

# Lush Crystal Jewelry

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## Quality Assurance

### Only Swarovski Crystals are Used

Lush **Crystal Jewelry** creations use only Swarovski crystals with at least 12 facets for maximum sparkle. We even use 14-facet 'Xilion' Swarovski rhinestones which allows more light to refract. Inferior crystal jewelry suppliers regularly offer no more than 8 facets, which results in jewelry with less brilliance.

### Hand-Polishing and Electro Flash Plating

Production methods and materials are similar to those employed for precious jewelry. For instance, after casting the metal parts of the jewelry, the metal items are hand polished to ensure that the surface is free from any imperfections. They are then electro flash plated with either three to six mils of pure rhodium, or up to 10 mils of nickel-free gold plating, in accordance with international standards.

### Only Pure Rhodium is Use

Pure rhodium is the same material used to plate white gold products to prevent tarnishing as well as to produce a brilliant whiteness. It is much more expensive than silver, which easily oxidises and becomes yellow and dull. Some manufacturers claim to use pure rhodium, but they actually mix in nickel and palladium in order to keep costs low. Nickel can cause skin allergies such as rash. Our jewelry is nickel-free and complies with European standards.

### Real Gold Plating to Specifications

As for our gold-plating, we can plate to specification, such as 18k, 22k or even 24k.

### **Fully-Computerised Plating System Plus Ultrasonic Cleaning**

To obtain a standardised finish of the highest quality, we use a fully-computerised plating system. To keep the plating solution pure, regular ultrasonic cleaning is carried out between each plating batch.

### **Strong and Superior Metal**

For the metal parts of the jewelry, companies producing cheap jewelry may use tin, which has poor finish and break easily. We cast our main metal pieces out of pewter, which is still light but stronger. Small parts may also be made of brass, which is much stronger than inferior materials like tin.

### **Hypoallergenic Titanium**

All Lush Crystal Jewelry pierced earrings are hypoallergenic through our use of titanium posts. Commonly, surgical steel is used by many other jewelry manufacturers but surgical steel contains nickel which can cause skin allergies.

### **Hand-Drilling of Holes for a Perfect Fit**

Before the Swarovski crystals are set into place, we hand-drill holes corresponding to the size of the crystal rhinestone which will be used. This ensures a perfect fit. Inferior jewelry will have gaps between the holes and the stones, resulting in the crystals falling out over time.

### **Each Swarovski Crystal Stone is Set by Hand**

Each Swarovski crystal rhinestone is painstakingly set by hand for a perfect fit. Cheap jewelry often has the stones just 'sitting' or floating on top of the holes.

### **Fashionably Comfortable**

For our customers' comfort, all our clip earrings come with padded cushions.

### **Quality Control at Every Stage**

A thorough quality check is conducted at the end of every stage of our jewelry-making process, ensuring that our customers will receive only the best from us.

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