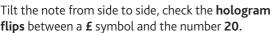


TAKE A CLOSER LOOK - PAPER BANKNOTES



Check the hologram image flip









Check the bright denomination in the watermark Hold the note up to the light, check for a bright '£20' next to the Queen's portrait

Queen's portrait.





Check the motion thread image flip

Tilt the note up and down or side to side, check the images on the motion thread flip between a £ symbol and the number 50.







Check the bright denomination in the watermark

Hold the note up to the light, check for a bright '£50' next to the Queen's portrait.

Queen's portrait.





Other security features





Check the foil features (£20 only)

The strip on the note has a number of foil patches along its length which contain alternating holographic images. The positioning of the patches varies along the strip. In addition to the £ symbol and number 20, there is a multi-coloured image of Adam Smith. The number 20 is also embossed on the strip – just to the right of the signature of the Chief Cashier.





Check the paper and the raised print

These banknotes are printed on special paper that gives them their unique feel. By running your finger across the front of the note you can feel raised print in areas such as the words 'Bank of England'. There is also raised print in the bottom right corner around the number





Check the ultra-violet features

If you look at the front of the note under a good quality ultra-violet light, its value appears in bright red and green numbers whilst the background remains dull in contrast. Randomly spread bright red and green flecks are also visible on both the front and back of the note. Additionally, the motion thread on the £50 note appears bright green.





Check the metallic thread

There is a metallic thread embedded in every paper banknote. This appears as silver dashes on the back of the £20 note. The thread is fully embedded in the £50 note, so no silver dashes are visible. When the notes are held up to the light, the metallic thread appears as a continuous dark line.





Check the print quality

The printed lines and colours on banknotes are sharp, clear and free from smudges or blurred edges.





Check the microlettering

Using a magnifying glass, look closely at the lettering beneath the Queen's portrait – you will see the value of the note written in small letters and numbers.





Check the see-through register

If you hold the notes up to the light, you will see coloured irregular shapes printed on the front and back of the note that combine to form the £ symbol.