

ROUTE 66 ROAD SIGNS

- FROM ORIGINAL DIES -

Historically, the first U.S. highway markers were released in the 1920s by the Bureau of Public Roads, then part of the Department of Agriculture. Which is why they have the same shape as the familiar USDA stamp. Letters and numerals in these U.S. highway markers were deeply embossed on a heavy-gauge, 16-inch x 16-inch steel shield, as in the Missouri sign below. These were the best loved and most prized of all Route 66 markers.



And as you can imagine, Route 66 markers taken from the highway (in one way or another) are prized collectibles. These official highway markers bring astronomical prices, however, and antiqued forgeries have been sold to the unwary for \$1,500 and up. Beware! Flat aluminum reproductions costing up to \$100 are usually inaccurate and merely silk screened.

So it was a pleasure to find a family-owned company with *original* stamping dies from the 1920s. Cost of one of their signs to our visitors is \$55, plus \$6 UPS shipping within the US. MN and SD residents add tax. We're a nonprofit site, too, so this is a very good price.

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