

# Piercing Materials ~ Comparison of features

Materials used in piercings	Gold	Silver	Titanium	Surgical Steel	PTFE	Acrylic	BioFlex
Usable in most body piercings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Suitable for healed piercings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Suitable for fresh piercings			✓		✓		✓
Anti-allergenic / non reactive			✓		✓		✓
Faster healing time					✓		✓
Length adjustable					✓		✓
Hygienic / easy to clean					✓		✓
Bio-chemically stable					✓		✓
Inert material			✓		✓		✓
Suitable for hiding piercings							✓
Non-brittle / crush resistant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Flexible					✓		✓
Holds its shape	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Low heat conductivity (sunbathing)					✓	✓	✓
Steam sterilisable	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Can be coloured			✓			✓	✓
Can be UV reactive						✓	✓
Transparent / clear						✓	✓
Ultra-Light / ultra-low density					✓	✓	✓
Very slow migration rate							✓
Self-tapping					✓	✓	✓
Cost-effective / versatile					✓		✓