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Ulster Bank Polymer £50 notes - Information for Retailers

It has been identified that **counterfeit Ulster Bank polymer (aka plastic) £50 notes** are in circulation in England, Northern Ireland & Scotland.

The counterfeits feature a simulation of the holographic Foil strip but can readily be identified as counterfeit (since the foil is either printed as an image onto the clear window, or is applied using stickers with defined / straight edges - see below for further details)

Ulster Bank £50 note – Current Polymer design



The genuine polymer £50 notes issued by Ulster Bank feature the following security features:

- 1) Clear Windows
- 2) Holographic Foil
- 3) UV printing – three colours

Full details of other security features such as areas of **raised** print, etc. can be found by following this link: <https://www.acbi.org.uk/banknotes/polymer-banknotes-1/northern-ireland-polymer/ulster-bank-50.html>

- 1) **Clear Window**. There are two clear polymer windows on the left of the note (when the note is viewed horizontally) - A larger window with the holographic foil, and a smaller window (to the right of the larger window).
- 2) **Holographic Foil**. The Genuine notes feature a holographic foil strip. (THIS FEATURE IS SIMULATED IN SOME COUNTERFEITS)

In the COUNTERFEIT polymer Ulster Bank £50 note, the foil strip is either printed image – no foil used, or applied with two foil stickers with defined / straight edges (FRONT OF NOTE)



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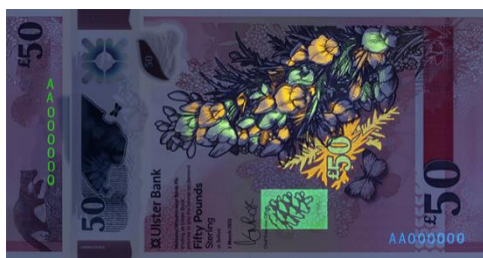


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In the **GENUINE** polymer Ulster Bank £50 note, the holographic foil includes colour change e.g. 'rainbow' diffraction in the upper Ulster Bank logo (daisy wheel / cog). The lower part of the foil includes a small foil butterfly on its own (not surrounded by extra foil).

UV Security feature – Genuine Ulster Bank £50 Notes

In the event that you utilise **Ultra Violet (UV)** security light(s) to check the bank notes please note the additional information below.



Genuine Ulster Bank (Front)



Genuine Ulster Bank (Rear)

Under UV, the **front of a genuine** Ulster Bank £50 note shows: flora in **green, yellow and orange ink**; a pinecone in a green square; a '50' in green ink (in with the flora); and two serial numbers – one in **green** ink, and one in **blue** ink.

Under UV, the **rear of a genuine** Ulster Bank £50 note shows (all in **green** ink): A compass with a large '50' over the top; a figure of a man; and a pulsar signal.

Under UV, the **front of a counterfeit** Ulster Bank £50 note **may feature** a block of vertical bars in blue ink (THIS IS NOT SEEN IN A GENUINE NOTE).

Under UV, the **rear of a counterfeit** Ulster Bank £50 note **may feature** a compass with a large '50' in **blue** ink.

Previous Paper Series Ulster Bank £50 notes - Information for Retailers

Due to limited numbers of older paper £50 notes circulating in the public domain (issued by the Northern Irish issuing banks including Ulster Bank), these notes have a higher risk of being counterfeited. The genuine paper £50 Ulster Bank notes are not normally seen in circulation in England, Wales and Scotland. However, they may still be seen in Northern Ireland.

Further information about the security features in both Scottish & Northern Irish Bank notes can be found at the ACBI website by the following link: -<https://www.acbi.org.uk/banknotes.html>

(NB: Since 30th September 2022, all denominations up to £50 apart from the paper £50 notes issued by Ulster Bank and Bank of Ireland have been replaced by polymer).

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