

Operating Instruction

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Title: RODIO WO2S 2 g/l

RODIO WO2S (Rh 2 g/l)

Rodio WO2S bath is intended for the deposition of brilliant-white, very light, bright coatings. The usual coating thickness for these applications is 0.1-0.3 μm.

1. Bath characteristics

 $\begin{array}{lll} Rhodium & 2.0 \text{ g/l} \\ pH \text{ value} & <1 \\ Temperature & 40^{\circ}C \\ Current density & 1 \text{ A/dm}^2 \end{array}$

Deposition speed approx. $0.025 \mu m/min$

2. Coating characteristics

Coating rhodium
Colour brilliant white
Hardness 800-900 HV
Maximum coating thickness 0.3 µm

3. Product Specifications (Code PF 565)

Rh content 2.0 g/lFree $\text{H}_2\text{SO4}$ 32-34 g/l

4. Bath Makeup (1000 ml)

- **4.1.** Attention CORROSIVE! Read Safety Data Sheet before use.
- **4.2.** The solution is ready for use.

5. Operating conditions

5.1. *Rhodium content*: 2g/I (1.6-2.4 g/l)

5.2. *H2SO4 concentration*: 32-34 g/l (rising with the use of bath)

5.3. Operating temperature: 40°C

5.4. *pH value* <1 , no control required

5.5. *Bath agitation*: recommended (bath agitation by air agitation is not suitable).

5.6. Current density: approx 0.5-2A/dm², preferably 1A/dm².

5.7. *Voltage*: 3-4 volts.

If the surface of the parts is not known and thus the required current cannot be calculated, work with a bath voltage which is just sufficient for the minimal evolution of hydrogen bubbles.

5.8. Deposition rate: approx. 3.2 mg/A min at 40°C.

At room temperature deposition rate, efficiency and deposition speed will be reduced to approx. half the stated

5.9. Deposition speed: approx. 0.025 μm/min at a current density of 1 A/dm² and 40°C.

6. Bath monitoring and correction

- **6.1.** Keep the bath clean
- **6.2.** Cover when not in use and take the platinized titanium anodes out of the bath
- **6.3.** Store in a closed bottle when not in use for a longer period of time
- **6.4.** Avoid metallic contaminants (particularly silver) and drag-in of cyanide!
- **6.5.** Continuous filtration through activated carbon is not allowed because this will remove an essential bath component.
- **6.6.** Determine Rh and H₂SO₄ content: if the concentration of rhodium is less than 1.6 g/l add the required amount of WO2S replenisher solution (Code PF 566).
- **6.7.** In case the bath does not functions satisfactory contact our contact center (0800 878 202 / service.client@cookson-clal.com)



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7. Process diagram

