



## Contact plating selector guide

As soon as you know what contact size you need, you next have to decide on which type to use. Souriau proposes mainly two different types of electrical contacts:

- Machined
- Stamped & formed

Machined contacts are generally chosen for low quantities purpose as well as a better solution for power applications.

Stamped & formed contacts offer the ability to be crimped automatically which makes them more suitable for high volume production applications.

Then comes the question: What plating should I choose ?

Hereunder is a graph with criteria to guide you:

*NB: do not mix different plating (e.g. tin plated pin contact with gold plated socket contact).*

