



**Record prices** for the last quarter were discussed for numerous *Top 100 varieties*. As this Top 100 Value Guide was written, a PCGS 61 1878 7/3 TF VAM 44, long considered the “King” of Morgan dollar varieties, sold for a whopping \$10,200.01 on E-Bay. The last recorded sale of a VAM 44 in the same grade was \$4730., back in the Fall, 2004. A common 1878 7/3 TF Morgan dollar in MS 61 trades for about \$150.

VAM is an acronym for Leroy Van Allen and A. George Mallis who were first to catalog varieties of obverse and reverse dies called die pairs by VAM number

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**1878 7/3 TF VAM 44 Obverse.  
The King of Morgan dollar Varieties!**