

Descriptions for some of the metals in this category:

10-1 White Metals Assorted - Buttons constructed of white metal alloys (appearing white or gray)

10-2 Aluminum - Button characterized by their light weight compared to other metals

10-3 Pewter Assorted - Tin alloyed with varying proportions of lead, zinc, antimony, bismuth or copper

10-4 Silver Assorted - Usually alloyed with copper to give it strength and hardness

10-5 Steel Assorted - Attraction to a magnet is a key to identification

10-6 Tinned White Metals - Pure or block tin buttons very rare

10-7 Yellow Metals Assorted - Includes all buttons made of yellow metal alloys

10-8 Brass - Alloy of copper and zinc (usually less than 40% zinc)

10-9 Copper

10-10 Gilt/Plated Assorted - Gilt refers to any metal plated with a thin coating of gold. Silver plate: a thin coating of silver.

10-11 Backgrounds - Metals only, including screen, twinkle, etc.

10-12 Decorative Finishes (DF) Assorted - Gilt/plated or tinned not included. Enamel acceptable as long as metal is the focus.

10-13 Mechanical (Mech) Make-up Assorted - Term applies to the number of main parts (front, back, rim) needed to assemble the finished button.

10-14 Other Material Embellishment (OME) Assorted - The metal must be the focus of the button. (Or equal focus for two materials)

10-15 Specific Types