

One of Only 5 Struck 5 Russ (1/3 Imperial) Gold Patterns of 1895



RUSSIA

1545 1/3 Imperial of 5 Russ Pattern, 1895. St. Petersburg Mint. Nicholas II (1894-1917). Fr-176; KM-Pn144; Bit-341; Sev-550; Uzd-317. **EXCESSIVELY RARE.** Listed in Uzdenikov and Severin as “excessively rare”, however these references do not list a mintage figure. Bitkin lists it as R4, “extremely rare”, with an estimate of two to three copies. Krause and Friedberg each list it with a mintage of a mere 5 pieces.

The smallest of three Russ pattern coins within its series. These patterns, from the unimplemented experimental monetary re-vamp, have remained elusive for decades and with a mintage of only 5 pieces. Including this group (Ex: George Gund III Collection), we are aware of only two other complete sets. One set of all three patterns resides within the Smithsonian museum. Another complete set was auctioned some years ago and it is now in a private collection. This accounts for three out of the five sets minted, which severely limits the possible specimens available to private collections. These coins are paramount atop the list for Russian numismatic rarities of the 19th century.

Bust of Emperor Nicholas II, the legend reads: “By the Grace of God Nicholas II Emperor and Autocrat of all the Russias”; Reverse: Imperial coat of arms, legend is split into three portions, each separated by a small five-petaled rosette. The legend states: “1/3 Imperial”, “5 Rusov” and “1895” followed by “Year”. This illustrious coin possesses a plain edge, instead of an inscribed or a reeded edge usually found on Russian Imperial gold coins.

The strike is bold, crisp and superb. Bright and gorgeous. Beautifully mirrored surfaces display a touch of cameo. NGC has bestowed a stellar grade of **PROOF-65**. This remains the only coin of this type to be graded by either NGC or PCGS. **NGC PROOF-65**.

\$100,000-\$150,000

PCGS # 873211

From the George Gund III Collection.

One of Only 5 Struck 10 Russ (2/3 Imperial) Gold Patterns of 1895



RUSSIA

1546 2/3 Imperial of 10 Russ Pattern, 1895. St. Petersburg Mint. Nicholas II (1894–1917). Fr-174; KM-Pn145; Bit-340; Sev-551; Uzd-315. EXCESSIVELY RARE. Listed in Uzdenikov and Severin as “excessively rare”, however these references do not list a mintage figure. Bitkin lists it as R4, “extremely rare”, with an estimate of two to three copies. Krause and Friedberg each list it with a mintage of a mere 5 pieces.

The second of three Russ pattern coins within its series. These patterns, from the unimplemented experimental monetary revamp, have remained elusive for decades and with a mintage of only 5 pieces. Including this group (Ex: George Gund III Collection), we are aware of only two other complete sets. One set of all three patterns resides within the Smithsonian museum. Another complete set was auctioned some years ago, and it is now in a private collection. This accounts for three out of the five sets minted, which severely limits the possible specimens available to private collections. These coins are paramount atop the list for Russian numismatic rarities of the 19th century.

Bust of Emperor Nicholas II, the legend reads: “By the Grace of God Nicholas II Emperor and Autocrat of all the Russias”; Reverse: Imperial coat of arms, legend is split into three portions, each separated by a small five-petaled rosette. The legend states: “2/3 Imperial”, “10 Rusov” and “1895” followed by “Year”. This illustrious coin possesses a plain edge, instead of an inscribed or a edge pattern usually found on Russian Imperial gold coins.

The strike is bold, crisp and superb. Bright and gorgeous. Beautifully mirrored surfaces display a healthy amount of cameo. NGC has bestowed a stellar grade of **PROOF-65 CAMEO**. This remains the only coin of this type to be graded by either NGC or PCGS. **NGC PROOF-65 CAMEO**. \$100,000-\$150,000

PCGS # 873212

From the George Gund III Collection.

One of Only 5 Struck 15 Russ (1 Imperial) Gold Patterns of 1895



RUSSIA

1547 Imperial of 15 Russ Pattern, 1895. St. Petersburg Mint. Nicholas II (1894-1917). Fr-172; KM-Pn146; Bit-338; Sev-552; Uzd-313. EXCESSIVELY RARE. Listed in Uzdrenikov and Severin as "excessively rare", however these references do not list a mintage figure. Bitkin lists it as R4, "extremely rare", with an estimate of two to three copies. Krause and Friedberg each list it with a mintage of a mere 5 pieces.

The largest of three Russ pattern coins within its series. These patterns, from the unimplemented experimental monetary revamp, have remained elusive for decades and with a mintage of only 5 pieces. Including this group (Ex: George Gund III Collection), we are aware of only two other complete sets. One set of all three patterns resides within the Smithsonian museum. Another complete set was auctioned some years ago, and it is now in a private collection. This accounts for three out of the five sets minted, which severely limits the possible specimens available to private collections. These coins are paramount atop the list for Russian numismatic rarities of the 19th century.

Bust of Emperor Nicholas II, the legend reads: "By the Grace of God Nicholas II Emperor and Autocrat of all the Russias"; Reverse: Imperial coat of arms, legend is split into three portions, each separated by a small five-petaled rosette. The legend states: "Imperial", "15 Rusov" and "1895" followed by "Year". This illustrious coin possesses a plain edge, instead of an inscribed or a reeded edge usually found on Russian Imperial gold coins.

The strike is bold, crisp and superb. Bright and gorgeous Beautifully mirrored surfaces display a slight amount of cameo. NGC has bestowed an excellent grade of **PROOF-63**. This remains the only coin of this type to be graded by either NGC or PCGS. **NGC PROOF-63**.\$150,000-\$200,000

PCGS # 873213

From the George Gund III Collection.