

r/Prada Legit Check Guide

Introduction and Disclaimers

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A lot of fakes become very obvious when compared to legit pieces. Feel free to compare your items to the pictures provided before asking for a legit check. 🙌

Bags

Zippers will either be made by Lampo (can also be a big „Y“), Riri, Tat, IPI, or Opti. In general, every zipper used in a Prada bag should have branding on the back. Please keep in mind that there can be different types of zippers between pieces, but they must be one of the four brands.

Examples: <https://imgur.com/a/kwihpF9>

Lampo and Riri zippers are the most common in vintage bags. A good portion of fake bags don't have branded zippers of any kind, so this is an easy way to spot bad fakes.

Linea Rossa (Prada Sport)

Legit pieces all have a red 'tab' logo. Whereas some Linea Rossa clothing pieces can have white lettering on the red tab, the vintage bags are always red on red (red lettering on the red tab). If not, they are fake.

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/qDD7Kg0>

The tags inside the bag are always sewn in with a zig-zag-stitching:

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/kX0OU61>

It's also supposed to look like this and is always made of soft, see-through plastic.

Mainline (Triangle Logo) Bags

Bags with the triangle logo on the front always also have a square shaped logo on the inside:

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/6qZZSvx>

Both logos can help verify a piece as authentic by looking at the Prada lettering. When looking at the 'R,' there should be a small space in this place:

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/ktpYqAE>

It's very important to not only look if the cut is there, because fake bags can still have it. But if the cut is indeed missing, the bag is most likely fake.

Make sure to also compare the logo text font as a whole. Fake bags often have different letters that are longer, thinner, etc.

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/Jv0Ygk2>

Another quick way to verify authenticity is to look at the stitching. Prada bags are always high quality and when it comes to the stitching, nothing should be crooked or look cheap. Places to check are: the stitching that secures the logos, the stitching on the leather zippers, and the stitching at the top of the bag around the zipper.

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/MfJVZII>

Lastly, there should also be a small white tag inside with a number on it:

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/qnZhHIJ>

Linea Rossa (Red Tab) Bags

Some handbags might also have a red stripe that looks a little different from those on the normal Linea Rossa bags. These bags should also have the square logo inside and the red tab also always has red text (red on red).

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/lMnKTrT>

Clothing

In general, every large plastic brand tag should be sewn in with zigzag stitching:

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/dFpaSFe>

The zippers should also have the same branding as the bags (see the second section). However, some zippers can have numbers on the back too:

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/yJllqYn>

Every clothing item has multiple tags inside. There are multiple types of tags for different years of productions and different lines of the brand. Every piece should have a size- and wash tag inside, but there can be differences in their appearance.

Small Black or White Tag

Newer mainline pieces usually have a black or white tag sewn in at the neck. Normally the black tag will be sewn in with two stitches, one in each of the top corners, or with four stitches, one in each corner. The white ones are usually used in formal pants and are crooked on each end.

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/SIWOB6j>

This example tag has some patterned lines on the top and bottom. If such a detail is the case, the tag should only say “PRADA MADE IN ITALY,” and a size number (for example 38) in some cases.

Red Cotton Tag

Some vintage pieces have a red tag with white lettering:

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/YqWdsam>

You should not be able to see the stitching from the front since it's behind the crinkle on each side. Also the tag should have this texture:

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/CLKdlPz>

Lastly, the ‘R’ in Prada has to have a small notch/cut.

Linea Rossa Cotton Tag

Here, you should find a gray tag with the red Linea Rossa logo on it:

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/NI5ITeG>

The tag is normally sewn in with two stitches, one stitch in each of the top corners. There are also two lines of stitching across the bottom and top of the tag. Pieces with this tag normally have white size- and wash tags.

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/nXOwm6J>

Linea Rossa Small Plastic Tag

You should see a small plastic tag with “PRADA MADE IN ITALY,” sewn in with two stitches, one in each top corner.

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/Zb3Jhlj>

These types of tags are only used in clothing that isn’t outerwear like polo shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. Compared to the other plastic used in Prada clothing these tags are harder and thicker.

Linea Rossa Plastic Tags in Pants

These tags are made of a soft plastic and have the Linea Rossa logo and “MADE IN ITALY” on them. This tag is only used in vintage Prada Sport/ Linea Rossa pants.

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/aRyAtdT>

The material should be very soft and thin. The lettering will be a little bit elevated. The upper part of this tag is always covered under the material of the pants.

Big Linea Rossa Tags

These tags are only used in bags and outerwear like vests or jackets. They are always sewn in with a zig-zag-stitching and the writing, numbers, etc. should be lined up like this:

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/dFpaSFe>

Fakes often use a wrong font or poor lettering for the logo.

Wash Tags and Size Tags

wash tags in newer pieces are always black. Before them there is a tag saying “PRADA”

Example <https://imgur.com/a/a3eLE9b>

Vintage wash tags can either be black or white. Since the washing and drying instructions are often washed out or faded, the best way to do a legit check is looking at the size tag. This tag is usually attached in front of the other tags. It’s a small square with the size (for example, 38) on it. Prada pieces either have a number (for example, 38) or a letter (for example, M). Suiting will always have a number and never a letter.

Legit size tags look like this:

Example: <https://imgur.com/a/SZdxNXC>

The font has small spaces inside the number/letter. Any item with a different font is fake.