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## Custom Ceramic Poker Chips: Edge-to-Edge Printed Sets Planned From a Real Spec Sheet

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### Product Image













## Details

**Custom ceramic poker chips are composite discs made from high-density polymer and ceramic powder. Dye sublimation puts the artwork into the face and edge instead of onto a label. Plan your denominations first. Then confirm diameter, weight, finish, minimum order and lead time in a written quote and a physical sample before you approve production.**

**Who buys these chips.** The largest group is the serious home-game host. This is someone who has run a weekly cash game on a plastic starter set and now wants a themed set of several hundred chips with clearly readable values. Poker Chip Mania calls custom ceramics the ["premium home game" upgrade<sup>\[1\]</sup>](#). A second group spends time on chip forums, buys sample packs from several printers before a group buy, and rejects any set with misaligned edge spots. The third group is commercial: bars, event planners, corporate gifting teams, wedding planners and small leagues. They need a logo set for a fixed date, sometimes only a few dozen chips. Gift buyers ordering a small themed run sit at

the edge of all three groups. The priorities are the same across groups, only the order changes: readable denominations, chips that stack and shuffle reliably, and a delivery date that is met.

**The problem.** Most custom chip orders go wrong before anything is printed. The same Poker Chip Mania guide says most "bad custom chip" stories start when the buyer chooses art and colors before planning values and quantities. A set built on a beautiful image can still have too many denominations, numerals that blend into the background, or a quantity split that leaves the bank short of the chips people use most.

**Why it hurts.** These mistakes show up after the money is spent. One forum member said chips that "stacked like bricks" on arrival became so slippery after [three months of play once or twice a week](#)<sup>[2]</sup> that stacks fell at the slightest nudge. A Reddit buyer found a seller's ceramic sample set [blurrier than the same seller's sticker chips](#)<sup>[3]</sup>. Experienced collectors describe the trade-off plainly: ceramics give the [best color saturation but a more slippery feel and spinners](#)<sup>[4]</sup>. For an event order, a late shipment turns the whole set into a souvenir of the date you missed.

**The fix.** Treat the order as a specification, not a design file. Lock the denomination plan. Choose diameter and surface finish from physical samples. Check your artwork against the printer's template. Approve a proof in writing. Then weigh, count and stack-test a sample before the full run is released. The MOQ, production time and unit weight for this listing are confirmed in your written quote and pre-production sample. Do not assume them from another vendor's page.



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## What Is a Custom Ceramic Poker Chip, Really? [↑](#)

Despite the name, a ceramic poker chip is not a kiln-fired ceramic. Macau MR's manual says these chips are ["not entirely ceramic"](#)<sup>[5]</sup>. They are a pressed mixture of high-density polymer and ceramic powder, molded and cut into blanks. Apollon Chips likewise states the material is [not real ceramic or porcelain](#)<sup>[6]</sup>, so it does not shatter like a mug. The artwork goes on by dye sublimation. Poker Chip Lounge describes ink turned to gas at [around 400 degrees that permeates the chip](#)<sup>[7]</sup>, with no metal insert and no inlay. Some listings use "ceramic" loosely. One promotional page carries a [ceramic headline while its spec table says Composite Clay](#)<sup>[8]</sup>. Always read the material field, not the title.

Weight is where buyers are most often misled. Poker Chip Lounge lists 10 g at 39 mm, 11.5 g at 43 mm and 12.5 g at 46 mm on its [product FAQ](#). BR Pro's FAQ says its standard 39 mm chip weighs [about 9.5 g and is about 3.3 mm thick](#)<sup>[9]</sup>. Regulators do not settle the question. Nevada Regulation 12.040 sets chips at [1.55 inches in diameter and 0.130 inch thick](#)<sup>[10]</sup> for non-baccarat games and specifies no weight. Las Vegas Advisor notes that retailers often call 11.5 g "casino weight," yet informal sampling of \$1 chips in Las Vegas poker rooms found [roughly 9 to 10 g](#)<sup>[11]</sup>. A heavier chip is not automatically closer to what casinos use.



Readability matters more than resolution. Full-face artwork tends to bury the numeral. Give each value a high-contrast number that stays clear when a stack is viewed from across the table. Use color families that stay distinct under warm room lighting. Some forum buyers move high denominations to a larger 43 mm diameter so those chips separate visually. Treat that as a design choice to confirm on a sample, not as a rule. Larger diameters change rack and case fit, and fit depends on the actual chip dimensions and must be verified with a sample.



Surface finish controls how the chips stack and shuffle. A forum reviewer who compared eleven sample sets said one ceramic [stacked well and did not spin because the blank was slightly textured<sup>\[12\]</sup>](#). Texture can also wear off. Another thread reports some ceramics lose their initial texture after [an hour or two of shuffling<sup>\[13\]</sup>](#). Edge printing is the other choice. Rolling edge text and stripes are possible, but aligned edge spots usually cost extra. Forum buyers treat [unaligned edge spots as a "complete nonstarter"](#), so decide on alignment before quoting.

## How Do You Order Custom Ceramic Chips Without Surprises? [↑](#)

The sequence below follows the steps printers publish, with a buyer-side check added at each stage. Each step should produce something written: a denomination sheet, a file checklist, a sample report, or a signed proof.



1. **Plan the structure.** Decide on cash game or tournament, the number of denominations, and the count per value. One experienced Reddit commenter called a \$0.25-to-\$5,000 range unnecessary and suggested [capping at \\$25 or \\$100 chips](#)<sup>[14]</sup> unless you spread larger games. Minimums are often counted per design. BR Pro, for example, requires [25 chips per design or denomination](#)<sup>[15]</sup>.
2. **Choose diameter, finish and edge.** Write down the diameter, smooth or textured blank, edge text or stripes, and aligned or unaligned edge spots. Each choice changes price and appearance.
3. **Check the artwork files.** BR Pro's FAQ asks for CMYK at 300 dpi and at least 1.5 inches in diameter. Its 39 mm template uses a 1.565-inch face and a 4.92 × 0.133-inch edge, with all-caps edge text no taller than 0.075 inch ([BR Pro FAQ](#)). Use this as a benchmark until your own printer's template arrives.
4. **Get a physical sample.** Poker Merchant offers [photo and video samples for orders of 300 chips or more](#)<sup>[16]</sup>. BR Pro sells prototypes at \$1.25 per chip plus shipping, without edge printing ([BR Pro](#)). A buyer who ordered through Alibaba advised to ["definitely get samples"](#)<sup>[17]</sup> because some ceramics spin and stack badly. Sample terms for this listing are stated in your quote.
5. **Approve the proof in writing.** Sign off the front, back, edge text, denominations, bleed and safe zone. Sublimated artwork cannot be removed, and many printers do not accept returns on approved custom orders.
6. **Inspect incoming chips.** Macau MR describes curing followed by inspecting each chip for [size, weight, tolerance and color](#). Run the same checks yourself on arrival, using the table in the buying-checks section.



The production clock almost always starts at proof approval, not at checkout, and shipping comes on top. Poker Chip Lounge quotes about two weeks of production after proof approval ([Poker Chip Lounge](#)). BR Pro says most custom orders take about 2-3 weeks and that timing is not guaranteed ([BR Pro FAQ](#)). Casino Supply asks buyers to [allow 4 weeks after design approval](#)<sup>[18]</sup>. Poker Foundry lists about [10 weeks standard and about 4 weeks rushed for \\$136](#)<sup>[19]</sup>. For a dated event, work backward from the event and include one revision round.

### How Does Ceramic Compare With Clay and ABS Chips? [↑](#)

All of these materials appear under the same search term. They differ in where the artwork can go, not in which is "better."

| Option                  | Decoration                     | Published weight | Published minimum | Best fit                 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Ceramic composite       | Dye sublimation, face and edge | 10-12 g          | 50                | Photos, logos, edge text |
| Clay-style composite    | Center inlay only              | 13-14 g          | 100               | Classic casino look      |
| Hot-stamped ABS         | Foil stamp                     | 11.5 g           | 500               | Budget promotions        |
| Casino-style clay inlay | Inlay, beveled edge            | 10 g ± 0.2 g     | 500               | Fine crests, casino feel |

The first three rows come from one retailer's [side-by-side material chart](#)<sup>[20]</sup>. That keeps the numbers internally consistent, but they are not industry norms. The last row comes from Poker Foundry, which gives [10 g ± 0.2 g and rates ceramic at 50,000+ impact cycles versus 25,000+ for clay](#)<sup>[21]</sup>. No ASTM or ISO method number accompanies those ratings, so treat them as the supplier's own figures. In practice, choose ceramic when the artwork is the point, and clay inlay when tactile casino feel and small crests matter more.

| Supplier (published)              | 39 mm weight | Minimum                    | Production after proof |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| <a href="#">Poker Chip Lounge</a> | 10 g         | 50 or 100 (pages conflict) | About 2 weeks          |

|                                |              |               |                                 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| <a href="#">BR Pro Poker</a>   | About 9.5 g  | 25 per design | About 2–3 weeks, not guaranteed |
| <a href="#">Poker Merchant</a> | 10 g         | 10            | 12–15 business days             |
| <a href="#">Casino Supply</a>  | 10 g         | 300           | 4 weeks                         |
| <a href="#">Poker Foundry</a>  | 10 g ± 0.2 g | 500           | About 10 weeks                  |

Minimums in this table range from 10 to 500, and production times from under three weeks to about ten. Even a single retailer can publish different minimums on its collection page and its product FAQ. The useful takeaway is the spread, not an average. Ask your quote to state minimum per denomination, total minimum, production days after proof, transit method, and whether aligned edges change the price. Pricing varies just as much. BR Pro's 39 mm tiers run from \$1.75 per chip at 25–99 pieces to \$0.75 at 3,000+, with aligned edges adding \$0.25 ([BR Pro price tiers](#)).

## Which Checks Protect Your Order Before and After Delivery? [↑](#)

Write acceptance checks into the order before production starts, so "it looks off" becomes something you can measure.

| Check            | Method                                            | Escalate when                              |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Weight           | Weigh single chips and a 10-chip stack            | Average falls outside the quoted tolerance |
| Spinners         | Stack 20 chips, nudge sideways, spin the top chip | Chips rotate on a raised center            |
| Registration     | Check front and back centering in daylight        | Art visibly off-center or faces misaligned |
| Edge alignment   | Compare edge spots down a stack                   | Spots drift on an aligned-edge order       |
| Color            | Compare against the approved sample               | Visibly muted versus the sample            |
| Count and damage | Count per denomination; photograph chips          | Short counts, cracks or edge chips         |

Each row reflects a documented complaint. One Reddit buyer whose chips were advertised at 12 g found a 10-chip stack [typically weighed 109.5–110 g](#)<sup>[22]</sup>. A forum member comparing blanks found [no spinners in 400 BR Pro chips versus about 10% from a cheaper source](#)<sup>[23]</sup>. The weight tolerance and color tolerance for this listing are quote items. No figure is promised until your sample confirms it.



Care affects how long the print lasts. Dye sublimation can migrate again under heat. A long-running forum thread describes red dye that [transferred onto neighboring chips, felt and hands](#)<sup>[24]</sup>. Keep stored chips out of hot cars and attics. Avoid placing large saturated reds directly against pale denominations in sealed cases. Apollon advises against chip-washing machines or any heat, and suggests [gently rubbing with water only](#).

Two compliance limits apply. In California, a 2008 consent judgment in CEH v. Gaming Partners set a [reformulation standard of no more than 50 ppm total lead](#)<sup>[25]</sup> for the settling chip makers. It is not a universal limit, but it is a reasonable reference when you request a material declaration. Custom home chips are also not approved casino chips. Nevada's NRS 465.080 makes it [unlawful to use or manufacture counterfeit chips in a gambling game](#)<sup>[26]</sup>. Order for private play and promotions, and use only logos you have the rights to.



Packaging and timing cause the last-mile failures. One buyer received chips [loose in a bubble envelope, 50 short, with one broken<sup>\[27\]</sup>](#). Ask for rolls or trays packed by denomination, and agree in advance on a window for reporting damage with photos. For events, one Trustpilot reviewer's charity-tournament chips were rescheduled to [arrive the evening after the event began<sup>\[28\]</sup>](#). Put the event date in the quote request. For reorders, keep the approved files and a per-denomination count sheet. Casino Supply, for example, accepts reorders smaller than the first order ([Casino Supply](#)). Ask whether this listing does the same.

## Key Takeaways: What Matters Most When You Buy? [↑](#)

- **"Ceramic" chips are polymer composites, not fired ceramic** — high-density polymer pressed with ceramic powder ([Source](#))
- **Nevada regulation fixes chip size, not chip weight** — 1.55 in diameter × 0.130 in thick ([Source](#))
- **"Casino weight" is a retail label** — about 9–10 g measured versus 11.5 g commonly advertised ([Source](#))
- **Lead time starts at proof approval and varies widely** — about 2 weeks to about 10 weeks across published suppliers ([Source](#))
- **Impact-cycle durability figures are supplier ratings** — 50,000+ ceramic versus 25,000+ clay, with no ASTM or ISO method ([Source](#))
- **Market sizing for ceramic is a commercial estimate** — ceramic at 28.7% of 2025 poker chip revenue in one report; other reports disagree ([Source](#))

## Ready to Turn Your Chip Plan Into a Quote? [↑](#)

A good ceramic set is decided before printing. Settle the denominations first. Pick diameter and finish from chips you have handled. Check files against a real template, sign a proof, and measure a sample against written acceptance checks. Every number on this page comes from a named supplier or regulator and should be read as a benchmark. The minimum order, production time, unit weight and tolerances for this set are confirmed in your quote and pre-production sample. Send your

denomination plan, artwork and any event date to request a written quote and sample for this custom ceramic poker chip set.

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<sup>[1]</sup>Poker Chip Mania: Custom chip buying guide, page dated 2025-12-30. [↵](#)

<sup>[2]</sup>Poker Chip Forum: Ceramic slipperiness after three months of use, 2021. [↵](#)

<sup>[3]</sup>Reddit r/poker: Ceramic sample print sharpness complaint, 2025-03-10. [↵](#)

<sup>[4]</sup>Poker Chip Forum: Ceramic pros and cons thread, 2023-10-12. [↵](#)

<sup>[5]</sup>Macau MR: Ceramic chip material and inspection manual, 2025-09-18. [↵](#)

<sup>[6]</sup>Apollon Chips: FAQ on material composition and washing. [↵](#)

<sup>[7]</sup>Poker Chip Lounge: Product FAQ on sublimation, weights and production time. [↵](#)

<sup>[8]</sup>ProImprint: Ceramic-titled listing specifying Composite Clay material. [↵](#)

<sup>[9]</sup>BR Pro Poker: FAQ on weight, thickness, files and lead time. [↵](#)

<sup>[10]</sup>Nevada Regulation 12: Chip diameter and thickness rule, January 2026 text. [↵](#)

<sup>[11]</sup>Las Vegas Advisor: Casino chip weight answer, 2023-04-28. [↵](#)

<sup>[12]</sup>Poker Chip Forum: Review of eleven sample sets, 2024-03-16. [↵](#)

<sup>[13]</sup>Poker Chip Forum: Texture wear after shuffling, 2024-11-10. [↵](#)

<sup>[14]</sup>Reddit r/poker: Denomination range advice, 2025-11-21. [↵](#)

<sup>[15]</sup>BR Pro 39 mm page: Per-design minimum, price tiers and prototypes. [↵](#)

<sup>[16]</sup>Poker Merchant: Product page on minimums and pre-production samples. [↵](#)

<sup>[17]</sup>Reddit r/poker: Alibaba custom chip experiences, 2025-05-19. [↵](#)

<sup>[18]</sup>Casino Supply: 10 g custom chip minimum and production time. [↵](#)

<sup>[19]</sup>Poker Foundry: Custom chip guide with lead times and pricing. [↵](#)

<sup>[20]</sup>Poker Chip Lounge collection: Ceramic, clay and ABS comparison chart. [↵](#)

<sup>[21]</sup>Poker Foundry specs: Supplier-rated weight tolerance and impact cycles, 2026-06-29. [↵](#)

<sup>[22]</sup>Reddit r/poker: Advertised versus measured chip weight, 2025-12-19. [↵](#)

<sup>[23]</sup>Poker Chip Forum: Spinner rates across ceramic blanks, 2026-09-19. [↵](#)

<sup>[24]</sup>Poker Chip Forum: Dye-sublimation color transfer reports. [↵](#)

<sup>[25]</sup>California AG: Prop 65 gaming chip lead settlement. [↵](#)

<sup>[26]</sup>NRS 465.080: Nevada statute on counterfeit chips. [↵](#)

<sup>[27]</sup>Poker Chip Forum: Packaging and short-count complaint, 2024-07-17. [↵](#)

<sup>[28]</sup>Trustpilot: Event delivery failure review for pokerchips.com. [↵](#)

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## Product Option