

# PROVENANCE BRIEF

2012 National Treasures – Rookie Material Signatures  
Brad Peacock – Serial No. 55/99

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## I. Executive Summary

This provenance brief establishes the condition of rarity, authentication history, and archival significance of the 2012 National Treasures Brad Peacock Rookie Material Signatures card, serial-numbered 55/99 and graded GEM MINT 10 — the only known example to receive this grade from PSA.

Given the extremely low gem rates associated with thick-stock National Treasures patch autos, this Pop-1 designation represents a notable outlier and makes this the finest graded example known to exist.

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## II. Production & Historical Context

The 2012 Panini National Treasures Baseball release represents the apex tier of early-2010s premium baseball card production. Positioned as Panini America's flagship luxury product, National Treasures was defined by extremely low print runs, thick multi-layer cardstock, on-card autographs, and oversized multi-material relic windows. Cards from this line were engineered to emphasize presentation and scarcity rather than mass durability.

The *Rookie Material Signatures* subset combined two of the product's most demanding elements: full on-card autographs and embedded game-used memorabilia. The resulting construction—often exceeding standard thickness tolerances—introduced heightened vulnerability to edge wear, corner compression, surface dimpling, and alignment irregularities directly out of pack. As a result, high-grade outcomes for this subset were uncommon even at the time of release.

Within this context, Brad Peacock's inclusion reflects his status as a highly regarded pitching prospect during the 2011–2012 period, following his rapid ascent through the Washington Nationals and subsequent acquisition by the Oakland Athletics. National Treasures rookie patch autographs from this era were issued in limited serial-numbered

runs and were not produced with long-term grading outcomes as a primary consideration.

Accordingly, surviving examples in top condition are disproportionately scarce relative to their stated print totals, making gem-mint specimens from this product line historically atypical rather than expected.

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### III. Object Identification & Specifications

The object documented herein is a serial-numbered rookie autograph relic card issued as part of Panini America's 2012 National Treasures Baseball product. The card features a full on-card autograph paired with embedded game-used memorabilia and was produced using thick, multi-layer construction consistent with the National Treasures brand standard.

#### Object Specifications

- Manufacturer: Panini America
- Product Line: National Treasures Baseball
- Year of Issue: 2012
- Subset: Rookie Material Signatures
- Subject: Brad Peacock
- Serial Number: 55/99
- Autograph: On-card, blue ink
- Memorabilia: Multi-color jersey patch
- Construction: Thick, multi-layer cardstock with inset relic window
- Authentication Authority: Professional Sports Authenticator (PSA)
- Certification Number: 28999175
- Final Grade: PSA 10 GEM MINT
- Population Status: POP 1 — only example graded PSA 10 at time of documentation

All identifying information above is derived from direct inspection of the encapsulated specimen and its associated grading certification. No alterations, restorations, or post-issuance modifications are known or indicated.

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### IV. Condition Assessment & Rarity Analysis

Cards produced under the *National Treasures Rookie Material Signatures* designation are widely recognized as among the most difficult modern trading cards to grade at high levels due to their physical construction and manufacturing characteristics. The

combination of thick, multi-layer cardstock, oversized relic windows, and hand-applied on-card autographs introduces multiple structural and surface risk factors that frequently limit grading outcomes.

Common condition challenges observed within this class include edge chipping along layered stock boundaries, corner compression resulting from thickness tolerances, surface dimpling associated with embedded materials, and minor alignment irregularities introduced during assembly. These factors are often present at issuance and are not necessarily the result of post-pack handling.

Within the Professional Sports Authenticator (PSA) grading population, National Treasures rookie patch autograph cards from this era typically cluster within mid-grade ranges, with gem-mint outcomes representing a statistical outlier rather than a normative expectation. While exact submission totals are not publicly disclosed, comparative population data across analogous National Treasures RPAs indicate that PSA 10 designations are uncommon and, in many cases, entirely absent for specific serial-numbered issues.

At the time of documentation, this specimen is the sole recorded example of the 2012 National Treasures Brad Peacock *Rookie Material Signatures* card to receive a PSA 10 GEM MINT grade, establishing a population of one. This status reflects condition rarity rather than production scarcity and positions the card as the finest graded example known to exist within the PSA census.

Population figures are subject to change as additional submissions occur; however, the structural grading challenges inherent to this product line materially constrain the likelihood of comparable high-grade outcomes.

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## **V. Chain of Custody & Acquisition History**

The specimen was acquired through the COMC (Check Out My Cards) marketplace, a third-party trading card platform specializing in the intake, storage, and resale of authenticated sports collectibles. Prior to listing, the card was received by COMC in its PSA-encapsulated state and underwent standard intake verification procedures, including confirmation of slab integrity and certification data.

Following acquisition, the card remained continuously encapsulated within its original PSA holder. No evidence of alteration, reholdding, or tampering is known or observed. Custodial transfer occurred directly from COMC to the current steward without intermediary private handling.

No documented custodial history prior to third-party marketplace intake is presently known. The absence of earlier ownership records is consistent with secondary-market trading norms for modern trading cards and does not indicate any irregularity or deficiency in documentation.

As of the date of this packet, the specimen is held under the stewardship of the Reliquary, where it is maintained as part of the permanent archival collection.

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## VI. Authentication & Verification

The specimen has been authenticated and graded by Professional Sports Authenticator (PSA), an independent third-party grading authority specializing in the evaluation and encapsulation of sports trading cards and related collectibles. PSA's assessment encompassed verification of card authenticity, confirmation of autograph legitimacy, evaluation of physical condition, and assignment of a final numerical grade.

This card is encapsulated in a tamper-evident PSA holder bearing Certification Number 28999175, which serves as the primary external reference for authentication and grading status. The encapsulation provides both physical protection and a verifiable chain of certification that may be independently cross-referenced through PSA's public certification systems.

The grading designation of PSA 10 GEM MINT reflects PSA's determination that the specimen meets the highest condition standards applicable to this card type within their grading framework. No qualifiers, alterations, or exceptions are noted on the certification label.

No additional third-party authentication or modification has been performed subsequent to PSA encapsulation. All verification relied upon in this packet derives from direct examination of the PSA holder, certification data, and publicly accessible population information available at the time of documentation.

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## VII. Archival Significance

This specimen holds archival significance within the Reliquary due to its convergence of condition rarity, representative production, and documented verification. While the subject player is not, in isolation, the sole determinant of importance, the card serves as a materially instructive example of early-2010s premium baseball card manufacturing and grading outcomes.

The card's low population at the PSA 10 GEM MINT level establishes it as a condition outlier within a product line characterized by inherent structural grading challenges. This represents the outer boundary of achievable condition for thick, multi-material autograph cards of this era.

Additionally, the object anchors the Reliquary's representation of Panini America's National Treasures brand, a product line widely regarded as a defining benchmark for luxury trading card design and production during its period of issue. The combination of on-card autograph, embedded memorabilia, and limited serial numbering embodies the core attributes that distinguish National Treasures from mass-market contemporaries.

Beyond individual attribution, the specimen contributes educational and comparative value to the broader collection, offering future custodians a documented case study in condition scarcity, third-party grading dynamics, and the preservation of complex, multi-component trading cards.

For these reasons, the card is maintained as part of the Reliquary's permanent archival holdings.

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## **VIII. Notes & Limitations**

Population data referenced within this packet reflects publicly available information at the time of documentation and is subject to change as additional specimens are submitted for third-party grading. Subsequent population increases or reclassifications may alter comparative rarity assessments without affecting the authenticity or condition of the documented specimen.

Production quantities, manufacturing tolerances, and internal quality-control practices for 2012 Panini National Treasures Baseball were not publicly disclosed in full detail. Accordingly, statements regarding typical grading outcomes and condition challenges are based on observed grading patterns across comparable National Treasures issues rather than comprehensive production records.

Custodial history prior to third-party marketplace intake is not documented. The absence of earlier ownership records is consistent with standard secondary-market practices for modern trading cards and does not imply any irregularity in authenticity, condition, or chain of certification.

This packet does not attempt to assign monetary value or forecast market performance. All evaluations herein are archival in nature and are intended to document physical characteristics, verification status, and contextual significance as of the date of preparation.

## IX. Conclusion

This provenance packet documents the identity, condition, authentication, and custodial status of the 2012 Panini National Treasures Brad Peacock *Rookie Material Signatures* card, serial-numbered 55/99, graded PSA 10 GEM MINT. Through third-party verification and comparative population analysis, the specimen is established as a condition outlier within a product line known for inherent grading challenges.

The card's documented characteristics and population status distinguish it as the finest graded example presently recorded, while its verified encapsulation and uninterrupted stewardship support long-term archival integrity. Within the broader context of the collection, the specimen serves as a representative artifact of premium-era trading card production and modern third-party grading practice.

Accordingly, the object is retained as part of the permanent holdings of the Reliquary, preserved for reference, study, and future custodianship.

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