

Technical Data Sheet

PHOTEC PH-2000 SERIES

Fully aqueous dry film photoresists

GENERAL

The Hitachi Chemical Photec PH-2000 Series is a completely new platform fully aqueous dry film photoresist which can be used for production of high circuit density printed wiring boards. These new highly photosensitive films are developed for tenting, etching and pattern plating processes. The Photec PH-2000 Series will improve production yields due to it's excellent plating resistance, tenting properties and excellent resolution and adhesion characteristics. This film is available in 3 thicknesses i.e. 30, 40 and 50 µm.

FEATURES

The features allow high density circuits to be produced with high first pass yield.

- * Excellent adhesion and conforming properties enabling fine line circuitries.
- ★ High photosensitivity and fast in exposure providing high throughput.
- ★ Good image contrast after exposure allows ease of inspection.
- ★ Fully compatible with electroplating processes.
- ★ Good tenting properties.
- * Reduced sludging in the development chamber resulting in less down time for maintenance.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Photec	Thickness (µm)	Length (m)
PH-2030	30	150 or 300
PH-2040	40	150 or 300
PH-2050	50	150 or 300

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PROCESS SEQUENCE PH-2030

PROCESS	PROCESS	DESCRI	PTION	TYPICAL PROCESS CONDITIONS	REMARKS			
				PH-2030				
		Preparation		Chemical clean or Pumice Brush				
	Water spra			RT	See Substrate	See Substrate Surface Preparation Section		
Substrate	Water spray time (sec)			10-30	Surface rough R _a 0.2 - 0.4 mi R _{max} 2.5 - 3.0 r	crons		
Pre-treatment	Water spra	ay pressur	e (kaf/cm ²)	1.5-2.5	indx			
	Drying			50 - 80°C				
Lamination	Suitable te	mperature	e range °C	110 ± 10	Substrate exit 55°C desirable		ture from laminator 45-	
	Lamination			1.0-3.0 m/min	Pressure 3.0-5			
Holding			C (60 ± 10% RH)	Over 5 min	proceeding, ye	llow lamp	oom temperature before condition	
Exposure	41 step tab	olet (steps	hold)	23± 3	1. Exposure lig lamp	ht source	by high voltage mercury	
	mJ/cm ²		Non collimated	40	 Obtained by Film change 		1 step tablet. ur from light blue to dark	
			Collimated	45	blue on exposi	ure.		
Holding	Room tem	p 23 ± 2°C	C (60 ± 10% RH)	Over 5 min				
		Develop	er	Na ₂ CO ₃ aqueous solution	1. Change dev guide	1. Change developer in the light of the f		
	Develop er spray	Develop	er concentration(%)	1.0 + 0.3 Anhydrous - 0.1 Na ₂ CO ₃	-		7	
	spiay	Develop	er temp (°C)	30 ± 2	Thickness	30 µm		
		Develop	er time (sec) (MDT)	16	Area (m ²)			
			velopment time	1,5-2,0 x MDT	Developed	0,33		
	Water		essure (kgf/cm ²)	1.2-2.0	by 1 litre	- ,		
Development	Spray 1	Water te	emp (°C)	RT- 30°C	of developer			
		Water sp	oray time (sec)	15-40	2 Addition of a	lefoaming	 agent is desirable	
	Water	Water te	emp (°C)	RT - 30°C	3. To avoid lift	ing of resi	st from substrate edges, exposed areas	
	Spray 2	Spray tir		30-60	as edges		•	
		Spray pr	essure (kgf/cm ²)	1.2-2.0	4. See Develo	oment Sec	ction.	
	Air shower	(sec) (30	– 50°C)	10-20	MDT = Minimu	m Develo	pment Time	
		Stripper		Sodium Hydroxide or Potassium Hydroxide Aqueous solution	See stripping s	section.		
	Stripper	Stripper	concentration (Wt%)	2.5 <u>+</u> 0.5	Thickness	30 µm		
		01.1	(10)		Area (m ²)	0.67		
	Spray		temp (°C) time (sec) MST	<u>50+</u> 5 23	stripped by 1 litre of			
			()	-				
Strippin~	Motor		ipping time	1,5-2,0 x MST	stripper			
Stripping	Water Spray 1	Water te	ressure (kgf/cm ²)	Over 1 RT				
	Spray 1		pray time (sec)			1. For proprietary strippers: see Enthone TDS		
			ressure (kgf/cm ²)	20-30 over 1	1. For propriet	ary surppe	IS. SEE ENUIONE TUS	
	Water	Spray pr Water te		Room temp (10-30)	2 Addition of a	lefoamina	agent may be required	
	Spray 2		pray time (sec)	30-60		2. Addition of defoaming agent may be required MST = Minimum stripping time		
	Opray 2		ressure (kgf/cm ²)	over 1		nam suip		
		opray pr	essure (kyi/CIII)	over i				

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PROCESS SEQUENCE H-2040

PROCESS	PROCESS	5 DESCRI	PTION	TYPICAL PROCESS CONDITIONS	REMARKS		
				PH-2040			
	Substrate I	e Preparation		Chemical clean or Pumice Brush			
	Water spra			RT	See Substrate	Preparation Section	
Substrate	Water spray time (sec)			10-30	Surface roughness $R_a 0.2 - 0.4$ microns $R_{max} 2.5 - 3.0$ microns		
Pre-treatment	Water spra	av pressur	e (kaf/cm ²)	1.5-2.5		lioronio	
	Drying	ay procour		50 –80°C			
Lamination	Suitable te	mperature	e range °C	110 ± 10	Substrate exit temperature from laminator 45- 55°C desirable.		
	Lamination			1.0-3.0 m/min	Pressure 3.0-5	.0 kgf/cm	2
Holding	Room tem	p 23 ± 2°C	C (60 ± 10% RH)	Over 5 min	Ensure substra proceeding, ye		room temperature before condition
Exposure	41 step tab	olet (steps	hold)	23± 3	1. Exposure lig lamp	ht source	e by high voltage mercury
	mJ/cm ²		Non collimated	40		s its colo	1 step tablet. our from light blue to dark
			Collimated	45	blue on exposu	ire.	
Holding	Room tem	p 23 ± 2°C	C (60 ± 10% RH)	Over 5 min			
		Develop	er	Na ₂ CO ₃ aqueous solution	1. Change dev guide	eloper in	the light of the following
	Develop er	Develop	er concentration (%)	1.0 + 0.3 Anhydrous - 0.1 Na ₂ CO ₃			
	spray	Develop	er temp (°C)	30 ± 2	Thickness	40 µm	
		Develop	er time (sec) (MDT)	23	Area (m ²)	0.25	
			velopment time	1,5-2,0 x MDT	Developed		
	Water	Spray pr	essure (kgf/cm ²)	1.2-2.0	by 1 litre		
Development	Spray 1	Water te	mp (°C)	RT- 30°C	of developer		
		Water sp	oray time (sec)	15-40	2 Addition of d	efoaming	g agent is desirable
	Water	Water te	mp (°C)	RT – 30°C	3. To avoid lifti	ng of res	ist from substrate edges, nexposed areas
	Spray 2	Spray tir	ne (sec)	30-60	as edges		·
			essure (kgf/cm ²)	1.2-2.0	4. See Develop	ment Se	ction.
	Air shower		-50°C)	10-20	MDT = Minimu		pment Time
		Stripper		Sodium Hydroxide or Potassium Hydroxide Aqueous solution	See stripping s	ection.	
	Stripper	Strinner	concentration (Wt%)	2.5 <u>+</u> 0.5	Thickness	40 µm	
	Spray		temp (°C)		Area (m ²) stripped by 1	0.5	
	Spidy	Stripper	time (sec) MST	50 <u>+</u> 5 45	litre of		
			ipping time	1,5-2,0 x MST	stripper		
Stripping	Water		ressure (kgf/cm ²)	Over 1]
	Spray 1	Water te		RT	4		
			pray time (sec)	20 - 30	1. ⊢or proprieta	ary strippe	ers: see Enthone TDS
	Water		essure (kgf/cm ²)	over 1 Poom temp (10-30)	2 Addition of d	ofoamina	a agent may be required
	water	Water temp (°C)		Room temp (10-30)	2. Addition of defoaming agent may be required MST = Minimum stripping time		
	Spray 2	Water spray time (sec) Spray pressure (kgf/cm ²)		30-60	MST – Minim	um etrior	ning time

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PROCESS SEQUENCE H-2050

PROCESS	ROCESS PROCESS DESCRIPTION			TYPICAL PROCESS CONDITIONS	REMARKS		
				PH-2050			
		Preparation		Chemical clean or Pumice Brush			
	Water spra			RT	See Substrate	reparation Section	
Substrate	Water spray time (sec)			10-30	Surface rough R _a 0.2 - 0.4 m R _{max} 2.5 - 3.0	icrons	
Pre-treatment	Water spra	ay pressur	e (kgf/cm ²)	1.5-2.5	iliax		
	Drying			50 – 80°C			
Lamination	Suitable te	mperature	e range °C	110 ± 10	Substrate exit temperature from laminator 40- 50°C desirable.		
	Lamination			1.5-3.0 m/min	Pressure 3.0-	5.0 kgf/cm ²	
Holding			C (60 ± 10% RH)	Over 5 min	proceeding, y	ellow lamp	
Exposure	41 step tab	olet (steps		23± 3	1. Exposure l lamp	ight source	by high voltage mercury
	mJ/cm ²		Non collimated	45		es its colo	1 step tablet. ur from light blue to dark
			Collimated	51	 blue on expos 	sure.	
Holding	Room tem	p 23 ± 2°0	L C (60 ± 10% RH)	Over 5 min	+		
		Develop	· /	Na ₂ CO ₃ aqueous solution	1. Change de guide	eveloper in	the light of the following
	Develop er	Develop	er concentration (%)	1.0±0.3 Anhydrous Na2CO3			7
	spray	Develop	er temp (°C)	30 ± 2	Thickness	50 µm	1
		Dovelop	er time (sec) (MDT)	30	Area (m ²)	0.20	
			velopment time	1.7-2.3 x MDT	Developed	0.20	
	Water		essure (kgf/cm ²)	1.2-2.0	by 1 litre		
Development	Spray 1	Water te		RT – 30°C	of developer		
•	. ,		pray time (sec)	15-40			
					2. Addition of	defoaming	agent is desirable
	Water	Water te	emp (°C)	RT - 30°C			st from substrate edges, exposed areas
	Spray 2	Spray tir		30-60	as edges		
			ressure (kgf/cm ²)	1.2-2.0	4. See Develo		
	Air shower		-50°C)	10-20	MDT = Minim		pment Time
		Stripper		Sodium Hydroxide or Potassium Hydroxide	See stripping	section.	
				Aqueous solution	Thickness	50 µm	
	Stripper	Stripper	concentration (Wt%)	2.5 <u>+</u> 0.5	Area (m ²)	0.4	
	Spray	Stripper	temp (°C)	50 <u>+</u> 5	stripped by 1		
		Stripper	time (sec) MST	62	litre of		
			ipping time	1,5-2,0 x MST	stripper		
Stripping	Water		ressure (kgf/cm ²)	Over 1	-		_
	Spray 1	Water te		RT			: see Enthone TDS
			pray time (sec)	20 - 30			is recommended
	10/-1		ressure (kgf/cm ²)	over 1	to strip at lo		
	Water	Water te		Room temp (10-30)			agent may be required
	Spray 2		pray time (sec)	30-60	MST = Minimum stripping time		ing time
		Spray pr	essure (kgf/cm ²)	over 1			

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GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Chara	cteristics		PH-2030	PH-2040	PH-2050
Applic	ation	Etching	Plating Etching	Plating Etching	
			4.5	Tenting	Tenting
	Sensitivity (mJ/cm ² , ST=	Non collimated light *1	40	40	45
ar	23/41)	Collimated light *1	45	45	51
OSI	Recommended	Non collimated light *1	28-56	28-56	32-64
Exposure	exposure energy (mJ/cm ²)	Collimated light *1	28-56	32-64	36-72
	Recommended ST (x/41 :	41-step tablet)	23 ± 3	23.0 ± 3.0	23±3
Ŧ	Minimum developing time (MD) (sec)	1.0 wt%Na ₂ CO ₃ /30°C	16	23	30
pmer	Foam height of developer (mm) *2	No defoamer	65	50	65
Development	Scum occurrence (x/4) *2	No defoamer	4	4	4
Δ	Easiness of sludge removal (x/4) *2	No defoamer	4	4	4
	Adhesion : RP-4 (µm) *3	ST=17/41	22	30	35
Non-collimated light exposure *1	L/S=n/400	ST=20/41	20	25	30
ate		ST=23/41	15	20	25
lim ost		ST=26/41	15	18	22
<u>lo y</u>	Resolution: RP-2 (µm)	ST=17/41	30	35	40
te	*3	ST=20/41	35	40	45
<u>д</u> Б	L/S=400/n	ST=23/41	40	45	50
_		ST=26/41	45	50	60
	Adhesion: RP-4 (µm) *3	ST=17/41	27	35	40
ht	L/S=n/400	ST=20/41	25	30	35
il i		ST=23/41	20	25	25
be		ST=26/41	18	22	32
Collimated light exposure *1	Resolution: RP-2 (µm)	ST=17/41	<30	<30	30
nil xa	*3	ST=20/41	30	30	35
ပိ	L/S=400/n	ST=23/41	35	35	40
		ST=26/41	40	40	45
Imagir	ng property (ST=23/41, 1 m	in) *4	25	30	35
Plating	g resistance *5	Standard condition	-	4	4
	plating; x/4)	Severe condition	-	4	4
Break	age ratio of round hole 3,5,7 mm) *6	ST=17/41, MDx4	-	0	0
Breaka	age ratio of oval hole 3,5,7 mm) *6	ST=17/41, MDx4	-	6	3
Strippi		Stripping time (sec)	23	45	62
	% NaOH/50°C, ST=23/41	Size of stripped flake (mm)	20	15	15

- *1 Non-collimated light exposure: HMW-201GX (ORC Manufacturing Co. Ltd.) Collimated light exposure: EXM-1201 (ORC Manufacturing Co. Ltd.)
- *2 (1) 0.39 m²/l (severe condition : 0.26 m²/l (recommended maximum resist loading amount) x 1.5) of dry film was dissolved in 1.0wt% Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution.
 - (2) The Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution was circulated in a pilot scale development machine for 90 minutes at 30°C. Then the foam height was measured. Scum occurrence was evaluated in the following (larger value shows less contamination to development machine):

Scum occurrence				
Level 4	No scum is observed			
Level 3	A little scum is observed			
Level 2	Some scum is observed			
Level 1	Lots of scum is observed			

(3) After the evaluation of scum property, that solution was replaced into a polyethylene bottle and left for 7 days. After this period the bottle was shaken 10 times, the precipitation (sludge) on the bottom of the bottle was observed. Ease of sludge removal was evaluated . (larger figure shows less contamination to the development machine):

Easiness of sludge removal				
Level 4	No sludge is observed			
Level 3	A little sludge is observed			
Level 2 Observed				
Level 1	Lots of sludge is observed			

- *3 (1) Hitachi test pattern No. 3 (RP-4), G-2 (RP-2) Adhesion: RP-4 (μm): L/S=n/400 Resolution: RP-2 (μm), L/S=400/n
 - (2) Development time : MD x 2.0
- *4 The numerical value shows contrast between exposed (ST=23/41) and unexposed parts after 1 minute. The higher value demonstrates higher contrast.
- *5 Table 2 shows the plating conditions. The plating test was evaluated in the following:

Level 4	No Sn underplating
Level 3	\leq 20 µm of Sn underplating
Level 2	20-100 µm of Sn underplating
Level 1	> 100 µm of Sn underplating

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Process	Conditons
Board	MCL board
Pre-treatment	# 600 buffing-grain polish (10 vol% H_2SO_4 aq.,
	23°C, 1 min)
Pre-heat	80°C, 10 min. (no pre-heating)
	The temperature of the substrate surface: 50°C (r.t.)
Lamination	Laminator: HLM-3000 (Hitachi)
	Roll temperature: 110 ±10°C
	Roll pressure: 0.4 Mpa
	Speed: 2.0 m/min
Holding	23°C, 10 min
Exposure	Non-collimated light exposure: HMW-201GX (ORC),
	5 kw
	Exposure energy: ST=23/41 (ST= 20/41)
Holding	23°C, 10 min
Development	1 wt% Na ₂ CO ₃ aq., 30°C, 0.18 Mpa
	development time: MD x 2.0
Water rinsing	0.2 Mpa
Cleaning	12.5 vol% H ₂ SO ₄ aq., 23°C, 1 min.
Copper-sulfate plating	Standard Acid Copper Bath *
	23°C, 2.5 A/dm ² , 40 min. (3.0 A/dm ² , 40 min)
Water rinsing	1 min, 2 tanks
Acid dipping	10 vol% H ₂ SO ₄ aq., 23°C, 1 min
Tin-sulfate plating	Standard process
	23°C, 1.5 Å/dm ² , 15 min
Water rinsing	1 min., 3 tubs

Table 2: Plating conditions: () means severe conditions

* Tested Cupracid HL, also Enthone Cuprostar compatible

*6 Exposure energy : ST = 17/41 (Non-collimated light exposure: HMW-201GX (ORC Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Development time: MD x 4 Round hole: Ø 7 mm, Ø 5 mm, Ø 3 mm, each 86, Oval hole: Ø 7 mm, Ø 5 mm, Ø 3 mm, each 12

 *7 Dipping test: 3.0 wt% NaOH aqueous solution, 50°C Exposure energy: ST = 23/41 After stirring for 30 seconds, the size of stripped film was observed.

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SUBSTRATE SURFACE PREPARATION

Electroless Copper Surfaces

It is essential that all chemical copper residues are removed from the surfaces and holes and that the surfaces are neutralised prior to the final rinse and drying operation.

The sequence of operation after electroless copper is:-

*	Drag out rinse	To remove bulk of copper solution.
*	Counter flow rinse	Air agitated two stage rinse
*	Warm water rinse	2-3 minutes at 50-60°C.
*	Neutralisation of surfaces	5 Vol% Sulphuric acid
*	Counter flow rinse	Air agitated two stage rinse
*	Drying	By hot air blowing and/or oven drying at 60-70°C.
		Surfaces should be uniform in colour and stain free.

Holes should be absolutely free of moisture.

Photec PH-2000 Series can be laminated directly onto unscrubbed electroless copper surfaces if the previous actions have been performed.

Any anti-tarnish applied to the electroless copper surfaces should be checked for compatibility with the Photec prior to use.

ENTEK™ Cu 56 is a suitable anti-tarnish if used at 0.25%.

If the electroless copper surfaces are to be scrubbed before lamination see guidelines under pre-treatment for base copper laminate.

BASE COPPER LAMINATE

Electrolytically deposited copper

To prepare these surfaces the following pre-treatments have been found suitable:

* BRUSH PUMICE

The pumice should be the fused type with particle size 3F or 4F or pumice grade 3 ON or 3 OB. Concentration 15-20% vol/vol. Brush footprint 9-12 mm

The equipment for 'fines' removal and replenishment should be used according to the supplier recommendations.

After the pumice operation the water rinse stage should be:

Spray water rinse, water temperature 8-20°C, 10-30 seconds. Spray pressure - 1,4-2,0 Bar Final water rinse, high pressure (10 Bar) pH 5-8.

* JET PUMICE

The pumice used should be of the unfused type. Other parameters should be the same as for BRUSH PUMICE.

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* BRISTLE BRUSHING

Scotch-Brite VF-SF (Grit 320-800) Brush footprint 9-12 mm Water rinse, high pressure (8-10 Bar) pH 5-8.

NOTE

The combined use of Bristle Brushing and Pumice Brush produces an ideal surface for lamination.

Stacking of the boards after pre-treatment can cause scratches and/or dents.

To control pre-treatment

*	Water Break Test	Minimum 30 seconds
	R _a	0,2-0,4 microns
	R _{max}	2,5-3,0 microns

LAMINATION

Photec PH-2000 Series has excellent conformability characteristics which should be taken into account when using the resist for tenting applications.

Recommended lamination conditions are:-

Panel temperature prior to lamination Hot roller temperature	ວ° ວ°	35-40 110±10
Pressure	•	3.0-5.0
Lamination speed	m/min	1.0-3.0
Board exit temperature	°C	45-55

Panels should not be stacked together after lamination until room temperature is reached.

EXPOSURE

High pressure mercury vapour lamps with this peak spectral output are recommended.

Exposure time will depend on the equipment, intensity of illumination, age of lamps, temperature etc.

The determination of the correct exposure should be carried out using the HITACHI CHEMICAL 41 STEP exposure tablet.

Note: If a step density tablet is used, it is highly recommended to use a phototool.

VACUUM FRAME

For finer resolution the preferred contact mode is 'Hard Contact'. Check should be made for indication of good contact between the phototool and the substrate i.e. immovable Newton's Rings.

DEVELOPMENT

The development rate depends on the developer concentration, temperature and the spray equipment used.

Photec PH-2000 Series can be developed within the temperature range 28-32°C. It is essential to determine the correct development time for the temperature used.

The concentration of anhydrous Sodium Carbonate used for development is within the range 0.9 - 1.3 weight percent.

To determine the correct development time for each product proceed as follows:

Establish the <u>minimum development time</u> taken in the spray equipment, at the operation temperature, for a laminated but unexposed board to have the resist completely removed as it exits the development chamber.

The <u>correct development time</u> is 1.5 - 2.0 times this minimum development time.

An addition of Antifoam may be required. Antifoams containing water miscible organic solvents and those based on Siloxanes are NOT recommended. Please consult local Enthone engineer.

RESIST LOADING

The resist loading affects the resolution that can be achieved and the time of the development. For fine lines and spaces and optimum development time the resist loading in the development solution should be maintained between $0 - 0.33 \text{ m}^2/\text{I} (30 \mu\text{m})$, $0 - 0.25 \text{ m}^2/\text{I} (40 \mu\text{m})$ and $0 - 0.20 \text{ m}^2/\text{I} (50 \mu\text{m})$ thick resist.

RINSING AND DRYING RECOMMENDATIONS

The rinse waters used after development should have a hardness of between 8° and 12° DIN (140-210 mg/litre CaCO₃). Temperature of the water should be between 8°C and 30°C.

If hard water is not available the first soft water rinse should be followed by a dilute Sulphuric Acid rinse followed by a water rinse.

Water rinse spray pressure 1,2-2,0 Bar.

The preferred effective water rinse chamber length is minimally 50% of the effective development chamber length.

For cleaning of Developing Equipment see separate bulletin on DEVELOPMENT EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE.

PREPLATE CLEANING

Photec PH-2000 Series dry film resists can be used as an electroplating resist. When used as an electroplating resist the following preplate cleaning sequence is recommended:

Acid CleanerENPLATE™ PC 455Cold water rinseENPLATE AD 485Cold water rinseENPLATE AD 485Sulphuric acid 10% v/vCold water rinseAcid copperCUPROSTAR LP-1

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STRIPPING

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or

The Photec PH-2000 Series of resist can be stripped in either dilute alkali metal hydroxide solutions or proprietary strippers.

Stripping	
Potassium Hydroxide or	
Sodium Hydroxide	
Concentration WT%	2.5 ± 0.5
Temperature °C	50 ± 5
Minimum stripping time (secs)	
30 µm	23
40 µm	45
50 µm	62

The stripping time and stripped resist particle size depends upon equipment, temperature, solution flow rate and pressure etc.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- The total stripping time is 1,5-2,0 times the minimum stripping time. Potassium Hydroxide generally produces smaller stripped flake size than Sodium Hydroxide.
- Rate of stripping can be increased by higher temperatures and by using higher impact spray nozzles.
- Antifoam may be required depending on Resist Loading, type of equipment etc.
- The recommended resist loading is in the range 0-0.67 m²/l (30 μ m), 0-0.50 m²/ (40 μ m) and 0-0.40 m²/l (50 μ m) thick resist.
- Proprietary strippers are used to increase speed of stripping, to enable a higher resist loading to be obtained to reduce attack on tin-lead deposits and to reduce oxidation of copper.
- Enthone range of resist strippers have been formulated to be effective stripping solutions for Photec dry films.
- Fumes evolved from the photoresist during lamination are classified as irritant. Ensure that the film is used in a well ventilated area. An exhaust system fitted to the laminator is recommended.
- After handling unexposed dry film or the polyester protective layer removed prior to development, wash the hands with soap and water.
- Direct contact with the unexposed photosensitive layer should be avoided to prevent skin irritations.
- Substrate preheating: too high preheat temperature for a long time may cause oxidation. This should be done for less than 10 min at 80°C or for less than 3 min. at 150°C. When the substrate surface temperature prior to lamination exceeds 70°C, the film thickness at a through-hole edge may become thinned and this may cause tenting defects.
- Holding after lamination and exposure: Hold panels by black sheets or under a yellow lamp. The maximum holding time in the latter case (under a yellow lamp) is 4 days. Development should be done within 4 days after lamination and in 3 days after exposure. Keep temperature ≤ 25°C and relative humidity 60 ± 10%. Piling up laminated substrates may cause the following defects:

- Resist may be polymerised by heat accumulation and may result in some residues after development.
- The film of the photosensitive layer at a through-hole edge may be thinned and could break the tent. When using for tenting, put the laminated substrates in a rack (vertically).
- Sandwiched dusts and foreign particles may thin the film of the photosensitive layer and could cause opens or short circuits.
- Stripping: Strip within one week after lamination.
- Dry film components in developer and stripper can be coagulated by neutralisation. The coagulated components can be separated from the aqueous solution by filter press method and centrifugal method. The separated aqueous solution will contribute to high COD and BOD values, therefore it has to be waste disposal treated in a proper way.
- Although colour of the Photec PH-2000 series could vary in time, this is within specification and will not affect the properties of the dry film.

STORAGE CONDITIONS

Long time storage temperature	5 – 18°C
Short time storage temperature (max 5 days)	15 – 20°C
% RH	35 – 57%

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HANDLING AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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