

PERSONAL GROOMING MIRRORS

Decorative plating involves the deposition of thin layers (0.2 to 5.0 Mil) of a distinct variety of metals. These include Gold, Nickel, Copper, Brass, Chrome, Smoke Nickel and Platinum. Decorative plated finishes serve the purpose of protecting the brass metal with sub-layers of corrosion resistant metals, with the final later being the actual “look” or finish on the surface of the piece.

For highly polished surfaces, proper care and handling is extremely important since dust particles or other foreign material can produce vert noticeable scratches on the mirror-like plated surface. In the case of satin finishes, the latter is not critical, but in both cases, care and proper handling is important to ensure a lasting finish.

For dusting, cleaning, and waxing, never use old dirty rags. ALWAYS use new soft paper towels and dispose of them after the first application.

Handling/installation of Plated Parts

When handling the finished product please follow these steps:

- Avoid using bare hands. Preferably wear gloves made of 100% cotton. If gloves are not used, handle the part with hand towels.
- Grip the part on an area that is not visible, avoid touching visible areas.
- Avoid hitting the part against any surface. Dents on the piece might make re-plating necessary as they are very noticeable on polished areas. Dents may also cause the plated finish to break and result in peeling of the finish.
- Avoid contact of the plated surface with any tools as damage to the surface may occur. If tools must be used around the piece, wrap it with towels. This will reduce your chances to damaging the piece.

Cleaning

- Surface should be lightly dusted (not wiped) with a new soft cloth. If spots or fingerprints are present, wipe them off gently.
- Wet the surface with “Windex” (no ammonia). With a new soft paper towel, slightly wet, stains may appear.
- If stains or tarnishing appears, please perform the initial cleaning as stated above.

Waxing

Silicone present in wax compound protect the surface from scratches, oils, and certain chemicals. We recommend the use of “Turtle Liquid Wax” to protect plated surfaces best. Other brand names may also be used. However, it is critical that the wax compound does nor contain abrasives.

- After the piece is cleaned, apply a thin layer of wax with a clean cloth.
- Immediately wipe the wax off by gently rubbing the piece in a circular motion until the wax disappears.

Tips for a Long Lasting Finish

- Keep the part away from the sun. Long exposures may discolor the finish. This applies to all finishes.
- Clean periodically. Every two weeks is recommended.

Avoid spills on the finished surface. If this occurs, clean it immediately.

NOTE: "Turtle Liquid Wax" and "Windex" are registered trademarks.