# READY TO PLATE

# IT'S AS EASY AS 1 - 2 - 3



### **DOCUMENTATION**

Is your documentation in order?

- Specifications detailed & agreed upon in advance
- Estimate from Theta Plate current
- PO and/or Pack list details Part Numbers, Quantities, and Estimate #



### **PARTS**

Are your parts ready to plate?

- Finish on unplated parts = plated finish
- Free of scratches, dings, dents, scuffs
- Clean



### **PACKING**

Packing for shipment improves finish quality, speeds processing, and protects your finished items

- Items are packed to prevent damage
- Pack List with Part Numbers, Quantity, and Estimate#
- Packing container is sturdy



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# **DOCUMENTS**

# **ARE YOUR PAPERS IN ORDER?**



### **SPECIFICATIONS**

We cannot read your mind. We are good -- but not that good!

- Plating material and material plated
- Plating thickness
- Finishes
- Color matching (best efforts)
- Heat treating details
- · Certifications, testing, document packets required
- Drawings for parts to complete estimate
- Desired turnaround times



### **ESTIMATES**

#### Get it in writing!

- How many parts
- Details on processes & specifications
- Details on materials
- Important features and tolerances
- Masking requirements
- Documentation, bag & tag, or certifications needed
- Delivery and/or rush order requirements



## PURCHASE ORDERS & PACK LISTS

Minimize the mysteries. Mystery parts are never fun.

- Send us a PO & shipping details to let us know your shipment is on its way
- Include a pack list and/or purchase order in your shipment
- Label parts with PN or name & description
- Include Estimate #
- Return shipping directions



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# **PARTS**

# ARE YOUR PARTS READY TO PLATE?



### CLEAN

#### Parts that are not clean can wreak havoc

on our processes incurring extra costs and delays which we must pass along to our customers.

Inspect your parts and remove

- Dirt, tape residue, and polishing compound
- Paint and lacquer
- Corrosion, rust, oxides, and tarnish
- Heat scale
- Oils and grease



Jewelry stones can fall out or be dissolved by the plating chemistry. If possible, set stones after plating. Call us to discuss.



### **MEET SPECIFICATIONS**

Plating cannot cover up rough machining or casting

- Ensure your parts meet pre-plating tolerances
- Ensure your design allows for plating thicknesses We cannot be responsible for out of tolerance parts after plating



### FINISHING TOUCHES

The finish on the part you send to us is the finish you will have after plating. Plating enhances defects.

- Polish your parts to finish specifications
- Inspect parts before shipping for dings, dents, scratches, and scuffs to ensure parts meet your specifications.



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# PACKING FOR SHIPPING



### **DOCUMENTS**

Assemble your packing list, purchase order, and estimate(s) in the box.

Include these documents in shipping box. Label your parts!



# PROTECT YOUR PARTS FROM EACH OTHER

Your parts will be bouncing and knocking

into each other for miles and miles. Are they protected from causing damage to each other?

- Delicate parts should be bagged or wrapped separately
- Heavy parts can seriously damage other parts. "Egg-carton" style packaging can protect part-to-part damage
- Can your parts escape from your package?



# PROTECT YOUR PACKAGE FROM OTHER PACKAGES

The stories we could tell about incoming packages that were destroyed in the shipping process...cautionary tales.

- Use a sturdy box able to survive 70 pounds placed on top
- Use a box-in-box method for fragile or heavier items to survive a minimum 10 foot drops.
- Leave 3" on each side of internal box to allow outer box to compress under loads. Fill with packing material.
- Use packing material to keep internal box tightly in place
- Use strapping tape for boxes greater than 25 pounds
- Tape all seams to stabilize box and prevent escape
- For really heavy items, consider containers on a pallet



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