

# **Gold Plating Bath JE252**

#### **Description:**

The gold plating bath JE252 is a mildly acidic hard gold electrolyte that deposits yellow, uniformly shiny hard gold coatings. It is suitable for technical and decorative applications, as the deposited layers have high corrosion and abrasion resistance. Under optimal conditions, highly glossy and adhesive gold layers up to a maximum thickness of 8  $\mu$ m can be achieved. This value is very variable and depends on the gold content and the temperature of the bath. The coating consists of a gold/iron alloy.

#### **Operating data:**

Gold content 4 g/L

pH-value 4,0 (3,5 - 4,5)

Density 1,035 g/ml (1,030 - 1,050)

## **Deposition data:**

## **Working conditions:**

Voltage 2,5 V (2 - 3,5) Bath temperature 20 - 35 °C

Anode material platinized titanium

Goods movement required

Anode-/cathode surface 1:1

Deposition rate approx. 22 mg/Amin Power density approx. 1 - 2,5 A/dm²

Bath filtration from 10 liters

#### **Special Post-Treatment:**

After gold plating, the parts must undergo electrolytic degreasing (5V/30sec.) to remove electrolyte residues from the surface. This process results in a beautiful, uniform gold color.

## Form of delivery:

Ready for use with 4 g/L Au Regeneration solution JE252-R

## **Bath control/Regeneration:**

Regeneration must be carried out at the latest after a gold depletion of 20%. For 1 g of deposited fine gold, 10 ml of potassium gold(I) cyanide solution (100 g/L Au) and 0.2 ml of regeneration solution JE252-R must be added. To monitor the weight of the deposited precipitate, we recommend using an ampere-minute counter. The pH value and density should be regularly checked and corrected if necessary. If the pH value is too high, add citric acid (approx. 5 g/L), and if the pH value is too low, carefully add 10% potassium hydroxide solution. Bath control should be performed at regular intervals. We are happy to conduct a bath analysis for you.

#### Recycling:

The used solution contains precious metal, which we work up for you. The recovery of this solution can be profitable from 10 liters.

#### Storage:

Store closed and dark, in suitable and well marked containers. Do not bring in contact with cyanides or cyanide solutions.

# Risks/elimination:

Before desistance of the liquid solution in the canalization a wastewater treatment should be effected. The specifications of the local water authority should be regarded. We are happy to dispose of the solution properly for you.

Please consider our safety data sheet!

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