



General Information and Maintenance of CRL Brass Finish Products

Brass Finish Disclaimer

Brass is a pristine metal alloy made primarily of copper and zinc. It has a wide range of applications due to its excellent workability, corrosion resistance, and antibacterial properties. Although durable, **brass is prone to tarnishing due to oxidation.** Oxidation is a natural process caused by the metal's exposure to oxygen. It begins to give brass a dark and dull look just days after it is manufactured, regardless of how it is stored or packaged.

CRL does not guarantee that satin or polished brass finishes will remain free of tarnish or corrosion for the life of the product. As a preventative measure, we recommend that you specify CRL clear coating, which is applied during the manufacturing process. This will help brass maintain its factory finish for years to come.

Recommended Care & Maintenance

If clear coating is not applied to CRL satin or polished brass finishes, they will tarnish as oxidation takes place. When this occurs, routine care can help restore brass to its original luster.

The best way to remove mild tarnish on brass is with a metal restoration polish. Apply it like you would a wax, let it dry, and rub repeatedly with a soft cloth or pad until the tarnish is gone. Rebushing also works on satin brass finishes.

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