

# \$100 Note

Issued 1996 - 2013

All U.S. currency remains legal tender, regardless of when it was issued.



## Key Security Features

### Security Thread

Hold the note to light to see an embedded thread running vertically to the left of the portrait. The thread is imprinted with the letters *USA* and the numeral *100* in an alternating pattern and is visible from both sides of the note. The thread glows pink when illuminated by ultraviolet light.

### Watermark

Hold the note to light and look for a faint image of Benjamin Franklin in the blank space to the right of the portrait. The image is visible from both sides of the note.

### Color-Shifting Ink

Tilt the note to see the numeral *100* in the lower right corner of the front of the note shift from green to black.



## Additional Design and Security Features



### Federal Reserve System Seal

A black seal to the left of the portrait represents the entire Federal Reserve System. A letter and number beneath the left serial number identifies the distributing Federal Reserve Bank.



### Raised Printing

Move your finger along the note's surface to feel the raised printing, which gives genuine Federal Reserve notes their distinctive texture.



### Portrait and Vignette

The \$100 note features a portrait of Benjamin Franklin on the front of the note and a vignette of Independence Hall on the back of the note.



### Serial Numbers

A unique combination of eleven numbers and letters appears twice on the front of the note.



### Paper

Federal Reserve note paper is one-fourth linen and three-fourths cotton, and contains red and blue security fibers.



### Treasury Seal

A green seal to the right of the portrait represents the U.S. Department of the Treasury.



### Series Year

The design includes series years 1996, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2003A, 2006, and 2006A.



### Microprinting

Look carefully (magnification may be necessary) to see the small printed text *USA 100* within the numeral in the lower left corner and *THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA* in the line in the left lapel of Franklin's coat.

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