Miscellaneous Useful Things

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Calumet Photographic

890 Supreme Drive
Bensenville, IL 60106
(312) 860-7448 for info, 1-800-CALUMET for orders
http://www.calumetphoto.com
Enlargers, cameras, lenses, trays, some packaged chemistry, much good paper (Seagull, Insignia, Portriga, Elite). Reasonable prices, first class service. Their 175 page catalog is educational. Highly recommended source.

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5124 Sunset Blvd.Los Angeles, CA 90027(213) 660-3460Film and paper, including the excellent Arista printing paper at low cost. Arista matte surface is on of the best true matte papers available.

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(800) 828-6216 http://www.lightimpressionsdirect.com
Acid free mount board, mat cutting equipment, frames, much more. Good mat/mount board prices, everything else is average to high price. Recent service has been deteriorating.

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517 Main St, P.O. Box 101Holyoke, MA 01041-0101(800) 628-1912Acid-free mount board, mat-cutting equipment, frames.

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PO Box 22007 Portland OR 97269-2007 1-800-659-2130 www.lenswork.com Books, periodical, and most importantly, quality photographic reproductions for low cost.

Shutterbug

5211 S. Washington Ave. P.O. Box F Titusville, FL 32781 Shutterbug is a newspaper-like classified ad publication for all sorts of used photo equipment.

Sprint Systems

100 Dexter St. Pawtucket, RI 02860 Manufacturers of Sprint Speed Fixer, Brightener and other useful photographic chemicals (non-smelly stop bath, developers, etc)

Photographer's Formulary

P.O. Box 5105
Missoula, MT 59806
(406) 543-4534
Supplier of almost any kind of developing, fixing, toning, or odd-process chemical you might need. Has specialized developers for experimenting with historical processes. Prices are a bit high, though. If you need basic B/W chemicals for mixing standard developers only, you will save money by using Zone V.

Bostick and Sullivan

PO Box 16639 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506 Phone: 505-474-0890 Fax: 505-474-2857 *www.bostick-sullivan.com* Suppliers of platinum and palladium printing chemicals, as well as some odd heavy-metal toners. Excellent platinum and palladium printing information contained in back issues of a newsletter called *Lumen*.

Grump

P.O. Box 309 Bethlehem, CT 06751-0309 Newsletter about photography published

Newsletter about photography published by David Vestal. Opionated, thoughtful and entertaining. Considers philosophical and critical issues facing photographers. Well worth the \$30 for 6 issue subscription cost.

Formulas:*

Kodak D-76 Film Developer

| Water (125 deg. F) | 750 | ml | 24 | OZ. |
|--------------------|-----|-------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Metol (or "Elon") | 2 | gm. | 1/2 | teaspoon |
| Sodium Sulfite, | 100 | gm. | 4 | tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon |
| anhydrous | | | | |
| Hydroquinone | 5 | gm. | 1-1/2 | teaspoons |
| Borax, granular | | gm. | | teaspoon |
| Cold water to make | 1 | liter | 1 | quart |

Dilute 1:1 with water for use.

Super D-76

Kodak D-76 developer ages somewhat un-gracefully. It rapidly gains in pH in the early stages of oxidation, causing increased contrast and grain in the negative. Other developers, otherwise less able than D-76, have a longer storage life. If you use D-76 only occasionally and wish to extend its life, add the following chemicals to the one liter size of off-the-shelf Kodak D-76 mix. They act as a preservative.

| Borax | 6 gm. |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Boric Acid | 8 gm. |
| Kodak Antical No. 3 (DPTA) | 1 gm. |

Other size packages of D-76 require correspondingly different chemical quantities. The one gallon size, for example, would require 4 times the quantities given above. ***Note*** If you would like to use this modification, then be sure to run your speed and developing time tests *with* the new developer. Don't test with one developer, then switch to another without testing. This formula may change the pH of the developer slightly, based on minerals present in the tap water. Borax and Boric acid are available from Zone V. The Kodak product may be ordered through your dealer.

Kodak D-72 Print Developer (Similar to Dektol)

| Water (125 deg. F) | 500 | ml. | 16 | OZ. |
|--------------------|-----|-------|-----|---------------------------------|
| Metol (or "Elon") | 3 | gm. | 1 | teaspoon |
| Sodium sulfite, | 45 | gm. | 2 | tablespoons |
| anhydrous | | | | |
| Hydroquinone | 12 | gm. | 1 | tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon |
| Sodium carbonate, | 80 | gm. | 4 | tablespoons plus 1-1/4 teaspoon |
| monohydrated | | | | |
| Potassium bromide, | 2 | gm. | 1/2 | teaspoon |
| anhydrous | | | | |
| Cold water to make | 1 | liter | 1 | quart |
| | | | | |

Dilute 1 part D-72 to two parts water for use.

Ansco 120 - low contrast print developer

| Water (125 deg. F) | 750 | ml |
|------------------------------|------|--------------------|
| Metol | 12.3 | g |
| Sodium Sulfite (desic.) | 36 | g. |
| Sodium Carbonate (desic.) | 30 | g. |
| (or monohydrated version | 36 | g) |
| Potassium Bromide, 10% sol'n | 18 | ml. |
| Cold water to make | 1 | liter stock sol'n. |

To use: further dilute 1:2 with water to make working solution in tray. Develop print 1-1/2 to 3 minutes. Use half of the above quantities for 8x10 or smaller trays. This formula results in about a one-grade decrease in print contrast.

GAF 70 Hydroquinone Caustic Developer for High Contrast

Recommended for process film used in reproduction, especially Litho type films.

Solution 1

| Water (125 F. or 52 C.) | 750 | ml. |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Hydroquinone | 25 | gm. |
| Potassium Metabisulfite | 25 | gm. |
| Potassium Bromide | 25 | gm. |
| Cold water to make | 1.0 | liter |
| Solution 2 | | |
| Cold water | 1.0 | liter |
| Sodium Hydroxide (caustic soda) | 36 | gm. |
| or | | |
| Potassium Hydroxide (caustic Potash) | 50 | gm. |

Always use cold water to mix solution 2 because considerable heat is released during mixing, and the mixture may boil with violence. It could cause serious burns.

Mix equal parts of Solution 1 and 2 immediately before use. It does not keep well once mixed. Develop film for 3 min. at 68 F. (20 C.).

Benzotriazole Additive

Add 1/2 to 1 oz. of 2% Benzotriazole solution per quart of print developer working solution to a) slightly increase contrast of printing paper, and b) to cool image color. Works wonderfully with the older version of Portriga Rapid followed by selenium toning - subtle warm blacks that don't appear greenish. Benzotriazole solution can be purchased from Zone VI Studios.

Iron Blue Toner

Producing brilliant blue tones, this formula is suitable for some papers. Water (125 F. or 52 C.) 16 oz. 500 ml.

| Ferric Ammonium Citrate | 1/4 | OZ. | 8.0 | gm. |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Potassium Ferricyanide | 1/4 | oz. | 8.0 | gm. |
| Acetic Acid, 28% | 9 | oz. | 265 | ml. |
| Cold Water to make | 32 | oz. | 1.0 | liter |

Solution should be prepared with distilled water if possible. If enameled iron trays are used, no chips or cracks in the enamel should be present or spots and streaks may appear in the print.

Prints for blue toning should be fixed in plain, non-hardening hypo bath. Maintain fixing bath at 68 F. (20 C.) or under to avoid emulsion swelling. When prints have been fully toned in the above solution, they will be greenish in appearance, but will be easily washed out to a clear blue color when placed in running water.

The depth of the toning will vary somewhat with the quality of the prints toned in it, with light prints toning to a lighter blue. Some intensification of the prints usually occurs in toning; consequently, prints should be slightly lighter than the density desired in the final toned print.

Wash water should be acidified slightly with acetic acid, since the blue tone is considerably weakened when wash water is alkaline. Pleasing variations in tone can be obtained by bathing the washed prints in a 1/2% solution (5 gm. per liter) of Borax which produces softer, blue-gray tones, the extent depending on the length of treatment.

Green Toner (GAF 251)

This formula produces rich tones by combining the effects of iron blue toning and sulfide sepia toning. It must, however, be used carefully and with particular attention both to the directions outlined below and to cleanliness in handling prints throughout all steps of the process. This formula should work well with most warm toned Bromide papers, but it would be wise to test the paper you select before attempting production.

Solution 1

| Potassium Ferricyanide | 40 | gm. |
|----------------------------------|----|-------|
| Water | 1 | liter |
| Ammonia .91 S.G. (25% in weight) | 15 | ml. |
| Solution 2 | | |
| Ferric Ammonium Citrate | 17 | gm. |
| Water | 1 | liter |
| Hydrochloric Acid (conc.) | 40 | ml. |
| Solution 3 | | |
| Sodium Sulfide | 2 | gm. |
| Water | 1 | liter |
| Hydrochloric Acid (conc.)* | 10 | ml. |
| | | |

*Do not add Hydrochloric Acid to Solution 3 until immediately before use.

Black and white prints to be toned should be darker and softer in contrast than a normal print, using approximately 25% over exposure on the next softest grade of paper. Development of the print should be done in a suitable developer with particular attention given to avoid under-development. Prints should be fixed as usual, thoroughly washed and completely dried out before toning.

Prints to be toned should be first soaked in cold water until limp and then placed in Solution 1 until bleached. The print should then be transferred to running water for a thorough 30 min. wash. Bleached prints are then placed in Solution 2 for 45 seconds to 1 minute, toning being permitted to continue until the deepest shadows are completely toned. Prints should then be washed briefly (4 to 6 minutes), excessive washing being undesirable in view of the solubility of the blue image. If wash water is slightly alkaline, it should be acidified somewhat with acetic acid to prevent degradation of the blue tone during washing.

The blue toned prints are next immersed in Solution 3 until the green tone is sufficiently strong, the operation requiring about 30 seconds. Toned prints should then receive a final washing of 20 to 30 minutes in neutral or slightly acidified wash water and dried. Avoid heat and drying machine for drying.

Red Toner (GT-15)

| Solution A | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|
| Potassium Citrate | 100 | gm. |
| Water to make | 500 | ml. |
| Solution B | | |
| Copper Sulfate | 7.5 | gm. |
| Water to make | 250 | ml. |
| Solution C | | |
| Potassium Ferracyanide* | 6.5 | gm. |
| Water to make | 250 | ml. |
| | | |

Mix solution B into Solution A, then slowly add Solution C, stirring well. Remove prints from toning bath when desired tone is reached and wash thoroughly. This formula may lighten prints, so darker tones than normal might be desirable to start with. Test the paper you intend to use before committing a good print to the toner.

*I don't know if this spelling represents a different chemical than Potassium Ferricyanide.

More toner formulas can be found in The Photo Lab Index (Morgan and Morgan, N.Y.) if you are interested in them. Most of the above formulas are taken from the Index. The Photo Lab Index is a virtual encyclopedia of photographic formulas of all types.

Eric Logsdon's Infrared Process

Load into camera in *total* darkness Expose Kodak High-Speed Infrared film at ASA/ISO 400. Develop in T-Max developer 1:4 at 68 deg. F for 8 minutes. Agitate initially with 9 inversions, afterward for 3 to 5 seconds every 45 seconds

To Make Black and White Slides

Use the *T-Max 100 Direct Positive Film Developing Outfit* with T-Max 100 film. The kit costs about \$30 and processes 12 rolls of film. T-Max 100 film is exposed at ASA/ISO 50 for normal contrast in the resulting slides. Follow the instructions in the kit for use.