

925 Silver Consumer Checklist

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What 925 means

925 expresses 925 parts silver per 1,000 in the relevant fineness framework.

What it does not prove

- Complete alloy recipe
- Authenticity or issuer
- Every component
- Nickel-free or hypoallergenic status

Stamp vs hallmark

A lone 925 mark is not automatically a complete hallmark. UK full hallmarks contain sponsor/maker, metal-and-fineness and Assay Office marks. Other jurisdictions differ.

Testing limits

XRF reports selected near-surface regions. Laboratory analysis reports the submitted sample. Home observations do not independently authenticate 925.

Tarnish

Common silver tarnish is usually a sulfide-rich surface film. It is not ordinary iron rust and not an authenticity test. Intentional oxidation and plating wear are different conditions.

Lowest-risk care

1. Identify finish, stones, glue and hollows.
2. Confirm whether dark areas are intentional.
3. Use the least aggressive compatible action.
4. Stop on unexpected color, texture or instability.
5. Seek qualified help for valuable or complex pieces.

Before purchase

- Read the exact material and construction claim.
- Record the complete mark-set.
- Identify jurisdiction and seller evidence.
- Separate fineness, nickel and skin-response claims.
- Escalate testing only when uncertainty matters.

Health-claim boundary

925 does not mean nickel-free, hypoallergenic or zero allergy risk. Specific claims require product- and component-level evidence. This guide is not medical advice.

Scope: This checklist does not replace the full research, legal advice, laboratory analysis, conservation assessment or medical advice.

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