

Technical data sheet and product guideline



GT4A1N

1N-14 yellow gold micron solution for bath plating 4 g/l (ready-to-use)

Color coordinates



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Product form

Metal concentration	4 g/l (Au)
Form	Liquid
Material color	Green
Storage time	2 years
Volume	1 liter

Operating data

	Range	Optimal
Voltage (V)	1,5 - 2,5	2,0
Current density (A/dm ²)	0,2 - 1,0	0,75
Working temperature (°C)	20 - 30	25
pH	3,2 - 4,0	3,6
Cathode efficiency (mg/Amin)	30 - 50	40
Anode type	Titanium platinized or mixed oxides	
Agitation	Moderate	

Metal concentration

Metal	Range (g/l)	Optimal (g/l)
Gold	2.0 - 4.0	4.0
Nickel	2.0 - 2.5	2.2
Indium	0.8 - 1.5	1.1

Deposit data

Hardness (HV 0,01)	200 - 400
Density (g/cm ³)	17
Thickness (um)	0,5 - 20
Appearance	Shiny
Color	1N Gold Yellow

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Preparation

GT4A1N is a ready-to-use plating bath at the concentration of 4 g/l of gold. No preparation is required while filling the working tank.

Equipment

Working vessel materials: Pyrex glass / PVC / polypropylene

Power supply: DC current rectifier with low residual AC (<5%)

Heating element

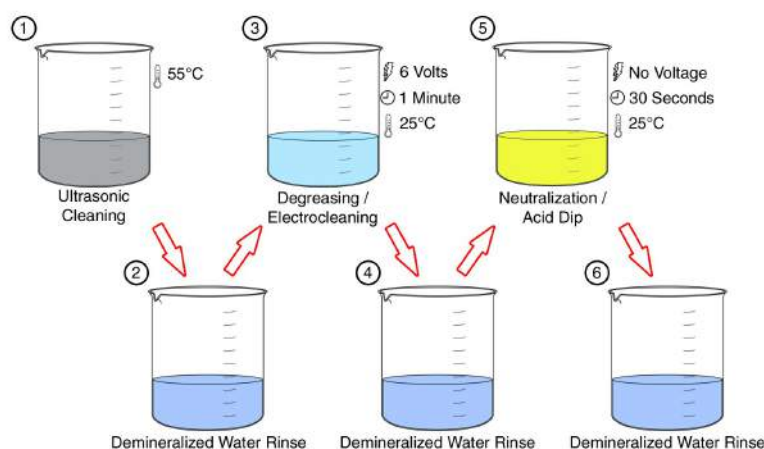
Anode type: Platinized titanium [1.5-2.5 µm] or stainless steel

For larger bath volumes:

Magnetic driven filter pumps with 5-15 µm cartridge (before use, boil and wash the cartridges with demineralized water for 3 hours to prevent organic contamination)

Amp/min counter

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Bath maintenance

This process is easy to maintain, but will initially requires frequent analytical controls in order to obtain a correct concentration level of all the metals present. Metal concentrations greatly influence the final deposited color; therefore, an incorrect management of these parameters shall inevitably lead to unwanted colors.

It is necessary to maintain the plating solution into its optimum working parameters by the addition of gold in form of 68.3% gold potassium cyanide salt (Code: AUS683) better if previously dissolved in hot deionized water to get a solution which concentration in fine gold is 100 g/liter. The complete replenisher units are sold in 100 ml.

To restore the solution the guideline is the following:

100 g of fine gold are consumed every 2000-3000 A/min and need to be restored together with 1 unit (100 ml) of K1NR complete replenisher solution.

Keep in mind that to get the optimal performance, the gold metal concentration shall not be lower than 75% of the nominal value; therefore the frequency of additions shall be decided on the basis of the bath volume.

In case there should be an incorrect equilibrium of any of these additions, our Technical Customer Service shall advise the proper modifications or corrections.

Please pay attention that the guideline values must change according with the working plant features, type of items to be plated or according to the used working process.

Post treatment

Electrolyte should be removed from the surface as quick as possible. Rinse off the bath rests in a recovery rinse (still rinse). Rinse the parts in circulating deionized water and dry.

Water purity

To prevent contamination of the bath both during its preparation and any subsequent replenishing operations, use demineralized water with a conductivity of less than 3 μ S/cm (containing no traces of organic compounds, Chlorine, Silicon, or Boron).

Safety information

Being an acidic solution, the electrolyte is an irritant to the skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Caution should be exercised when using the product, avoiding contact with the eyes and skin. Use gloves and safety goggles. Keep away from acid based chemicals. For further information please refer to the relative MSDS.

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Additional hints

For maximum performance and in particular in terms of resulting color do not use an excessive agitation. A moderate agitation of the pieces to be plated will be sufficient. For larger volumes it is sufficient the use of a magnetic drive filter pump with a not too much high capacity.

All the operative parameters influence the colour deposited, especially temperature and pH. It is strongly recommended to consult our Technical Customer Service before modifying the nominal operative conditions.

The solution pH should be held at the nominal value; it is possible to correct it by adding KSCA acidic conducting salt to lower it, or KSCB-S alkaline conducting salts for 14 carats thick plating processto raise it.

In case a strong drag out is present, the solution density should be brought back to its initial value by adding KSCA or KSCB-S conductive salts, knowing that about 30 g/l raise the density of 1 Bè.

Related products

AUS683 Gold replenisher in salt form (100 g, Gold title 68.3%)

Packaging

