

# Codonics DVB5 Media Packaging & Storage

## Technical Brief

### Summary

This Technical Brief covers the date format, "Best By" date, storage and storage conditions for media used in Horizon® Imagers. This brief pertains to all sizes of DirectVista® Blue-5 Base Film.

### Bulletin Details

The various dates are printed on the media supply cassette and case box for Horizon media.

### Date Format Clarification

Dates printed on all media packaging are in YYYY/MM format. On the case box, this can include the manufacturing date, indicated as  and "Best By" date, indicated as .

### "Best By" Date

The media will provide optimal performance when used before the "Best By" date and stored in the conditions indicated below. Optimal media performance may be extended if stored in a cool, dark, dry environment.

### Storage for Horizon Media

The media should be stored in the sealed case box. Case boxes should be positioned vertically as indicated by the arrow on the case. Media cases can be stacked two high, vertically.

For high humidity environments, the media should remain sealed in the original case packaging until just before use.

If the media is cold, be sure to allow the case box to fully reach room temperature before removing individual cassettes to avoid the risk of moisture condensation on the film.

If the media is taken out of the case box, it should be kept in the brown cardboard sleeve box. Media sleeve boxes should be stored vertically or in the same orientation as in the case box. Media cassettes removed from the sleeve box should be stacked no more than five high and rotated 90° to each other with the label facing up. If the media cassettes are removed from the sleeve box, it is recommended the cassettes remain plastic-wrapped until just before use.

### Storage Conditions and Requirements

There are three classifications of storage: storage of unprinted media, transportation of unprinted media and archival (extended term) storage of printed media.

- ◆ Unprinted in sealed case box: 0-25° C and 10% - 70% relative humidity
- ◆ Transportation in sealed case box: Maximum 25° C
- ◆ Archival: Extended term storage (20 years) maximum 21° C and 20-30% relative humidity

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