

Abagnale Fraud Tips

The New \$50 Bill Note: Issue Date Late 2004

Current Security Features: To prevent counterfeiting, the government has included a number of security features in U.S. currency.

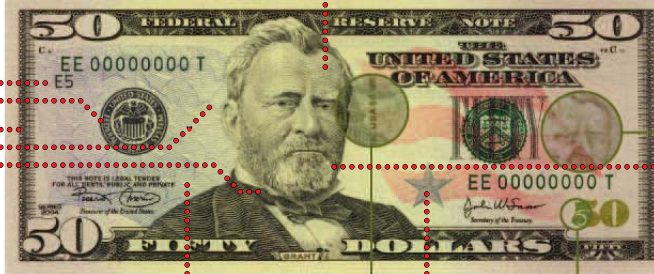
In the fall of 2004, the United States Treasury began issuing new \$50 notes. There will be no recall or devaluation of any U.S. currency. As old notes reach the Federal Reserve, they will be replaced by the redesigned currency. Whether old or new, all U.S. currency always will be honored at full face value.

Federal Reserve Indicators
A new seal represents the entire Federal Reserve System. The letter and number under the left serial number identify the issuing Federal Reserve Bank.

Microprinting
The words "FIFTY," "USA," and "50" can be found in two of the blue stars to the left of the portrait; the word "FIFTY" can be found repeated within both side borders of the note; and the words "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" appear in President Grant's collar, under his beard.

Symbols of Freedom
New symbols of freedom have been designed on the front of the \$50 note to represent images of the American flag. The traditional stars and stripes of the United States flag are printed in blue and red behind the portrait of President Grant. A field of blue stars is located to the left of the portrait, while three red stripes are located to the right of the portrait. A small metallic silver-blue star is located on the lower right side of the portrait. The symbols of freedom will differ for each denomination.

Concentric Fine-Line Printing
The fine lines printed behind the building are difficult to replicate.



Portrait
A larger, off-center portrait allows room for a watermark.

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Watermark
A watermark identical to the portrait is visible from both sides when held up to a light.



Low-Vision Feature
The large numeral on the back of the \$50 note is easy to read.

Security Thread
Hold the bill up to the light and look for the security thread, or plastic strip, that is embedded in the paper and runs vertically to the right of the portrait. If you look closely, the words "USA 50" and a small flag are visible along the thread from both sides of the note. This thread glows yellow when held under an ultraviolet light.

Color-Shifting Ink
The number in the lower right corner on the front of the note looks green when viewed straight on, but black at an angle.

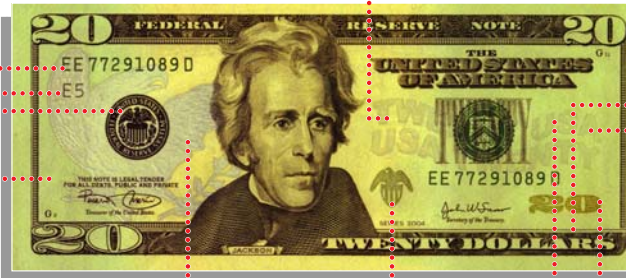
The New Color of Money Note: Issue Date Fall 2003

It is important to remember that both the new notes and the older-design notes will continue to be legal currency at full face value.

Serial Numbers
The unique combination of eleven numbers and letters appear twice on the front of the note.

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Security Thread
A vertically embedded thread is found on the left of the portrait. Hold the bill up to the light to see the security thread. If you look closely, the words "USA TWENTY" and a small flag are visible from both sides along the thread. The thread glows green under an ultraviolet light.



Microprinting
Microprinted words are so small they are difficult to replicate. The redesigned \$20 note features microprinting bordering the first three letters of the "TWENTY USA" ribbon to the right of the portrait. The inscription, "USA20", is in blue ink. The words, "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 20 USA 20", are microprinted in black on the border below the Treasurer's signature.

Color
The most noticeable difference in the newly designed \$20 note is the addition of subtle background colors of green, peach and blue. This marks the first time in modern American history that U.S. currency will include colors other than black and green. The words "TWENTY USA" have been printed in blue in the background to the right of the portrait and on the back of the bill, small yellow numeral 20s are printed in the background.

The Symbols of Freedom
Two new American eagle "symbols of freedom" appear on the front. There is a large blue eagle in the background to the left of Andrew Jackson's portrait. There is a smaller green metallic eagle to the lower right of the portrait. This eagle is printed in the same "raised ink" intaglio process as the portrait, numerals and engravings. The symbols of freedom will differ for each denomination.

Watermark
The watermark is part of the paper itself and can be seen from both sides. Hold the bill up to the light and look for a faint image, similar to the large portrait.

Color-Shifting Ink
Color-shifting ink changes color when viewed at different angles. Look for the "20" in the lower right corner on the face of the bill. When you tilt the note up and down, the ink will change from copper to green. The color shift is more dramatic in the new \$20 note, making it even easier to verify.

**** Please note:** on the back of the bill in the lower right corner is a large numeral "20". This low vision feature is for easy identification.

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