

SOFT PLASTICS 101

CHAPTER 5

SCENT

WHY USE IT?

There are a few reasons why adding scent is believed to be so effective when fishing soft plastics.

Firstly it helps to mask foreign scents like fuel and sunscreen, with some anglers even rubbing a bit of scent on their hands before they start their fishing session. Scent also attracts fish, triggers strikes and makes fish hold on longer, giving you more time to set the hook.



WHEN AND WHERE

If there are active fish around then some anglers prefer to start without scent, catch the active fish and then when the bite gets tough they add scent to their lures to switch the fish back on, while other anglers prefer to start with scent to maximise their chances from the get go. Time and again when the bite has slowed adding a little scent has switched the fish back on.

Pro-Cure Super Gel Scent has proven a favourite for anglers and being super-sticky it stays on longer. Remember to add scent throughout the session, not just once at the beginning, and adding a small amount of scent more often is better than one large coating and then forget it. Being super-sticky you can add a little Pro-Cure every thirty or so casts to keep your plastic charged.

When you are catching fish and then the bite slows, try changing it up by using a different flavour scent and see if you can fire the fish up again. Likewise if nothing is happening, changing scent flavour can sometimes switch the fish on. We have often found that different flavours will fire up the fish on different days, in different locations and when targeting different fish species.

Scent is effective in both the fresh and saltwater, with favourites in the salt including Mullet, Shrimp, Bloody Tuna, Inshore Saltwater and Pilchard. Favourites in the fresh include Garlic Plus, Crawfish, Shrimp, Mullet and Aniseed.

Scent has also proven effective when applied to squid jigs, with Shrimp Pro-Cure being a favourite flavour.

WHY PRO-CURE SCENT

Pro-Cure Super Gel Scent is a super-sticky scent that combines the best of laboratory science with real ground bait. It combines bite stimulants, powerful amino acids and UV enhancement, with good old fashioned ground up bait, to attract fish and trigger strikes. The stickiness ensures that it stays on all types of lures, cast after cast and it comes in a 2oz bottle with a flip up applicator nozzle to minimise mess and waste. Reports from those using Pro-Cure have included – fish switching back on, more bites, more aggressive and committed bites and a wider variety of species being caught. ZMan soft plastics scented models come pre-scented with this tested and proven scent.

APPLICATION

The nozzle on the Pro-Cure applicator bottle makes it easy to apply the scent mess free, squeezing out a little and then using the nozzle to smear it over as much of the plastic as possible. Many anglers prefer to squirt a little onto the plastic and use their fingers to wipe a thin film of scent over as much of the plastic as possible. Some ZMan models feature a belly slot, designed for rigging and this is also an ideal place for applying additional scent.

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