



## Product Information Technical Liquid gold for quartz glass GG Q3/8-15% H

### 1 General Information

GG Q3/8-15% H is a liquid metallo organic material for quartz glass. It is mostly on IR/heat reflective lamps and typically applied by spraying.

### 2 Standard Firing Range

Substrate	Firing range
Quartz glass	780 – 820°C

The firing result depends on the firing temperature, the soak time and the total cycle of the firing as well as on the type of substrate. For an optimal firing result we recommend pre-tests under the users own individual conditions.

### 3 Properties of the product

The major characteristics of a Heraeus precious metal preparation are determined by its production recipe. From each lot produced, we take a sample and check defined characteristics.

Form:	Liquid for brushing and spraying
Viscosity:	180 – 220 mPas (20°C, D=50s <sup>-1</sup> )
Solid content:	15,6% +0,6%
Coverage:	Approximately 400cm <sup>2</sup> /g (fired film thickness at about 0,3µm)



#### 3.1 Processing

We deliver GG Q3/8-15% H ready to use.

#### 3.2 Storage

Liquid golds are subject to an ageing process. Therefore, we recommend using the material within 9 months. The material should be stored at room temperature (20°C). Cool storage – but no freezing – has a positive impact on the shelf life.

#### 3.3 Consumption

The material consumption depends on the thickness of the applied precious metal layer. Under our conditions, the consumption is approx. 0,15 to 0,30g/100 cm<sup>2</sup>.

## 4.0 Processing

Do not shake the material before usage. The material might have built minor settlement, especially after a longer period of storage, which should not be shaken up. Had the material been stored in a fridge, please give it a bit time to adjust to the room temperature before starting to use it.

Application by brush or spray. In case of spraying it is necessary to thin the material with about 25 to 30% of thinner V16. Recommended thinners for brush application are V35 or V39.

Level at room temperature for about 5 minutes. Dry at room temperature for further 60 minutes.

## 5.0 Firing

During the first heating phase the organic components of the preparation burn off. This process is completed at approx. 400°C. The gold film is formed. A constant, slow temperature increase, enough oxygen and sufficient ventilation are decisive for the quality of the fired precious metal decoration.

The firing profile considerably influences the mechanical and chemical properties of the fired decoration.

We recommend firing the material at 820°C, with a heat up time of 45 minutes and a soak time of about 10-15 minutes.

The rate of cooling has no major influence on the quality of the gold decoration, unlike the firing temperature and soak time. However, the firing process should not be stopped too abruptly after the soak time. If the rate of cooling is too fast, there may be a danger of damaging the article.

## 6. Remarks

### 6.1 Determination of the properties

The properties of the product are determined following standardized laboratory test procedures. For optimal results the material should be fired in a profiled furnace supplied with dried, hydrocarbon and other contaminant free air.

### 6.2 REACH (SVHC)

The material is REACH (SVHC) compliant according to the latest \*\* Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals ("REACH") by European Chemicals Agency and its subsequent amendments; the material does not contain any substance listed in Annex XIV.

### 6.3 RoHS

The material is RoHS compliant according to the latest \*\* Directives (European Union) of Restriction of Hazardous Substances ("RoHS") and its subsequent amendments (including the exceptions related to Pb)