

Badge making facts sheet



There are a number of suppliers in Australia for badge-making machines and parts. Quality varies with regards to both the machines and the actual badge making parts, so do your research.

I was not 100% happy with the machines or parts that we received, so I won't be listing the name of the supplier we used. Please contact me privately if you want to have an off the record discussion.

ABOVE: some badges, magnets and keyrings made by our students.

A few important tips...

- For keyrings: make sure your keyring backs are metal, not plastic. Ours were plastic, and a lot of them broke/cracked, because of the poor quality of the plastic. 'All metal' would be best.
- Storage: As the badge-making and magnet-making parts are metal, be sure to store them somewhere dry, so as to avoid rust. I noticed a small amount of rust on some of our magnet backs.
- Don't let children operate the machines unsupervised. There is the possibility of a seriously jammed finger.

Costs:

(from an invoice paid in June, 2015)

Badge Machine (25mm)	\$340
Badge Machine (44mm)	\$350
Circle cutter press (25mm) <i>(not required but makes life a lot easier and gives a faster and better result)</i>	\$160
Circle cutter press (44mm) <i>(not required but makes life a lot easier and gives a faster and better result)</i>	\$180
100 x 25mm badge parts	\$32
100 x 44m badge parts	\$35
100 x 44m keyring parts	\$80
100 x 25m magnet parts	\$55
100 x 44m magnet parts	\$60

The total cost including shipping was \$1,542.20 (including GST)

Obviously once the machines have been purchased, the only ongoing cost is the parts.