

*What is the life expectancy of microfilm?*

**(ISO/ANSI has stated microfilm has a Life Expectancy (LE) of a minimum 500 years**

*Three conditions need to be met for microfilm to achieve LE 500:*

- 1. The silver gelatin microfilm is manufactured to the ISO and ANSI standards for LE-500 films. Eastman Park Micrographics family of Camera Negative films are manufactured to these standards. It is stated in the data letter for IMAGELINK Microfilms.*
- 2. The microfilm must be processed according to ISO 18901:2002 Imaging Materials – Processed silver gelatin type black and white films – Specifications for stability. Meeting this standard is the responsibility of the microfilm processing facility.*
- 3. The microfilm must be stored according to ISO 18911:2000 Imaging Materials – Processed safety photographic films – Storage practices. Meeting this standard is the responsibility of the organization that stores the microfilm.*

*In summary, EPM distributes silver-gelatin microfilm manufactured to the ISO and ANSI standards for LE-500 films. If this film is processed correctly and stored correctly, it will have a minimum life expectancy of 500 years.*

*Additional information on microfilm and LE-500 can be found at*  
**<http://preserve.harvard.edu/about/programoverview.html>**