

Luxury Bag Verification Checklist

Hermès · Chanel · Louis Vuitton · Dior · Gucci

How to use this checklist: Run through each checkpoint when receiving your order. Items meeting all checkpoints = top-tier rep. Items failing 2+ checkpoints = standard-tier or below — negotiate price or request replacement before final acceptance. For category-specific verification protocols and price tier benchmarks, see the full guide URL at the bottom of this PDF.

HERMÈS BIRKIN / KELLY (7 checkpoints)

■ Saddle stitching

4-5 stitches per cm (two-needle hand-stitch). Single-needle machine stitching = mid-tier or below.

■ Blind embossing

Hermès letter mark depth ~0.3mm below leather surface. Lushentics-tier matches; standard-tier shows shallow ~0.1mm.

■ Leather grain

Togo (visible pebble grain), Epsom (cross-hatch), Clemence (loose pebble), Box (smooth shine). Verify by visual match to authentic reference.

■ Hardware tone

Palladium (cool white) or gold (warm yellow). Top-tier maintains tone after 6 months; standard-tier oxidizes/tarnishes.

■ Lock & key

Hermès lock mechanism turns smoothly without lubricant. Standard-tier may stick or require lube.

■ Stamp letterpress

Year stamp (square = current decade, circle = previous) impressed cleanly. Standard-tier shows raised edges.

■ Dust bag

Authentic Hermès dust bag: orange cotton with brown drawstring + Hermès print. Check stitching consistency.

CHANEL CLASSIC FLAP (6 checkpoints)

■ Diamond quilting

Quilting alignment continuous across panel seams. Top-tier maintains; standard breaks at corners.

■ Double-C logo

Interlocking CC clasp — both Cs equal weight, balanced spacing, smooth turn mechanism.

■ Leather grain

Lambskin (soft buttery) or caviar (pebbled grain). Authentic caviar is denser than rep — feel the weight.

■ Hardware tone

Gold-tone or silver-tone matches the season's authentic offering.

■ Authenticity card

Hologram sticker + serial number on card matching interior leather stamp. Top-tier replicates the hologram pattern accurately.

■ Stitching count

5-6 stitches per cm in saddle-stitch construction (lambskin); 6-7 (caviar).

LOUIS VUITTON (5 checkpoints)

■ Monogram alignment

Monogram pattern continues across panel seams without breaking. Symmetry visible top-to-bottom.

■ Date code

6-character code (2 letters + 4 digits). Authentic code format varies by factory + year — cross-reference with online date code databases.

■ Leather grain

Coated canvas (Monogram/Damier) or genuine leather (Empreinte). Touch-test stiffness.

■ Hardware

Brass tone with shallow LV logo engraving. Standard-tier engraving may be raised rather than recessed.

■ Heat stamp

'Louis Vuitton Made in France/Spain/USA' heat stamp inside, clear letterpress.

DIOR SADDLE / BOOK TOTE (5 checkpoints)**■ CD clasp**

Antique gold-tone hardware with Dior engraving.

■ Cannage quilting (Lady Dior)

Diamond cannage stitching pattern aligned across all panels.

■ Charm hardware

D-I-O-R letter charms hang freely with consistent spacing.

■ Leather grain

Calfskin smooth or grained pattern; Book Tote uses canvas with embroidered text.

■ Stitching

5-6 stitches per cm, saddle-stitched edges.

GUCCI (4 checkpoints)**■ Interlocking GG logo**

Double-G logo proportional, no skew, balanced spacing in monogram canvas.

■ Web stripe

Iconic green-red-green stripe alignment continuous across panels.

■ Hardware tone

Antique gold or palladium matching season.

■ Serial number

Embossed leather tab inside with 2-line serial + 'Made in Italy'.