Lima 2 Escudos 1709: Fakes Herman Blanton

The fake 2 escudos below was offered for sale as a 2 reales in 2014 for \$465 USD.



Fake Lima 2 Escudos in Silver (Anonymous)

The fake silver 2 escudos above is a very likely copied from the genuine gold specimen below. It seems some touchup adjustments were made in the mold. The obverse (cross) is off center and required significant work in the mold. The reverse (lattice) has some mold adjustments, compare the left crown.



Genuine Lima 2 Escudos 1709
Courtesy ibercoin Auction 9, 29-March-2012, lot 329

Regardless whether the silver specimen was copied from the illustrated genuine coin or not it still must be fake because this design is for gold coins only. The silver coins have the date packed into the bottom center section of the lattice and the obverse has data at each of the four ends of the cross. See a genuine 2 reales specimen illustrated following.



Genuine Lima 2 Reales 1709 Courtesy Cayón Subastas 15-December-2005, lot 4076

Another fake Lima 2 Escudos 1709 is observed from time to time with various quality gold finishes. The example below is fully covered with gold.



Fake Lima 2 Escudos 1709
Courtesy Daniel Frank Sedwick, LLC

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