The 3-minute Collection Storage Audit

Your collection is worth protecting.

Take three minutes to check your current storage setup against these five simple standards. You don't need a perfect setup. You just need to know where your biggest risks are.

❶ TEMPERATURE

Is your collection stored somewhere reasonably stable?

❒ Away from extreme heat

❒ Away from large temperature changes

❒ Not stored in a garage, shed or roof space that gets very hot

My setup:

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Something I'd change:

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❷ MOISTURE / HUMIDITY

Is your collection kept somewhere dry?

❒ No obvious dampness

❒ No condensation concerns

❒ Storage isn't trapping moisture

My setup:

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Something I'd change:

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❸ CONTACT

Are your coins protected from rubbing and knocking against each other?

❒ Coins aren't stacked together

❒ Coins aren't rubbing against each other

❒ Coins have individual protection where appropriate

My setup:

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Something I'd change:

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❹ MATERIALS

Are your storage materials suitable for long-term coin storage?

❒ I know what my coin holders are made from (flips, capsules, sleeves, folders)

❒ I'm avoiding PVC-based materials

❒ I'm using materials intended for long-term storage

My setup:

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Something I'd change:

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❺ EXPOSURE

Are your coins adequately protected from the surrounding environment?

❒ Coins aren't unneccesarily exposed to open air

❒ Holders/folders provide appropriate protection

❒ Storage isn't allowing dust and environmental contaminants direct access

My setup:

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Something I'd change:

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MY #1 PRIORITY:

The one thing I'm going to improve first:

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What I'll do:

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By when:

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Don't aim for perfect. Aim for better protected.

Your Simple Storage Standard

STABLE

Avoid extreme temperatures and big fluctuations.

DRY

Keep moisture and condensation away.

NO CONTACT

Prevent coins from rubbing or knocking together.

SAFE MATERIALS

Use appropriate archival-quality storage materials.

PROTECTED

Don't leave valuable coins unnecessarily exposed.