



RUTHUNA® 479 Black Ruthenium Electrolyte

For black decorative coatings - ideal as a perfect final finish

RUTHUNA® 479 Black is the perfect final finish for dark to black surfaces for decorative applications. The black ruthenium electrolyte is strongly acidic and has a long lifetime. It is easy to operate and primarily used for rack plating.

Depending on the degree of blackening, the abrasion resistance of the layers is good to very good. Applying a strike gold layer as an undercoat is strongly recommended. If palladium-nickel or palladium are used as undercoats, strike gold plating will partly not be necessary.

RUTHUNA® 479 Black is suitable for many decorative applications, for instance in the jewellery, bathroom fittings, spectacle frame and writing utensils industries.

Electrolyte characteristics

Electrolyte type	Strongly acidic
Metal content	5 (2 - 10) g/l Ru
pH value	1.2 (0.8 - 1.3)
Operating temperature	65 (60 - 70) °C
Current density range	1.5 A/dm ²
Plating speed	0.12 µm/min
Anode material	Pt/Ti or MMO (type PLATINODE® 177)

Coating characteristics

Coating	Black ruthenium
Purity	99.9 wt.% Ru
Colour of deposit	Grey to anthracite (black)



Advantages

- For perfect decorative dark to black final finishes
- Degree of blackening adjustable
- Good colour constancy
- Strongly acidic electrolyte with long lifetime
- Simple bath maintenance
- Good to very good abrasion resistance
- Suitable for rack and barrel

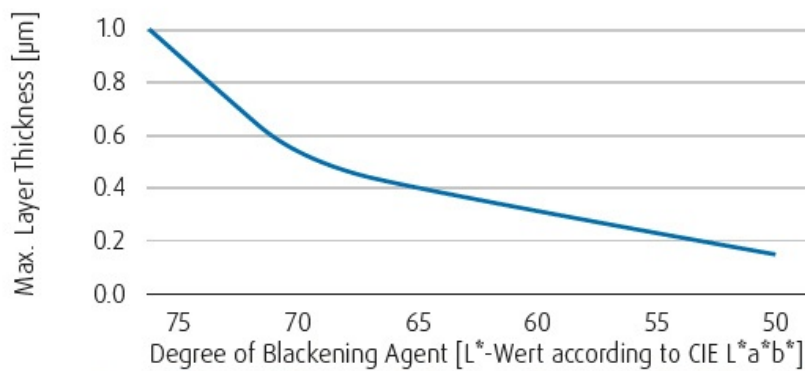
Applications

- Accessories
- Bathroom fittings
- Spectacle frames
- Jewellery
- Writing implements
- Watches
- Car interiors
- Shop furnishings

Blackening Agent [ml/l]	L* (CIE Lab System)	Deposition speed [µm/min]	Deposition rate [mg/Amin]
0	75	0.14 - 0.17	11 - 13
10	60 - 65	0.12 - 0.16	10 - 12
15	55 - 59	0.10 - 0.14	9 - 11
20	51 - 54	0.08 - 0.12	7 - 9
25	47 - 50	0.07 - 0.11	6 - 8

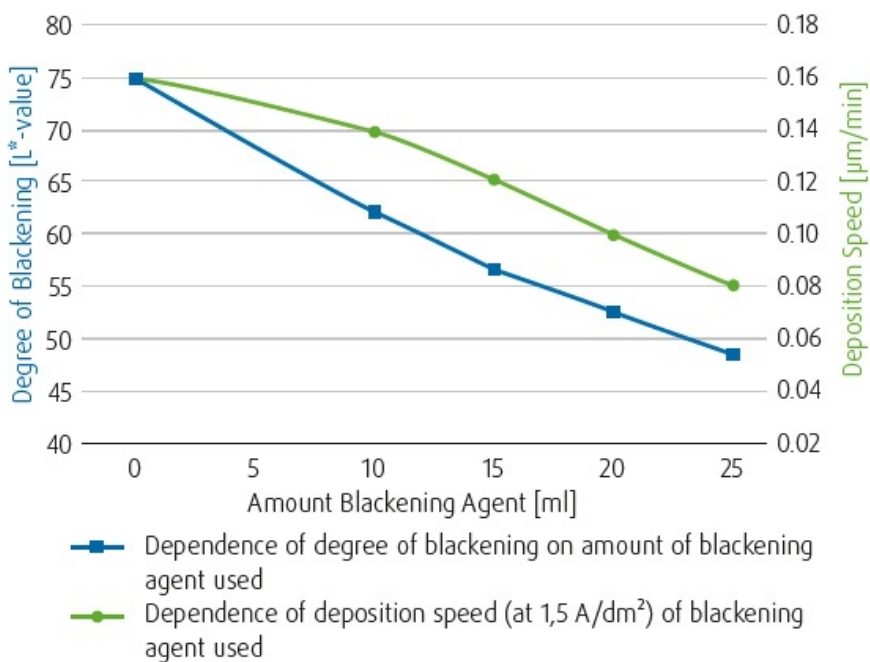
Depending of blackening degree on deposition speed and desposition rate of the amount of Blackening Agent.

Max. Layer Thickness vs. Degree of Blackening



Dependence of the Possible Layer Thickness on the Degree of Blackening [L*-value according to CIE L*a*b*]

Influence of Blackening Agent



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