

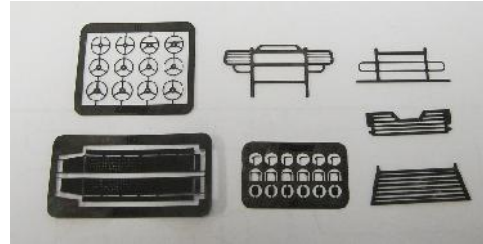
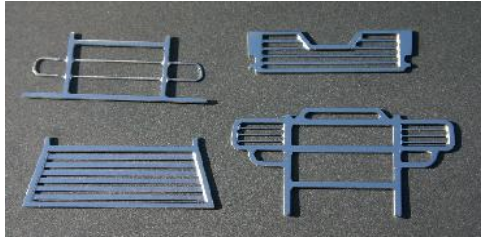


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About TractorFab “Chrome” and “Painted” parts

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Caution: Small Parts. Not recommended for children under 12 yrs of age. Use Care when handling – sharp edges. Use of this item in its intended purpose may violate the safety standards of the original item for which it is intended to be used with.

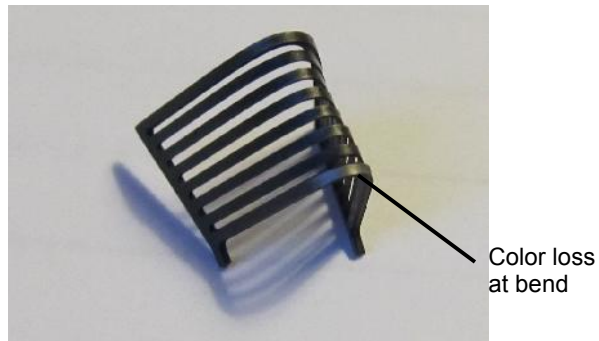
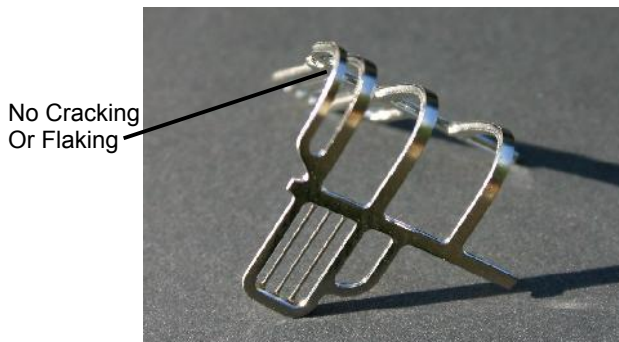


TractorFab offers a number of our parts in alternate finishes: “Chrome Finish”, shown above left, and “Painted Black”, above right. Neither of these terms are accurate – so what are they?



Regular stainless steel part (left), and “chrome” finish, (right)

Our chrome finish is actually a process called electropolishing. Basically, the process chemically removes the microscopic high spots on the material, leaving the surface smoother, sort of a chemical sanding process. The resulting finish is a chrome like surface, and unlike true chrome, it won't flake or crack, because it isn't a plating overlay. Below is an example to show that the part remains unaffected when bent:



Our “painted black” items are also a chemical process called black oxide. This is a very thin surface treatment. This provides a more consistent surface coating. The finish is “flat”, and may have black or white residue on the parts that rub off on your fingers. The parts can be rubbed or polished to bring out the shine if desired. Alternately, a small bit of olive oil can be applied to make a gloss finish. Remember, the surface that will be glued cannot have oil residue on it, or it won't stick! Notice when the black part is bent, the color fades out a bit on the bend.