

RING OF SUBSTITUTION

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This is a broad beautiful ring, constructed of soapstone wound with electrum wire, topped with a bar of platinum. The bar takes the shapes of different objects commonly used in spellcasting, such as a coin, bell, or glass rod, changing only when no one is looking.

The ring allows a spellcaster to substitute one material component for another of equal or greater gold piece value. If, for example, a spell requires 250gp worth of diamond dust, and the caster has no diamonds, she can use a 250gp bottle of wine, a 500gp ruby, or even 250 gold coins as the component as long as the substitution is of equal or greater value.

The ring does not affect the requirement for a spell focus, XP costs, alignment or race restrictions, required feats, or any other aspect of casting a spell.

Activating the ring is not an action, and occurs automatically as part of the spell casting action. Preparing unusual components may require some time to retrieve before casting the spell, however (e.g. pulling a bottle of wine from a *bag of holding*). The ring is useable once per round.

Strong transmutation; CL 17th; Forge Ring, *polymorph any object*; Price 231,200 gp.

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Relative Value

At the GM's option, in campaign settings with variations in market value systems, values are standard local to where the ring owner is casting, or where he was most recently if in the wilderness or a place that does not value the item substituted.

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The ring's cost calculation is (spell level 8) x (caster level 17) x (use-active item, 2000gp). The cost is reduced by the miscellaneous modifiers (only usable once per round, -5%), and (component substituted must be of equal or greater value, -10%).

If the GM is using metamagic components, such as found in *Unearthed Arcana* (Wizards of the Coast), then the ring has a price of 272,000 gp, as the effectiveness of this ring is vastly increased when it can allow substitutions for rare or expensive metamagic components.

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