

Art Deco vs. Dieselpunk

Core Difference

Art Deco

Elegant, optimistic, machine-age beauty.

Dieselpunk

Gritty, industrial, war-era machinery.

Side-by-Side Design Chart

Category	Art Deco	Dieselpunk
Overall Feel	Clean, polished, symmetrical, refined	Dirty, worn, functional, tough
Color Palette	Black, ivory, gold, teal, deep navy	Gunmetal, rust, olive, dirty yellow
Materials	Smooth metal, polished trim, enamel-like panels	Rough steel, rivets, pipes, heavy panels
Design Language	Geometric, vertical lines, arcs, stepped forms	Bolts, vents, exposed machinery, layered parts
Lighting	Bright, reflective, studio-like highlights	Low light, haze, smoke, industrial mood
Avoid	Rust, grime, exposed wires, random detail	Clean symmetry, shiny luxury, delicate decoration

Quick Use Guide

Use Art Deco when you want clean, elegant machines with symmetry, polished surfaces, and decorative geometry.

Use Dieselpunk when you want gritty, mechanical realism with wear, weight, exposed parts, and industrial atmosphere.

Color Palettes

Art Deco Palette



Jet Black
#1A1A1A



Charcoal
#2B2B2B



Ivory
#F2E6C9



Antique Gold
#C9A23A



Brass Gold
#B08A3E



Deep Teal
#2F5D62



Muted Navy
#2F3E55



Deco Red
#8C2F39

Dieselpunk Palette



Gunmetal
#3A3F45



Rust Brown
#8A4B2A



Olive Drab
#6E7F4F



Dirty Yellow
#C9A23A



Mud Brown
#5E4A3A



Ash Gray
#9A9A9A



Burnt Orange
#A3542A



Smoke Black
#202020

Design Note

Art Deco should feel intentional and polished. Dieselpunk should feel practical, heavy, and worn. The color palette should support the story before any detail is added.