

THE PERTH MINT

“ORIANA” RANGE OF MINTED GOLD BARS

The Perth Mint (Australia) launched its range of “Oriana” minted gold investment bars for the international market in 2006.

It comprises 9 rectangular bars in gram and troy ounce weights: 100 g, 50 g, 20 g, 10 g, 5 g, 2.5 g, 2g, 1 g and 1 oz.

According to the official description, the decorative design on the reverse side depicts the golden-haired goddess Oriana. She kneels on one knee, natural with her long mane tumbling down her back and over her shoulders. The origins of her name are linked with several early European languages, including Latin (sunrise), Celtic (blonde) and Spanish (gold). The name was often used in association with Queen Elizabeth II.

The Oriana range complements The Perth Mint’s standard range of 9 minted bars, which were launched in 2005 in the same weights, but without a decorative design on the reverse side.

Both the standard and Oriana minted bars have a fineness of 999.9, and include frosting on selected surfaces.

Website: www.perthmint.com.au

BACKGROUND

The Perth Mint is a subsidiary of Gold Corporation (GC), wholly owned by the Government of Western Australia. Another one of GC’s subsidiaries, The Western Australian Mint, has an interest in AGR Matthey, Australia’s largest gold refiner and bar manufacturer.

The Perth Mint, established in 1899 as a branch of The Royal Mint in Britain, has produced gold coins and bars for more than 100 years.

It is world renowned for its gold bullion coin series, The Australian Nugget. Launched in 1987, the coins are issued in 8 weights: from 1000 g to 1/20 oz.

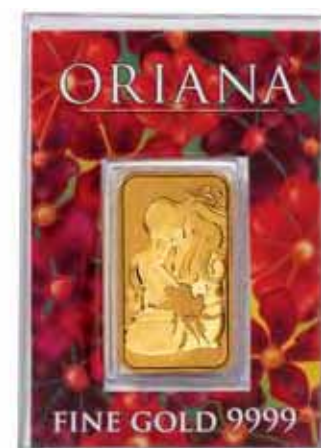
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Weight	Type	Fineness	Shape	Dimensions mm	First Issued	
					Standard	Oriana
100 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	47 x 27 x 5	2005	2006
50 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	47 x 27 x 3	2005	2006
20 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	31 x 18 x 3	2005	2006
10 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	25 x 15 x 3	2005	2006
5 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	25 x 14 x 3	2005	2006
2.5 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	22 x 13 x 2	2005	2006
2 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	22 x 13 x 2	2005	2006
1 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	15 x 8.5 x 2	2005	2006
1 oz	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	41 x 24 x 3.5	2005	-
1 oz	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	31 x 18 x 3.5	-	2006*

Source: The Perth Mint *During 2008, the 1 oz Oriana bar will adopt the dimensions of the standard 1 oz bar: 41 x 34 x 3.5 mm.



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EXAMPLES



100 g



50 g



1 oz



10 g



5 g



2 g



1 g



The Perth Mint is located in Perth, the capital city of Western Australia.



The Perth Mint has minted legal tender gold coins since 1899.

THE INDUSTRY COLLECTION OF GOLD BARS WORLDWIDE

The Industry Collection of Gold Bars Worldwide is 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.

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