

Times and Temps for Rosin Pressing:

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These times are only used as a guide and should be taken only as that. Be flexible. Do not 'lock' yourself into one time and temp..there is so much to taste and experience. When rosin pressing you have to mitigate the time and temperature with how the rosin looks coming out or for that matter, is it even still coming out?

Visual cues are very important.

Here are some basic times and temperatures. As you gain experience with rosin pressing, you can find your own temperatures and times that are best suited for you and the strain or type of pressing you are doing. Please only use the times and temperatures here as a guide. This is not a bible of numbers. Thanks!

The times and temperatures below are based on a 14 gram press at 5 tons of final pressure. When rosin pressing you must allow time for expansion of the material and the bag. Here is a good mantra to follow:

Apply 1.5 tons -> BE GENTLE!

Wait 10 seconds

Apply 1.5 more tons -> BE GENTLE!

Wait 10 seconds

Apply your last 2 tons -> BE GENTLE! and get to the yellow Metric 5 tonne mark.

Take 15 seconds to apply each 1.5 tons..BE GENTLE!

Once you are at pressure. then and only then do you start your timer for the press. The times below are for pressing times only and DO NOT consider ramp up times to get to the final pressing pressure. The descriptions given here for the temperatures used, need to be taken with a grain of salt. Rosin pressing is never the same twice. Each strain has its own quirks that you have to figure out.

As you gain experience, you will just know within the 1st 10- 20 seconds what needs to be done, does the temperature need to be adjusted on the fly up or down? YES! You can do that if needed. Does the time need to be extended or shortened. Is the rosin even still coming out? This will all become 2nd nature in time and you will just KNOW what needs to be done!

Press temps and times are below and are ONLY a guide.

- **100C ++ - under 60 secs +/- ..Careful here. Not many strains need this temp, some do, but it is somewhat rare. When rosin pressing at this temperature, you are starting to boil the rosin, before it can get off the plates. Care should be taken when pressing this hot.**

- 95C-100C - 60-90 secs +/- ..This is the area for most clear shatter/pull-n-snap rosin. The times for pressing this hot are relatively short. This becomes a catch22 situation. You are using a hotter temperature, using the same amount of material that you used at lower temperatures. The rosin still has the same amount of material to get through and to get off the plates. A time decrease is needed as the plates are hotter, as you do not want to 'burn' the rosin, Its a fine line sometimes is all I am saying,
- 90C-95C - 90-120 secs +/- ..This is an ok temperature for a bit less stiff rosin. It is or can be a borderline snap and pull, its almost like taffy at this stage. All descriptions given here can vary. Strains are like a gong show. You never really know what it will do until you actually press it.
- 85C-90C - 90-120 secs +/- ..Here we start to see more opaque rosin, it is flowing a bit slower and can take a few secs to even make an appearance at the edge of the plates. Don't panic and have a look..leave it alone. Lean towards the long time of the press..2 min.
- 80C-85C - 90 seconds - 2.5 mins +/- ..It can take time for it to even be seen at the edges of the plates. Be patient..stick to the long side of time. You have to mitigate the time by the way the rosin looks coming out. This is my personal favourite temperature range. I use this one a lot! You should as well!!
- 70-80 C -3 mins to....???? ..Low temperature press. the rosin here should be mostly a paste type. Again mitigate the time with the way the rosin looks. It becomes harder to find strains that like the lower temperatures such as these, but when you do, it is worth exploring! Another favourite temperature area of mine!
- 60C-70C - 4 mins to ????? ..Take your time here. Do not worry about time here. The temperatures are so low that odds are your return will fall drastically. The terpene flavour is extreme at this temp. The rosin is not so much being melted out and it is being forced out by the pressure. Again.. only 5 tons of pressure is needed.
- 50C-60C - 5 mins to ????? ..I have only once pressed this low of a temp (58C). This strain loved the low temperatures. I pressed for 12 minutes at 6-7 tons (needed extra pressure..this one time in band camp..)