



## ITS Sealer Instructions

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### Tough Coating for Images and Finishes on Metal • Seals Base Metal Jewelry • Protects Sensitive Skin from Metal Contact

ITS Sealer is a product that seals and protects image transfers, paint, and even paper on metal. It also helps to protect plated surfaces to maintain the finish. The sealer is good to use for those who suffer from metal allergies, as it creates a barrier between the metal and skin when properly applied. It is also a great product to apply to the inside surface of ring shanks.

**Step 1:** Paint a thin layer over a metal surface using a brush. It should be applied with a thin layer similar to applying a coat of nail polish. Do not apply too thick or bubbles will form on the finished product. Don't overwork the layer by over-brushing. Brush strokes that are visible will be less obvious after baking. A nice acrylic or watercolor brush can be used for a smoother finish. Wash brushes with soap and water.

**Step 2:** Let the piece rest for 25-30 minutes before baking. Do not skip this step! The sealer will not dry during this time. You may wonder why it is necessary and be tempted to skip the waiting period, however if you do not let the sealer rest, it will form bubbles or create an uneven coating as your piece bakes.

**Step 3:** Bake the piece in a preheated oven at 325F for 25-30 minutes. Some ovens (particularly toaster ovens) run hot, so bake at a lower temperature: 250F – 300F. If the heat is too high, or the piece is baked too long, the sealer may turn yellow from over-baking. Try a test piece, such as a bottle cap, when in doubt.

**Step 4:** Remove the piece from the oven and let the piece cool naturally. It may feel a little soft like plastic while still warm. When the piece is cool the finish should feel glass-like.



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