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Subject: Gold plate finishing?

Posted by [gibell](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2010 15:53:02 GMT

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I've ordered a bunch of stuff with the gold plate finish, but they have not arrived yet. A friend received a bunch, and reported that the finish was "dull". Any tips on polishing up gold-plated items? One would have to be careful to avoid wearing through the coating, I would think.

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Subject: Re: Gold plate finishing?

Posted by [Youknowwho4eva](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2010 17:15:28 GMT

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I ordered mine the first day it was announced, and just received it yesterday. So it takes some time. I didn't find mine to be dull [http://www.shapeways.com/model/118907/gold\\_heart\\_ring.html](http://www.shapeways.com/model/118907/gold_heart_ring.html) I'll ask my Aunt tomorrow about polishing. She's a Jeweler. So I should have something for you Monday.

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Subject: Re: Gold plate finishing?

Posted by [GlenG](#) on Mon, 07 Jun 2010 12:18:25 GMT

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All polishing for plated parts needs to be done before the plating procedure. The final shine will only be as good as the pre-plated surface condition and you will most certainly remove the gold if you use any abrasive materials coarser than a jewelers "rouge cloth."

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Subject: Re: Gold plate finishing?

Posted by [euphy](#) on Sat, 12 Jun 2010 22:38:29 GMT

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The finish is no different than the stainless steel finish for the most part. The bit that gets cut off and polished where the brass sprue has gone in is a little duller than the stainless steel version, but overall it's not much different. And even though I say it's "duller", its not dull, just has a slightly different "satin" kind of quality to it.

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