

Vienna Bronze Fakes

NEWSLETTER

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Dear collector of Vienna Bronzes,

As an avid collector myself for a long time it is a big concern of mine to realize how more and more people get fooled by sellers of so called 'Vienna bronzes', particularly on eBay. After monitoring the web for a while I feel obliged to share with you some of the shocking discoveries I made.

The material I collected is quite substantial and I have to split the information. In other words, there will be other newsletters with more surprises.

What is happening out there is simply criminal and even we have been involved without knowing by shipping some genuine bronzes to somebody in the U.K. who now offers dozens of replicas. But I will get back to this issue later.

Actually, **the U.K. appears to be a main source** and a safe haven for these 'products' which, in many cases, are not even reproductions of Vienna Bronzes.

Let me begin with **two dogs** that you see over and over again, described as rare and unique antiques. I have gathered some examples for you and am sure that they are familiar to you.



[VINTAGE AUSTRIAN FRANZ BERGMAN BRONZE BULLDOG GESCHUTZT 8412](#)

[williamsgrandad](#) | [3656](#) | 100.0%



[Vintage Austrian Franz Bergman Bronze Bulldog Geschutzt-8412](#)
[onya.m.888](#) | [226](#) | 100.0%



[Austrian Cold Painted Bronze 'Bulldog' Franz Bergman](#)
[hmsvanguard0](#) | [237](#) | 100.0%



[Victorian Austrian Cold Painted Bronze Franz Bergman Ges...](#)
[dariusznintza](#) | [95](#) | 100.0%



[Victorian Austrian Cold Painted Bronze Franz Bergman Ges...](#)
[dariusznintza](#) | [112](#) | 100.0%

The same seller a little later offering a similar one with a different photo.
You will find more examples from this seller in other newsletters.



[FRANZ BERGMAN COLD PAINTED BRONZE BULLDOG.](#)

[peterdavid6090](#) | [541](#) | 100.0%

Btw, 'peterdavid6090' is an aka account of a very reputed gallery in London
Either he does it on purpose or he is ignorant. In both cases his reputation is at stake.



[COLD PAINTED AUSTRIAN BRONZE BULLDOG FIGURINE](#)

[the-antique-hunters](#) | [2777](#) | 98.8%

EVERYTHING by this seller is faked!

Feedback



Counterfeit Item! Seller Assumes No Responsibility Other Than Refund With Return

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[Wonderful Antique Cold Painted Metal Bulldog Statue](#)

[s.rude.antiques](#) | [2245](#) | 98.5%



[A fine quality vintage cold painted bronze bulldog dog figure, has Bergman stamp](#)
[acquilegia](#) | [2942](#) | 100.0%



[Victorian Austrian Cold Painted Bronze Franz Bergman Gesc...](#)
[avatar5000](#) | [667](#) | 100.0%



[BRONZE BERGMAN BULLDOG B8412 GESCHUTZT](#)

[roychappy](#) | [527](#) | 98.8%
see also the other example below.



[FRANZ XAVIER BERGMAN BRONZE DOG - 8412 PUG - GESCHUTZT](#)
[roychappy](#) | [527](#) | 98.8%



[FRANZ BERGMAN GESCHUTZT 8412 ANTIQUE AUSTRIAN COLD PAINTE...](#)
[collektiques](#) | [263](#) | 98.8%

A nice feedback example:



Seller can't be trusted.

FRANZ BERGMAN GESCHUTZT 8412 ANTIQUE AUSTRIAN COLD PAINTED PUG DOG (#200812



[Franz Bergman Cold Painted Bronze Pug Dog .](#)
[4949jimm](#) | [580](#) | 100.0%



[Lovely Geschutzt 8412 Cold Painted Bronze Pug Dog](#)
[pibbin](#) | [6236](#) | 100.0%



[Cold Painted Bronze Bergman seated Pug Dog Geschutzt 8412](#)
[ricknlol](#) | [422](#) | 100.0%



[BERGMAN COLD PAINTED BRONZE PUG DOG](#)
[roxym20](#) | [396](#) | 100.0%



[FRANZ BERGMAN AUSTRIAN COLD PAINTED BRONZE PUG DOG FULLY ...](#)
[eyaac](#) | [493](#) | 99.4%



[Cold Painted Bronze Bergman seated Pug Dog Geschutzt Mode...](#)

[antiquables_uk](#) | [228](#) | 100.0%



[Rare Vintage Austrian Cold Painted Bronze Bulldog Match S...](#)
[silverdangler](#) | [348](#) | 100.0%



[franz bergman bronze pug dog](#)
[erniebill37](#) | [431](#) | 99.5%



[Franz Bergman Cold Painted Bronze Pug Dog -Geschutzt-8412](#)
[weeshred](#) | [3623](#) | 99.9%



[Rare Franz Bergman Cold Painted Bronze Pug Dog - Geschutz...](#)
[katie-elise](#) | [255](#) | 100.0%



[Bergman Bronze](#)
[cracker1philip](#) | [45](#) | 100.0%



[Cold Painted Bronze seated Pug Dog vienna style](#)
[johnchelsea63](#) | [318](#) | 100.0%

This seller found out what it is and described the dog as a **reproduction**.

Amazing, isn't it?

What do you think this is supposed to be:



You as a knowledgeable collector realize immediately what is wrong. - Indeed, they added **plaques with the Bergmann logo** to the dogs (always identical ones) trying to make ignorant buyers believe that this is a proof of authenticity. Franz Bergmann would turn in his grave. – However, these greedy people made it very obvious to the real collector. Actually, it is the proof for being not genuine at all, particularly under consideration of the misspelling of the word '**GESCHÜTZT**'.

The superficial forgers are not aware of the fact that the German language has Umlauts. The correct spelling would be 'GESCHÜTZT'. You know that this is the equivalent to the English 'copyright' and French 'déposé'.

Somebody from England offered these plaques separately some time ago. Simply incredible.

I believe this is enough to digest for today.

Just one last remark. I am convinced that some sellers do not even know what they are offering. Others, however, particularly those who prefer not to disclose the names of their bidders

in their feedback-profile, know exactly why they have chosen **'private' feedbacks**.
Check the feedbacks of my examples and you will see.

Even I still make mistakes once in a while when buying something online for my personal collection, after thirty-five years! But the examples in this newsletter are just not good enough.

Btw, no need to say that I have reported hundreds of cases to eBay, in vain, as expected. They do not care at all.

So, be careful and stay alert.

Best regards,

Kurt G. Kutt

P.S.

Will be updated with additional examples.

Please consider this report as confidential and do NOT forward it to one of the sellers and warn them. It would jeopardize our campaign.

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