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# Rhodega® pure K3

## Brilliant white deposits of high purity

The pure rhodium process Rhodega® pure K3 is an acidic electrolyte from which brilliant white deposits can be deposited. The layers of Rhodega® pure K3 have a hardness of 800 - 900 HV<sub>20</sub> and a purity of 99,99 %.

A typical field of application is for plating on jewellery, optical frames, watches, medical laboratory equipment, and electric contacts.



### Properties and Benefits

- Very white layers
- High hardness
- L\* = 91, a = +0,5, b = +3

### Application area

- Jewellery
- Optical frames
- Watches
- Medical laboratory equipment
- Electric contacts

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## Technical Data

### Electrolyte properties

Parameter	Range	Optimum
Rhodium	1,0 – 4,0 g/l	2,0 g/l
Sulfuric acid	35 – 50 g/l	35 g/l
Temperature	20 – 50 °C*	35 °C
Current density	1 – 5 A/dm <sup>2</sup>	1,5 A/dm <sup>2</sup> Minimum**
Anodes	Pt/Ti-Anodes	
Anode/cathode-ratio	2:1 bis 8:1	4:1
Agitation	moderate	
Current efficiency	3-8 mg/Amin at 2 g/l Rh, 1A/dm <sup>2</sup> and 35°C	

\* Dependent on Rhodium concentration:

Low Rhodium = High Temperature  
High Rhodium = Low Temperature  
eg. 1,0 g/l Rh = 50 - 60°C and  
2,0 g/l Rh = 35°C

\*\* Higher current densities yield whiter deposits, 5 A/dm<sup>2</sup> may be used where possible for maximum whiteness

### Deposit characteristics

Appearance .....	..... brilliant white
Hardness .....	..... 800 – 900 HV <sub>20</sub>
Purity .....	..... 99,99%
Specific gravity of the deposit .....	..... 12 g/cm <sup>3</sup>

### Products available

3505700 .....	Rhodega® pure K3, 2 g Rh/100 ml
3505701 .....	Rhodega® pure K3, 1 g Rh/50 ml
3505705 .....	Rhodega® pure K3 R, 5 g Rh/100 ml

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