

Common question regarding Park Lane Jewelry

1. What is Rhodium, and why is it better to use for plating than other metals?

Rhodium is one of 6 metals in the Platinum group. The others include platinum, palladium, iridium, ruthenium, and osmium. Rhodium is commonly used for plating white gold, silver, and base metals to give a bright white metal appearance. Because of the hardness of Rhodium, it is one of the best for plating because of wear.

2. What is Synthetic Cubic Zirconia?

Synthetic Cubic Zirconia or CZ is a Synthetic made through the skull melt synthetic process. It is commonly known as CZ but properly is Synthetic CZ because it does not have a natural counterpart but that natural counterpart is not gem quality. It has many similar qualities of diamond but nothing is as hard as diamond. It is the most common diamond substitute.

3. What does Dye Injected mean?

Some stones are color enhanced by dyes. If the stone is an aggregate, meaning made up of many tiny crystals, these stones can be dyed by the dye getting in between all the tiny crystals. Single crystals may also be dyed by a process called Quench Crackling where a stone is heated then dropped into cold dye. This makes the stone fracture and the dye is then seeped into the cracks dyeing the stone. This process is often done to Quartz in green, red, and purple.

4. Swarovski Crystal, why is it more than other crystal?

Swarovski Crystal is a brand of crystal that has a high lead content that gives the crystal the sparkle they have. Swarovski goes an extra step by combining the high lead crystal with higher quality cutting to get the optimum light return back to your eye. With more time taken on the cutting along with the well known Swarovski name give it a little bit higher price point than other crystals.

5. What is Hematite, its benefits, what is Hematite Coated?

Hematite is a natural mineral made of Iron Oxide. It has magnetic qualities that help with circulation and other qualities of magnetism. Marcasite is a relative of hematite but most marcasite jewelry is actually made from pyrite. Hematite coated are pieces are coated with imitation hematite, a ferromagnetic, sintered product which is molded, to give beads or cabochons a metallic quality and often magnetic quality. As of date there is no Synthetic hematite.

6. What are the Benefits of Stainless Steel Jewelry?

Stainless steel, titanium, and tungsten carbide are metals recently used often in men's jewelry. These metals although not used in excess in the past have become popular because first their durability. They also have various weights where comfort comes in to play. Titanium is the lightest weight and Tungsten carbide is the heaviest of the three.