



# Know Your Money

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**2004 style \$100 note issued October, 2013**

Under a UV light source, the security thread glows light red/pink.

Copper to green color-shifting ink

**2004 style \$50 note issued October, 2004**

Under a UV light source, the security thread glows yellow.

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**2004 style \$20 note issued October, 2003**

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## 2004 style \$10 note issued March, 2006

Under a UV light source, the security thread glows orange.

Watermark

Copper to green color-shifting ink

## 2004 style \$5 note issued March, 2008

Under a UV light source, the security thread glows blue.

Watermarks

The \$5 FRN does not have color-shifting ink.



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	Portrait	Watermark	Security Thread	Microprinting	Other Microprinting	Color-Shifting Ink in Front Lower Right Numeral
<b>2004 Style</b>						
100	Franklin	Franklin	Left of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" along Franklin's collar; small "100" in the note's vertical borders; "USA" along bottom of Franklin's portrait	"ONE HUNDRED USA" along the golden quill; "USA 100" around the blank space containing the portrait watermark	Copper to Green Also appears in the bell in the inkwell
50	Grant	Grant	Right of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" along Grant's collar	"50", "USA" and "FIFTY" in two blue stars to the left of the portrait; "FIFTY" along side borders	Copper to Green
20	Jackson	Jackson	Left of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 20 USA" in the border below Treasurer's signature	"USA20" borders beginning part of text ribbon "USA TWENTY", right of portrait	Copper to Green
10	Hamilton	Hamilton	Right of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" below portrait	"USA10" beneath torch to the left of the portrait; "TEN DOLLARS" along side borders	Copper to Green
5	Lincoln	Left: vertical "5 5 5"; Right: large "5"	Right of portrait	"E Pluribus Unum" at top of eagle's shield to the right of the portrait; "USA" between columns of eagle's shield; "FIVE DOLLARS" along side borders.	On back, "USA FIVE" on edge of purple 5.	None
<b>1996 Style</b>						
100	Franklin	Franklin	Left of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" along Franklin's collar	"USA100" in lower left numeral	Green to Black
50	Grant	Grant	Right of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" along Grant's collar	"FIFTY" along side borders	Green to Black
20	Jackson	Jackson	Left of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" in the lower oval framing of portrait	"USA20" in lower left numeral	Green to Black
10	Hamilton	Hamilton	Right of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" below portrait above Hamilton's name	"TEN" in lower left numeral	Green to Black
5	Lincoln	Lincoln	Left of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" in the lower oval framing of portrait	"FIVE DOLLARS" along side borders	None

