

Vienna Bronze Fakes

NEWSLETTER

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Dear collector,

Wow, what a great response and feedback to my first newsletter exceeding by far my expectations! Thank you so much, especially for sharing your own experiences with me. I must have hit the bull's eye with my initiative. In fact, many collectors seem confused by the machinations of certain circles. And exactly that is a further incentive for me to continue working on this issue.

You probably remember that last time I mentioned we were indirectly involved, as well. And this little article is meant to give you some background information.

A **British** buyer purchased from us and maybe others old genuine Vienna Bronzes. After a while I found out that similar figurines appeared on eBay and other places multiple times, sometimes inflationary as you will see below. – I have collected some examples. The vast majority of the originals came from us, however, not all of them.

You will be surprised.



[Original Antique Bergman Vienna Bronze Two Pigs Kissing -...](#)

[1-stop-emporium](#) | 23960 | 99.5%

This is the 'bad boy' who is behind the scam.

He may also operate also with multiple eBay accounts.

Other sellers may not even know that they are offering reproductions they found on the market or got them from the source. – To know with whom you are dealing with see some of the feedbacks hereunder:

FeedbackFrom/priceDate/time

🚫 knowingly sent a damaged piece. said he could care less if I gave him a negative
Buyer:

to111y (886 )
Sep-19-12 10:04 



- **Reply** by 1-stop-emporium (Sep-20-12 01:00):

Total Nonsense - Look at Photos, item exactly as seen in photos, Rude

Buyer

Ox Bone & Carved Wood Hand Carved Netsuke - Oriental Samurai Warrior - Signed
(#330786894760)GBP 129.00 [View Item](#)

🚫 Not Well Wrapped Or Protected Item Was Damage & **Sarcastic Uncaring Response**
Buyer:



lordslighting (1461 )
Sep-05-12 05:07 

- **Reply** by 1-stop-emporium (Sep-05-12 05:32):

Asked buyer to return for full refund/replacement. Not sure what else he wanted?



18th C Style Print - Thoroughbred Horse & Groom P116 (#320704255843)GBP 6.95 [View Item](#)

🚫 NOT AS DESCRIBED.....Buyer:

roccojackson (450 )
Aug-06-12 15:41 


Swarovski Black Diamond Crystal Toucan Bird on a Wooden Stand - NEW (#330753923020)GBP
499.00 [View Item](#)

🚫 The seller was **extremely impolite** to say the least.
Buyer:

dansnr (98 )
Aug-02-12 00:04 


Bronze Japanese Goddess of Music Benzaiten 7 Luck Gods (#330751504874)

GBP ~~39.00~~


Best Offer Price was Accepted 


🚫 item is not asdescribed


Buyer:
kia6631 ([private](#))

Jul-23-12 18:44 

Oriental Chinese Bowl - Red Cinnabar Lacquer - Dragons - 20cm Diameter (#390425007975)GBP 59.00

 never recieved seller blaming rpyal mail see thier feedback says it all
Buyer:

[dogdaler](#) ([1459](#) )

Jul-11-12 06:34 


- **Reply** by 1-stop-emporium (Jul-11-12 07:10):

Sometimes Royal Mail lose items, refund offered - Illiterate Childish Response

- **Follow-up** by dogdaler (Jul-15-12 07:39):


refund not offered paypal will sort idle **threats by e mail**

Bronze Seated Buddha Statue - Genuine Hot Cast Bronze (#390432627821)GBP 12.00


 This comment has been removed by eBay. [Learn more.](#)

Buyer:

[kleinswitzerland](#) ([1651](#) )


Jun-29-12 01:51 

Japanese Unusual Shape Bronze Mirror - Verdigris Patina - Oriental Birds (#320913321938)GBP 19.00


 This comment has been removed by eBay. [Learn more.](#)

Buyer:

[kleinswitzerland](#) ([1651](#) )


Jun-28-12 02:06 

Japanese Bronze 'Mirror' - Verdigris Patina - Oriental Creatures / Dragon (#330739722025)GBP 19.00


 This comment has been removed by eBay. [Learn more.](#)

Buyer:


[kleinswitzerland](#) ([1651](#) )


Jun-28-12 02:04 

Unusual Shape Japanese Bronze Mirror - Verdigris Patina - Oriental - Man & Bird (#320914597461)GBP 19.00


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Buyer:


[lxd1963415](#) ([98](#) )


Jun-16-12 01:16 

Chinese Plate / Charger - Oriental Dragons Design - Carved Cinnabar Lacquer (#390417262910)GBP 75.00


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Buyer:


[lxd1963415](#) ([98](#) )


Jun-16-12 01:16 

Chinese Vase - Carved Cinnabar Lacquer - Oriental Still Life Scene - 28cm (#330720509544)GBP 59.00


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Buyer:


[lxd1963415](#) ([98](#) )


Jun-16-12 01:16 

Oriental Chinese Box with Lid - Carved Cinnabar Lacquer - Koi Carp Fish & Kylin (#390416336570)GBP 39.00


 slight damage 2 the bottom when i recieved it :

(Buyer:

[twinklebee28](#) ([111](#) )


Jun-09-12 10:31 

Freestanding Mirror Enamelled Sunflowers & Grasshopper (#390387658271)GBP 9.99


 not like photo, second finger is missing, no answers.

Buyer:


[schnee-eiskafee](#) (private)


Jun-05-12 05:13 

Hand Carved & Etched Oxbone Chinese Guanyin Buddha (#330735099493)GBP 50.51


 Bargain - NO! Seller cancelled; reason "Sold out-double inserted". Sloppy or !!!!

Buyer:

[23830453](#) ([31](#) )


May-13-12 02:54 

1934 RILEY MPH - LESNEY MATCHBOX ENGLAND - MODEL CARS - MODELS OF YESTERYEAR Y-3 (#320895843819)GBP 3.20

 Received the item damaged and rang the seller.left message and got no reply

Buyer:


[sully_dealer**40**](#) ([24](#) )

May-02-12 02:40 


- **Reply** by 1-stop-emporium (May-02-12 02:58):


No message received ?! Please call 01283 740414 to resolve this matter

Lovely Pair of Bronze Seated Cherubs with Candleholders on their Shoulders (#330697664596)GBP 140.00


 Refuses to send the item and "claims" that the item is already sold! **Watch out!!**

Buyer:


interbelg ([238](#) )


Apr-15-12 05:46 

Chinese Carved Jade Puzzle / Mystery Ball - Complete with Wooden Stand (#330705758990)GBP 29.00

 badly damaged-seller tells me I'm rude to complain of sloppy packing

Buyer:


swimslaps123 ([731](#) )

Mar-29-12 06:35 

- **Reply** by 1-stop-emporium (Mar-29-12 06:54):

You were rude PERIOD. Item damaged in Transit, refund offered

Wonderful Majolica Style Jardinaire Centrepiece - Cherubs & Swags (#390387133996)GBP 119.00

 did not tell of repair-exorbitant shipping costs-VERY badly packed, damaged

Buyer:

swimslaps123 ([731](#) )


Mar-29-12 06:35




- **Reply** by 1-stop-emporium (Mar-29-12 06:55):


Item was not repaired - Shipping Costs were EXACTLY as charged - nonsense

Stunning Large Majolica Style Jardinaire Centrepiece - Ladies & Children (#320841534525)GBP 95.0

 This comment has been removed by eBay. [Learn more.](#)

Buyer:


hot-ham ([432](#) )

Mar-28-12 11:29 


- **Follow-up** by hot-ham (Apr-02-12 06:32):


Was not rude. Damaged and was falling out of the box. Look at other feedback.

Blackamoor Piano Stool / Plant Stand - Painted Decoration (#320843807286)GBP 161.98

 Beware ! Incompetent Seller! Sells Chinese Repro as Japanese Original! Negative!

Buyer:


lxphat ([1190](#) )

Feb-24-12 00:42 


- Reply by 1-stop-emporium (Feb-24-12 01:02):


Buyer was offered full refund incl postage but refused & preferred to keep item

Hand Carved Ox Bone & Carved Wood Netsuke - Japanese Lady with Devil Mask (#390381367559)GBP 125.00

 Beware ! Incompetent Seller! Sells Chinese Repro as Japanese Original! Negative!

Buyer:


lxphat ([1190](#) )

Feb-21-12 23:13 


- Reply by 1-stop-emporium (Feb-22-12 00:55):


Buyer was offered full refund incl postage but refused & preferred to keep item

Japanese Hand Carved Ox Bone Netsuke - Two Panda Bears eating Bamboo - Signed (#330670893676)GBP 137.88


 the item discribed came without its lid and it has still not arrived.

Buyer:


champasack831 ([56](#) )


Feb-13-12 15:17 

Lovely Oriental Chinese Large Glass Hand Painted Scent Bottle - Artist Signed (#330665107344)GBP 19.00


 No good. He is not able to pack shipments and he is not able to solve problems.

Buyer:

matontesandro ([172](#) )


Jan-11-12 04:37 

Large Ships Boat Wheel - Wood & Brass - ??" Diameter (#320796900340)GBP 109.00













 I bought 9 December and nothing has come in 15 days

Buyer:

sertorivspriscvs ([201](#) )

Dec-22-11 07:32 

Stunning Bronze Sculpture - Borghese Gladiator - Naked (#390370013279) GBP 129.00

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| <p> I bought 9 December and nothing has come in 15 days</p> <p>Marble Bust Greek Mythological Hero Ajax Homer's Iliad (#320803548043)</p> | <p>Buyer:</p> <p>sertorivspriscvs (201 )</p> <p>GBP 59.00</p> | <p>Dec-22-11 07:31 </p> |
| <hr/> | | |
| <p> This comment has been removed by eBay. Learn more.</p> <p>Naked Bronze Lady Art Nouveau Pin Tray / Jewellery Tray (#330643086552)</p> | <p>Buyer:</p> <p>nelliejelly (733 )</p> <p>GBP 12.00</p> | <p>Dec-09-11 13:42 </p> |
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| <p> never got item</p> <p>Bronze Rabbit Holding a Carrot - Solid Marble Base (#390359826122)</p> | <p>Buyer:</p> <p>rickymonca2009 (316 )</p> <p>GBP 31.98</p> | <p>Dec-03-11 04:33 </p> |
| <hr/> | | |
| <p> disappointed the clock was a FAKE and not a genuine antique as described</p> <p>Stunning French Bronze Mantle Clock with Winged Cherubs (#330614740547)</p> | <p>Buyer:</p> <p>michaels871 (792 )</p> <p>GBP 51.00</p> | <p>Nov-14-11 18:21 </p> |
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The seller appears to have some influence on eBay: some of the comments got removed. He sells a lot of items of Chinese origin and our theory is that even these 'Vienna Bronzes' were forged in China.



Bergman Bronze cold painted kissing pigs
[cracker1philip](#) | 38 | 100.0%



RARE ORIGINAL ANTIQUE BERGMAN AUSTRIAN COLD PAINTED BRONZ...
abcollectables0125 | 3121 | 100.0%



RARE ORIGINAL ANTIQUE BERGMAN AUSTRIAN COLD PAINTED BRONZ...
abcollectables0125 | 3188 | 100.0%
A second sale of the same item.



A Franz Bergman Bronze Hare
bigskol | 307 | 100.0%



STUNNING QUALITY COLD PAINTED BRONZE OF A RUNNING HARE 4....
pabulum | 866 | 100.0%



SUPERB DETAILED COLD PAINTED BRONZE HARE SIGNED BERGMAN

[pugmania62](#) | 698 | 98.9%

Keep an eye on this seller who disappeared for a while. I suspect he got temporarily suspended.

We observe him since a long time and not a single bronze was genuine.



Antique Franz Bergman Vienna Bronze Running Rabbit/Hare -...
[nadroj992012](#) | 0

A newcomer from the U.S. with nothing but these fakes.
See also below.



[Antique Bergman Vienna Bronze Pug Dog wearing Life Ring -...](#)
[nadroj992012](#) | 0



[Cold Painted Bronze Pug dog Figure In a Life Saving Ring](#)
[Member id courtrade](#) | [Feedback Score Of 956](#) | 100.0%



[Cold Painted Bronze Pug dog Figure In a Life Saving Ring](#)
[courtrade](#) | [982](#) | 100.0%
Another second sale of the same item.



VERY RARE FRANZ BERGMAN COLD PAINTED BRONZE FIGURE COMICA...
[y-bri-collectables](#) | [1509](#) | 100.0%



VERY RARE FRANZ BERGMAN BRONZE
[foodsimon123](#) | [588](#) | 99.4%



AMUSING AUSTRIAN COLD PAINTED BRONZE FIGURE OF A PUG DOG ...
antdeco | 1157 | 100.0%



ANTIQUE AUSTRIAN COLD PAINTED BRONZE OF PUG DOG WITH LIFE...
benalf2601 | 2750 | 99.6%
You will also find this guy also below with other fake pieces



COLD PAINTED AUSTRIAN BRONZE PUG DOG SWIMMER
di_1980 | 787 | 99.5%



FRANZ BERGMAN COLD PAINTED VIENNA BRONZE "LEARNING TO SWI...
joyzonethings | 2876 | 99.8



ORIGINAL RARE BERGMAN VIENNA BRONZE CAT ' PUSS IN BOOTS '...
take-a-peep | 1887 | 100.0%



Austrian Cold Painted Bronze Puss in Boots, Franz Bergman
flogitnat | 216 | 99.5%



Bergman Cold Painted Bronze Puss in Boots - Great Condition
forcedair2 | 347 | 100.0%



Antique Bergman Vienna Bronze Pug Dog on Potty Reading Ne...
1-stop-emporium | 24123 | 99.5%



[Pug on Potty Vienna Bronze Bergman](#)
[leonardsgreatstuff](#) | [1215](#) | 99.7%



COLD PAINTED BRONZE LION RUG MODEL - MARKED AUSTRIA - B -...
dantiques01 | 5343 | 100.



COLD PAINTED BRONZE LION RUG MODEL - MARKED AUSTRIA - B -...
dantiques01 | 5372 | 100.0%
Another sale of another copy



[ANTIQUE AUSTRIAN COLD PAINTED BERGMAN BRONZE BEAR](#)
[nbantiques12x9](#) | [235](#) | 100.0%
you will find this seller with several other fakes



Antique Vienna bronze miniture lion skin rug dolls house
classiccollectables3 | 200 | 99.5%



Original Bergman Vienna Bronze Lion Skin Rug - Cold Paint...
nadroj992012 | 3 | 100.0%

This seller appeared just recently and you will find him with
Many examples in our reports. Their items are all from the
source in the U.K.



Franz Bergmann 5 inch Long Bronze Lion Sculpture on Tiger...
atm11 | 4065 | 99.9%



Antique Austrian Vienna Cold Painted ARAB Smoking Pipe, L...

leeaton11 | 681 | 100.0%

It is based nude art nouveau lady lying in a tiger skin to the 'gentleman' and it appears that they creatively 'married' the tiger skin with other copies. See below:




Bergman cold painted bronze nude on rug vienna namgreb erotic figure

ednumber5 | 325 | 100.0%




Antique Vienna Bronze Signed NAMGREB BERGMAN of a naked lady on a tiger rug

secondhandorangerose (1247 )

 **FAKE!** Stay Don't Stray is a fake, checked with benefit. Received full refund!

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Buyer:

5412rach ([220](#) )

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29-Apr-12 11:27



Private



[Bergman Bronze Zebra Rug Paper Weight](#)
[avatar5000](#)



[Franz Bergman Zebra Skin. Cold Painted Bronze Paperweight](#)
[aloealoenaturally](#) | 1082 | 100.0%



[Franz Bergman Zebra Skin. Cold Painted Bronze Paperweight](#)
[aloealoenaturally](#) | 1091 | 100.0%

Another second sale.



[VERY UNUSUAL OLD AUSTRIAN PAINTED BRONZE ZEBRA RUG](#)
[muddygardener](#) | 189 | 100.0%



[ANTIQUÉ BERGMAN AUSTRIA COLD PAINTED BRONZE ALLIGATOR](#)
[montys_pad](#) | [218](#) | 97.

And here comes the worst example:



[PAINTED BRONZE FIGURE FRENCH BULLDOG STAMPED B FANTASTIC ...](#)
[bowman0_0](#) | [461](#) | 99.7%



[PAINTED BRONZE FIGURE FRENCH BULLDOG STAMPED B FANTASTIC ...](#)
[...bowman0_0](#) | [489](#) | 99.7%

The seller sold at least two!



Superb Franz Bergman Cold Painted Bronze - French Bulldog
marshall1568 | 3148 | 100.0%



[Superb Franz Bergman Cold Painted Bronze - French Bulldog](#)
[Member id marshall1568](#) | [Feedback Score Of 3172](#) | 100.0%



Superb Franz Bergman Cold Painted Bronze - French Bulldog
marshall1568 | 3222 | 100.0%

A seller offering even a third piece just a short time later – see the different feedback score



[FRANZ BERGMAN BRONZE FIGURE - FRENCH BULLDOG](#)
[stillhere!!](#) | [5276](#) | 99.8%



Bergman Cold Paint Bronze of French Bulldog with the B m...
isgs160644 | 608 | 100.0%



FABULOUS ANTIQUE SIGNED BERGMAN COLD PAINTED BRONZE BRIND...
globusantiques | 588 | 99.7%



Franz Bergman French Bulldog. Cold Painted Bronze. Qualit...
barrypeps | 34 | 100.0%



Franz Bergman French Bulldog. Cold Painted Bronze. Qualit...
barrypeps | 46 | 100.0%

A seller with multiple sales



Gorgeous Cold Painted Bronze French Bulldog by Franz Bergman
daveg2507 | 9379 | 100.0%



[Gorgeous Cold Painted Bronze French Bulldog by Franz Bergman](#)
[daveg2507](#) | [9435](#) | 100.0%

Another seller with multiple sales



Franz Bergman Cold Painted Austrian Bronze French Bulldog...
muddyfunster2001 | 19031 | 99.9%



Cold Painted Franz Bergman Bronze Dog - French Bulldog
tarka-collectables | 984 | 100.0%



BERGMAN COLD PAINTED BRONZE BULL DOG/ FRENCH BULLDOG

ruth19610 | 197 | 98.8%



Superb Franz Bergman Cold Painted Bronze - French Bulldog

ricknlol | 431 | 100.0%



Bergman Bronze

cracker1philip | 42 | 100.0%



[Franz Bergman Cold Painted Bronze French Bulldog with Fou...](#)

[nana-rosie](#) | [1154](#) | 100.0%

Again, a lot to digest, I think.

If you want to know more about these scammers just **contact me**. I have everything on file, name, address, website etc.

It's not only that it may hurt our business and others but we see this trend since quite a while and eBay is not very helpful to stop it.

If you have doubts when seeing something on eBay or somewhere else please don't hesitate and contact me. Being an avid collector since thirty five years with literally thousands of bronzes having gone through my hands I may be able to identify the piece.

So, good luck with your hunt.

More next time.

Kurt G. Kutt

P.S.


Will be updated with additional examples.

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