

How to Use

Buffing/Polishing Compounds and Jewelers Rouge

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Choosing the Right Compound

Polishing compounds are similar to sandpaper in that they are used from coarse to fine. A work piece that is severely scratched may need to be sanded down with sandpaper before polishing. Once the scratch depth is minimal on the work piece it is advised to start with the coarsest compound that is applicable to the material being polished. From there one should then move down to the next compound and so on until the desired finish is achieved.

Many times a mirror finish may be achieved by using just one compound. For example, a scratch-free piece of aluminum, which has some haze from oxidation could be polished to a high luster with only the White Rouge Polishing Compound.

Applying the Compound

Apply the polishing compound or jewelers rouge to a buffing wheel by spinning a buffing wheel on either a bench grinder or electric drill and lightly press the compound or jewelers rouge onto the wheel. The heat and friction of the spinning wheel will be enough to transfer the compound to the buff. There is no need to soften or moisten the compound by heating or adding water to the compounds. Only a small amount of compound is needed on the buffing wheel for it to work properly.

Material	Compounds (Coarse to Fine)					
	Black Emery	Brown Tripoli	White Rouge	Green Stainless	Jewelers Rouge	Blue All Purpose
Acrylics						x
Aluminum	x	x	x	x		x
Brass	x	x	x	x	x	x
Copper	x	x	x	x	x	x
Gold		x	x		x	x
Iron	x			x		x
Nickel	x			x		x
Pewter	x	x			x	x
Platinum			x	x		x
Sterling or Silver Plate		x	x		x	x
Steel	x			x		x
Nickel or Chrome Plate					x	x
Brass or Copper Plate		x	x		x	x
Stainless Steel	x	x	x	x		x
Thermosetting Plastic (Bakelite, Formica)		x	x		x	x
Hard Rubber		x				x
Horn		x				x
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