

Modern Edward VI Fine Shilling Copies

(ii) Postscript

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Subsequent to the publication of the previous note regarding modern copies of Edward VI fine issue shillings,⁽¹⁾ the opportunity has arisen to carry out improved measurements and a metallurgical analysis of another specimen.

3.27 cm, 5.314 g, 7.360 g/cm³. 125% [GO].

Sn 94.9%, Bi 4.0%, Cu 0.7%, Ag 0.2%, Si 0.2%. Others < 0.03%.

The alloys of Tin and Bismuth are often used as low temperature casting metals. However, the presence of about 1% Copper puts this metal into the family of lead-free solders.⁽²⁾

The density is typical of Tin at about 7.28 g/cm³ rather than silver which would be around 10.49 g/cm³. The piece does not ring when tapped.

Three further specimens have also been seen on the well-known internet auction site, all from a single vendor. Three of these are described.

Item: 313559756920
Description: Edward VI Silver Hammered
Tudor Period Shilling
Ended: 14 Jun, 2021 12:21:57 BST
Price £222.00



Fig. 5.

Item: 313594846718
Description: Edward VI Silver Hammered
Tudor Period Shilling 6G
Ended: 10 Jul, 2021 12:15:57 BST
Price £155.00



Fig. 6.

Item: 313667047458
Description: Edward VI Silver Hammered
Tudor Period Shilling
Ended: 13 Sep, 2021 21:56:33 BST
Price £192.40



Fig. 7.

This piece also included the following additional information:



Fig. 8.

Here for Sale is a Top Quality Edward VI Silver Hammered Tudor Period Shilling. in Fantastic Condition With Amazing Detail. This Item Has Come From a Private Collection.

Diameter: 3.2 cm

Weight: 5.7 grams

Provenance: All Items are Acquired From Legitimate Sources Such as International Coin Fairs, European Auction Houses and Old 1970s European Collections.

Authenticity certificate is available at a additional cost upon request before shipment of your item.

It should be noted that two of the pieces illustrated in the previous note came from this same vendor. All have different backgrounds and different toning but are clearly from the same moulds. Caveat emptor.

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