

# ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS for Cast Metal Plaques

Just have wording you'd like us to place for you? That's easy – just send in email or text file at the time you order! If you have a logo, though, it can be trickier. To avoid additional charges for graphics work:

- **B/W:** All files MUST be in black and white only
- **Plain:** NO halftones or screens
- **Vector:** Your File Format MUST be in editable vector format to allow for proper output. This includes the following drawing formats ONLY:
  - Adobe Illustrator – CS 5 or below (\*.ai) file preferred
  - Corel Draw – X5 or below (\*.cdr)
  - **Note:** EPS files are acceptable in outlined vector format ONLY, and able to be opened with CS5.
- *Special fonts:* All fonts must be converted to curves or outlined. We have most basic fonts. If you wish us to choose a similar font to yours, send a sample.
- *Font Size:* Minimum castable letter height is 1/4" ALL CAPS or 3/8" Caps with Lower Case.
- *Space Between:* Typesetting must allow at least 1/16" white space between letters & lines
- Line stroke in letters and artwork can be no smaller than 1/16" or 4 pts thick.

## ***What's the Material of the Metal Cast Plaques?***

### **Cast Bronze**

Copper Development Association Alloy C92200: 88% Copper, 6% tin, 4% zinc, 2% lead.

### **Cast Aluminum**

Alloy Designation C443.2. Aluminum is approximately 1/3 the weight of cast bronze.

## ***RAISED VS. RECESSED GRAPHICS***

The casting process creates plaques with two levels of graphics: **raised & recessed**. Graphic images are raised .100" from the background texture. Letters can be recessed on a cast plaque if the stroke of the letters is at least 1/8" at all points or serifs. *This is an additional cost, so ask for a quote if you want your lettering recessed.*

## ***STANDARD SIZES FOR METAL CAST PLAQUES***

Please refer to our catalogs for standard sizes. We can do special sizes, special shapes or depths, however, so simply contact us for more information. The largest size cast plaque we can ship is 36" x 36". The foundry can cast large sizes in sections and you can fasten them together by welding/brazing or via mechanical fasteners. Exact Sizes – The back side of cast plaques will measure larger than the front dimensions due to the casting process, so let us know if your metal cast plaque must fit into an exactly sized recessed opening. We can adjust the sizing during the planning stages.

For more information, see our website <https://futurepkg.com/metal-cast-plaques/> or email [graphics@futurepkg.com](mailto:graphics@futurepkg.com).

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