

One of the first questions to ask yourself as you make your wedding band selection is whether you prefer precious fine jewelry metal or an alternative alloy. Both have advantages: fine jewelry metals retain their value over time, offer a classic look and may be set with diamonds or other gemstones. Alternative alloys offer contemporary styling, many are chemically formed to be extremely durable and can come in swirling patterns and smoky grey colors.

Is your style traditional, but you have an active profession or hobby? Many people who fit this description purchase two bands – one in a precious metal such as gold or platinum and then another band in a metal like titanium, which is lightweight, inexpensive and more resistant to scratches and pressure or in silicone which is great for hot tubs, workouts, and for protecting your finger against ring avulsion.

For women who prefer their wedding band to match their engagement ring, the choice can be very simple: we recommend you purchase a wedding band in the same metal as your original ring. However, designing your own look can be fun as well! We often see brides with a penchant for color and style who, for example, place bands in pink gold with pink diamonds next to their white-colored engagement ring.

Really, there are no rules! And whatever your style and budget, Mann's Jewelers offers many options to choose from. Below is a chart to get you on your way to choosing the right metal for your wedding band:

Fun fact: Platinum is the purest, heaviest and whitest of all metals and is 30 times rarer than gold.

Fun fact: Gold jewelry comes in a variety of colors and has been treasured since ancient times.

Fun fact: Palladium is a white metal that is lighter weight than platinum and maintains a white look over time. Because of the way palladium is cast, it is not available in all styles and can be rare and hard to find.

Fun fact: Titanium is made with sophisticated machining equipment and is three times stronger than steel yet still lightweight.

Fun fact: Zirconium is one of the hardest metals on the planet and rates at an 8.5 on the Mohs hardness scale.

Fun fact: Mokume-Gane is derived from the ancient art of adorning swords and has a unique texture similar to wood grain.

Fun fact: Damascus Steel is both hard and flexible making it popular for use in edged weapons. The Damascus can be etched to produce exceptionally beautiful light and dark patterns.

Fun fact: Silicone rings are a great secondary wedding band for the active individual. Silicone bands will stretch and break away under pressure, avoiding damage to the finger.

	Member of Precious Metals Family	Hypo-allergenic	Wear Resistance >= Most Resistance != Average Resistance	Weight	Can Be Resized	Available Colors	Brands Available	Price Range
			1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Light Heavy				
Platinum	●	●	■	■	●	●	Alex Sepkus, Henri Daussi Lieberfarb, MJ Bridal, Precision Set, Sylvie, Lashbrook, Beverley K	\$\$\$\$
Gold	●		■	■	●	● ● ●	Alex Sepkus, Henri Daussi Lieberfarb, MJ Bridal, Precision Set, Sylvie, Lashbrook, Beverley K	\$\$\$
Palladium	●	●	■	■	●	●	Lieberfarb, Precision Set, MJ Bridal	\$\$\$
Titanium		●	■	■		●	Lashbrook	\$
Zirconium		●	■	■		● ○	Lashbrook	\$\$
Cobalt			■	■		●	Lashbrook	\$\$
Mokume-Gane			■	■		● ● ●	Lashbrook, Precision Set	\$\$\$
Damascus Steel			■	■		●	Lashbrook, Precision Set	\$\$
Silicone		●	■	■		●	Enso	\$