

\$100 Note Security Features (Series 1996 - 2003A)

The United States of America issues currency with security features that will help protect against technologies that could be used for counterfeiting. These \$100 notes were first issued in March 1996. There will be no recall or devaluation of any U.S. currency. Old or new, all U.S. currency always will be honored at full face value.



1. **Watermark.** A watermark of Franklin is located in the blank space to the right of the portrait and is visible from both sides when held up to a light.
2. **Security Thread.** The thread, which glows red under an ultraviolet light, is positioned to the left of the portrait on the note. The words "USA 100" on the thread can be seen from both sides of the note when held up to a bright light.
3. **Fine Line Printing Patterns.** The fine lines printed behind Franklin's portrait and the Independence Hall are difficult to replicate.
4. **Microprinting.** On the front of the note, "USA 100" is repeated within the number 100 in the lower left corner. "The United States of America" appears as a line in the left lapel of Franklin's coat.
5. **Color-Shifting Ink.** The number in the lower right corner on the front of the note looks green when viewed straight on, but black when viewed at an angle.
6. **Low-Vision Feature.** The high-contrast numeral does not appear on this series of \$100 notes, but will be incorporated on the back lower right corner of future \$100 notes.