# RT Facts Material Information and Care for Lighting

#### **Blackened Iron:**

Our metal pieces are sealed solid metals. For some finishes, this means that any scratches or nicks could be sanded out and refinished, however we recommend finding a trusted craftsperson for this. RT Facts does not provide this service. That said, we actually appreciate each scratch, scuff and ding and believe it only builds patina and shapes the story the piece has to tell.

Our Blackened finish is our tried and true standard which we love very much. It reads as a very warm almost black color with much dimension, allowing for the life and texture of the metal to come through.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution. Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

Be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved. This is a very important step in prolonging the life of the finish.

#### **Powder Coat:**

Powder coating is an extremely durable finish suitable for indoor or outdoor use. We offer a wide range of standard colors and can also color-match from an RAL color number.

Your powder coated piece may be left outside in the elements all year. For best longevity, we recommend bringing it indoors or into a sheltered area during cold months of freezing and thawing to prevent excess wear to the surface.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution. Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

Do not hit or drag metal or other hard items across the surface of your item. Powder coat is susceptible to scratching. If scratched or chipped deeply enough, exposed metal area may rust.

#### Gesso:

Our Gesso finish is hand-applied, letting the craftsperson's hand work show though. All of our gesso pieces are lightly sealed for a long-lasting finish.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution. Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

Be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved. This is a very important step in prolonging the life of the surface.

## Gold Leaf:

Our Gold Leaf finishes are real 12 and 24 karat gold and are applied entirely by hand with great care.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth or feather duster. If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution. Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners. Be sure to pat dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved; do not rub. This is a very important step in prolonging the life of the surface.

#### Faux Porphyry:

Our Faux Porphyry finish is handprinted with great care by our skilled painter.

To clean, dust with soft dry cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution. Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

Be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved. This is a very important step in

prolonging the life of the surface.

## Patinated Brass:

The patina finish is hand applied with great care by our skilled craftspeople.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution.

Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners. Do not scrub.

Be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved. This is a very important step in prolonging the life of the surface.

# **Polished Brass:**

Our polished finish is hand done with great care by our skilled craftspeople.

Avoid too much handling as body oils can leave prints.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution. A trusted brass cleaner can be used.

Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

Be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved. This is a very important step in prolonging the life of the surface.

# Verdigris Brass:

Our verdigris finish is applied entirely by hand and then sealed. However, prolonged or heavy exposure to moisture can result in flaking of the patina.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth and please refrain from using any moisture or liquid.