

5 OZ BIMETALLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION

In 2011 The South African Gold Coin Exchange launched the first of its' kind Bimetallic Mandela Medallion to the public with great success. This 1/4oz medallion was an immediate favourite and all stock sold out within a few weeks of the launch date. The South African Gold Coin Exchange is therefore proud to announce the launch of a second of these unique Mandela Medallions in the form of a 5oz Bimetallic Mandela Medallion.



This bimetallic Mandela Medallion features the intricate bust of Nelson Mandela on the obverse, with the phrase "Honoured with The Nobel Peace Prize 1993" inscribed on the reverse.

The striking of bimetallic coins dates back to 1730, when a silver token with a center copper plug was struck in Cologne, Germany. Originally, this practice was initiated as an anti-forgery device but has since grown to be more popular for the intricate designs and pleasing aesthetics.

The first bimetallic coin to enter mass circulation in modern times was the 500 Lira issued in 1982 by the Italian government

Today, more than 117 countries have issued bimetallic coins that have been minted in many different combinations of precious and base metals such as yellow and white gold, gold and silver, silver and titanium, silver and nickel, non-magnetic stainless steel and aluminium bronze, and combinations of copper or brass and nickel.

The 5oz Bimetallic Mandela Medallion comprises of a silver and gold combination that differs from the 1/4oz in that the inner core is now made from gold with the encircling ring cast in silver.

The inner core of the 5oz Bimetallic Mandela Medallion is made up of 2oz proof gold, with a 3oz silver ring around it.

