

How to Spot a Fake Rolex

Hello reader!

We are going to spend some time describing how to spot a fake Rolex so you can be better educated when shopping for an expensive Rolex watch. First and foremost, we are going to go over some basics that should be common sense. If a deal seems too good to be true, avoid it. Rolex watches are expensive! An offer can be fair, but if someone is selling you a [Rolex Submariner](#) for \$1000, chances are it's not real. Spend some time online researching the relative value for the Rolex model you are interested in purchasing. Secondly, location, location, location! Make sure you are purchasing your Rolex from a reputable seller and not from somebody on the street. The internet is your best friend. Look at a dealer's reviews, whether they do business online, etc.

Let's get down to business...

--- The cyclops is the part of the crystal over the date that magnifies it. Rolex watches have 2.5x magnification over the date. If a watch has anything less, or even zero magnification, chances are it's fake. Fake models may have 1.5x magnification but if the date isn't sticking out at you, then it's probably not correct. Some fake Rolex watches will simply have bigger date numbers, but this shouldn't fool anybody.

--- Lower quality fakes will use lighter metals. Rolex uses high quality stainless steel and real gold in its watches. If you hold an authentic Rolex watch in one palm of your hand and a fake one in the other, you will notice a considerable difference.

--- Pay attention to the crystal. Rolex uses a resilient sapphire crystal in its watches. If a newer model Rolex has a plastic crystal, chances are it's not real. One way to tell the difference between a sapphire and plastic crystal is to hold it up to your cheek. Sapphire crystals feel cold.

--- Look at the engraved serial and model numbers on the top and bottom side of the case. You have to remove the band to view them. Make sure that the model number actually corresponds to a real watch. Specific models will only have a particular material. You will not see a stainless steel [Rolex president](#) for example. Additionally, pay attention to the detail of the numbers. Fake Rolex watches will have discrepancies like irregular numbers or too much space in between. The engraving may appear too light or too dark. The font can look different as well. Authentic Rolex watches look clean, neatly engraved, and model and serial numbers can be looked up.

--- Pay attention to the dial. Good fakes will never jump out at you. You have to play detective and look at minor details. Rolex uses a specific font. If the letters appear crunched together or irregular, chances are the watch is probably fake. Look at the dial markers, pay attention to see if there's any fading in color. Rolex watches are durable and their dials appear neat. The color can

be off on fake Rolex watches. Some fakes use misshaped hands that are irregular or with differences in color.

--- The movement is one of your biggest indicators. Rolex watches utilize automatic movements so the hands on the dial will have a sweeping motion. Put the watch up to your ear, the movement should be quick and quiet. If a Rolex watch has OBVIOUS and loud ticks, then chances are it's not an automatic movement, but quartz, which means it's not a real Rolex.

--- Open the case back. This is where the heart and soul of the watch lie. The movement of a Rolex is very complicated. There will be an assortment of different colored parts, perfect text, Rolex engravings with numbers of the caliber (movement). Fake Rolex watches will usually have one type of metal used for everything within the movement. It will look bleak. Any engravings inside can appear too light or irregular.

--- [Rolex watches](#) do not have an open (skeleton) case back. Note: there is an exception with a recent Cellini model and two vintage models from the 1930s. However, the majority of Rolex watches do not have an open case back.

--- Rolex watches will have an oyster, jubilee, or presidential band. Take a look at the pictures below:



Figure 1. Rolex Oyster Band



Figure 2. Rolex Jubilee Band



Figure 3. Rolex President Band

--- Water resistance. Rolex watches are tightly sealed and water should not be able to get inside. As an extra precautionary measure, you can dip the Rolex watch into a glass of water. **MAKE SURE THAT THE CROWN IS TIGHTLY SEALED BEFORE YOU DO THIS.** Some fake Rolex models cannot replicate the water resistance and water can get inside the watch.

--- Look at the details of the case. There shouldn't be any sharp edges anywhere with the exception of the lugs. Rolex cases are finished very nicely.

We hope that this guide has been useful to you. If you are ever in doubt, please visit a trusted seller to purchase your Rolex watches. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us via email at info@raymondleejewelers.net or by phone at 561-750-7808.