

COMPOSITION AND PROPERTIES OF AZ[®] AND TI PHOTORESISTS

This chapter describes the basic chemical composition and the resulting chemical and physical properties of the AZ[®] and TI photoresists marketed by us with a focus on the suitability and limits within which photoresists are used for certain lithographic applications such as wet and dry chemical etching, lift-off or electro-plating.

The Resin

Function of the Resin

The resin of a photoresist forms the matrix of the developed resist structures which is intended to protect the underlying substrate as a resist mask from the chemical or physical attacks of subsequent lithographic processes such as wet or dry chemical etching, electro-plating, implantation or lift-off.

Although theoretically any photoresist can be used for virtually any process, most photoresists show a resin optimized for specific applications.

Positive and Image Reversal Resists

The resin of almost all AZ[®] and TI positive and image reverse resists is Novolak, a polymerized phenolic resin made of formaldehyde and phenol. Other resins are also used for chemically amplified photoresists such as the thick resist AZ[®] 40 XT.

The chain length of the resin molecule determines relevant properties of the photoresist: A high average chain length increases the softening temperature and thus the stability against thermal rounding during, for example, dry etching or the metallization for later lift-off, and reduces the removal rate of exposed and unexposed photoresist during development.

However, predominantly short-chain resin molecules improve the adhesion to the substrate for, e.g. wet-chemical etching or electroplating, but also reduce the softening temperature of the photoresist. For this reason, photoresists comprise a correspondingly adjusted mixture of resin molecules of different chain lengths depending on their desired properties or their main application areas.

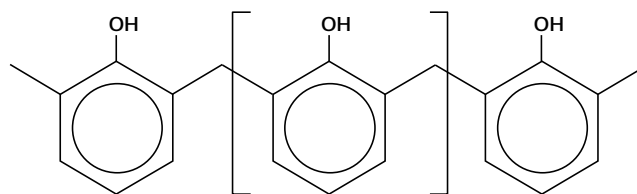


Fig. 38: The structural formula of phenolic resin which forms the matrix of most AZ[®] and TI photoresists.

Negative Resists

Some negative resists such as the AZ[®] nLOF 2000 series or the AZ[®] 15 nXT are also based on phenolic resin, with a (melamine) cross-linker.

With the ultrathick AZ[®] 125 nXT, low molecular weight resins and acrylic monomers are also used which immediately polymerise upon exposure without a subsequent baking step.

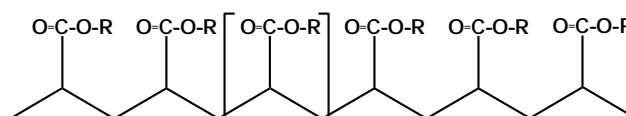


Fig. 39: The structural formula of acrylic resin

Photochemistry

Basic Function

A resist is a photoresist when it chemically changes upon exposure to certain wavelengths and if applicable, a subsequent thermal baking step in such a way that the exposed and unexposed resist areas have a different dissolution rate in the developer solution, thus permitting the realisation of a structured photoresist mask.

Resist without photo sensitivity such as the AZ[®] 520D can protect substrates from chemical attack or mechanical stress over the entire surface as so-called *protective coatings*.

Positive and Image Reversal Resists

The photo-active substances of AZ® and TI positive and image reversal resists belong to the DiazoNaph-toQuinon-sulphonate group (DNQ sulphonate or more simply: DNQ). Their presence in photoresist reduces the development rate (= alkaline solubility) in the unexposed condition to one or two orders of magnitude below that of pure phenolic resin without the addition of DNQ, thus it's denoted as *inhibitor*.

During exposure to appropriate wavelengths (depending on the exact chemical nature of the DNQ typ. 320 - 440 nm), the DNQ is converted into a carboxylic acid by the elimination of nitrogen and the binding of a water molecule, whereby the development rate increases by three to four orders of magnitude after complete exposure and is now well above that of pure phenolic resin (Fig. 40).

In image reversal resists, a subsequent baking step is done after exposure but before development, which neutralizes the carboxylic acid formed during exposure. The previously unexposed resist areas can now be exposed as a positive resist, and are thereby made developable by a flood exposure (without photo mask).

Negative Resists

With the exposure of the negative resists of the AZ® nLOF 2000 series and the AZ®15 nXT, a carboxylic acid is also formed which cross-links the resin during the subsequent baking step thus making it insoluble in the developer, while the unexposed areas of the coating remain soluble in the developer.

During the exposure of the AZ® 125 nXT, a photo polymerisation takes place. Hereby radicals are generated, which initiate a cross-linking reaction of the resin already at room temperature. This allows the development of the resist structures immediately after the exposure without a preceding baking step.

Solvents

Resists for Spin-coating

The homogeneity and smoothness of the resist film thickness which is very high when applying spin-coating (see section 10) based on the high boiling point of the solvents used in which the resin is dissolved. As a result, the photoresist film remains sufficiently low-viscous both during the spin-coating and for some time thereafter in order to be thinned on the one hand to a resist film thickness which is uniform over the entire substrate, as well as to smoothen the coating laterally on a µm to mm scale.

In addition, a high boiling point and a correspondingly low vapour pressure at room temperature prevent rapid evaporation from open photoresist containers and during dispensing of the photoresist, thus ensuring reproducible and safe work.

The solvent of most AZ® and TI photoresists is PGMEA (2-methoxy-1-methylethyl acetate, boiling point 148°C), which is also distributed as a thinner or for edge bead removal as AZ® *EBR Solvent* (formerly: AZ® *1500 Thinner*). In some photoresists, for example, butyl acetate (boiling point 127°C, e.g. in the AZ® 701 MiR) and ethyl lactate (boiling point 154°C, e.g. in the AZ® 701 MiR and the AZ® ECI 3000 series) are used.

Depending on the adjusted viscosity of the photoresist, the solvent makes about 55 - 85% in the liquid state of the resist and is still present in the photoresist film with approx. 2 - 5 % after the softbake.

Spray Coating

Photoresists optimised for spray coating need a much higher solvent concentration in the liquid state than for spin-coating optimised photoresists. In order to suppress a reflow of the just-formed resist film from textures or the substrate itself, a large fraction of the solvent should evaporate in the air between the spray head and the substrate, but not dry out so greatly that it can no longer flow together into a

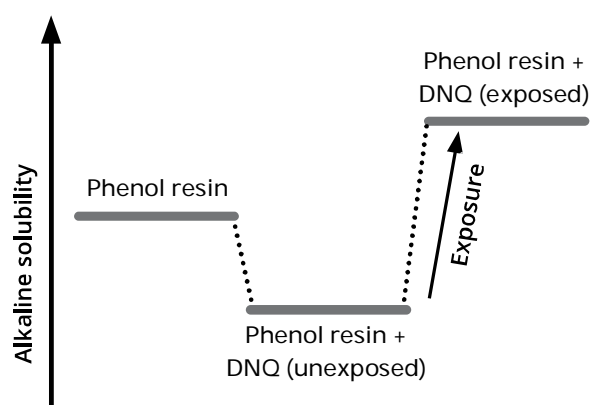


Fig. 40: The addition of DNQ-based photoinitiators reduces the alkaline solubility of phenol resin. The exposure causes it to increase by several orders of magnitude.

closed photoresist film.

Therefore spray resists also contain low-boiling solvents such as acetone or MEK in addition to a high-boiling solvent such as PGMEA. The concentration ratio of high-boiling and low-boiling solvents determines whether the photoresist film formed has either a maximum edge coverage (the rapidly evaporating solvent dominates) or a particularly smooth surface (high concentration of slowly evaporating solvents).

Dip Coating Resists

For the dip coating optimised photoresists require a relatively high concentration of solvents in the liquid state to form a sufficiently thin resist film. In order to avoid run-off of the resist film from the substrates usually held vertically in the dip, a large part of the solvent has to evaporate quickly after the resist coating. At the same time, however, the photoresist film formed should remain sufficiently low-viscous for several minutes to smoothen.

Therefore dip coating photoresists also consist of a low boiling solvent such as acetone or MEK, to set the initial viscosity and thus the resist film thickness, as well as a high-boiling solvent such as PGMEA for the homogenisation and smoothing the resist film.

Other Components:

In addition to the resin, photo-active substances and solvents, AZ® and TI photoresists can also contain anti-oxidising agents, adhesion promoters and substances for modifying the surface tension for the rapid smoothing of applied resist films.

Some resist such as PI 177 oder der AZ® 520D are dyed for a simpler visual inspection of the homogeneity of the coating result with a dye absorbent in the visible spectral range.

Image reversal resists contain additives which render the exposed photoresist areas insoluble in the developer during the reversal process.

Thermal Resistance

Softening and Rounding

Non-cross-linked resins have no defined melting point, but show a viscosity decreasing with increasing temperature. As a result, developed positive photoresist structures begin so strongly to soften in certain temperature ranges that they are rounded from the formerly rectangular photoresist profiles to lens-shaped cross-sections (*Reflow*), although the attachment points of the photoresist structures on the substrate are usually retained.

This softening temperature which is necessary for a pronounced reflow is between 100-110°C (AZ® 1500, 4500, 4999, 9200, 40 XT, ECI 3000, PL 177) and 130-135°C (AZ® 701 MiR, TI 35ESX) with AZ® and TI positive and image reversal resists.

Cross-linked resist structures like negative resists or thermally cross-linked positive resists show no thermoplastic behaviour and thus no reflow even at higher temperatures. In the case of positive resists, cross-linking by means of deep-UV hardening (section 19.3 on page 98), which is carried out only on the surface, can prevent thermal rounding.

Embrittlement

From about 130°C on, photoresist films, accompanied by an increasingly brownish colouring, increasingly react with (air) oxygen and become embrittled, which increases the risk of cracking when mechanical stresses occur. These cracks are mostly visible only under the microscope, but can lead to defects even in wet-chemical processes such as etching or the electroplating if the cracks bridge the entire resist thickness between the substrate and the medium over the resist film. The hotter the baking is, and the thicker (and hence more sensitive to cracking) the resist film is, the gentler the cooling rate should be and the more careful the further handling of the substrates.

Thermal Cross-linking

Non-cross-linked positive resist structures begin to thermally cross-link from about 130°C. During their processing, cross-linked negative resist structures increase their degree of cross-linking towards higher

temperatures.

As a result, the chemical stability of the resist structure can be increased, but for this reason the subsequent desired wet-chemical removal of the resist can become difficult or even impossible.

Shrinkage

As the temperature increases, not only does the residual solvent content of the resist further decrease, but also volatile components of the resin evaporate. As a consequence, resist structures shrink, so that a slight softening or deformation can be observed also in cross-linked resins of negative resists (the AZ[®] 125 nXT shows this behaviour comparatively clearly) without a rounding having occurred from reaching a softening temperature.

Chemical Resistance

Acids

In most aqueous acid media as well as more concentrated hydrochloric, phosphoric, sulphuric or hydrofluoric acid, AZ[®] and TI resists are sufficiently stable enough for typical etching processes or electro plating.

Strongly oxidizing acids such as nitric acid or mixtures of hydrogen peroxide and sulphuric acid chemically attack the photoresist and in the case of hydrofluoric acid, the diffusion of the F⁻ ions to the substrate and its etching attack can lead to premature peeling of the resist layer.

Bases

The alkaline stability of AZ[®] and TI resists is significantly lower than that in acids. Exposed positive resists and unexposed AZ[®] negative resists are already developed with, for example, 0.5% NaOH or KOH, unexposed positive resist start to dissolve from pH values of approx. 9 - 10.

A cross-linking of the resin (thermal cross-linking of positive resists by means of a hardbake at temperatures > 140°C or using cross-linked negative resists) significantly increases the alkaline stability. However, even highly cross-linked photoresist structures are not suitable under any circumstances as masks for KOH or TMAH-based silicon etching. For this purpose, a hard mask of SiO₂, silicon nitride or alkaline-stable and well adhering metals such as chromium should be used here, patterned via photolithography.

Organic Solvents

AZ[®] and TI positive and image reversal resists are soluble in most organic solvents. Increased but not permanent stability against solvents is attainable via cross-linking via deep UV curing, a sufficient hardbake, or the use of cross-linking negative resists such as the AZ[®] nLOF 2000 series.

Plating Solutions

If properly processed, our photoresists are sufficiently stable in all common acidic electrolytes, while alkaline electrolytes attack the resist structures and can thus organically contaminate the bath. The use of cross-linked negative resists, such as the AZ[®] 15 nXT or 125 nXT, can also allow for the use of resist masks in moderately alkaline electrolytes.

Dry Etching Stability

Chemical and Physical Stability

The stability of resins and polymers in plasmas depends on their basic chemical structure and is therefore comparable with all phenolic resin-based AZ[®] and TI resists. A residual solvent concentration which is as minimal as possible, like that attained by means of a sufficient softbake, can further stabilise the resist structures.

The more oxygen is present in the plasma, the higher the removal rate of the resist structures, which can be used during the desired transfer of the resist profile into the underlying substrate.

Thermal Stability

One main criterion in the selection of the suitable resists for the dry etching is often a high softening temperature to prevent a thermal rounding of the mask during etching. Because the softening temperature of most positive resists is in the vicinity of 100-110°C and their processing can only increase this temperature range to a certain extent, measures to reduce the temperatures occurring in the dry etching or the use of negative resists are usually more effective.

Optical Absorption

The optical absorption and thus the spectral sensitivity of our photoresists in the unexposed state extends from the short-wavelength visible to the near ultraviolet spectral range and is adjusted to the g (435 nm), h (405 nm) and i (365 nm) lines of the Hg vapour lamps typically used. This results in the typical reddish-brownish appearance of μm thick layers.

Some resists such as the AZ® 5214 E or 9260 are missing the g-line absorption, the AZ® 40 XT as well as the negative resist AZ® nLOF 2000, 15 nXT and 125 nXT are mainly sensitive near the i line (Fig. 41).

During exposure, the spectral absorption can change: Chemically non-amplified positive and image reversal resists almost completely bleach down to a wavelength of about 300 nm; the higher transparency allows the exposure of thicker resist films (section 16.6 on page 76).

The resists PL 177 and AZ® 520 D are additionally coloured in the visible spectral range for a better visual control of the homogeneity and defect-freeness of the applied resist film, but this does not involve any (additional) photosensitivity.

Viscosity

Thick resists like the AZ® 9260 with a solid content of over 40 % have a viscosity of approx. 500 cSt at room temperature, ultra-thick resist like the AZ® 40 XT or AZ® 125 nXT reach approx. 5000 cSt.

The viscosity of thin resists such as the AZ® 1505 is < 10 cSt; ready-diluted solutions for dip or spraying (e.g. AZ® 4999) have an even lower viscosity of a few cSt.

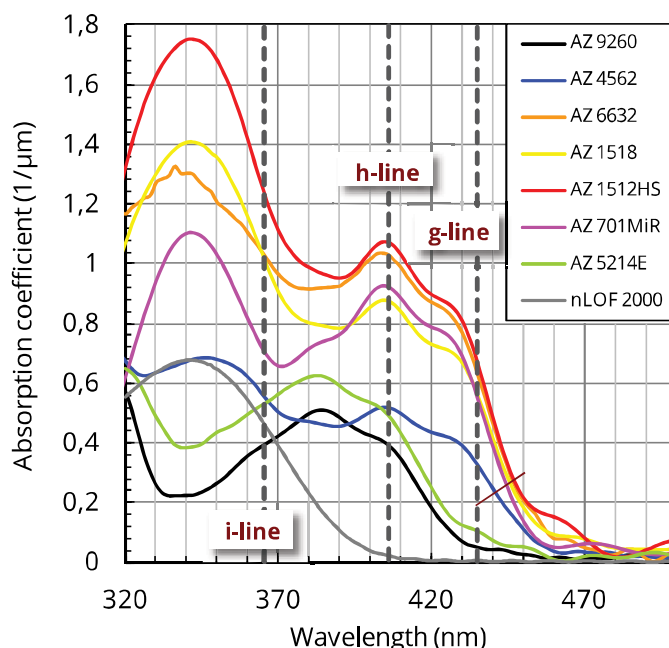


Fig. 41: The absorption spectra of unexposed photoresist films depend on the nature and concentration of the photoinitiator used.

Our Photoresists: Application Areas and Compatibilities

Recommended Applications ¹		Resist Family	Photoresists	Resist Film Thickness ²	Recommended Developers ³	Recommended Re-movers ⁴
Positive	Improved adhesion for wet etching, no focus on steep resist sidewalls	AZ [®] 1500	AZ [®] 1505 AZ [®] 1512 HS AZ [®] 1514 H AZ [®] 1518	≈ 0.5 µm ≈ 1.0 - 1.5 µm ≈ 1.2 - 2.0 µm ≈ 1.5 - 2.5 µm	AZ [®] 351B, AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF, AZ [®] Developer	AZ [®] 100 Remover, TechniStrip [®] P1316 TechniStrip [®] P1331
			AZ [®] 4533 AZ [®] 4562	≈ 3 - 5 µm ≈ 5 - 10 µm	AZ [®] 400K, AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF, AZ [®] 2026 MIF	
			AZ [®] P4110 AZ [®] P4330 AZ [®] P4620 AZ [®] P4903	≈ 1 - 2 µm ≈ 3 - 5 µm ≈ 6 - 20 µm ≈ 10 - 30 µm	AZ [®] 400K, AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF, AZ [®] 2026 MIF	
			AZ [®] PL 177	AZ [®] PL 177	≈ 3 - 8 µm	
	Spray coating	AZ [®] 4999		≈ 1 - 15 µm	AZ [®] 400K, AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF, AZ [®] 2026 MIF	
	Dip coating	MC Dip Coating Resist		≈ 2 - 15 µm	AZ [®] 351B, AZ [®] 400K, AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF, AZ [®] 2026 MIF	
	Steep resist sidewalls, high resolution and aspect ratio for e. g. dry etching or plating	AZ [®] ECI 3000	AZ [®] ECI 3007 AZ [®] ECI 3012 AZ [®] ECI 3027	≈ 0.7 µm ≈ 1.0 - 1.5 µm ≈ 2 - 4 µm	AZ [®] 351B, AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF, AZ [®] Developer	
			AZ [®] 9245 AZ [®] 9260	≈ 3 - 6 µm ≈ 5 - 20 µm	AZ [®] 400K, AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF	
Positive (chem. amplified)	Steep resist sidewalls, high resolution and aspect ratio for e. g. dry etching or plating	AZ [®] XT	AZ [®] 701 MiR (14 cPs) AZ [®] 701 MiR (29 cPs)	≈ 0.8 µm ≈ 2 - 3 µm	AZ [®] 351B, AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF, AZ [®] Developer	AZ [®] 100 Remover, TechniStrip [®] P1316 TechniStrip [®] P1331
			AZ [®] 12 XT-20PL-05 AZ [®] 12 XT-20PL-10 AZ [®] 12 XT-20PL-20 AZ [®] 40 XT	≈ 3 - 5 µm ≈ 6 - 10 µm ≈ 10 - 30 µm ≈ 15 - 50 µm	AZ [®] 400K, AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF	
Image Re-verseal	Elevated thermal softening point and undercut for lift-off applications	AZ [®] 5200	AZ [®] 5209 AZ [®] 5214	≈ 1 µm ≈ 1 - 2 µm	AZ [®] 351B, AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF	TechniStrip [®] Micro D2 TechniStrip [®] P1316 TechniStrip [®] P1331
		TI	TI 35ESX TI xLift-X	≈ 3 - 4 µm ≈ 4 - 8 µm		
Negative (Cross-linking)	Negative resist sidewalls in combination with no thermal softening for lift-off application	AZ [®] nLOF 2000	AZ [®] nLOF 2020 AZ [®] nLOF 2035 AZ [®] nLOF 2070	≈ 1.5 - 3 µm ≈ 3 - 5 µm ≈ 6 - 15 µm	AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF, AZ [®] 2026 MIF	TechniStrip [®] NI555 TechniStrip [®] NF52 TechniStrip [®] MLO 07
		AZ [®] nLOF 5500	AZ [®] nLOF 5510	≈ 0.7 - 1.5 µm		
	Improved adhesion, steep resist sidewalls and high aspect ratios for e. g. dry etching or plating	AZ [®] nXT	AZ [®] 15 nXT (115 cPs) AZ [®] 15 nXT (450 cPs)	≈ 2 - 3 µm ≈ 5 - 20 µm	AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF, AZ [®] 2026 MIF	TechniStrip [®] P1316 TechniStrip [®] P1331 TechniStrip [®] NF52 TechniStrip [®] MLO 07
			AZ [®] 125 nXT	≈ 20 - 100 µm	AZ [®] 326 MIF, AZ [®] 726 MIF, AZ [®] 2026 MIF	

¹ In general, almost all resists can be used for almost any application. However, the special properties of each resist family makes them specially suited for certain fields of application.

² Resist film thickness achievable and processable with standard equipment under standard conditions. Some resists can be diluted for lower film thicknesses; with additional effort also thicker resist films can be achieved and processed.

³ Metal ion free (MIF) developers are significantly more expensive, and reasonable if metal ion free development is required.

Our Developers: Application Areas and Compatibilities

Inorganic Developers

(typical demand under standard conditions approx. 20 L developer per L photoresist)

AZ[®] Developer is based on sodium phosphate and –metasilicate, is optimized for minimal aluminum attack and is typically used diluted 1 : 1 in DI water for high contrast or undiluted for high development rates. The dark erosion of this developer is slightly higher compared to other developers.

AZ[®] 351B is based on buffered NaOH and typically used diluted 1 : 4 with water, for thick resists up to 1 : 3 if a lower contrast can be tolerated.

AZ[®] 400K is based on buffered KOH and typically used diluted 1 : 4 with water, for thick resists up to 1 : 3 if a lower contrast can be tolerated.

AZ[®] 303 specifically for the AZ[®] 111 XFS photoresist based on KOH / NaOH is typically diluted 1 : 3 - 1 : 7 with water, depending on whether a high development rate, or a high contrast is required

Metal Ion Free (TMAH-based) Developers

(typical demand under standard conditions approx. 5 - 10 L developer concentrate per L photoresist)

AZ[®] 326 MIF is 2.38 % TMAH- (TetraMethylAmmoniumHydroxide) in water.

AZ® 726 MIF is 2.38 % TMAH- (TetraMethylAmmoniumHydroxide) in water, with additional surfactants for rapid and uniform wetting of the substrate (e. g. for puddle development)

AZ® 826 MIF is 2.38 % TMAH- (TetraMethylAmmoniumHydroxide) in water, with additional surfactants for rapid and uniform wetting of the substrate (e. g. for puddle development) and other additives for the removal of poorly soluble resist components (residues with specific resist families), however at the expense of a slightly higher dark erosion.

Our Removers: Application Areas and Compatibilities

AZ® 100 Remover is an amine solvent mixture and standard remover for AZ® and T1 photoresists. To improve its performance, AZ® 100 remover can be heated to 60 - 80°C. Because the AZ® 100 Remover reacts highly alkaline with water, it is suitable for this with respect to sensitive substrate materials such as Cu, Al or ITO only if contamination with water can be ruled out..

TechniStrip® P1316 is a remover with very strong stripping power for Novolak-based resists (including all AZ® positive resists), epoxy-based coatings, polyimides and dry films. At typical application temperatures around 75°C, TechniStrip® P1316 may dissolve cross-linked resists without residue also, e.g. through dry etching or ion implantation. TechniStrip® P1316 can also be used in spraying processes. For alkaline sensitive materials, TechniStrip® P1331 would be an alternative to the P1316. Not compatible with Au.

TechniStrip® P1331 can be an alternative for TechniStrip® P1316 in case of alkaline sensitive materials. TechniStrip® P1331 is not compatible with Au.

TechniStrip® NI555 is a stripper with very strong dissolving power for Novolak-based negative resists such as the AZ® 15 nXT and AZ® nLOF 2000 series and very thick positive resists such as the AZ® 40 XT. TechniStrip® NI555 was developed not only to peel cross-linked resists, but also to dissolve them without residues. This prevents contamination of the basin and filter by resist particles and skins, as can occur with standard strippers. TechniStrip® NI555 is not compatible with GaAs.

TechniClean™ CA25 is a semi-aqueous proprietary blend formulated to address post etch residue (PER) removal for all interconnect and technology nodes. Extremely efficient at quickly and selectively removing organo-metal oxides from Al, Cu, Ti, TiN, W and Ni.

TechniStrip™ NF52 is a highly effective remover for negative resists (liquid resists as well as dry films). The intrinsic nature of the additives and solvent make the blend totally compatible with metals used throughout the BEOL interconnects to WLP bumping applications.

TechniStrip™ Micro D2 is a versatile stripper dedicated to address resin lift-off and dissolution on negative and positive tone resist. The organic mixture blend has the particularity to offer high metal and material compatibility allowing to be used on all stacks and particularly on fragile III/V substrates for instance.

TechniStrip™ MLO 07 is a highly efficient positive and negative tone photoresist remover used for IR, III/V, MEMS, Photonic, TSV mask, solder bumping and hard disk stripping applications. Developed to address high dissolution performance and high material compatibility on Cu, Al, Sn/Ag, Alumina and common organic substrates.

Our Wafers and their Specifications

Silicon-, Quartz-, Fused Silica and Glass Wafers

Silicon wafers are either produced via the Czochralski- (CZ-) or Float zone- (FZ-) method. The more expensive FZ wafers are primarily reasonable if very high-ohmic wafers (> 100 Ohm cm) are required.

Quartz wafers are made of monocrystalline SiO₂, main criterion is the crystal orientation (e. g. X-, Y-, Z-, AT- or ST-cut)

Fused silica wafers consist of amorphous SiO₂. The so-called JGS2 wafers have a high transmission in the range of ≈ 280 - 2000 nm wavelength, the more expensive JGS1 wafers at ≈ 220 - 1100 nm.

Our glass wafers, if not otherwise specified, are made of borosilicate glass.

Specifications

Common parameters for all wafers are diameter, thickness and surface (1- or 2-side polished). Fused silica wafers are made either of JGS1 or JGS2 material, for quartz wafers the crystal orientation needs to be defined. For silicon wafers, beside the crystal orientation (<100> or <111>) the doping (n- or p-type) as well as the resistivity (Ohm cm) are selection criteria.

Prime-, Test-, and Dummy Wafers

Silicon wafers usually come as „Prime-grade“ or „Test-grade“, latter mainly have a slightly broader particle specification. „Dummy-Wafers“ neither fulfill Prime- nor Test-grade for different possible reasons (e. g. very broad or missing specification of one or several parameters, reclaim wafers, no particle specification) but might be a cheap alternative for e. g. resist coating tests or equipment start-up.

Our Silicon-, Quartz-, Fused Silica and Glass Wafers

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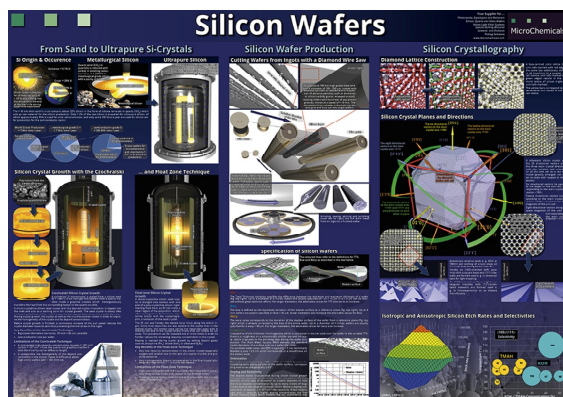
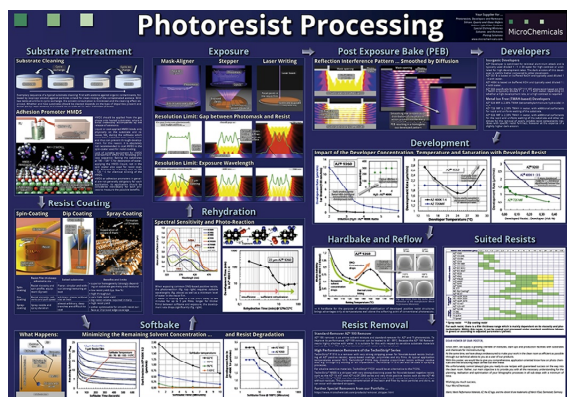
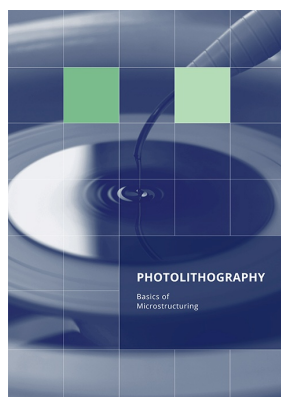
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