

ICG Dealer and Personal Samples

ICG (Independent Coin Graders¹) began grading coins in December 1998. They use a 3 1/4 x 2 1/2 x 3/8 inch tamper-evident holder (ultrasonically sealed) with a hologram feature. The holder has slight indentations near the bottom portion of the label.

ICG has frequently made samples for dealers (and show) distribution and in 2001 to mid 2003² for individuals who submitted multiple coins. They exist with a variety of state quarters and

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certificate numbers such as 1234567890 (at least one is 1234567805). We are identifying the personal samples as those without a Courtesy of line, and with names that can't easily be found to be dealers.

Show samples are better documented and were generally made in larger editions. We are not changing Schwager numbers for show samples: those are unique enough to be clearly identifiable, were distributed relatively widely and are seen as collectible.

The dealer and individual samples are different. Individual samples are – by definition – unique. Dealer samples were generally made in smaller editions than show samples and are known from very few – maybe just 1 or 2 – examples. Additionally, new dealer / individual samples are discovered every time somebody cleans out a junk box.



¹ <https://www.icgcoin.com/2023/04/18/about-icg/>

² Internet Archive captures show the offer between March 8, 2001 and April 7, 2003. It's absent in captures on February 5, 2001 and on July 12, 2003. See <https://web.archive.org/web/20010308231921/http://icgcoin.com:80/alliance.htm>

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Even trying simple groupings doesn't help – there is just too much variation. Assigning a unique Schwager# for each minor variety has taken us down the path of several dozen #s.

Among the variations:

- Twelve different state/mintmark combinations
 - 7 with Massachusetts 2000-D
 - 6 with New Jersey 1999-D
 - 8 used just once

- Differences in the grade line
 - ICG 20
 - ICG - SAMPLE 10
 - Unknown 6 (no image)
 - ICG -SAMPLE 1

- Variations in the ICG slogan
 - With quotes 5
 - Without quotes 17
 - Missing or no information 15

- Variations on the dealer name (Hallenbeck Rare Coins vs. Hallenbeck Coins), with and without Courtesy of and even a Complements of.

Samples are known with both the earlier solid green label and the later darker green with a white bar on the reverse, but too many samples (49%) don't have a reverse image to identify. The 51% break down as:

- Green 15
- Green with white bar 4

As we've found elsewhere in this catalog, the sheer number of "unique" pieces, largely uncollectable, overwhelms the collectible samples.

The second edition of this book had 69 Washington quarter samples in ICG green label holders. 32 of them (46.4%) were dealer and individual samples. Now with the 3rd edition, 40 of 98 would be dealer/individual samples (40.8%).

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To refocus back to a collector's catalog, we are going to consolidate the 40 dealer / individual samples down to two numbers as described in the rest of this document. Several numbers tentatively assigned for the 3rd edition were voided and we're left with two: ICG-025-1-72 for the dealer samples and ICG-025-1-75 for the personal ones.

There are some special edge cases, where somebody is not a dealer and not a collector. An example is Ernie Low, as described in ICG-025-1-70:

Mr. Low was (is?) a San Jose, CA hobbyist, a frequent supporter of the Santa Clara Coin Expo and also the "next generation youth outreach promoter" for the 2018 show. In 2011, Clifford Mishler awarded him an ANA Presidential Award. The Oklahoma version is known from the Personal Collection of Cameron Kiefer.

ICG-025-1-72 – Dealer Sample – 1st and 2nd Edition

Current #	Description
ICG-025-1-2	1999-D Pennsylvania - CollectorUSA.com grade: ICG - SAMPLE
ICG-025-1-4	1999-D Pennsylvania - www.kenbarlow.com grade: ICG, slogan: "QUALITY YOU CAN SEE"
ICG-025-1-8	1999-D New Jersey - Cameo CC grade: ICG -SAMPLE, slogan: "QUALITY YOU CAN SEE"
ICG-025-1-7	1999-D New Jersey - www.NumismaticWholesalers.com grade: ICG - SAMPLE
ICG-025-1-9	1999-D New Jersey - www.CheapSlabs.com grade: ICG - SAMPLE
ICG-025-1-10	1999-D New Jersey - CollectorUSA.com grade: ICG, slogan: "QUALITY YOU CAN SEE"
ICG-025-1-11	1999-D Georgia - CollectorUSA.com grade: ICG - SAMPLE
ICG-025-1-15	1999-D Connecticut - PREMIER RARE COINS grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-18	2000-D Massachusetts - L.A.N. grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-19	2000-D Massachusetts - CollectorUSA.com grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-22	2000-D Massachusetts - Hallenbeck Rare Coins grade: ICG, slogan: "QUALITY YOU CAN SEE"
ICG-025-1-24	2000-D Massachusetts - Cameo CC grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-30	2000-D Massachusetts - International Currency grade: ?, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-31	2000-D Massachusetts - J&D Coins grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-34	2000-P Maryland - www.coinland.com grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-35	2000-P South Carolina - www.NumismaticWholesalers.com grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE

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ICG-025-1-35	2000-P South Carolina - Cameo CC grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-36	2000-P South Carolina - CollectorUSA.com grade: ?
ICG-025-1-37	2000-D New Hampshire - Monaco Financial grade: ICG
ICG-025-1-38	2001-D New York - Leandra Collectibles grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-39	2001-D New York - Mark's Coins grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-41	2001-D New York - Hallenbeck Coins grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-42	2001-D New York - www.coinland.com grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
	2001-P New York - www.coinland.com grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-48	2001-D North Carolina - Hallenbeck Coins grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
ICG-025-1-50	2001-D Kentucky - Premier Investments grade: ICG, slogan: "QUALITY YOU CAN SEE"
ICG-025-1-60	1999-P Pennsylvania - H. Laibstain grade: ICG - SAMPLE
ICG-025-1-67	1999-D New Jersey - WWE Coins grade: ?
ICG-025-1-68	2000-D New Hampshire - www.coinland.com grade: ?, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE

ICG-025-1-72 – Dealer Sample – 3rd Edition

	Description
	1999-D New Jersey - Hallenbeck grade: ICG - SAMPLE
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	1999-P New Jersey - Hallenbeck grade: ICG - SAMPLE
	1999-P Pennsylvania - Hallenbeck grade: ICG - SAMPLE
	2000-D Massachusetts - Harry Seese grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE
	2001-D Vermont - Hallenbeck Coins grade: ICG, slogan: QUALITY YOU CAN SEE

ICG-025-1-75 – Personal Sample – 1st and 2nd Edition

Current #	Description
ICG-025-1-14	1999-D Connecticut grade: ?
ICG-025-1-23	2000-D Massachusetts grade: ICG - SAMPLE
ICG-025-1-46	2001-D New York grade: ?