



Conduct Report

SUBJECT

Trophy Grading Company

Grader | Seller | Multi

Reported for: Fake grading company - meaningless "10 Authentic" slabs, no cert lookup

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Findings and evidence

8 observations across 1 dated section. Sources that did not corroborate the report are shown too, and labelled as such.

Observed - 2026-08-27

CORROBORATING SOURCE

Grader audit (trophygrading.com, WHOIS/Wayback)

Trophy Grading Company has no verifiable grading operation. trophygrading.com (registered 2025-08-21, GoDaddy, privacy-masked via Domains By Proxy) is a GoDaddy website-builder site with no cert-number lookup, no published grading scale or methodology, and no submission process that yields a verifiable record. As of 2026 it presents a polished marketing site with a three-step grading process, a pricing page, and a pay.trophygrading.com payment subdomain, but still offers no way to verify any slab. It publishes no MX records, so the domain cannot receive email at all.

Source: <https://trophygrading.com/contact-us>

CORROBORATING SOURCE

Slab label analysis

On TGC slabs the large 10 reads like a gem-mint condition grade, but it is paired with the word Authentic, which only denotes that a card is not proven counterfeit and is not a numeric condition grade. The slabs carry no per-card cert or barcode number, so nothing can be looked up or verified.

CORROBORATING SOURCE

Bulk-grading pattern (marketplace cross-check)

The same cheap common card appears in TGC Gem Mint 10 slabs across multiple independent sellers. For example a Paldean Fates Pikachu 018/091, a bulk common, shows up TGC-slabbed under different eBay and Whatnot sellers. That pattern indicates TGC is volume-stamping the same worthless commons as gem mint rather than performing genuine per-card grading.

CORROBORATING SOURCE

Secondary-market circulation (eBay/Whatnot/Mercari)

TGC Certified 10 Authentic slabs are actively listed across eBay, Whatnot and Mercari by many separate sellers, spanning Pokemon, sports and Marvel or Topps cards. The circulation shows the fake grades are traded at graded-card prices throughout the secondary market, not confined to one seller.

Source: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/358788145125>

CORROBORATING SOURCE

Grading intake test (email MX check + site review)

Trophy Grading Company provides no working way to submit cards or to reach it about grading. trophygrading.com publishes NO MX records, so the domain cannot receive email at all - an inquiry sent about getting cards graded does not reach any inbox and gets no response. The website offers only a lead-capture contact form with no order or submission flow. A functioning grader has an intake for submissions and questions; TGC has none, consistent with there being no real grading operation behind the slabs.

Source: <https://trophygrading.com>

CORROBORATING SOURCE

Marketplace circulation (eBay/Whatnot/Mercari)

TGC "Certified 10 Authentic" slabs circulate across eBay, Whatnot and Mercari under many separate handles, spanning Pokemon, sports and Marvel. Handles observed listing TGC slabs include pasttreasures-89 (eBay+Whatnot), wealthquest (eBay+Mercari), loveamerica/user273432967 (Mercari), ambitionenterprisesllc (eBay), millsurplustuff, shepartstudio, giveawayguy, nawcc6696 and ronpe0 (eBay), and mynamesjeff87 (Whatnot). Many resellers list slabs honestly as TGC and are shown as circulation context, not accused of wrongdoing; the harm is the fake grade itself and the live sellers who pump it as real value.

CORROBORATING SOURCE**Domain + payment infrastructure (RDAP/DNS/certs)**

trophygrading.com shares an operator fingerprint with the auction seller that pushes its slabs (ProjectOutshine): same registrar (GoDaddy), same WHOIS privacy proxy (Domains By Proxy), same nameserver provider (domaincontrol.com), registered four weeks apart (Aug 21 vs Sep 18, 2025), and both run GoDaddy Payments whose checkout subdomains (pay.trophygrading.com and pay.projectoutshine.com) resolve to the same IP pair (100.49.0.246 / 100.49.110.141). Both self-locate in the Dallas, TX area. Registrant names are privacy-masked; the shared infrastructure indicates common operation.

CORROBORATING SOURCE**Common-ownership determination (research)**

Determination: on the weight of our documented observation and research, Trophy Grading (TGC) and the seller ProjectOutshine (TikTok / Whatnot / eBay) are operated by the same owner. The evidentiary basis is public and checkable: (1) both domains, trophygrading.com and projectoutshine.com, are registered through the same registrar, hidden behind the same WHOIS privacy proxy, and served by the same nameserver provider; (2) they were registered about four weeks apart (Aug and Sep 2025); (3) both run GoDaddy Payments, and their checkout subdomains, pay.trophygrading.com and pay.projectoutshine.com, resolve to the same pair of IP addresses; (4) both self-locate in the Dallas, TX area; (5) on stream the ProjectOutshine seller vouches for Trophy Grading by name and sells TGC-labeled slabs as a primary product. Any single item could be coincidence; taken together they point to one operator. The owner's identity is held in our records and is deliberately not published here. This determination is open to dispute: a party may contest it through the dispute channel with evidence establishing the actual, separate ownership.