LEAD WEATHERING SETS
MAIN DIFFERENCES

With the leads we can perform certain effects with greater precision compared to what we would get with the brushes. To keep them sharp we will have to use a conventional sharpener. Their different hardness allows to obtain suitable results depending on the finish of the work surfaces and our intentions. While the hard ones allow to draw inscriptions and fine lines with defined edges, the soft ones allow to create shading and blending effects on the previous color.

Although the results of their use vary depending on their hardness and the glossy, satin or matt finish of the base over which they are applied, we can combine them obtaining different effects.

They are ideal to represent inscriptions, slogans and different marks made by hand on all types of models.

Combining the brown tones we will be able to add all kinds of chipping and scratches. While with the hard ones we will obtain a fine and defined result, with the soft ones we can create smoother effects, distributing the residue and blending the edges of the applied scratches.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LEADS ACCORDING TO THEIR HARDNESS

SOFT LEADS
- The greasier, the better we can paint on brighter surfaces.
- They leave more residue so we can take advantage of this and blur the residue with our finger, creating interesting effects.
- Perfect for making areas of chipped paint not strongly defined by weathering and shading.
- Although they can break easily due to their more greasy formulation, you can also work with their pieces.

HARD LEADS
- They are specially intended for matt surfaces.
- Easier to control than the greasy leads, allowing for making fine lines and chipping.
- More resistant than soft ones, they are less brittle.

It is easy to blur the greasy pigment of soft leads with a finger.

In the upper part we can see the result of using the hard lead, with the soft lead applied at the bottom part of the photo.

In the left portion of the turret, we can see the effects of the soft lead application that had been further softened using a fingertip. The chipping done with the hard lead, seen on the right side of the turret, is more clear and defined.