

KODAK VISION3 50D

COLOR NEGATIVE FILM 5203 / 7203



TECHNICAL DATA / COLOR NEGATIVE FILM

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KODAK VISION3 50D Color Negative Film 5203/7203 is a low-speed daylight-balanced film. It is Kodak's finest grain motion picture film and ensures pristine, clean images that are full of color and detail.

Like other films in the VISION3 Film family, VISION3 50D Film features unrivaled highlight latitude, flexibility in postproduction, and proven archival stability. The expanded dynamic range allows for increased creative control in the extremes of exposure, especially high contrast daylight exteriors. Advances in grain and sharpness along with increased exposure latitude also make this film ideal for recorder output. An Anti-halation undercoat replaces the traditional remjet backing layer. A process surviving antistat has been incorporated to reduce dirt attraction.

Experience the improved extreme exposure performance and consistent VISION3 Film family look along with unsurpassed image quality, real-world flexibility, and digital postproduction compatibility. Enjoy the benefits of the finest grain capture film with the color and tone reproduction of the VISION3 Film portfolio.

Base

KODAK VISION3 50D Color Negative Films 5203 and 7203 have an acetate safety base.

Storage

Store unexposed film at 13 °C (55 °F) or lower. For extended storage, store at -18 °C (0 °F) or lower. Process exposed film promptly.

Store processed film according to the recommendations in ISO 18911:2010, Imaging Materials - Processed Safety Photographic Films - Storage Practices.

	Short Term (less than 6 months)	Long Term (more than 6 months)
Unexposed film in original, sealed package	13 °C (55 °F) RH below 60%	-18 °C (0 °F) RH below 50%
Exposed film, unprocessed	-18 °C (0 °F) RH below 20%	Not recommended. Process film promptly.
Process film	21 °C (70 °F) RH 20 to 50%	2 °C (36 °F) RH 20 to 30%

This relates to optimized film handling rather than preservation; static, dust-attraction and curl-related problems are generally minimized at the higher relative humidity. After usage, the film should be returned to the appropriate medium- or long-term storage conditions as soon as possible.

Warm-up Times

To prevent film telescoping, moisture condensation, and spotting, allow your film to warm to room temperature (21°C/70°F) before use:

Film Package	Recommended Warm-up Time (Hours)	
	8 °C (15 °F) Rise	39 °C (70 °F) Rise
8 mm	1	1 ½
16 mm	1	1 ½
35 mm	3	5

For more information about film storage and handling, see ANSI/PIMA ISO-18911, SMPTE RP131-2002, and KODAK Publication No. H-845, The Essential Reference Guide for Filmmakers, available online at www.kodak.com/go/referenceguide.

Darkroom Recommendations

Do not use a safelight. Handle unprocessed film in total darkness.

Exposure

Exposure Indexes

Daylight (5500K): 50
Tungsten (3200K): 12 (with 80A filter)

Use these indexes with incident or reflected light exposure meters and cameras marked for ISO or ASA speeds or exposure indexes. These indexes apply for meter readings of average subjects made from the camera position or for readings made from a gray card of 18 percent reflectance held close to and in front of the subject. For unusually light or dark colored subjects, decrease or increase the exposure indicated by the meter accordingly.

Color Balance

These films are balanced for exposure with daylight illumination (5500K). For other light sources, use the correction filters in the table that follows.

Light Source	KODAK Filters on Camera*	Exposure Index
Daylight (5500 K)	None	50
Metal Halide	None	50
H.M.I.	None	50
KINO FLO 55	None	50
Tungsten (3000 K)	WRATTEN 2 Optical Filter / 80A	12
Tungsten (3200 K)	WRATTEN 2 Optical Filter / 80A	12
KINO FLO 29 KINO FLO 32	WRATTEN 2 Optical Filter / 80A	12
Fluorescent, Warm White†	Color Compensating CC20M + CC05R	25
Fluorescent, Cool White†	Color Compensating CC40B	20

* These are approximate corrections only. Make final corrections during printing.

† These are starting-point recommendations for trial exposures. If the kind of lamp is unknown, a KODAK Color Compensating Filter CC20M + CC10B can be used with an exposure index (EI) of 25.

Note: Consult the manufacturer of high-intensity ultraviolet lamps for safety information on ultraviolet radiation and ozone generation.

Exposure Table-Daylight Illumination

At 24 frames per second (fps), 180-degree shutter opening, use this table for average subjects that contain a combination of light, medium, and dark colors:

EXPOSURE TABLE FOR TUNGSTEN LIGHT								
Lens Aperture	f/1.4	f/2	f/2.8	f/4	f/5.6	f/8	f/11	f/16
Footcandles Required	50	100	200	400	800	1600	3200	6400

Reciprocity Characteristics

You do not need to make any filter corrections or exposure adjustments for exposure times from 1/1000 of a second to 1 second.

Processing

Process in Process ECN-2.

Most commercial motion-picture laboratories provide a processing service for these films. See KODAK Publication No. H-24.07, Processing KODAK Color Negative Motion Picture Films, Module 7 available online at www.kodak.com/go/h24, for more information on the solution formulas and the procedure for machine processing these films. There are also pre-packaged kits available for preparing the processing solutions. For more information on the KODAK ECN-2 Kit Chemicals, check Using KODAK Kit Chemicals in Motion Picture Film Laboratories KODAK Publication No. H-333, available online at www.kodak.com/go/h333.

Identification

After processing, the product code numbers 5203, or 7203 emulsion, roll, and strip number identification, KEYCODE Numbers, and manufacturer/film identification code (ER) are visible along the length of the film.

Post-Production

Scanning

The wider exposure latitude in KODAK VISION3 Films differentiate film capture from the limited dynamic range of digital capture. Digital "dodging and burning," a very powerful tool in the colorists' toolkit, is now even more powerful—up to two stops more image information can be extracted from scene highlights in VISION3 Films. If traditional 10-bit scanner data encoding schemes are used to digitize films having this extended density range, highlight information captured on these films could be lost. Kodak has recommendations for extracting the full density range stored on high dynamic range films in a technical document titled Scanning Recommendations for Extended Dynamic Range Camera Films, available online at www.kodak.com/go/scanning.

Laboratory Aim Densities (LAD)

To maintain optimum quality and consistency in the final prints, the laboratory must carefully control the color timing, printing, and duplicating procedures. To aid in colortiming and curve placement, negative originals should be timed relative to Laboratory Aim Density (LAD) Control Film. The LAD Control Film provides both objective sensitometric control and subjective verification of the duplicating procedures used by the laboratory.

In the LAD Control Method, the electronic color analyzer used for color timing is set-up with the LAD Control Film to produce a gray video display of the LAD patch, corresponding to 1.0 neutral density (gray) on the print. The negative printing original is then scene-to-scene timed. There are specific LAD values for each type of print or duplicating film that the original can be printed on. For print films, the LAD patch is printed to a neutral gray of 1.0 visual density. For duplicating films, the specified aims are at the center of the usable straight-line portion of the sensitometric curve of the film.

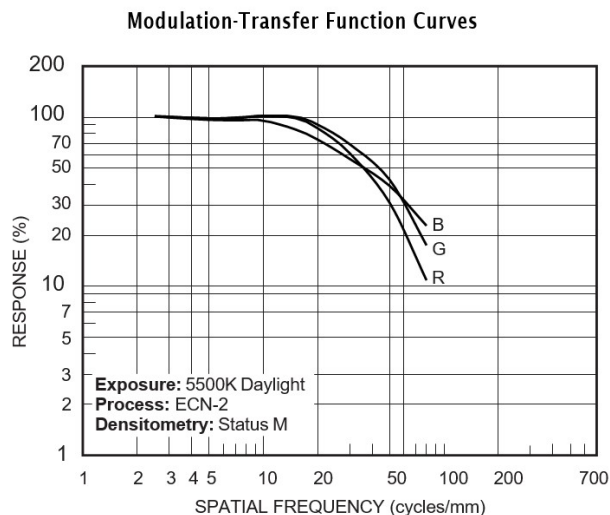
Due to normal variations in exposure and processing of color negative films, particular scenes may not print exactly at the same printer lights as the LAD Control Film. The LAD Control Film is intended as a set-up tool for electronic color analyzers and printers. It is NOT a reference that every scene must match. Normal film-to-film and scene-to-scene exposure variability is accommodated by the color timing (grading) process, on an electronic color analyzer set up with the LAD Control Film. Normally exposed and processed color negatives will typically print well within the range of an additive printer setup with the LAD Control Film, although SIGNIFICANT or UNEXPECTED departures from this center point balance may indicate an exposure/filtration problem with the cinematography or with the process control. Testing is recommended with specialized negative processing techniques (push, pull, "skip-bleach", etc.). More information is available in KODAK Publication H-61, Laboratory Aim Density, available online at www.kodak.com/go/lad.

Image Structure

For more information on image-structure characteristics, see KODAK Publication No. H-845, The Essential Reference Guide for Filmmakers available online at www.kodak.com/go/referenceguide.

Modulation Transfer Function

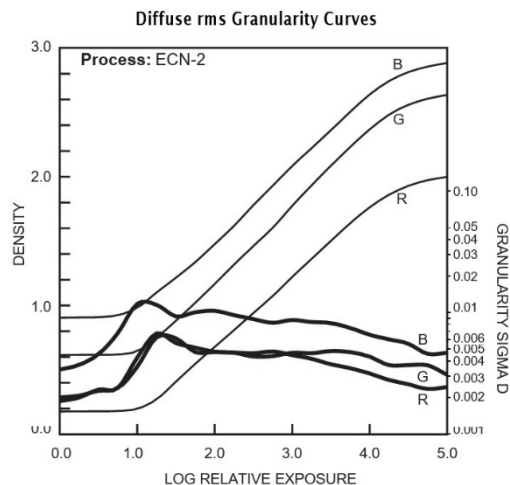
The "perceived" sharpness of any film depends on various components of the motion picture production system. The camera and projector lenses and film printers, among other factors, all play a role. But the specific sharpness of a film can be measured and is charted in the Modulation Transfer Function Curve.



This graph shows a measure of the visual sharpness of this film. The x-axis, "Spatial Frequency," refers to the number of sine waves per millimeter that can be resolved. The y-axis, "Response," corresponds to film sharpness. The longer and flatter the line, the more sine waves per millimeter that can be resolved with a high degree of sharpness — and the sharper the film.

rms Granularity

The "perception" of the graininess of any film is highly dependent on scene content, complexity, color, and density. Other factors, such as film age, processing, exposure conditions, and telecine transfer may also have significant effects.



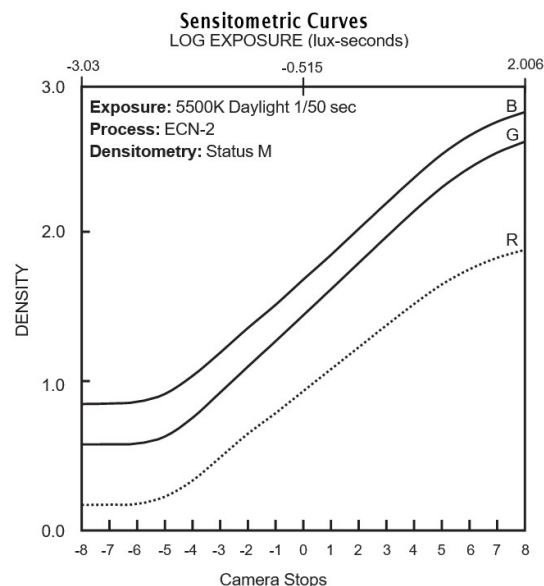
Read with a microdensitometer, using a 48-micrometre aperture.

To find the rms Granularity value for a given density, find the density on the left vertical scale and follow horizontally to the characteristic curve and then go vertically (up or down) to the granularity curve. At that point, follow horizontally to the Granularity Sigma D scale on the right. Read the number and multiply by 1000 for the rms value.

Note: This curve represents granularity based on modified measuring techniques. Sensitometric and Diffuse RMS Granularity curves are produced on different equipment. A slight variation in curve shape may be noticed.

Sensitometry

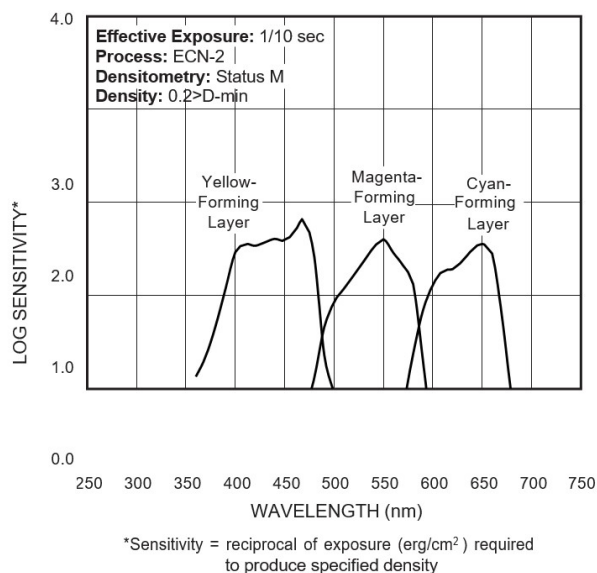
The curves describe this film's response to red, green, and blue light. Sensitometric curves determine the change in density on the film for a given change in log exposure.



Spectral Sensitivity

These curves depict the sensitivity of this film to the spectrum of light. They are useful for determining, modifying, and optimizing exposure for blue- and green-screen special-effects work.

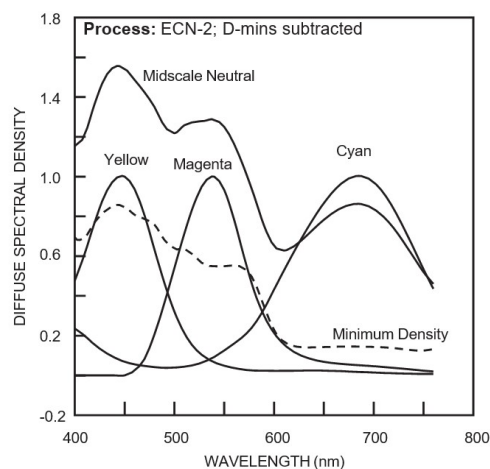
Spectral Sensitivity Curves



Spectral Dye-Density Curves

These curves depict the spectral absorption of the dyes formed when the film is processed. They are useful for adjusting or optimizing any device that scans or prints the film.

Spectral Dye Density Curves



Note: Cyan, Magenta, and Yellow Dye Curves are peak-normalized.

Note: The sensitometric curves and data in this publication represent product tested under the conditions of exposure and processing specified. They are representative of production coatings, and therefore do not apply directly to a particular box or roll of photographic material. They do not represent standards or specifications that must be met by Eastman Kodak Company. The company reserves the right to change and improve product characteristics at any time.

Available Roll Lengths and Formats

See Kodak Motion Picture Products Catalog at www.kodak.com/go/mpccatalog

To order film in the United States and Canada, call 1- 800-356-3259, prompt 3.

Worldwide customers can find the nearest sales office at www.kodak.com/go/worldwide-film-suppliers

