

## *Product tips*

### *Moulding Floating Candles*

#### Requirements

- Floating candle cast
- Floating candle wick
- Paraffin and stearine or moulding mix (ready-made)
- Mini-Bain
- Electrical hotplate or moulding urn
- Mixing rod
- Thermometer
- Colour tablets (only for coloured floating candles)



#### Step 1

##### *Preparing the wax*

- Mix 7 parts paraffin with 1 part stearine or use moulding mix
- Heat to a maximum temperature of 90 °C
- If required, add a colour tablet (ratio: max 1 tablet per litre)
- Stir well

**Tip:** Provide floating candles with a pleasant fragrance with one of Gildewerk's perfume oils. Sometimes it is better not to add any stearine to the paraffin. Stearine can affect the aroma and colour of a candle.

#### Step 2

##### *Moulding*

- Fill the forms in the cast with wax to just below the brim
- Wait for a film to appear on the wax
- Place a wick in every form
- Allow the wax to set. The candle will shrink slightly
- Fill the gaps with hot wax

**Tip 1:** The wick is more likely to remain upright if you first fill the form with wax and wait for a film to appear. A second advantage is that the lower end of the wick rests on a layer of set wax. As a result, the wick will not come into contact with water when it floats in a dish, and it will burn better.

**Tip 2:** The candles will cool sooner if the cast is placed in a shallow layer of water.

**Tip 3:** Never discard wax residue in a basin. This can cause blockages. Wax residue can always be reused.

#### Step 3

##### *Removing the candles*

- Allow the candles to cool completely (possibly in a shallow layer of water)
- Turn the cast upside down
- Push the candles out of the cast

**Tip:** The candles are more easily removed from the cast if it is smeared with Vaseline beforehand.