

Political Dagger Grading Scale

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Subtract the indicated number of points from a dagger to determine the grade. Obviously, if a particular flaw does not apply (i.e. leather damage does not apply to SS daggers), just skip the flaw. Once a raw score is achieved, determine the grade using the grading scale presented below.

<p>BLADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Forging flaws(1-2) Runner marks(2) Sharpening(1-3) Corrosion(2) Pitting(1) Scuffs(1-3) Plating loss(2) Polishing (denoted by loss of cross graining)(1) Detail loss to etch(1) Frosting loss to etch(1) Scratches <p>FITTINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Wear to high points(1) Marred screw heads(1-3) Missing parts(1) External fitting scuffing <p>SCABBARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Leather impact points(1) Anodizing loss(1-3) Rust(1-3) Dents or creases(1-3) Paint loss(1) Paint Scratches(1) Paint crazing(1-3) Leather tears(1-3) Gilting loss(1) Laqueur loss(1) Fitting damage <p>GRIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Grip impact points(1-3) Plating loss to fittings(1) Fitting corrosion(1-3) Grip crack(2) Missing leather(1) Leather Discoloration(1) Grip chips	<p>GENERAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Loose parts(5) Repairs(2) Non-textbook features(2) Mismatched parts(1) Ill-fitting parts <p>Grading Score:</p> <p>MINT 96-100 NM 90-95 EXC++ 85-89 EXC+ 80-84 EXC 75-79 VG 70-74 G 65-69 F 60-64 P 0-59</p>
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