



Tips for best results

DRY YOUR MATERIAL Make sure your material is as dry as possible before stabilizing. 0% moisture is best. To do this, place your material in your cure oven at 200° F for 24 hours. Then remove it and immediately put it in a zip lock bag or sealed plastic container and seal it up while still hot. This will prevent it from picking up moisture from the air as it cools down.

USE ENOUGH JUICE Make sure you have sufficient Cactus Juice above the level of your material. A suggestion is at least 1". If you do not have enough, when you release vacuum, it is likely that the level will drop and the top of your material will be exposed to air. If this happens, you will need to start over!

KEEP YOUR PUMP RUNNING Keep your vacuum pump running the entire time you have the material in your chamber. Pulling a vacuum and then sealing it off does not work well! You need to have the pump running so that it keeps removing air from the material and evacuating the air from the chamber.

SOAK YOUR BLANKS! Make sure you soak your blanks after you release the vacuum. Skipping this step is the number one cause for poor penetration! The vast majority of Cactus Juice uptake occurs AFTER you release vacuum. I recommend soaking for twice as long as you had it under vacuum. Do not soak your material for an extended period of time in an acrylic chamber. The Juice will create a slimy film on the inside of the chamber that is impossible to get out. I like to soak for 30 minutes, and then transfer the blanks to a different container. Pour your Juice into the soak container and wash out your chamber with soap (dawn liquid detergent) and water.

CHECK YOUR TEMPERATURE - Double check the temperature of your oven with an oven thermometer. Most toaster oven dials are terribly inaccurate. You want to cure your blanks at 200° F (90° C). Hotter will not hurt the Juice, however it will cause more to bleed out before it cures.

CURE LONG ENOUGH - Make sure to cure your blanks long enough. There is no specific time I can give you since different densities of material and quantities of material will take different amounts of time. It is not possible to leave them in too long. Once the Juice cures, it is heat resistant to 400° F (204° C). I frequently put my blanks in the oven before I go to bed and take them out when I get up. If you are in a hurry, cure them for 1 hour and then check them. To check the blanks, put on some good leather gloves and remove the blanks from the oven. Peel some of the foil back while they are still hot and if you see liquid Juice, immediately wrap them back up and put them back in the oven. If you allow the blanks to cool down before you check them and find liquid Juice, you might as well toss them in the trash. They will not cure a second time around.

CALL ME IF YOU NEED HELP! If you get stuck or are not getting the results you had expected, please feel free call with any questions.

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