

# Product Notice

## Hardware Finish

Smith-Blair's Full Circle, Redi-Clamp, and Saddle products use a variety of hardware finishes. The most common is Zinc Electroplating. This plating offers increased corrosion protection over uncoated hardware.

For many years, Zinc Electroplating received a Yellow Hexavalent Chromate conversion coating over the deposited Zinc. This finish can be seen on Bolt A shown on the right. One byproduct of this coating is Hexavalent Chromium Cr(VI) which has growing health and environmental concerns. It is because of these reasons, the plating industry has started to move to a Trivalent Chromate finish which does not contain Hexavalent Chromium Cr(VI).

Smith-Blair's hardware supply chain is now migrating to the Trivalent Chromate finish. We have requested a Blue color because what is better than Smith-Blair Blue? As the migration moves forward, you may see hardware that has an ever slight shade of blue to a color that is obviously blue. Bolts B, C, and D to the right all have a Blue Trivalent Chromate finish. We are working with suppliers to try and get a more uniform color.

Smith-Blair will continue to provide high-quality product performance while offering a committed sustainability effort towards environmentally friendly product.

