

When buying jewelry, you know that you will need to take good care of it, mainly due to oxidation.

### **How to take care of EG jewelry**

The EG Eleonora Ghilardi bronze and silver jewels are produced in Italy with the lost wax casting technique.

They are unique pieces or belonging to limited series.

The jewels do not contain nickel and are hypoallergenic.

According to the pH intensity of your skin, silver and in particular bronze can cause the appearance of a slightly greenish halo on the skin which disappears after careful washing and this should not therefore be considered an allergic reaction.

Many of the EG Eleonora Ghilardi rings are adjustable and can therefore be perfectly adapted to the size of your finger. While inserting or removing the ring, rotate it slowly.

In order not to damage your jewel, never widen or tighten the ring without the aid of the special tool: if necessary, ask for help from a trusted jeweler or goldsmith.

Perfumed essences, creams or detergents can damage pearls, stones and shells (but also metal alloys).

### **What is oxidation?**

Oxidation is a chemical and natural reaction that occurs with most metals (except gold, platinum and aluminum). The dark patina we all know arises when metal and oxygen meet.

In addition, there are many factors that can change and dull the surface of your jewelry such as soap, cream or sweat and a particular skin pH.

### **THE BRONZE:**

Bronze is an alloy of copper and tin, therefore it does not contain nickel.

Oxidation is a natural process of the metal, in particular, bronze, not being a noble metal, is subject to oxidation over time.

It is the favorite material for my collections: it helps me, with its color, to make all my jewels sculptural.

Its charm also derives from the fact that it was probably the first metal to be discovered by man, appreciated for its qualities: hardness and resistance, this means that this metal guarantees a long life.

Today we also appreciate it for its color, it is in fact the only non-precious metal, together with brass, to come close to the color of gold.

Here are some small tips to keep your jewel in good condition:

- When you wash your hands it would be a good habit to remove your bronze rings, or otherwise dry them very well after having wet them, bronze fears humidity!
- Avoid contact with creams or perfumes: if you are wearing a bronze necklace, do not spray your perfume on it: it could blacken!
- Avoid wearing it when you sweat a lot, in the pool, in thermal waters or at the Spa.

Depending on the acidity and pH of your skin, bronze could leave a greenish halo on your fingers after a few hours of wearing it: it is not to be considered an allergic reaction to metal, simply wash the affected part with soap. .

Particular consideration must be given to jewels with desired oxidation (opaque black surfaces): this type of oxidation is a patina, therefore superficial. Despite being protected by an invisible coating, oxidation may change over time based on atmospheric agents, humidity, type of skin pH of the person who will wear the jewel, use and care of the same. Please pay particular attention to this type of jewelry and avoid contact with chemical essences, creams, detergents etc. and store them after use in an environment that is always very dry.

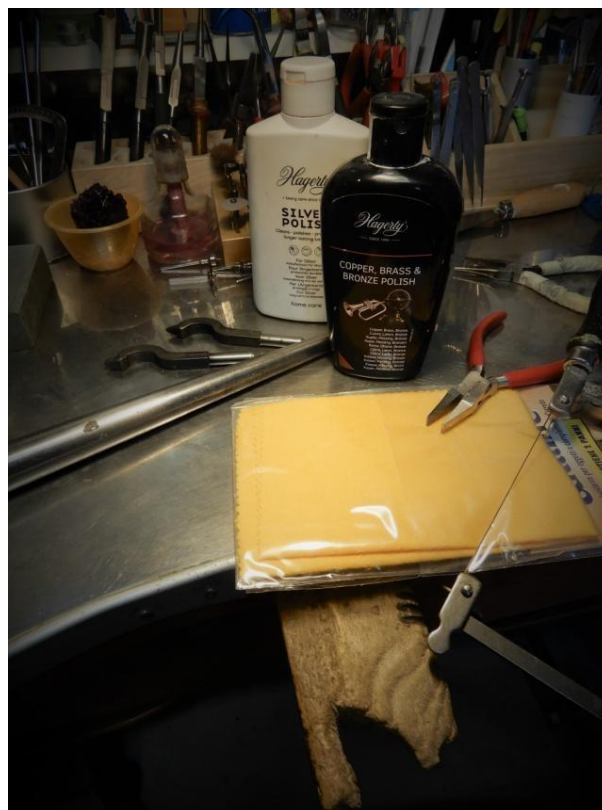
## **HOW TO CLEAN JEWELS**

If over time the jewel loses its luster and dulls, you can use a specific product for bronze or silver that you will find on the market, or a solution of warm water and bicarbonate to rub on the surface of the jewel with a microfiber cloth or with a old toothbrush (methodology suggested ONLY for all-metal jewelry, without enamels, pearls, gems, etc.).

For jewelry with pearls and gems, use only specific cloths (and not cream products).

It is a good habit, from time to time, to wipe the surface of the jewel with a soft cloth, better if it is specific cloths for silver or bronze.

Put your jewels in their original packaging, air is the worst enemy of oxidation, and in contact with other metal jewels this process intensifies.



**Each EG jewel, inside its packaging, contains a reminder on how to maintain and care for your jewel based on its characteristics. Please read it and keep it carefully.**