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before you blame the fragrance oil, check these 6 things

*this applies to candles, wax melts,
room sprays & diffusers*

a quick guide for candle & home fragrance makers



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1. did you record the fragrance supplier?

a different supplier can perform differently even when the scent name sounds similar



what to check

- supplier name
- fragrance name
- date ordered



why it matters

- performance can vary between suppliers
- supplier notes help you trace what changed



quick tip

Always compare a new issue against the exact supplier used in your last successful batch.



don't blame the oil until you
unh~~es~~ know which one it was

2. did you record the batch number?

different batches can behave differently, even when everything else looks the same



what to check

- batch or lot number
- supplier
- delivery or intake date



why it matters

- it helps you trace repeat issues
- you can compare a bad batch with a good one



quick tip

If something performs differently, check whether the batch number changed before changing the whole formula.



batch numbers often explain the mystery



3. did you use the same percentage as last time?

small percentage changes can have a big effect on performance

1 what to check

- franchise %
- weighed amounts
- notes from the last batch

2 why it matters

- too much or too little can change the result
- matching the old percentage gives you a fair comparison

quick tip

Compare the exact percentage and measured amounts before deciding the fragrance itself is the issue.



tiny changes can create bigger problems

4. did the wax or base change?

wax, room spray base, or diffuser base can all affect how a fragrance performs



1 what to check

- wax or base used
- supplier
- any recent product changes

2 why it matters

- the same fragrance can behave differently in a different base
- base changes can affect throw, clarity or stability

quick tip

Before switching fragrance oils, compare the wax or base against your last successful version.

sometimes it's the base, not the fragrance

5. did cure time or testing conditions change?

time, temperature and conditions can all change what you're seeing

1 what to check



cure time



room conditions



test date and notes

2 why it matters



a product can perform differently if it was tested too soon



temperature and environment can affect the result

quick tip

Write down when and how you tested so you can spot whether conditions changed, not just the fragrance.



the test conditions matter too

6. did you compare it with your last successful batch?

comparison makes troubleshooting much easier

1 what to compare

- supplier
- batch number
- percentage
- wax or base
- test notes

2 why it matters

- it shows exactly what changed
- it stops you making random tweaks

quick tip

The fastest way to solve a problem is often to compare it with the last batch that worked well.



good records make better decisions