

The following information provided by Dave O'Neal: I have done a lot of research on them and have found that Lucky Buck's were not from casinos, and were not won out of slot machines, so I'm not sure you would include them as silver strikes. They were privately minted (Rocky Mountain Coin, Inc.) and were commemorative silver rounds made to celebrate the approval of casino gaming in Colorado. Gaming was approved in Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek, so they did one round for each city, and one round with all three on them. They aren't worth any money in casinos (they weren't worth a dollar) and are not casino collectibles, more like collectibles about casinos.

If you need the mintage, they were as follows (I have the wooden proof set with Certificate of Authenticity): All casinos - 5000, Central City - 3000, Cripple Creek - 2500, Black Hawk - 2000.

Just to be sure, I have emailed Klaus Degler, President of Rocky Mountain Coin, Inc. and asked him to confirm. He is also the person whose signature is on the proof set Cert. of Auth.

Here is the response from Rocky Mountain Coin when asked about the Lucky Buck tokens: "Privately issued by RMC. Some casino's sold the coins in their gift shops for around \$35 each. Original issue price for the 4 coin sets was \$69.00 and the issue sold out."