on the front of the note. For information about the serial numbers and other indicators on the note click here.

Series Year
The design includes series years 2009 and 2009A.

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