



KODAK AERECON High Altitude Film 3409

KODAK AERECON High Altitude Film 3409 is an extremely fine grain, slow speed, panchromatic, negative aerial camera film. This film has high definition and extended red sensitivity for the reduction of atmospheric haze effects.

Its ESTAR Thin Base provides flexibility, moisture resistance, high tear resistance, and excellent dimensional stability. This film has an abrasion-resistant emulsion and dyed-gel backing for antihalation purposes and curl control. This film has a thin, highly hardened emulsion that provides ultra-high resolving power and image sharpness, and that permits high-temperature rapid processing.

Note: While satisfactory processing results from some application may be achieved by the use of the roller-transport processors, such as the KODAK VERSAMAT Film Processor, Models 11 and 1140, this high definition aerial film is intended to be processed in more sophisticated, continuous processing machines. This data release is intended for those users with roller-transport processors whose applications will permit the higher contrast that may result from processing in this type of processor.

APPLICATIONS

KODAK AERECON High Altitude Film 3409 is designed for high-altitude, stabilized platform aerial cameras with high quality optical systems.

Potential uses of this film in camera systems include agricultural, oceanographic, hydrological, geological, and environmental studies, reconnaissance, and other scientific applications where a high-definition film is needed.

BASE

0.063 mm (2.5-mil) ESTAR Thin Base with dyed-gel backing

TOTAL FILM THICKNESS

The nominal total thickness (unprocessed) of this film is 0.076 mm (2.99 mils). This includes emulsion—0.006 mm (0.25 mil), base—0.063 mm (2.5 mils), and backing—0.006 mm (0.24 mil).

WEIGHT

The weight of 3409 Film (unprocessed), conditioned in equilibrium with 50 percent relative humidity, is **0.108 kg/m²** (0.021 lbs/ft²).

SPECTRAL SENSITIVITY

Panchromatic, with extended red sensitivity.

SAFELIGHT

Total darkness is required.

EXPOSURE

Aerial film speeds (ISO A or EAFS) should not be confused with conventional film speeds which are designed for roll and sheet films used in pictorial photography. The characteristics of aerial scenes differ markedly from those of ordinary pictorial or ground scenes because of the smaller range in subject luminances, atmospheric haze conditions, and other factors. Therefore, different film-speed parameters are used to relate aerial-scene characteristics to practical exposure recommendations. The KODAK Aerial Exposure Computer, KODAK Publication AS-10, has been published based on the aerial film speed criterion.

Nominal speed, daylight (no filter): EAFS or ISO A 16

Note: The aerial film speeds given in this publication were obtained by rounding the calculated values to the nearest cube root of 2 step (equivalent to 1/3 stop).

Filters

KODAK PROFESSIONAL WRATTEN Gelatin Filter

	No. 8	No. 12	No. 21	No. 23A	No. 25
Filter Factor	1.5	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.0

Typical Camera Exposure

A typical exposure for this film is approximately 1/300 second at f/4. This exposure is based on a solar altitude of 40 degrees, a clear day, an aircraft altitude of 12,160 metres (40,000 feet), and a speed of ISO A 16 with a KODAK PROFESSIONAL WRATTEN Gelatin Filter No. 21 (or equivalent).

When using an aerial camera equipped with an antivignetting filter, or other filter, it is important to increase this typical exposure by the filter factor of the filter used.

Reciprocity Characteristics

No exposure or development time adjustments are required for exposure times from 1/1,000 second to 1/10 second.

IMAGE STRUCTURE

The following data are based on processing in a KODAK VERSAMAT Film Processor in the recommended processing sequence.

KODAK Developer	Resolving Power (line pairs/mm)		rms Granularity*
	TOC 1.6:1	TOC 1000:1	
885	320	630	11
641	320	630	9

* Granularity values read at a net diffuse density of 1.0 with a 48-micrometre aperture.

STORAGE

For consistent results, all aerial films should be stored under fairly constant conditions. Kodak aerial films are “usually” packaged in equilibrium with 40 to 50 percent relative humidity. High temperatures or high humidity may produce undesirable changes in the film.

Unexposed Film

Store unexposed film in a refrigerator at 13°C (55°F) or lower, or freezer at -18 to -23°C (0 to -10°F), in the original sealed container. If the film is stored in a refrigerator, remove it about 2 hours before opening; if stored in a freezer, remove it about 8 hours before opening. A sufficient warm-up time is necessary to prevent moisture condensation on cold film—otherwise, moisture spotting, ferrotyping, or sticking may occur.

Exposed Film

Keep exposed film cool and dry. Process the film as soon as possible after exposure to avoid undesirable changes in the latent image. If it is necessary to hold exposed but unprocessed film for several days (such as over a weekend), it should be resealed and refrigerated at 4°C (40°F) or lower. Before unsealing and processing exposed film that has been held in cold storage, follow the warm-up procedures described for unexposed film described above.

Processed Film

For best keeping, store processed film in a dark, dust-free area at 10 to 21°C (50 to 70°F) and 30 to 50 percent relative humidity. Preferably, store negatives on the spool or in individual KODAK Sleeves. High relative humidity promotes the growth of mold and causes ferrotyping. Very low relative humidity causes excessive curl and brittleness. Avoid storage temperatures over 27°C (80°F).

PROCESSING

KODAK AERECON High Altitude Film 3409 can be processed in the KODAK VERSAMAT Film Processor, Model 11 or 1140 with KODAK VERSAMAT 885 or 641 Chemicals.

Mechanized processing in roller-transport processors offers the advantages of uniform treatment of all portions of the roll, freedom from banding, and absence of significant density variations from ends of the roll to the center. Refer to the operator’s manual for the processor set-up information, but in all cases, the fixer replenisher should be introduced into tank No. 5 of the processor with a countercurrent flow to tank No. 3, where it overflows to a collection or recovery system.

General instructions for setting the machine dryer temperature are included in these pages. However, the temperature of the dryer may require some further adjustment, depending upon the ambient temperature conditions in the processing area. Usually it is best to set the temperature approximately 2°C (3°F) above that required to dry unexposed, processed film.

Handling

A 0.178 mm (7-mil) thick, polyester-base leader tab (at least 241 mm (9 1/2 inches) wide) is recommended when feeding 3409 Film into the KODAK VERSAMAT Film Processor, Models 11 and 1140. Follow usual handling and processing procedures for thin-base film products.

Chemicals

The following KODAK VERSAMAT Chemicals may be used in both the Model 11 and Model 1140 VERSAMAT Processors.

KODAK VERSAMAT 885 Developer Starter

KODAK VERSAMAT 885 Developer Replenisher

KODAK VERSAMAT 885 Fixer and Replenisher

KODAK VERSAMAT 641 Developer Starter

KODAK VERSAMAT 641 Developer Replenisher

KODAK VERSAMAT 641 Fixer and Replenisher

Notice: Observe precautionary information on product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets.

Replenishment Rates

Basic developer and fixer replenishment rates, in millilitres per square metre (millilitres per square inch) of film processed, vary depending upon the type of chemicals used. The following rates apply to processing in the VERSAMAT Processor, Models 11 and 1140.

Basic Replenishment Rates mL/sq m (mL/in ²) KODAK VERSAMAT Chemicals		
	885	641
Developer	124 (.08)	124 (.08)
Fixer	310 (.20)	310 (.20)

KODAK VERSAMAT Processor, Model 11 or 1140

Processing Sequence:

Processing Step	No. of Racks	Path Length	Temperature
885 Developer OR 641 Developer	2	2.4 m (8 ft)	29.5 ± 0.3°C (85 ± 0.5°F) 35.5 ± 0.3°C (96 ± 0.5°F)
Fix	3	3.6 m (12 ft)	same as developer, nominal
Wash	2	2.4 m (8 ft)	1 to 3°C (2 to 6°F) below developer temperature
Dry	---	2.4 m (8 ft)	Up to 65°C (149°F)

Sensitometric Data, KODAK VERSAMANT Processor Model 1140:

Developer	Machine Speed m/min (fpm)	2 Developer Racks		
		Average Gamma	ISO A	D-min
885	3.6 (12)	2.70	16	0.09
641	6 (20)	2.90	16	0.07

Fixing: Adequate fixing is obtained at machine speeds up to and including 9 m/min (30 fpm).

Washing: LE-100 keeping quality may be obtained at machine speeds up to 6 m/min (20 fpm) in a 35.5°C (96°F) process, and up to 4.5 m/min (15 fpm) in a 29°C (85°F) process. (LE = Life Expectancy)

Drying: Adequate drying is obtained at machine speeds up to and including 6 m/min (20 fpm).

REWIND OR SPIRAL REEL PROCESSING

Conventional rewind equipment is not recommended for processing this film because of physical characteristics of the ESTAR Thin Base.

DIMENSIONAL STABILITY

The dimensional stability of aerial films is of particular interest and importance in accurate mapping and in the reproduction of maps.

Dimensional stability is an all-inclusive term. In photography, it applies to size changes caused by changes in humidity and in temperature, and by processing and aging. The absence of solvent in ESTAR Base is one of the reasons why ESTAR Base films show excellent dimensional stability. The dimensional properties of ESTAR Base may vary slightly in different directions within a sheet; the differences that may exist, however, are not always between the length and width directions.

Temporary Dimensional Changes

Thermal Coefficient of Linear Expansion:	
0.001%	per degree F of change
0.0018%	per degree C of change

Humidity Coefficient of Linear Expansion (Unprocessed):	
0.0033%	per 1% change in relative humidity

Permanent Dimensional Changes

Processing Dimensional Change:	
-0.06 to +0.03%	shrinkage to swell

Aging Shrinkage of Processed Film:	
0.05%	1 week at 120°F (49°C), 20% RH
0.03%	1 year at 78°F (25.5°C), 60% RH

SIZE DATA AND ORDERING INFORMATION

Information on available sizes and minimum order quantities of this film is available on the web at www.kodak.com/go/aerial. You can also write or call:

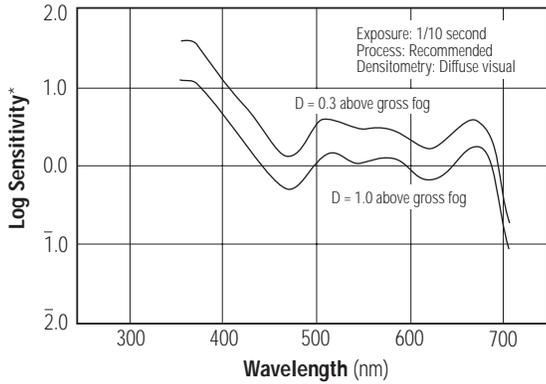
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Note: The Kodak materials described in this publication used with KODAK AERECON High Altitude Film 3409 are available from those dealers normally supplying Kodak products. Other materials may be used, but equivalent results may not be obtained.

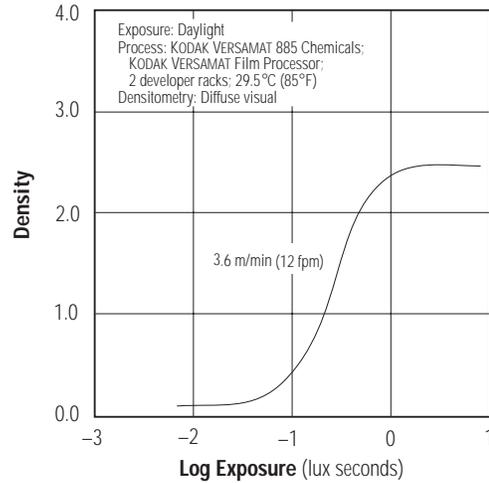
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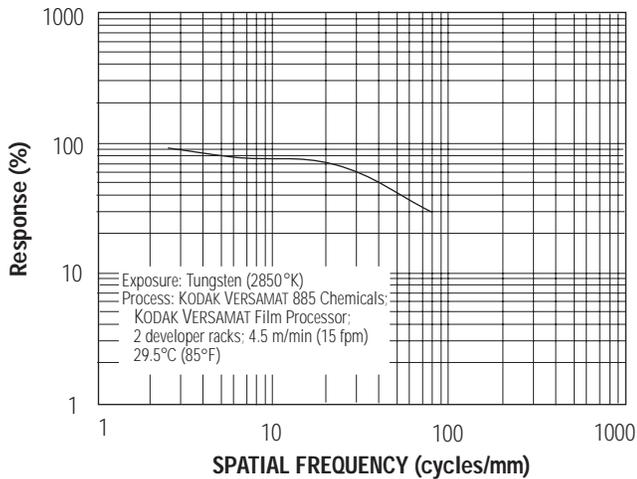
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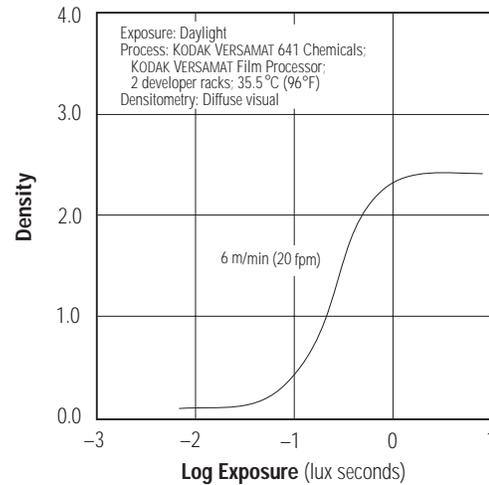
Characteristic Curves, KODAK VERSAMAT Film Processor, KODAK VERSAMAT 885 Chemicals, 2 Developer Racks, 29.5°C (85°F)



Modulation Transfer Function



Characteristic Curves, KODAK VERSAMAT Film Processor, KODAK VERSAMAT 641 Chemicals, 2 Developer Racks, 35.5°C (96°F)



NOTICE: While the sensitometric data in this publication are typical of production coatings, they do not represent standards which must be met by Kodak. Varying storage, exposure, and processing conditions will affect results. The company reserves the right to change and improve product characteristics at any time.

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