

# The New \$5 Bill

## Safer. Smarter. More Secure.



In early 2008, the United States government will issue a newly designed \$5 bill as part of its ongoing effort to stay ahead of counterfeiting. A new \$100 bill will follow. Like the new \$10, \$20 and \$50 bills introduced in 2003, 2004 and 2006 respectively, the new \$5 bill has enhanced security features that are easy for cash-handlers and consumers alike to check. The redesigned currency is safer, smarter and more secure: safer because it is easier to check; smarter to stay ahead of savvy counterfeiters; and more secure to protect the integrity of U.S. currency. By introducing new designs, new security features, and implementing an extensive public education effort, the government stays ahead of currency counterfeiting and continues to help protect your hard-earned money.



### Watermark

Hold the bill up to the light and look for a large number “5” watermark located to the right of the portrait. It replaces the watermark portrait of President Lincoln found on older design \$5 bills. Its location is high-lighted by a blank window incorporated into the background design.



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A second watermark has been added to the redesigned \$5 bill. Hold the bill up to the light and look for a column of three smaller “5”s positioned to the left of the portrait. The watermark is part of the paper itself and can be seen from both sides of the bill.

### Security Thread

Hold the bill up to the light and look for the security thread, or plastic strip, that is embedded in the paper and runs vertically to the right of the portrait. The letters “USA” followed by the number “5” in an alternating pattern are visible along the thread from both sides of the bill. The thread glows blue when held under ultraviolet light. In older design \$5 bills, the security thread was located to the left of the portrait.



**Issued:** 2006  
**Colors:** Orange, yellow, red  
**Symbol of freedom:** the Statue of Liberty’s torch

**Issued:** 2003  
**Colors:** Green, peach, blue  
**Symbol of freedom:** an American eagle

**Issued:** 2004  
**Colors:** Blue, red  
**Symbol of freedom:** the American flag