

"Touch-and-Tell" Features for Identifying the Denominations of Bank of Japan Notes

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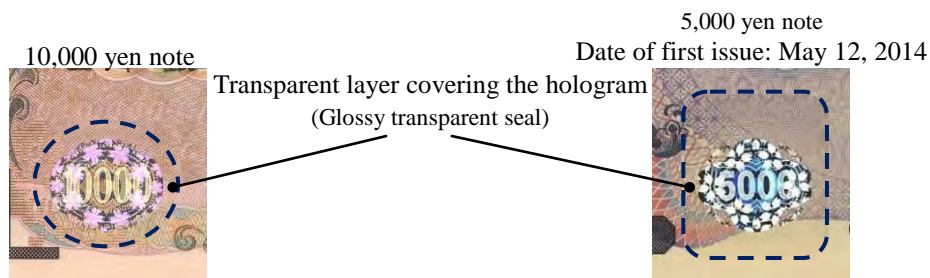
(1) Tactile marks (intaglio printing)

The tactile marks are printed so that the ink is raised and the marks have a rough texture. The tactile mark pattern varies by denomination, making each denomination distinguishable.



(2) Hologram transparent layer

The hologram transparent layer refers to the glossy transparent seal covering the hologram found on the 5,000 and 10,000 yen notes, and the texture of its surface differs from the printed surface of the notes. The new 5,000 yen note issued from May 12, 2014 carries a hologram transparent layer differing from that of the 10,000 yen note in size and shape, making it easier to distinguish between the two denominations.



(3) Lengths of the notes

The lengths are 160 mm for the 10,000 yen note, 156 mm for the 5,000 yen note, 154 mm for the 2,000 yen note, and 150 mm for the 1,000 yen note.