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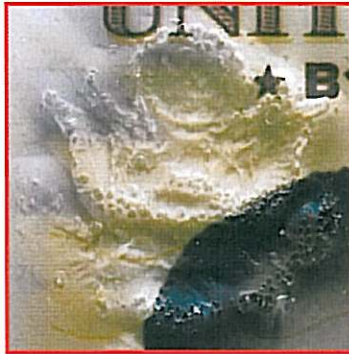
Counterfeit DSP-150s

CBP officers in San Ysidro, California intercepted several Mexican nationals in possession of counterfeit B1/B2 Visa/Border Crossing Cards (DSP-150). These are forgeries of the latest version of the DSP-150, issued since October 2008.

The counterfeit cards contain a crude simulation of the tactile eagle image from the Great Seal, which overlaps the top left corner of the photo panel (shown below).

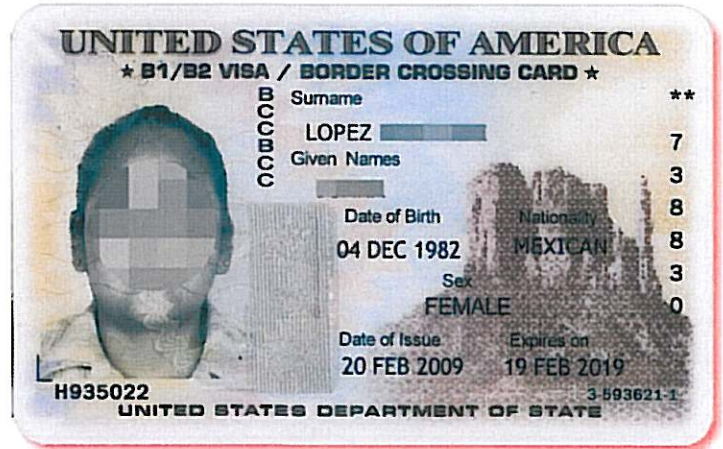


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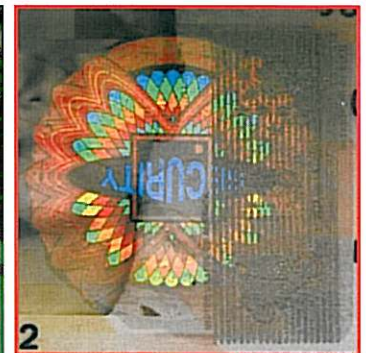


Counterfeit

The genuine DSP-150 contains a circular optically variable device which overlaps the bearer's image. The counterfeit cards contain a circular optically variable device as well, yet the design in the device bears no resemblance to the genuine galactic eagle design (shown at right).

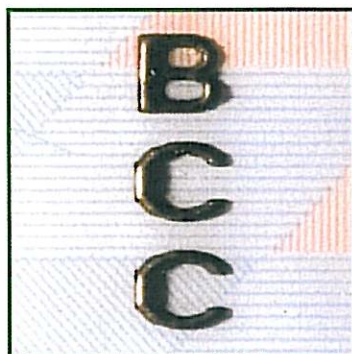


Genuine



Counterfeit

On the genuine card, selected letters of the vertical text "BCCBCC" are tactile, while others are not (shown below). On the counterfeit cards, none of the letters feel raised. Also, note the poor quality of background print on the counterfeit card pictured.



Genuine



Counterfeit



The genuine card contains an elaborate eagle design visible when viewed with ultraviolet light (shown above). The counterfeit cards lacked all ultraviolet-reactive features.



