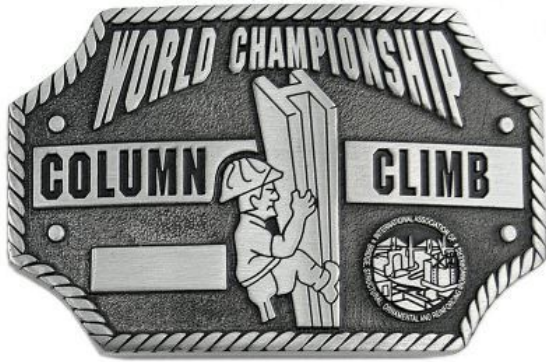


Choice of Metal – Pewter vs. Zinc

- Everything we make is custom - made from molten metal
- We can manufacture your projects using either Pewter or Zinc - both have benefits, depending on your design.
- For many people, the issue comes down to the type of finish they want, and sometimes price becomes a factor
- Here is a quick overview of both metals:



Sample Pewter Buckle - Natural Finish



Sample Zinc Buckle - Antique Copper Finish

Benefits of Pewter:

- Higher perceived value - long history as semi-precious metal
- Improved ability to reproduce intricate detail over Zinc
- Greater sculpturing can be performed for 3-Dimensional designs
- Good strength and durability - adaptable to slightly curved surfaces
- Natural silver like finish is the most common choice
- Quickest deliveries in natural finish
- Bright surface luster can be achieved when polished
- Can be finished in antique plating (but not usually done with this fine metal)
- Can have color added - white luster of surface is perfect back drop
- Only Fine Pewter is used for the production of our products
- Safe & environmentally friendly - 'lead' content far below all current and projected government regulations

Benefits of Zinc:

- Lower cost than Pewter alternative
- Improved strength and durability versus Pewter
- Can be made very thin and still maintain strength & durability
- Most commonly plated / finished in:
 - Antique Gold
 - Antique Silver
 - Antique Copper
 - Bright Gold
 - Bright Silver
 - Bright Copper
- Can have color added
- Only Special High Grade Zinc is used for the production of our products
- Safe & environmentally friendly - 'lead' content far below all current and projected government regulations