

A Statement from the United States Mint - February 8, 2005

We are aware of the extra leaf-like markings on the reverse of some Wisconsin state quarters that bear the "D" mark. The United States Mint is looking into the matter to determine possible causes in the manufacturing process. It is unknown how many of these specific quarters may have been produced.

We are not aware of any past instances in the 50 State Quarters® program similar to this. Quality control is a high priority for the United States Mint and will remain so.

Therefore, we are reviewing retained Wisconsin quarter samples, examining our process assurance inspections, and reviewing our manufacturing processes.

In total, 453,200,000 Wisconsin quarters were minted for up to a 10-week period. About half of those were minted at the United States Mint at Denver, the other half at the United States Mint at Philadelphia. Each state quarter is not minted beyond the specified 10-week period.

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