



Industrial X-RAY - NDT

Metafix (UK) Ltd.

What's wrong with Silver Recovery Today?



- X Virtually unchanged in 50 years?
- X Unpredictable Results
- X Messy Un-auditable
- X Health & Safety Concerns
- X Compliance Issues
- X Drain Issues
- X Expensive Parts, Service & Down Time
- X Large space requirements



Metafix introduces: Process Monitoring and Effluent Control System



- ✓ Innovative Proven technology
- ✓ Clean Compliance!
- ✓ Accountable Predictable Results
- ✓ NO Electrolytic! (30 amps vs 1.25)
- ✓ No Health & Safety Issues
- ✓ Easy maintenance
- ✓ Secure your Silver
- ✓ No Drain Issues



High Efficiency Metafix MiX eXchange Columns



- ✓ Recovers Silver from Combined (Dev & Fix) (Patented Process) Primary & Secondary recovery combined
- ✓ Advanced Technology -
 - > 10,000 Photo lab Installations
- ✓ Shipping Drum Containment
- ✓ Fast flow rates 1000 ml/min
- ✓ Made of 100% recyclable plastic
- ✓ MetaWool PATENTED recovery media Ensures compliance
- ✓ Consistent Predictable Results Easy & cost effective to refine.



pH Measurement Replenishment Monitoring

- + Inline pH probe
 - + Indicates DEV/FIX ratio
 - Validates replenishment rates







Replenishment rates

Manufacturers Recommended Rates

| Structurix NDT Processors | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------------|--|
| | | Si | S ECO | |
| | Standard | G135 Developer | 900 ml/m ² | |
| | Consumption | G335 Fixer | 700 - 1200 ml/m ² | |
| | | Water | 13 l/m ² | |



DEV 900 + FIX 1200 = 2100 cc/sq meter DEV 900 / 2100 = 43% of TOTAL FIX 1200 / 2100 = 57% of TOTAL

*pH of combined chemistry should be between 6,9 to 7,1

Highly Accurate Solution Flow Control

Accurate chemistry volume measurements
Accurate Solution Volumes tell all...









Drain Maintenance Metafix **ENVIR®***JET*

- + Keep drains clean
- + Closed discharge No fumes
- + Commingles all processing solutions
- + Easy Compliance Testing
- + Drains spent eXchangers





BUT, its Not Just Silver Recovery....

....Audited Process
Monitoring

NDT = Standards

+ Every standard refers to the manufacturer requirements



Designation: E 999 - 99

Standard Guide for Controlling the Quality of Industrial Radiographic Film Processing:

« 7.2.4: For processors with replenishment systems, <u>USE THE REPLENISHMENT RATES</u> <u>RECOMMENDED BY THE FILM OR SOLUTION MANUFACTURER</u> »



"According to **DIN EN ISO 11699-1:2012** and **ASTM E1815-08**; Developer and fixer were mixed with water corresponding to the manufacture requirements"



ASTM; American Society for Testing and Materials, An American National Standard ISO; International Organization for Standardization

Quality Control

- Measure
- + Report
 - + Live data, Internet connected
 - + Automatic reports and alarms
 - + E-Mails Reports

Cumulative Volumes Silver Reports Alarms Volume/Film Sizes Daily pH Graphics Start & Finish Time

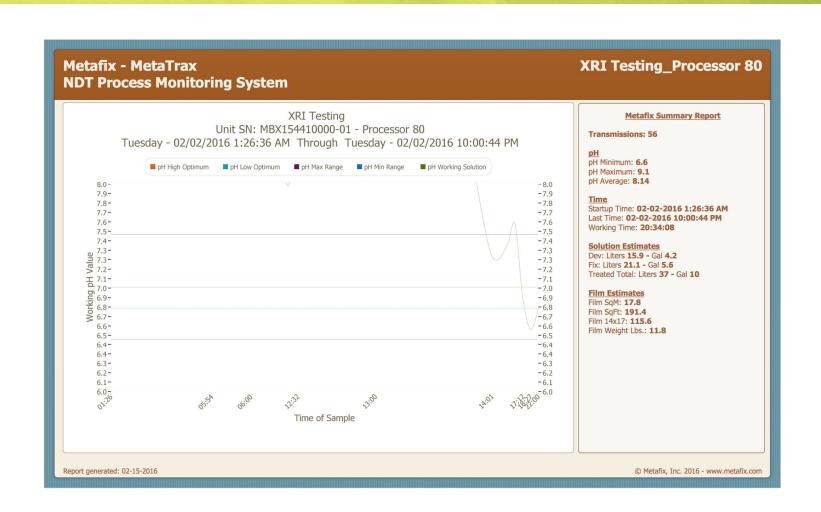






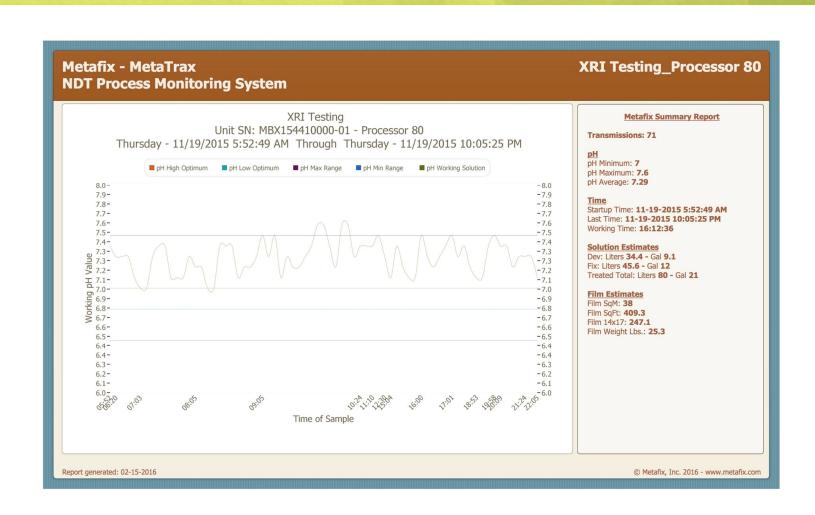


Daily Reports - Out of Control



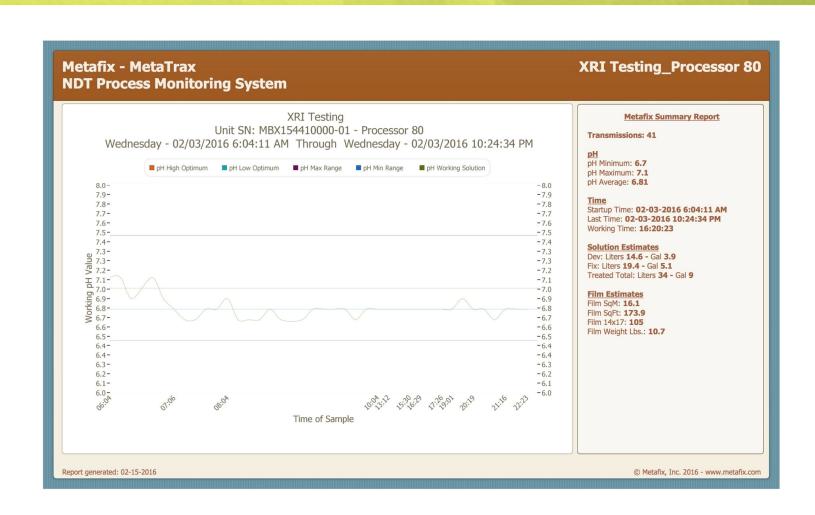


Daily Reports - Active Day





Daily Reports – Great Day



Payment Model

| Films Processed (History) | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| Film Count | 33150 | | | | |
| Films -> Chemistry (Liters) | 10689 | | | | |
| Ag Spot / Toz | £12.00 | | | | |
| PCC Re | <u>venue</u> | | | | |
| T/oz Ag | 363.34 | | | | |
| T/oz->Grams | 11299.9 | | | | |
| Value | £4360.08 | | | | |
| Grams/Liter | 1.00 | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| <u>Film</u> | | | | | |
| 14x17 Square inches | 238 | | | | |
| Square inches -> Sq/M | 1550 | | | | |
| Films / Meter | 6.51 | | | | |
| <u>Chemistry</u> | | | | | |
| Fixer Rep Rate/ Sq/M | 900 | | | | |
| Dev Rep Rate/ Sq/M | 1200 | | | | |
| Total Chemistry/ Sq/M (cc) | 2100 | | | | |
| Total Chemistry - cc/Film | 322 | | | | |

Recovery Report

- + chemistry volume
- + film volume
- + time
- + silver recovered

for complete transparent auditing



Replenishment Monitoring







Metafix MetaTrax Complete Environmental Management System

Tracking

- Network Connection
- ✓ We advise Lab Staff of Column status and verify operation of equipment on site

Samples

- ✓ We request
- ✓ Return Performance Reports

Incidents (Support)

- ✓ Calls/ Question from Staff
- Documented & auditable
- ✓ 12 Hours/ Day (Toll Free)

Payment

- ✓ Column Statements
- ✓ Management Summary of all reports by Lab



Systematic Effluent Process Control

- Patented Technology
- + Recovers Silver from Fixer **and** Developer
- + Small Footprint 1M² 3 ft²
- + Rapid Recovery
- Keeps up with maximum Processor output without holding tanks
- + Primary and Secondary Recovery through one Column, from high concentration to compliance
- + Simple and Quick Column exchanged
- + Pressure monitoring
 - Optimizes Column life and safe Handling
- + Recovery Report
 - + Consolidates Chemistry Volume, Film Volume, Time with Silver Recovered, for Complete transparent Auditing





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pH Scale DEV/FIX ratios

*Example of pH ratios DEV/FIX Structurix Chemistry



| Dev. Vol. (ml) | pH Mixed Sol. | Vol. Dev/Vol. Fix | % (Dev/Fix) | % (Dev/Fix+Dev) |
|----------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 10,00 | 6,11 | 0,40 | 40,00 | 28,57 |
| 11,00 | 6,23 | 0,44 | 44,00 | 30,56 |
| 12,00 | 6,34 | 0,48 | 48,00 | 32,43 |
| 13,00 | 6,44 | 0,52 | 52,00 | 34,21 |
| 14,00 | 6,54 | 0,56 | 56,00 | 35,90 |
| 15,00 | 6,63 | 0,60 | 60,00 | 37,50 |
| 16,00 | 6,72 | 0,64 | 64,00 | 39,02 |
| 17,00 | 6,81 | 0,68 | 68,00 | 40,48 |
| 18,00 | 6,90 | 0,72 | 72,00 | 41,86 |
| 19,00 | 6,99 | 0,76 | 76,00 | 43,18 |
| 20,00 | 7,07 | 0,80 | 80,00 | 44,44 |
| 21,00 | 7,17 | 0,84 | 84,00 | 45,65 |
| 22,00 | 7,26 | 0,88 | 88,00 | 46,81 |
| 23,00 | 7,35 | 0,92 | 92,00 | 47,92 |
| 24,00 | 7,45 | 0,96 | 96,00 | 48,98 |
| 25,00 | 7,54 | 1,00 | 100,00 | 50,00 |
| 26,00 | 7,63 | 1,04 | 104,00 | 50,98 |
| 27,00 | 7,72 | 1,08 | 108,00 | 51,92 |
| 28,00 | 7,80 | 1,12 | 112,00 | 52,83 |
| 29,00 | 7,88 | 1,16 | 116,00 | 53,70 |
| 30,00 | 7,95 | 1,20 | 120,00 | 54,55 |
| 31,00 | 8,01 | 1,24 | 124,00 | 55,36 |



Replenishment rates

+ Manufacturers Recommended Rates

Carestream

Kodak

| | Dilution Concentrate + H ₂ O | Replenishment Rate | pH Working Strength | Specific Gravity Working Strength | To Make Working Strength Solution |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Developer | | - | | | |
| Use INDUSTREX Single Part Developer and Replenisher. Material No. 5315288 | 1+3 | 665mL/m² (e.g., 100 mL per 14 x 17 inch sheet) | 10.40 +/- 0.10 (25° C, 77° F) | 1.072 +/- 0.005 (20° C, 68° F) | 15 L 20 L 5-25 °C 2 min 1+3 H ₂ O SG 1.072 ± 0.005 |
| Fixer | | | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Use INDUSTREX LO Fixer and Replenisher. Material No. 5159082 | 1+3 | 1200mL/m² (e.g., 180mL per 14 x 17 inch sheet) | 4.90 +/- 0.10 (25° C, 77° F) | 1.084 +/- 0.005 (20° C, 68° F) | 15 L 20 L 5-25 °C 2 min 1+3 H ₂ O SG 1.084 ± 0.005 |

DEV $100 + FIX 180 = 280 \text{ ml} / 14 \times 17 \text{ inch}$ DEV 100 / 280 = 36% of TOTALFIX 180 / 280 = 64% of TOTAL

*pH of combined chemistry to be determined



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Manufacturers Recommended Rates







Recommended use of ecoDEV

| Processing Time | Immersion Time | Temp. (°C) | Replenishment Rate |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|
| 5 min. cycle | 62.5 sec. | 29° C | 550 ml/m² |
| 8 min. cycle | 100 sec. | 27° C | 900 ml/m² |

Recommended use of ecoFIX

| Processing Time | Processor | Replenishment Rate |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 5 min. cycle | S ECO | 700 ml/m² |
| 8 min. cycle | S ECO, M ECO | 700 ml/m² |
| 8 min. cycle | U, NOVA | 1200 ml/m² |

DEV 83ml + FIX 135ml = 218 ml / 14x17 inch (5 min cycle) DEV 83/218 = 38% of TOTAL FIX 135/218 = 62% of TOTAL

*pH of combined chemistry to be determined



pH Measurements, a novel and accurate method to determine replenishments rates

- + Since there is a large spread in pH between buffered Developer and Fixer, Developer pH greater than 10 and Fixer lower than 5, the Mixed Volume of these two solutions results in a specific pH
- + A linear pH scale is easily made to demonstrate the effect of one on the other*
- + Knowing the manufacturer's recommended replenishment rate per size of film, then referring to the scale, will established the optimum pH values to monitor



Quality Control

- + Standards
- + pH Measurements
- pH Scale DEV/FIX ratios
- + Replenishment rates
- + System 1; Replenishment Monitoring
- + System 2; Effluent Control









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