

# Wedding Rings

## Introduction

Wedding rings have been used to symbolise love and commitment between two people for hundreds of years. First used in Roman times wedding and engagement rings are traditionally worn on the third finger of the left hand as it was believed that the left hand contained “the vein of love” a vein that ran directly to the wearers heart. By placing a continuous band of precious metal on this finger it was thought that everlasting love was ensured.

With no beginning and no end the wedding ring is an unbroken band which symbolises the love and strength of an eternal unity between two people.







## Choosing your Wedding Ring

When choosing your wedding rings there are many factors that need to be taken into consideration including the style and width of the band, the metal type and the size you will require.

Wedding rings are described and sold by their band widths and “shape”. The majority of styles we sell range from 2mm - 6mm in width, with the most popular wedding ring shapes being Court, Flat Court and D-shaped bands.

With plain and diamond set wedding rings in stock this wide variety creates a range of styles and sizes for you to choose from suitable for brides and grooms.

An example of the most popular wedding ring shapes can be seen below.

		<b>D-Shape</b> a ring profile with a rounded outside and flat inside.
		<b>Court / Comfort Shape</b> a ring profile that is slightly curved on both the inside and outside for a more comfortable fit.
		<b>Flat Court</b> a ring that is flat on the outside for a modern look and curved to the inside for a comfortable fit.

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## **Brides Rings**

When it comes to choosing your wedding ring the type of ring available to the bride will always be governed by the style of her engagement ring. The engagement ring will dictate the shape and style of the wedding band which should complement the engagement ring, not outshine it.

The most important factor to consider when choosing your wedding ring is that the metal it is made from matches that of your engagement ring. With wedding rings available in 9ct, 18ct gold and platinum the density of these three metals needs to be taken into consideration. Although it is popular to wear complementing colours and styles, two rings of different carats or metals worn together could result in the engagement ring being eroded over time if it is continually rubbed against a ring of a harder metal.

In the case of the three metals mentioned platinum is the purest and hardest with its density also making it the most expensive of the three being double the price of 18ct gold. 9ct gold although not as pure as 18ct gold is harder wearing although not as hard as platinum.

The wedding and engagement ring should sit comfortably alongside each other as if they were made to be worn together. It is for this reason that it is also important to consider the width and shape of your wedding band which again will be determined by the design of your engagement ring. Either plain or set with diamonds for added sparkle brides will often choose a wedding band that matches the shape of their engagement ring and one that is of a similar width to obtain a complementing pair of rings that will last a lifetime

## **Grooms Rings**

With a variety of different styles, shapes and sizes available from plain bands to rings set with diamonds, the groom is not restricted when it comes to choosing his wedding ring. The style and colour of ring chosen is down to personal preference with not all grooms choosing to have the same design as their partner, although traditional matching wedding rings are available.

One aspect that may influence your choice of metal is the type of work you do. Harder wearing metals such as platinum and even titanium or tungsten may be advisable if you do a lot of heavy manual work which could easily damage an 18ct gold ring. Prolonged periods of rough wear and tear could eventually damage any ring so it may even be better to remove your wedding band altogether during these periods to ensure it is completely protected.

The grooms wedding ring is traditionally wider than the brides and this should be taken into consideration when deciding on your ring size, wide wedding rings will generally be a tighter fit than a ring in the same style which is slightly narrower. It is for this reason that for bands of 6mm wide and over we advise choosing a ring that is one size larger than you would usually require. Our store teams will be happy to offer any further advice on choosing the correct size.

## **Wedding Rings at Chapelle Jewellery**

Although the range of wedding rings shown online are not available at all of our stores for a small deposit we would be happy to arrange to have a ring sent to one of our Chapelle stores to view at your convenience.

Whilst we carry a range of sizes in all of our wedding bands we do advise you to allow at least 8 weeks in which to order your rings to avoid disappointment as some styles will be made specifically for you by our manufacturers.

All of the wedding rings we sell are solid in their construction and are designed to be worn everyday of your married life, when cared for correctly they will last a lifetime.

We offer fantastic value and exceptional quality on all of our jewellery so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have an enquiry. Our customer service lines are open Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm where our friendly, helpful staff will be happy to answer any queries you may have.

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