artisan plating

Thank-you for your inquiry! Here is a some information you may find helpful in your understanding of decorative plating options.

Since 1973, Metal Arts Specialties has specialized in custom plating services to the general public, studio jewelers, craftsmen and professional trades. We specialize in all thicknesses of gold plating, platinum, rhodium, palladium and ruthenium. Our elite team of technicians can also provide a full range of expert "proof of concept" plating services for scientists, R&D groups, architectural designers, inventors, and academia.

Our **earth-friendly** plating processes employ the latest **non-cyanide based chemistries and safest methods available**.

A portfolio of recently restored and re-plated items for our customers

Gold plating







Fashion rings





Rhodium plating







Ruthenium plating













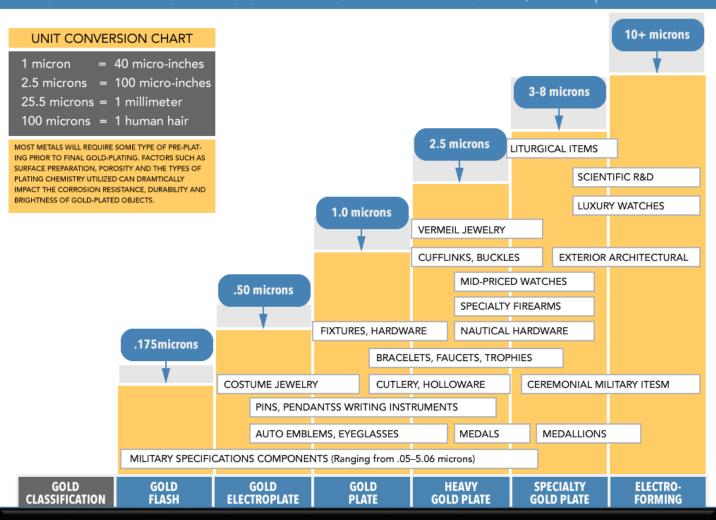
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Not sure what thickness of gold plating you need? Check out this handy info-graphic!

This chart identifies gold thickness on a wide range of commonly plated items!

THICKNESSES FOR DECORATIVE GOLD-PLATING ©2014, Metals Arts Specialties.



Questions? Give us a call at 248-821-3450 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p. m. EST

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Electroplating FAQs

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What can be electroplated?

Just about any type of metal or conductive surface can be plated. We have successfully plated over stainless steel, mild steel, and numerous other base metals. Electroplating over copper, bronze, and silver are the most commonly plated materials. We do not plate nonconductive items such as wood, plastics, leather, or stone.

Will the electroplating process "fill in" wear marks, pits, or surface scratches?

Unfortunately no. For the most part all electroplating processes will make any surface imperfection in the metal item even more noticeable! For best results, all objects will need to be polished and cleaned prior to re-plating. We can provide that additional service if your item requires it.

Typically, what are some of the items you are plating today?

At Metal Arts Specialties, we have enjoyed a large cross section of customers ranging from individual crafts persons, small manufacturers, scientists, inventors, fine metal restorers and individuals referred to us from satisfied customers. As you can imagine, we have plated a large variety of jewelry items, individual heirlooms, watches, and some very innovative new work created by today's leading metal artists.

Will Metal Arts Specialties re-plate previously plated items?

Yes. All the old plating would be removed first, it would then be refurbished, polished and cleaned prior to re-plating. Our company is a leader in providing "custom" metal restoration and plating services to our valued customers

If my jewelry item has gemstones in it, can it still be plated?

Yes, most of the time. Plating bath temperatures and chemicals can be very harsh on gems and stones such as opal, malachite, lapis lazuli, and turquoise. We would have to protect them prior to plating to prevent any damage. We specialize in hard to plate items and can work with you on the most suitable and safe solution for your item.

What are some of the different factors that influence plating prices?

There are many important considerations that need to be calculated. Issues such as item quantity, size of the object to be plated, type of plated material you will require (i.e. gold, silver), thickness of the plated material, and in some cases any additional re-polishing, dent removal or restoration work that you feel is necessary to enhance the value and appearance of the object. We can provide you with a free estimate and a final quote after we know more details.

How long does it take to have an item plated and returned to customer?

It depends. If it is a just straight forward plating onto a new or original art object, with little or no surface preparation, it takes about 1-2 weeks or less. If it is an object with moderate surface blemishes or oxidation, it takes about 2 to 3 weeks. If the item is in need of extensive restoration and refinishing (i.e watches), it could require anywhere from 6-8 weeks for completion.

What is the minimum order charge for plating services?

We have a \$60.00 minimum per order. This price does not include shipping or special handling. For more detail on pricing please navigate to the pricing section on this web site

How does Metal Arts Specialties ship finished items?

Unless otherwise instructed we ship U.S. mail 1st class insured. For special rush orders we will ship FedEx or UPS overnight at an additional charge. All shipping costs are paid by the customer.

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