

Country Gentleman Cigar Cutter Made in India

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Below are pictures and article from two eBay listings a few years back showing the Country Gentleman with an original (left side) and "Made in India" version (right side) in all photos.





Top left is the bottom of the original Country Gentleman cigar cutter. Other pictures are the "Made in India" version. Note on the bottom plate, "advertising" is spelled "abvertising" in India. They use a "B" instead of a "D". Besides being shiny chrome this is the dead giveaway of the repro.

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THESE ITEMS ARE NOT FOR SALE! THEY ARE BEING SHOWN FOR YOU TO DETERMINE HOW TO SPOT A REPRODUCTION (Made in India) FROM AN ORIGINAL. (Listing #1)

KNOW WHAT YOU ARE BUYING!!!!

If you have read this far, then keep reading. **There's NOTHING for sale here**, just FREE knowledge and information if you want to learn something.

(Please be sure you know **I'm not selling anything here**: I had to relist this as some bonehead actually used the Buy-It-Now and thought they were getting both for \$1.00, OR they wanted to take down the listing as they are selling fakes. Either way this explains the stupidly high "opening bid" and shipping cost price now.)

The cutter on the LEFT in every picture is an original. The cutter on the RIGHT in every picture is a REPRODUCTION.

Look carefully and see the differences in the size (re-cast parts shrink in size), the type and style of screws, and the change on the bottom where "ADVERTISING" is deliberately incorrectly spelled "ABVERTISING". (See yellow arrow if it doesn't jump out at you.) Also note the holes for the rubber feet are drilled too large and the openings for the cigars to be inserted to be cut are reversed in size on the top. Lastly, note the reproduction base bottom lacks the incised foundry match-plate casting number. Originals were nickel plated, the new ones are chrome plated. Both are made from cast iron. Look over the pictures carefully and you can easily spot the differences.

Also know that the "Country Gentleman" front plate is one of MANY reproductions. The original cutter base was made to have custom cast and installed face plates of an almost infinite variety for any cigar company that wanted to order them so their Salesmen could offer them to cigar shops as an enticement to order their brand of cigars. "Country Gentleman" is the most reproduced version, but others are known to exist. Beware of what is offered, know your market, and know how to determine original items from reproduction items (base material, screws and fasteners, appropriate plating and finishes for the era, appropriate wear patterns and patina).

I have had the one on the right for over 25 years, and STILL see them coming out of India to this day. Most are for sale for over \$250.00. Beware of what is offered and how it's described.

AGAIN, THERE IS NOTHING FOR SALE IN THIS OFFERING. SALES WILL BE CANCELLED. THIS LISTING IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY!!!! Any bid made will be cancelled.

**COUNTRY GENTLEMAN ANTIQUE ADVERTISING CIGAR CUTTER
ASH TRAY SALOON BAR SMOKING (Listing #2)**

REPRODUCTION COUNTRY GENTLEMAN CIGAR CUTTER.

See my other listing on how to spot a reproduction from an original of this item. Know what you are buying. I have a great reputation for selling quality items with FULL disclosure as to what they are. PLEASE see my other listing about this.

(As an aside, someone did a Buy-It-Now of \$1.00 on a prior informational listing, and gave me negative feedback for cancelling their order despite several statements in the listing about there being nothing for sale in the listing. Hence, I was knocked down to a 99.3% positive rating. Check my ratings and you will see who I am and what I do. I'm disputing it, but I'm upfront and have nothing to hide and want collectors to have as much knowledge as possible.)

Again, **THIS IS A REPRODUCTION, NOT AN ORIGINAL.** Condition is as shown. Note the word "Advertising" on the bottom is misspelled as "Abvertising". Also note the base has NO casting number incised (see my other listing for a pic of the bottom of an original piece). Well made and nice chrome plating (not nickel like originals). Nice display piece nonetheless. I've had this for 25 years, but they are STILL coming out of India.

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Editor's note: The seller offered it twice trying to educate buyers. The India version keeps selling well and most times brings more than many other advertising originals just because it is in great condition.

Just For Openers members, I know this is not an opener of some kind but a good article on "Buyer Beware" when buying something that is too good to be true.