

## JOHNSON MATTHEY GROUP

USA – CANADA

**Johnson Matthey Plc**, a specialty chemicals company that focuses on catalysts, precious metals and fine chemicals, has its international headquarters in London.

The company, whose origins date back to 1817, operates in around 30 countries and employs around 7,000 people.

Johnson Matthey undertakes gold refining and the manufacture of bars at two large refineries in the USA and Canada.

### JOHNSON MATTHEY INC - USA

#### LOCATION

The gold refinery of Johnson Matthey Inc, the leading refiner of newly-mined gold in the United States, is located in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The headquarters of Johnson Matthey Inc are located in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

#### OWNERSHIP

Johnson Matthey Inc is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Johnson Matthey Plc.

#### ACCREDITATION

1989	London Bullion Market Association
1983	New York Mercantile Exchange (COMEX Division)
1994	Tokyo Commodity Exchange
2005	Dubai Multi Commodities Centre

#### BACKGROUND

The gold refinery of Johnson Matthey Inc was established in Salt Lake City in 1983 in response to the resurgence of gold mining in the United States, particularly in Nevada, the state adjacent to Utah.

The Johnson Matthey Group has been operating in the United States for more than 90 years, under several names: Bishop & co (1909), Matthey Bishop Inc (1967) and Johnson Matthey Inc (since 1980).

Apart from gold, the refinery in Salt Lake City also refines silver. Johnson Matthey Inc, in North America, also refines platinum group metals, manufacturing an extensive range of products for the platinum group metals industry.

Number of employees: 75 (Salt Lake City), 2040 (USA).



Johnson Matthey Inc is a major gold refiner and bar manufacturer in the USA.



Kilobars (1000 g) are manufactured to a fineness of 995 or 999.9.



London Good Delivery 400 oz bars have been manufactured since 1989.



**GOLD SERVICES**

The Salt Lake City refinery of Johnson Matthey Inc focuses on:

- (1) Gold refining and the recycling of scrap
- (2) Gold grain for the jewellery industry
- (3) High purity gold for the electronics industry
- (5) Gold bars

**GOLD REFINING AND RECYCLING OF SCRAP**

The company normally accepts the following gold-bearing materials for refining to specified purities up to 999.9:

- Semi-refined bullion
- Mine doré: predominantly gold
- Mine doré: predominantly silver
- Electrolytic slimes derived from silver
- Precipitated gold slimes
- Old jewellery
- Jewellery manufacturers scrap
- High-grade electronic scrap
- Dental scrap
- Old coins and medals

Gold refining methods include pyrometallurgical chlorination and electrolysis.

Annual gold refining capacity is around 250 tonnes.

**GOLD BARS**

Cast bars: 400 oz, 100 oz, 1000 g



Pouring gold at the Salt Lake City refinery.



The company has manufactured bars in Salt Lake City since 1983.

**TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

Weight	Type	Fineness	Shape	Dimensions mm	First Made	Serial Number System	System Introduced
400 oz	Cast	995+, 999.9	Rectangular	248 x 80 x 41 220 x 57 (base)	1983	5 numbers 6 numbers Plus year date	1983 2005* 1997*
100 oz	Cast	995+, 999.9	Rectangular	152 x 51 x 13	1983	5 numbers 6 numbers	1983 2005*
1000 g	Cast	995, 999.9	Rectangular	118 x 52 x 8	1983	5 numbers 6 numbers	1983 2005*

Source: Johnson Matthey Inc \* Estimated dates

**OFFICIAL STAMPS**



On cast bars issued by Johnson Matthey Inc, since 1983. For a brief period in the 1980s, the words "Johnson Matthey" were removed.



On 100 oz and 1000 g bars issued by Johnson Matthey Inc, since 1992. The assay designation is either 9999 or 9950.



**HISTORY OF GOLD BAR MANUFACTURE**

The company's gold refinery in Salt Lake City, when established in 1983, issued its full range of 3 cast bars: 400 oz, 100 oz and 1000 g.

While the same official stamp, depicting a "hammer and geologist's pick" – the international trade mark of the Johnson Matthey group, has been applied since 1983 to the 400 oz market bars, the certification mark was modified in 1989 in order to include reference to "USA", and again in the late 1990's to make reference to Salt Lake City "SLC".

The 100 oz (Comex) and 1000 g (kilobar) bars depict the "double oval" logo, with the reference to Johnson Matthey – SLC around either the 9999 or 9950 assay designation.

The serial numbering system, five numbers since 1983, was changed to six numbers around 2005.

**TRADE COMMUNICATION**

Enquiries by gold dealers and industrial customers as regards the refining of gold should be directed to the Business Development Manager at the refinery in Salt Lake City.

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The company's range of 400 oz, 100 oz and 1000 g cast bars.

**JOHNSON MATTHEY LIMITED - CANADA**

**LOCATION**

Johnson Matthey Limited, a major gold refiner in North America, has its headquarters in Brampton, close to the international airport of Toronto.

Gold refining and the manufacture of bars and other precious metal products take place at the company's headquarters in Brampton.

**OWNERSHIP**

Johnson Matthey Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Johnson Matthey Plc.

**ACCREDITATION**

- 1961 London Bullion Market Association
- 1974 New York Mercantile Exchange (COMEX Division)
- 1988 The Tokyo Commodity Exchange
- 2006 Dubai Multi Commodities Centre



Johnson Matthey Limited has refined gold at its Brampton refinery since 1976.



**BACKGROUND**

The company was originally established as Johnson Matthey (Canada) Limited in 1930.

In 1947, following a joint-venture agreement with PR Mallory Inc (Indianapolis), it operated as Johnson Matthey & Mallory Limited until 1977, when the company was renamed Johnson Matthey Limited.

Gold refining took place at the company's former refinery in Toronto at 110 Industry Street (established 1948) until the opening of the Brampton refinery in 1976.

Number of employees: 80

**GOLD SERVICES**

Johnson Matthey Limited focuses on:

- (1) Gold refining and the recycling of scrap
- (2) Gold bars

**GOLD REFINING AND RECYCLING OF SCRAP**

The company normally accepts the following gold-bearing materials for refining to specified purities up to 999.9:

- Semi-refined bullion
- Mine doré: predominantly gold
- Mine doré: predominantly silver
- Electrolytic slimes: derived from copper
- Electrolytic slimes: derived from silver
- Precipitated gold slimes
- Loaded carbon
- Old jewellery
- Jewellery manufacturers scrap
- Electronic scrap
- Dental scrap
- Old coins and medals

Gold refining methods include pyrometallurgical chlorination and electrolysis.

Annual gold refining capacity is around 230 tonnes.

**GOLD BARS**

Cast bars: 400 oz, 100 oz, 1000 g



Low purity doré bars supplied by mining companies for refining into tradable bars.



Pouring gold at the Brampton refinery.



Assaying.

**TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

Weight	Type	Fineness	Shape	Dimensions mm	First Made	Serial Number System	System Introduced
400 oz	Cast	995+, 999.9	Rectangular	260 x 82 x 39 240 x 58 (base)	1961*	5 numbers Plus year date	1961* 2005
100 oz	Cast	995+, 999.9	Rectangular	154 x 55 x 15	1971*	Letter Plus 6 numbers	1975
1000 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	117.5 x 52.4 x 9.5	1971*	Letter Plus 6 numbers	1975

Source: Johnson Matthey Limited \* Estimated dates



**HISTORY OF GOLD BAR MANUFACTURE**

Bar manufacture dates back to at least 1961 when the company's 400 oz bars were accepted as London Good Delivery.

100 oz and 1000 g cast bars were first issued in 1971 (est).

For more than 25 years (1971 - 2000), the company was the largest manufacturer of minted bars in North America. The bars, issued over this period, are still widely traded on the secondary market: in ounces, 7 bars ranging from 10 oz to 1/10 oz; in grams, 8 bars ranging from 500 g to 1 g.

The company also manufactured 10 tola cast bars between 1987 and 1995.

The serial number system for 400 oz bars is believed to have remained the same since 1961, and on 100 oz and 1000 g bars since 1975.

**TRADE COMMUNICATION**

Enquiries by gold dealers and industrial customers should be directed to the company's headquarters in Brampton.

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Kilobars are manufactured to a fineness of 999.9.



London Good Delivery 400 oz bar.

**OFFICIAL STAMPS**



On 400 oz and 100 oz bars issued by Johnson Matthey Limited, since 1980. For a brief period in the 1980s, the words "Johnson Matthey" were removed.



On 1000 g and 100 oz bars issued by Johnson Matthey Limited, since 1992.

**CERTIFICATION MARK**



On 400 oz bars issued by Johnson Matthey Limited, since 1977.



EXAMPLES OF GOLD BARS  
Johnson Matthey Group



1000 g  
Johnson Matthey Inc  
USA



1000 g  
Johnson Matthey Limited  
Canada



Gold granules for the jewellery industry.

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