



fraud advisory

Counterfeit \$500 travelers checks in circulation.

Be cautious when presented with an American Express Travelers Cheque in a denomination of \$500 or greater. These higher-denominated Travelers Cheques are rarely sold and, therefore, are more likely to be counterfeit. To avoid accepting fraudulent checks, verify all Cheque products presented at your location. One of the easiest ways to determine authenticity is the smudge test.

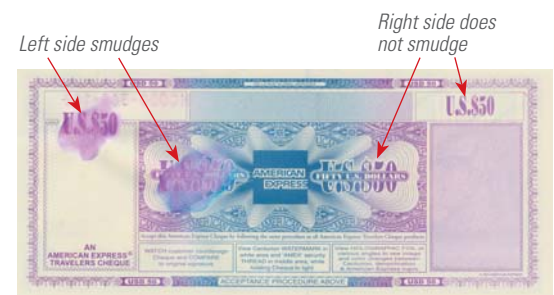
perform the smudge test

1. Turn the Cheque over (non-signature side).
2. Locate the denomination (e.g., U.S. \$50) on the right side of the Cheque.
3. Wipe a moistened finger across the denomination. The ink should **not** smudge.
4. Then wipe a moistened finger across the denomination on the left side of the Cheque. The ink **should** smudge.

If you receive a counterfeit check:

- Write the word "VOID" across the check.
- Contact American Express directly at **1-800-525-7641**.

Still not sure? Contact American Express at **1-800-525-7641**. To receive more information on authorization tools available to verify American Express Cheque products, contact us via e-mail at tconlineauthorizations@aexp.com.



When in doubt contact American Express at **1-800-525-7641**

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