

6 AMAZING FACTS ABOUT LEAD THAT MIGHT SURPRISE YOU

Lead or 'plumbum' has also been referred to as 'liquid silver' and here are some lead facts that you may not know.

1.



1 million tonnes

More than one-million tonnes of lead is recycled globally each year.

2.



Pencils do not - and never did - contain lead. The "lead" in pencils is actually graphite.

3.



Ancient alchemists believed lead could be turned into gold!

4.



3800 B.C.

The oldest known lead artefact is a statuette dating back to around 3800 B.C.

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Lead is the only metal where heat is neither absorbed nor released when an electrical current is passed through it.

6.



There are no differences between pure lead and recycled secondary lead.