

NEW PRODUCT

ROLCO LABS ANNOUNCES THE FIRST NEW GILDING SIZE IN DECADES

ROLCO ARTISAN CLEAR OIL SIZE

It has the qualities professional gilders value most: predictable working time and long lasting durability. It produces a brilliant gilded surface and is specifically formulated to reach tack overnight and to stay open for gilding for an extended period.

Rolco Artisan Clear Oil Size is the result of months of development, experimentation, testing and consultation with professional gilders. During this period, feedback from experienced gilders resulted in comprehensive laboratory adjustments that improved the required characteristics.

The final result was utilized on a major architectural project in the summer of 2006 that was gilded with 23 karat leaf. The final experimental version of this new Rolco size was selected for the project. Gilders working in a variety of conditions, high on a covered scaffold from August to November further added to the discussions that resulted in the new Artisan Size now available to all gilders.

Further, sample surfaces gilded utilizing this new **Artisan Clear Oil Size** were sent to an independent laboratory for 500 hour Salt Fog Testing (ASTM 5828 Standard), The test group also included samples prepared with the traditional *lead* formula LeFranc 12 Hour and the new experimental 12 Hour *no-lead* formula in development from LeFranc. While all three samples performed well, presenting a high quality gilded surface with unchanged luster after exposure to 500 hours of salt fog, comparative analysis of all three samples showed that the **Rolco Artisan Clear Oil Size** performed **equal to or better than** the original *lead* formula LeFranc 12 Hour Size which in the past was the material setting the standard for exterior gilding projects. The results of this experimentation and testing coupled with the feedback from and usage by professional gilders now provides the confidence that gilders need for their projects.

Artisan Clear Oil Size was developed for exterior and interior projects where an extended open time is required to manage the project. This size is highly recommended for exterior domes, statuary, signs and other projects where gold leaf is left exposed to the elements without a top coat. It reaches tack overnight, about 12 hours, and stays open for 12 hours or longer. Read the data sheet for additional information.

It is now available in pint and quart containers from your distributor or dealer. If they do not have immediate stock, have them call Rolco for ordering and stocking.