



BULLION AUTHENTICATION COMPANY (BAC)

What does signify on a BAC graded item?

BAC grades bullion based on a 1 to 10 scale, derived from the Sheldon Scale, which is comparable to those used for coin and collectible grading, such as the NGCX® scale*. Any BAC-graded and/or certified bullion that has a **BAC Supernova** after the grade, has earned a highly coveted notation, which is truly a rare occurrence.



Items with a **BAC Supernova** designation will hold the following attributes:

- 1) Extraordinary visual impact;
- 2) Solid original condition and natural preservation; and
- 3) Unique characteristics to the item type.

BAC estimates that less than 1 in 1000 items received for submission will receive this special designation.

For more information, visit www.bacgrading.com/services.

Note: Prior to January 18, 2026, some encapsulated or certified items included a BAC gold star designation. Although this designation is no longer used, items with a BAC gold star still meet the same standards and quality as the new **BAC Supernova**.

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