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Paper Currency paper consists of 25% linen and 75% cotton and contains small randomly dispersed red and blue fibers embedded throughout the paper.

Portrait The 1996, 1999, 2001 and 2003 series Federal Reserve Notes (FRNs) have an enlarged and off-center portrait enclosed in an oval frame of concentric lines. The 2004 series FRNs have an enlarged and off-center portrait without a frame.

1 Watermark The 1996, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2004 series FRNs have a watermark (a faint image similar to the portrait), that is visible from either side when held up to a light source.

2 Color-Shifting Ink The 1996, 1999, 2001 and 2003 series FRNs have color-shifting ink in the lower right-hand corner, that shifts from green to black as the note is tilted 45 degrees. The 2004 series \$20 and \$50 FRNs have color-shifting ink that shifts from copper to green as the note is tilted 45 degrees. The \$5 FRN does not have color-shifting ink.

3 Security Thread Genuine FRNs have a clear polyester thread embedded vertically in the paper. The thread is inscribed with the denomination of the note, and is visible only when held up to light. Each denomination has a unique thread position and will glow a unique color in ultraviolet (UV) light.

4 Serial Numbers The first letter of the serial number on FRNs corresponds to the series year.

- A = 1996
- B = 1999
- C = 2001
- D = 2003
- E = 2004
- F = 2003A
- G = 2004A

Bank Indicators

5 Federal Reserve Indicators The 1996, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2004 series FRNs have a letter-number combination, which identifies one of the 12 issuing Federal Reserve Banks. This letter-number combination appears beneath the serial number on the left. The number corresponds to the position of the letter in the alphabet, e.g.: A1, B2, C3, etc. The second letter of the serial number is the same as the letter in the letter-number combination.

6 Check Letter/Quadrant Number

7 Face Plate Number

8 Series Year

9 Back Plate Number (Not shown) Found on the reverse right hand side of the note.

Series 1996 \$100 note issued in March, 1996

Under a UV light source, the security thread glows light red/pink.

Green to black color-shifting ink

Series 2004 \$50 note issued in Fall, 2004

Under a UV light source, the security thread glows yellow.

Copper to green color-shifting ink

Series 2004 \$20 note issued in October, 2003

Under a UV light source, the security thread glows green.

Copper to green color-shifting ink

Series 2004 \$10 note issued in March, 2006

Under a UV light source, the security thread glows orange.

Copper to green color shifting ink

Series 1999 \$5 note issued in May, 2000

Under a UV light source, the security thread glows blue.

The \$5 FRN does not have color-shifting ink.