STEP-BY-STEP HARD PANNING

SEALING

- 1. Sealing chocolate nuts, or any product containing oil, to prevent oil migration into the coating. This can be accomplished by ladling 2-3 applications of OPAGLOS® or Gum Acacia solution (60% water and 40% Gum Acacia).
- 2. Tray dry pieces overnight.

SUBCOATING/SMOOTHING

- 1. Coat the product with 8-18 applications of clear sugar solution.
 - The clear sugar solution should be 70% sugar and 30% water, by weight. In order to dissolve the sugar, heat the solution until it boils.
 - Cool the sugar solution to 150°F or room temperature if the product is heat sensitive (i.e. chocolate).
 - Air should be used in this step.
 - Allow each application of sugar syrup to dry completely before adding the next dose of clear sugar syrup. Your pieces will appear "frosted" when the application is completely dry.
- 2. Coat with white coating syrup (3 parts clear syrup to 1 part Colorcon's White CC-7000 OPACOLOR®) until pieces appear white and smooth. Use air to dry in this step. This may take up to 5-10 shots of white solution.
- 3. Before adding color, apply 4-5 smoothing shots of white coating syrup without drying air. The smoothing shots will be one-half to one-third the size of the doses which were applied with air.

COLORING

1. Color coat with colored sugar solution (16 parts sugar solution to 1 part Colorcon's OPACOLOR) until an even color is achieved (9-18 shots). Drying air should also be used in this step.

FINISHING

- 1. Apply 4-5 smoothing shots of colored coating syrup without drying air. The smoothing shots will be one-half to one-third the size of the doses which were applied with the air.
- 2. After the last shot, remove pieces from the pan when they appear "velvety".
- 3. Tray dry overnight.

POLISHING

1. Place candy in a ribbed pan. Polish with Colorcon's OPAGLOS at a usage level of 2-4 fluid ounces per 100 pounds of candy. The shot size is too large if the candy sticks to itself or the pan. Do not use air when polishing. Remove the candy once it is dry. Candy is ready for packaging.

