What are Indian gold hallmarks?

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Indian gold hallmarks are official marks stamped on gold jewellery to certify its **purity.** They are issued under the authority of the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**, India's national standards body. These hallmarks provide **buyers with assurance of quality and authenticity**.

What Does a BIS Gold Hallmark Include?

Since **2021**, BIS hallmarking has been made **mandatory** in many parts of India for gold jewellery and artefacts. A standard **BIS hallmark** contains the following:

1. **BIS Logo** – A triangle with a tick mark inside, signifying BIS certification.
2. **Purity/Fineness Mark** – Indicating the gold content:
    - **22K** (22ct) = **916**
    - **18K** = **750**
    - **14K** = **585**
3. **Assaying & Hallmarking Centre's Mark** – A unique code that identifies the certified centre where the gold was tested.
4. **Jeweller's Identification Mark** – A code registered with BIS, representing the brand or store that sold the piece.

Example of a 22ct BIS Hallmark:

`BIS Logo` — `916` — `AHC Code` — `Jeweller Code`

Why It Matters:

Hallmarking is especially important in India due to the **high cultural and financial value of gold**. It ensures you're getting the **correct purity,** not under-karated gold passed off as 22ct or 24ct.

In the UK (including at PureJewels):

Gold is hallmarked by the **London Assay Office**, and while Indian hallmarks are respected, UK law requires **local hallmarking for resale or new manufacture**. If you bring Indian gold to the UK, it may need to be re-assayed to meet British standards.