



Nickel Test Kit (DMG or dimethylglyoxime spot test for nickel)

- Delasco (Delasco.com) is one company that sells this spot test for nickel - cost around \$20.
- Very easy. Put a couple of drops of this product on a cotton swab and rub swab on the metal. The swab will turn pink if nickel is detected.
- Important to realize it could be just a small area of the metal where nickel is exposed . . . and that is enough to cause a skin reaction! So make sure to rub cotton swab on many areas of the metal including edges and corners where any coating is more likely to rub off.
- Also, important to realize that allergies develop. You may not have had an allergy to nickel in your past, but now you do. Another reason a metal product may be bothering you now but didn't in the past is that a coating may have rubbed off the metal, now exposing the nickel.
- I don't recommend trying to cover exposed nickel with nail polish as the nail polish too easily rubs off. Tucking in a shirt (when reacting to a belt or studs on jeans) also doesn't usually work as microscopic antigen gets wicked through the clothing. If you are reacting to a snap or studs on jeans, sometimes duct tape on the metal will work.