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**GOLDEN 0003580-5**

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## 1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The GOLDEN Acrylic Retarder is an additive specifically formulated to extend the open (drying) time of acrylic paints. This allows artists more time for blending, working wet-into-wet techniques, and manipulating paint on the palette or canvas. It also helps to reduce the formation of a dry skin on paint left on the palette.



Image: GOLDEN 8 Oz Medium Acrylic Retarder bottle. This product is designed to extend the working time of acrylic paints.

## 2. SETUP AND PREPARATION

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- **Workspace:** Ensure your painting area is clean and well-ventilated.
- **Materials:** Have your acrylic paints, brushes, palette, and the GOLDEN Acrylic Retarder ready.
- **Shake Bottle:** Gently shake the retarder bottle before use to ensure consistent product composition.

## 3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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The GOLDEN Acrylic Retarder is designed to be mixed directly with acrylic paints to slow their drying time. It is important to use it sparingly to avoid compromising paint film integrity.

### Mixing with Acrylic Paints:

1. Dispense a small amount of your chosen acrylic paint onto your palette.
2. Add a very small quantity of GOLDEN Acrylic Retarder to the paint. A general guideline is to start with **no more than 15% retarder by volume** to the paint. Exceeding this ratio can lead to issues with drying and film strength.

- Mix the retarder thoroughly into the paint using a palette knife or brush until uniformly blended.
- Test the mixture on a scrap surface to observe the extended drying time before applying to your artwork. Adjust the amount of retarder as needed, always staying within the recommended maximum.

### Applications:

- Wet-into-Wet Techniques:** Apply paint with retarder to a wet or freshly painted surface to achieve seamless blends and soft transitions.
- Open Time Extension:** Use when working on complex areas that require more time for detail work or blending before the paint dries.
- Palette Management:** A small amount mixed into paints on your palette can prevent premature skinning, reducing waste.

## 4. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

- Storage:** Store the GOLDEN Acrylic Retarder in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Ensure the cap is tightly sealed after each use to prevent evaporation and contamination.
- Cleaning:** Clean brushes and tools immediately after use with soap and water. Dried retarder can be difficult to remove.
- Disposal:** Dispose of any unused product or contaminated materials according to local regulations for art materials.

## 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

- Paint Drying Too Quickly:** If your paint is still drying too fast, gradually increase the amount of retarder, ensuring you do not exceed the recommended 15% maximum. Environmental factors like high temperature or low humidity can also accelerate drying.
- Paint Not Drying / Sticky Film:** This usually indicates that too much retarder has been added to the paint. Reduce the amount of retarder in subsequent mixtures. Excessive retarder can prevent the paint from fully curing and may result in a sticky or weak paint film.
- Separation in Bottle:** If the product appears separated, gently shake the bottle to re-emulsify. If separation persists or the product has an unusual odor, it may be compromised.

## 6. SPECIFICATIONS

Specification	Detail
Brand	GOLDEN
Model Number	0003580-5
Item Volume	8 Fluid Ounces
Unit Count	8 Ounce
Paint Type Compatibility	Acrylic
Specific Uses	Wet-in-wet techniques, reducing skinning on the palette
Surface Recommendation	Acrylic compatible surfaces

<b>Indoor/Outdoor Usage</b>	Indoor
<b>Item Form</b>	Liquid
<b>Container Type</b>	Bottle
<b>Full Cure Time (Paint with Retarder)</b>	Varies, typically extended beyond standard acrylic drying times (e.g., 48 Hours for paint without retarder, will be longer with retarder)
<b>Item Weight</b>	9.6 ounces
<b>UPC</b>	738797358058

## 7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Specific warranty information for the GOLDEN 8 Oz Medium Acrylic Retarder is not provided within this document. For detailed warranty terms, product support, or technical assistance, please refer to the official GOLDEN Artist Colors website or contact their customer service directly.

**Manufacturer:** Golden Artist Colors

**Website:** [www.goldenpaints.com](http://www.goldenpaints.com) (Example link, please verify official website)