

A simple method for detecting, measuring and recording the severity of "Vinegar Syndrome" in your acetate film collections.

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Each package contains 250 strips & one pencil



Place an A-D strip in a film box for 24 hours. Compare the color of the strip to the pencil to determine the extent of vinegar syndrome. A-D strips aide in the decision when the microfilm needs to be duplicated.

Meaning of Acidity Levels

Level	Film Conditions	Recommended Actions
 0	Good (no deterioration)	Cool/cold storage
 1	Fair to good (deterioration starting)	Cold storage Monitor closely
 2	Poor (actively degrading)	Freeze to preserve Copying advisable
 3	Critical (shrinkage, warping imminent; possible handling hazard)	Freeze immediately Copy immediately

Acid detection strip results from acetate film generated over various years

