## **FLAT METALS**

## Adhesive/Top Coat Suggestions

It is always advisable to perform a test before any permanent application and to follow manufacturer recommendations.

## **Adhesives Suggestions:**

- For adhering Flat Metals to other substrates other than metal use Epoxy. Example: Lord Epoxy 310 A/B
- For adhering Flat Metals to other metals use Acrylic Adhesive: <u>Lord Maxlok MX/T6</u>
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- For adhering Flat Metals to substrates a standard 100% Silicone may be used. For additional strength, a silicone adhesive hybrid can be recommended: <u>ChemSet MS-35</u>
- For adhering Flat Metals to substrates as a laminate a contact adhesive can be recommended: <u>3M Hi-Strength Non-Flammable 98 NF Cylinder Spray Adhesive</u>
- For some applications Flat Metals can be adhered to appropriate substrates with very high bond double sided tape: <u>3M VHB Tape</u>

## **Protective Top Coats:**

- Light Oil a temporary top coat that offers minor protection and can be color tinted: Sculpt Nouveau Metal Oil
- Heavy Oil a more long lasting protective top coat: <u>Penetrol</u>
- Wax a light to medium duty top coat that can be applied on its own, or over other top coats like a lacquer for additional protection: Renaissance Wax; Sculpt Nouveau Metal Wax
- Lacquer medium to heavy duty top coat: Clear Guard; Permalac
- Polyurethane heavy duty top coat: <u>Ever Clear</u>
- Automotive Clear very heavy duty top coat: <u>Matte Clear 1610-15</u> with <u>Adhesion Promoter</u>
- Clear Powder Coating extra heavy duty: consult your local powder coater

Please note that the strongest top coat available is not always the most desirable. For example, a wax top coat (less durable) may be more desirable than a clear powder coated top coat (the most durable) for a horizontal application: a countertop in a commercial environment is likely to scratch and get damaged. Therefore, choose a topcoat like a wax that can be repaired easily and often instead of a powder coated clear coat that is difficult if not impossible to strip and reapply.

