

- **Microprinting:** There are minute microprinting on the security threads: the \$5 bill has “USA FIVE” written on the thread; the \$10 bill has “USA TEN” written on the thread; the \$20 bill has “USA TWENTY” written on the thread; the \$50 bill has “USA 50” written on the thread; and the \$100 bill has the words “USA 100” written on the security thread. Microprinting can be found around the portrait as well as on the security threads.
- **Fine Line Printing Patterns:** Very fine lines have been added behind the portrait and on the reverse side scene to make it harder to reproduce.
- **Comparison:** Compare the feel and texture of the paper with other bills you know are authentic. If you believe you have received a counterfeit bill, the U.S. Treasury advises you to do the following:
 - Do not put yourself in danger.
 - Do not return the bill to the passer.
 - Delay the passer with some excuse, if possible.
 - Observe the passer’s description – and their companions’ descriptions – and write down their vehicle license plate numbers if you can.
 - Contact your local police department or call your local Secret Service office.
 - Write your initials and date in the white border area of the suspected counterfeit note.
 - Do not handle the counterfeit note. Place it inside a protective cover, a plastic bag, or envelope to protect it until you place it in the hands of an identified Secret Service Special Agent. You can also mail it to your nearest Secret Service office.

Remember, if you are passed a counterfeit bill, you own it. So when accepting cash, it pays to be knowledgeable about the crime of counterfeiting.