

METAL SHEETS LTD

Patina Finishes & Sample Guidance

Applies to: Chemically Patinated Copper, Brass, Zinc & Pewter

1. About Chemically Patinated Metals

Pre-patinated (aged, distressed or burnished) metals undergo a hand-applied chemical process to replicate the natural ageing of live metals. Each piece is individually processed by our in-house patina department.

Brass, copper, zinc and pewter are live metals. Each sheet, batch and fabrication will react differently depending on surface area, temperature and application. As a result, every patinated item is entirely unique.

The same finish applied to different products (for example signage versus a bar top) will not appear identical. Certain fabrications may limit which patina finishes are achievable. We strongly recommend discussing requirements with our sales team before confirming your order.

2. Protective Finishes: Wax & Lacquer

- All patinated items are supplied with a micro-crystalline wax coating as standard. This slows further patination but does not prevent it.
- Waxed items will continue to evolve naturally once installed.
- Optional clear matt lacquer (interior use) can be applied to lock in the original patina colour.
- Lacquered finishes may scratch in high-contact areas such as tabletops. Scratches can expose raw metal and result in localised darkening.

3. Samples & Colour Variation

Samples are small sections of larger sheets and are intended as an indicative guide only.

- Variation between samples and supplied work is not considered a manufacturing defect.
- Colour, depth and uniformity will vary due to the hand-applied chemical process.
- Waxed samples will continue to patinate over time. Fresh samples are recommended if older than three months.
- Lacquered samples may also change subtly over extended periods.

Important: If selecting a finish based on a sample, the physical sample must be returned to us as a working reference. We cannot guarantee colour matching without it.

Where a sample is not returned, patina will be supplied as produced and variation is deemed accepted.

Due to the nature of live metals and hand-applied patination, variation in tone, texture and depth is an inherent characteristic and not a material defect.

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