

Pens & Plating 101

Why buy your pen kits from us?

- We shop the competition so you don't have to. We make sure you get the best prices on pens and project kits without sacrificing service.
- Mix and Match pricing for better prices on smaller quantities
- Guaranteed 100% satisfied with all of our pen and project kits
- Got a problem? We make it right. No hassles, just great service!
- Find a lower price? We guarantee to meet or beat our competitors prices on comparable kits and you still get to enjoy great customer service!

Artisan® or Apprentice™ kits?

Look closely at the fit and finish of an Artisan® pen kit and you'll see that only premium grade components finished with a jewelry-grade precious metal plating are used. Artisan® pen kits are the highest quality pen kits in the market today. Our Apprentice™ line of pen kits are comparable to pen kits offered by our competitors. Apprentice™ pen kits are perfect for beginners and students as they offer exceptional value at the lowest prices anywhere.

Choosing the right plating

With so many types of plating to choose from, choosing the one that's best for you can be confusing. For this reason, we have listed the various plating types with a description of each along with a wear rating. Be sure to review the plating information thoroughly so that the plating you choose will be right for you.

Wear Resistance Ratings ★★★★★

Each type of plating has a wear resistance rating that indicates the durability and longevity of the plating. A 1-1/2 star rating represents the majority of 24k value priced twist pens in the marketplace today. 24k pens are flash plated, or in other words the plating is extremely thin and in most cases is protected by a thin layer of epoxy. 24k pen kits are ideal for beginners and those who require the lowest price possible. A five star rating indicates the plating thickness and durability is such that it will not wear off at any time for any reason. This grade of plating is typically used on high-end pens that may sell for hundreds of dollars. For more information on pens and plating, call us at 1-800-551-8876.



Black Chrome

Black Chrome offers a unique alternative to traditional platings that works extremely well with lighter color woods. The soft sheen and depth of color make Black Chrome a favorite.

Wear Resistance: ★★



Satin Series

Satin Series pens undergo a special plating process that produces a matte finish that features a slight texture that looks and feels great. This popular plating offers a unique alternative to traditional plating.

Wear Resistance: ★★★



Rhodium - Platinum Series

Wear Resistance: ★★★★★

Possibly nature's most brilliant and durable precious metal, Rhodium is used by the world's premier pen manufacturers to plate their very finest pens. A member of the Platinum precious metals family, Rhodium sells for as much as \$1,800.00 per troy ounce and is unmatched in brilliance and durability. We guarantee the Rhodium plating on our Platinum Series pens to last a lifetime or your money back.



Titanium - Gold & Black

Wear Resistance: ★★★★★

Titanium plating is very popular among seasoned pen turners as it offers superior wear resistance yet is less expensive than other precious metal platings. Available in gold and black, we guarantee our Titanium plating to last a lifetime or your money back.



Chrome/Gun Metal

Wear Resistance: ★★★★★

Chrome and Gun Metal are extremely long wearing platings capable of resisting everyday wear and tear. Highly recommended for key rings, pens and other projects, chrome gives you a shiny, rich look at an economy price.



10k Gold

Wear Resistance: ★★★★

This popular plating blends hard nickel and the beauty of gold together to form a brilliant plating that is durable and affordable.



24k Gold

Wear Resistance: ★★★

Artisan® pen kits feature a thicker layer of 24k Gold plating than other 24k pens, including our Apprentice™ range. This significantly increases the average life of an Artisan® 24k pen versus other 24k pens. As 24k Gold is naturally soft and wears quickly, both our Artisan® and Apprentice™ range of pens feature a durable epoxy layer on top of the gold plating to increase wear resistance. Value priced, 24k pens are ideal for those on a budget or who want to explore pen making with minimal investment.



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