Fake Passport

Recognizing Fake Passports In Photos Shared By Scammers

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This is a REAL U.S. Passport

Because of International Conventions almost all passports are constructed similarly – with the same requirements for elements and information.

U.S. Passports are the most commonly faked by scammers.
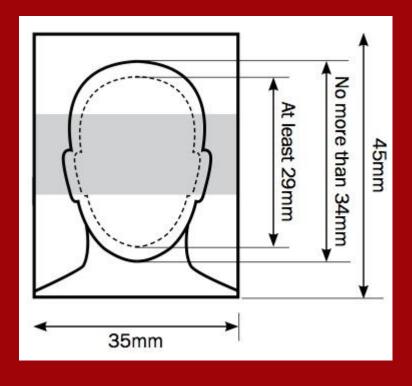
Look carefully! What do you see?
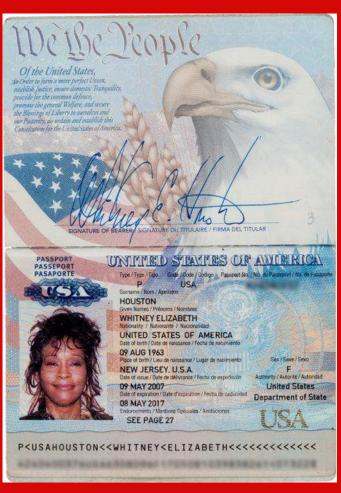
Passport Photo

A passport photo must follow international standards
- Face to the front
- Full face
- Show ear
- Size of head
- Proportions In photo
- Light plain or transparent Background
- No complex background
- Logo/Graphics overlap
- No border
- Rectangular shape
- Might be second photo on some countries passports
- Perfectly in focus

Passport Signature

Passports allow free-form signatures

- Signature in blue or black ink
- A real signature not printed text
- May be on main page or on facing page
- May be any size
- Should match the name printed on the passport since both are the legal name of the passport holder
- Unaltered – blackground clearly showing under the signature

Passport Text

Passports have pre-printed and typed printed text (holder's information)

- Pre-printed text can be any color – typically consistent with the passport coloration
- Printed personal information shoup always be black ink
- All printed text should be the same font – shape and size
- Main information should be printed fully aligned – like in example
- Printed text is designed to be read by scanners so must be clear sans serif type font
- Passport number may be different size

Passport Language

Passports will have their language in English and the language of the country of origin
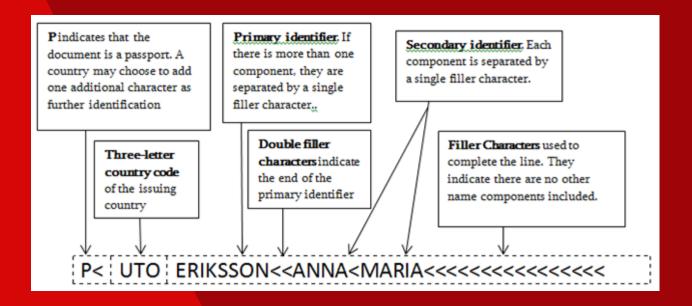
- All of the data and fields will be in Roman Type Face for international travel passports
- Some countries have internal passports in their native language
- Will be native language first in pre-printed text and then English
- U.S. Passports show English, French, and Spanish pre-printed text

Passport Bottom Text

Passports have machine readable data at the bottom
- Uses distinctive machine readable font
- Two rows – one for name, one for passport number
- Strictly roman characters - Ñ would be N, Ü would be U
- Name must match text above
- Passport number must match number above

P indicates that the document is a passport. A country may choose to add one additional character as further identification

Three-letter country code of the issuing country

Primary identifier. If there is more than one component, they are separated by a single filler character.

Double filler characters indicate the end of the primary identifier

Secondary identifier. Each component is separated by a single filler character.

Filler Characters used to complete the line. They indicate there are no other name components included.

`P< UTO ERIKSSON<<ANNA<MARIA<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<`

Passport Example

This is real?

Passport Example

This is fake

What is different?

Passport Example

Is this fake?

Passport Example

Is this fake?

Why?

HOW TO SPOT A FAKE PASSPORT

Review

1: In Focus / Out Of Focus
2: Alignment Of Text
3: Fake Watermarks/Holograms
4: No holograms On Photo
5: Incorrect Spacing In Machine Text
6: Incorrect Machine Text Type Face/Font
7: Signature Does Noty Match Name

REPUBLIC OF GHANA / REPUBLIQUE DU GHANA

Signature of bearer / Signature du titulaire

Passport/Passeport
Type/Type P
Code/Code GHA
Passport No/Passeport No H1156481

Surname/Nom
OSAI

Other names/Prénoms
WILLIAMS

Nationality/Nationalité
GHANAIAN

Residence/Residence
GHANA

Date of birth/Date de naissance
06 SEP/SEP 75

Sex/Sexe F / F
Place of birth/Lieu de naissance
ACCRA

Place of issue/Lieu de délivrance
ACCRA

Date of issue/Date de délivrance
03 JAN/JAN 06

Date of Expiry/Date d'expiration
03 JAN/JAN 16

P<GHAOSAI<<WILLIAMS<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<
H1156481<4GHA750906F152407K<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Passport Passeport

Type/Type P
Code of issuing/Code de l'État émetteur GBR
Passport No/Passeport No. 701639209

Surname/Nom (1)
DENNIS

Given names/Prénoms (2)
STELLA

Nationality/Nationalité (3)
BRITISH CITIZEN

Date of birth/Date de naissance (4)
4 / JUNE / JUIL / 71

Children/Enfants (5)
2

Sex/Sexe (6) F
Place of birth/Lieu de naissance (7)
LONDON

Date of issue/Date de délivrance (8)
22 JAN / JAN 98

Authority/Autorité (9)
UNITED KINGDOM
PASSPORT AGENCY

Date of expiry/Date d'expiration (10)
22 JAN / JAN 09

Observations-page/Observations-page (11)

CAN YOU SEE WHAT'S WRONG HERE?

P< DENNIS << STELLA <<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<
7016392091GBR7107138M0801224<<<<<<<<<<<<<08

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Quick Guide
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2: Fake Photo Has A Background
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Under New Fake Photo

3: Type Font Not The Same (Look At "G"s)

4: Fake & Original Text Color Not The Same

5: Original Passport Text Is Not Same

6: Check If Text Does Not Align With Original

7: Bottom Text Does't Align With Page Edge

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Review

U.S. Visa

Same basic rules apply to U.S. Visas

- Photos
- Printed Text
- Alignment
- Matching information
- Machine readable text

Got it?

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Share The Knowledge!