

# METALS IN BRITISH COINS

## OUTER RING



## INNER CIRCLE



## PRE-2017



## POST-2017

In 2014, the Royal Mint introduced a design for a new £1 coin, proposed to enter circulation in 2017 to combat counterfeits. 3% of all current £1 coins are estimated to be counterfeit. The design is 12 sided, and composed of two different metal alloys. Its precise 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

