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(54) **Process for imparing a metal appearance to articles**

(57) Process for metal coating articles through the silver reduction reaction known as Tollens test, comprising the steps of:

- a) applying, preferably spraying, over said article a layer of a preparative paint;
- b) applying, preferably spraying, a gripping primer resin layer;
- c) drying said primer layer;
- d) forming a metal mirror over the article surface through the silver reduction reaction known as Tollens test;
- e) washing with water the surface of the so treated article;
- f) applying over the article surface a first transparent resin layer to form a first protection layer;
- g) drying said first protection resin layer;
- h) applying a second transparent resin layer to form a second film or layer as a protection against chemical agents;

Alternatively there is provided a step (f) of applying a single transparent protection layer by using a two-components acrylic-urethane resin.

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