

AUSTRIAN MINT

Bars manufactured in partnership with
Argor-Heraeus SA
Switzerland

The Industry Collection has acquired a representative range of cast and minted bars issued by the **Austrian Mint**.

The Mint launched its range of 12 bars, denominated in grams, in 1995:

Cast: 1000 g, 500 g, 250 g
Minted: 100 g, 50 g, 20g, 5 g, 2 g, 1 g
Kinebars®: 10 g, 5 g, 1 g

The kinebars® feature a Lipizzaner horse on the reverse side.

The Mint has been a major shareholder (24.3%) of **Argor-Heraeus SA**, which manufactures its bars, since 2002.

BACKGROUND

The Austrian Mint traces its foundation to 1194. Although privatized in 1989, it remains the official mint of Austria. Its sole shareholder is the **Austrian National Bank**.

While its bars are traded mainly in Austria, its world-renowned ounce-denominated gold bullion coin, *The Vienna Philharmoniker*, is traded internationally. More than 200 tonnes of these coins (1, 1/2, 1/4 and 1/10 oz) have been sold worldwide since their launch in 1989. In 1992, 1995 and 1996, the Austrian Mint sold more ounce-denominated gold bullion coins worldwide than any other mint.

Website: www.austrian-mint.at



The international headquarters of the Austrian Mint has been located opposite Vienna's largest public park since 1837.



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TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Country	Company	Weight*	Type	Fineness	Shape	Comment	Dimensions mm	First Issued
Austria	Austrian Mint	1000 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	-	116.5 x 51.0 x 9.4	1995
Austria	Austrian Mint	500 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	-	91.0 x 41.0 x 7.6	1995
Austria	Austrian Mint	250 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	-	50.0 x 30.5 x 9.0	1995
Austria	Austrian Mint	100 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	-	49.7 x 28.5 x 3.9	1995
Austria	Austrian Mint	50 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	-	49.7 x 28.5 x 2.0	1995
Austria	Austrian Mint	20 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	-	40.4 x 23.3 x 1.3	1995
Austria	Austrian Mint	5 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	-	23.0 x 14.0 x 1.0	1995
Austria	Austrian Mint	2 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	-	19.0 x 11.5 x 0.6	1995
Austria	Austrian Mint	1 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	-	15.0 x 8.7 x 0.5	1995
Austria	Austrian Mint	10 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	Kinebar®	31.5 x 18.5 x 1.0	1995
Austria	Austrian Mint	5 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	Kinebar®	23.0 x 14.0 x 1.0	1995
Austria	Austrian Mint	1 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	Kinebar®	15.0 x 8.7 x 0.5	1995

Source: Austrian Mint * The Industry Collection includes 8 bars: 1000 g, 100 g, 50 g, 20 g, 2 g and the 3 kinebars®.



EXAMPLES OF GOLD BARS



1000 g

Illustration smaller than actual size.



100 g



10 g



Kinebar® reverse
Lipizzaner horse

ARGOR-HERAEUS SA
Switzerland

Argor-Heraeus SA, founded in 1951 as Argor SA, has been a leading gold refiner and bar manufacturer for the international market for more than 50 years. Its major shareholders include Heraeus Holding GmbH, Commerzbank International SA and the Austrian Mint.

The company's large refinery and manufacturing plant is located in Mendrisio near Chiasso in south eastern Switzerland. In 2004, the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) appointed Argor-Heraeus SA as one of five Referees to the LBMA Good Delivery system.

Accreditation

- 1961 London Bullion Market Association
- 1974 New York Mercantile Exchange, COMEX Division
- 1982 Tokyo Commodity Exchange
- 2005 Dubai Multi Commodities Centre

Website: www.argor.com

THE INDUSTRY COLLECTION OF GOLD BARS WORLDWIDE

The Industry Collection of Gold Bars Worldwide is the culmination of a worldwide effort to create a unique collection of standard, innovative and unusual gold bars to support the promotion of gold.

Since 1993, manufacturers from across the globe have supported this international project by making their bars available. Founder was **N M Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Limited**, associated with N M Rothschild & Sons Limited, London. Custodian and Official Location is **The Perth Mint**, wholly owned by the Government of Western Australia.

Curator is **Grendon International Research Pty Ltd (GIR)**. Apart from acting as a consultant within the gold industry, GIR has published several reference books on gold, including *The Industry Catalogue of Gold Bars Worldwide*.

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