

MATERIAL SELECTION GUIDE

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Which material to specify for a custom sculpture, and why.

304 STAINLESS STEEL

- The default grade for inland gardens, plazas, lobbies and interiors.
- Takes a mirror or brushed finish. Corrosion and high temperature resistant.
- Lower material cost than 316 at the same size.

316 STAINLESS STEEL

- Specify where chlorides are present: coastal sites and de-icing salt.
- Resists the surface staining that shows first on a mirror finish.
- Looks identical to 304 when new; the difference appears over time.

CORTEN WEATHERING STEEL

- Forms a stable rusted patina; reads as part of a planted landscape.
- Runoff can mark light paving while the patina forms - plan the base detail.
- Usually the lower cost option at the same size as stainless steel.

FIBERGLASS (FRP)

- Lightest option, cheapest to ship, takes any colour.
- Holds complex figurative and character detail well.
- Not as durable outdoors as stainless steel over the long term.

WHAT TO SEND WITH AN ENQUIRY

- Overall dimensions, or the space the piece has to fill.
- Installation site and exposure, especially distance to the sea.
- Preferred finish: mirror polished, brushed, coloured or weathered.
- A reference photograph, sketch or 3D file.
- Destination port and target installation date.

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