

COMPOSITIONS OF UK COINS

OUTER RING



INNER CIRCLE



PRE-2017



POST-2017

In 2014, the Royal Mint announced a new £1 coin specification, proposed to enter circulation in 2017 to combat counterfeiting. 3% of all current £1 coins are estimated to be counterfeit. The new £1 will be bi-metal and twelve-sided. The precise metal composition is yet to be determined.

CURRENT COMPOSITION



CHANGE IN SIZE

After a review of coinage in 1994, the UK government decided a smaller 50p was required. This coin was then introduced in 1997. The diameter was reduced from 30mm to 27.3mm; however, the metal composition of the coin remained identical.

CURRENT COMPOSITION



The 20p has not undergone any changes in composition or size since it first entered circulation in 1982. Due to a minting error in 2008, around 250,000 coins were produced without a date. These coins remain legal tender.

PRE-2011

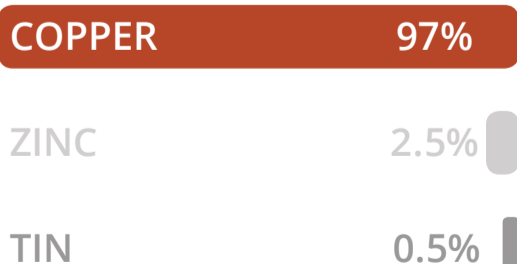


POST-2011

Change to nickel-plated steel



PRE-1992



POST-1992

Change to copper-plated steel

