

Mint Marks on Master Die (Revised and Corrected)

“Elimination of Hand Punched Mint Marks on the Working Die.

In FY90, the Mint completed a change within the die marking method with the mint mark on obverse work dies. Work dies requiring a mint mark were stamped manually in the past. Using the new method starting in FY91 {July 1, 1991 begins the FY91}, the mint marks will be placed on the master die ensuring uniformity of mint marking on all circulating coins.”

From Page 25, Annual Report of the Director of The United States Mint, Fiscal Year 1990, Donna Pope, Director of the Mint

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A member of Coin Talk reports:

“The Sixth and Seventh editions of the Coin World Almanac report this change in their "Review of the News" sections for 1990 and 1991, respectively.

In the Sixth Edition, it states for 1990 that:

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...the United States Mint plans to eliminate the practice of placing Mint marks on each individual working die by hand over the next several years, and has already done so for 1990 cents and 5-cent coins. Mint marks will be added at the master die stage.

On page 324, under the U.S. Coins - Mint Marks section, it also claims that the mint mark for all proof and commemoratives would be added at the plasticene model stage of die production. And that the procedure would be phased in for circulation coinage.

In the Seventh Edition, it states for 1991 that:

Mint officials in 1990 decided to end the practice of punching Mint marks into working dies by placing the Mint mark onto the master die. The switch was made to cents and 5-cent coins in 1990, with the remaining denominations following in 1991.

So, according to Coin World, RPMs for cents and nickels shouldn't be possible after 1989, and for all other denominations after 1990.”

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