

Dillon Gage Metals Calculates The Iconic Oscar Statuettes Worth

ADDISON, Texas (Feb. 6, 2020) – [Dillon Gage](#), the world leader in physical precious metals, answers the hypothetical question: If the most recognized trophy in the world was solid gold what would an Oscar statuette be worth?

The iconic Oscar statuette was designed by Cedric Gibbons and sculpted by George Stanley in 1928. The design has not changed, though the size of the base changed in 1945, and still the same trophy awarded to winners at the Academy Awards each year. According to [Oscars.org](#) the design is, “A stylized figure of a knight holding a crusader's sword standing on a reel of film with five spokes signifying the five original branches of the Academy (actors, directors, producers, technicians and writers). No model was used during the design process.”

Of course, the statuette is not made of solid gold, but how much would it be worth if it was? When the question is raised, the answer is frequently based on the actual weight of the statuette, however that will not add up to the correct value, since the metal that an Oscar is comprised of is far less dense than gold.

The best way to estimate the cost is to determine how much gold it takes to fill the volume of the 13.5-inch tall award. The statuettes weigh 8.5 pounds and are comprised of solid bronze and plated in 24-karat gold. Bronze is a pewter-like alloy called Britannia metal, which is 92 percent tin, 6 percent antimony and 2 percent copper.



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To simplify determining the approximate value and weight of a solid gold Oscar, we will base our calculations on the cubic centimeters of 8.5 pounds of tin, since that is the statuette’s primary metal.

The [weight to volume calculator](#) shows 8.5 pounds of tin (the weight of the Oscar) = 530.70 cubic centimeters.

Next, [one determines the amount of gold needed to fill 530.70 cc](#). One pound of 24K gold = 23.52 cc. $530.70/23.52 = 22.57$ pounds of gold.

Calculating mass, there are 14.5833 troy ounces for each pound of gold.

Thus, $22.57 \times 14.58 = 329.07$ troy ounces.

Next, multiply 329.07 troy ounces against the spot price of gold—currently \$1,566.94 per ounce. Thus, a “solid gold” Oscar statuette would be worth \$515,632.95! That really would be the stuff that dreams are made of!

In reality, the prized iconic gold-plated statuettes are valued around \$400 each. Of course, ask anyone who has won an Oscar, and they'll likely tell you the value to them "priceless."

The 92nd Academy Awards can be seen Sunday, February 9, at 8 p.m. EST on ABC.

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