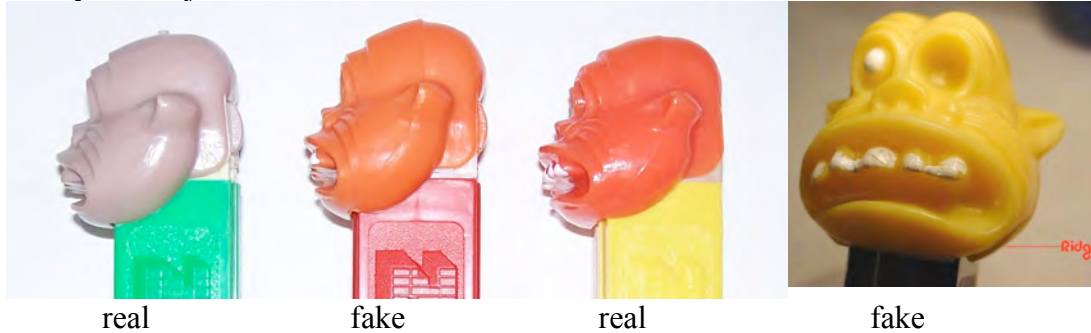


Avoiding the Hong Kong Fakes

Things to watch for to avoid the Fake One Eye Monster, Indian Chief, Pony-Go-Round and Mimic the Monkey originating from sellers in Hong Kong.

- 1 Do not purchase PEZ on eBay from Plaaay-Pal, previously known as Simpson!!, mocollection or sealordshop or from eBayers who frequently purchase from them.
2. The best way to be sure you are buying a genuine vintage PEZ is to deal with reputable dealers, in person or at conventions when possible. Nothing can replace having a piece in your hands for a close inspection prior to making a purchase!

The most visible things to look out for on **One Eye Monster** are the slope of the forehead and where the peak of the head is. It should be to the back of the head, not at the center seam. Also watch out for a sharp, uneven ridge where the front and back of the mold do not line up on the one eye's left jowl or cheek.



2.6 Austria stems – there are two different versions of the fakes. One has a nick mark 1/8” below the top edge on the right as you look at it, just beside the center seam ridge. There is also a nick on the back of the stem, approximately half way down, on the left of the center seam on the ridge. The pebbling is distinctly different but harder to see than on the second version which is most distinguishable by the widely spaced dot pattern.

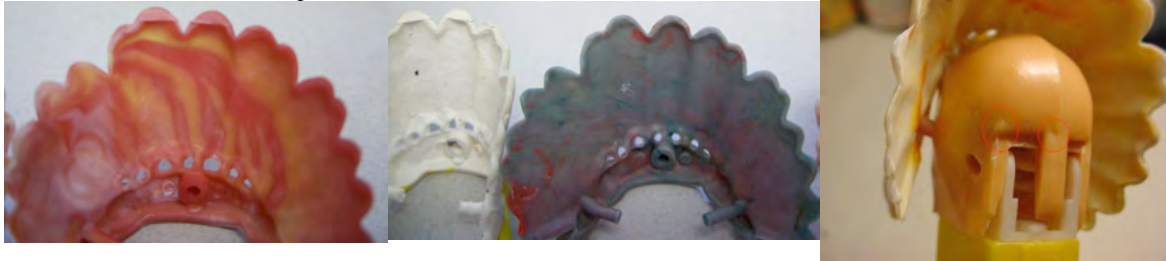


Nick on stem

fake pebbling pattern

fake pebbling pattern

Indian Chief – the most easily visible distinction is the flat edge that should be seen on the back of the headdress. The fake does not have the flat edge, it is all evenly rounded. If marbled, the colors should flow together, not have clumps or strings of color. Also look for the bump at the left corner on the head just above the sleeve.



Flat edge on real headdress flat no flat edge on fake fake has bump

Ponies – the first and most obvious thing to look for is the fit of the mane. It should fit snugly around the head of the pony. Look also at the size of the eyes. The fake pony eyes are much smaller. Check the fit of the bridle – it should fit snugly in place around the nose.



Loose fit on fake, snug on real small eye fake

Buy from reputable dealers. Join the PezHeads List, the Pez Community Forum or myspace4pezheads. A great deal of information is shared among pezheads in these venues!

For additional photos and information check out the following websites:

http://www.mnpezcon.com/pony_compare.html

<http://rmorrow7.photosite.com/Album4/>

A copy of the Fakes Seminar Powerpoint presentation by Chris Jordan will be available on www.pezcollectors.com and will be available on the MNPezCon past seminars site.

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