

Nickel Plating vs. Aluminum Anodizing

	Nickel Plating	Aluminum Anodizing
Appearance	Clean, smooth finish that can be re-done when needed	Comes in a multitude of colors, though may not come out as nice on uneven surfaces
Weight	Makes components much heavier and can change outer dimensions. Just a surface coating	A big advantage of aluminum anodizing is since it builds up half into the part and half on the surface, it stays a lot lighter
Strength	Nickel plating undoubtedly makes a part stronger and more durable therefore increasing overall life span for that part	Of the three types of anodizing, Type III is the hardest, but nickel plating still beats it out