

# Codonics Media Packaging & Storage

## Technical Brief

### Summary

This Technical Brief covers the date format, “Best By” date, storage and storage conditions for media used in the Codonics NP-16xx, EP-series and Horizon® Imagers. This brief pertains to all types and sizes of DirectVista® Blue and Clear Base Film, Paper/White Film and ChromaVista® Paper/White Film.

### Bulletin Details

The various dates are printed on the media supply cassette and case box for Horizon media. The dates for NP-16xx media can be found on the media box and the case box.

### 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

If the media is in the case box, store vertically as indicated by the arrow on the case. For high humidity environments it is recommended the media remain sealed in the original case packaging until just before use. Media cases can be stacked two high, vertically. 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.

### 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.

#### ◆ STORAGE CONDITIONS OF DirectVista® FILM

Unprinted in sealed case box: Maximum 25° C and maximum 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

#### ◆ STORAGE CONDITIONS OF DirectVista® PAPER/WHITE FILM

Unprinted: Maximum 25° C and 20-40% relative humidity

Transportation: Maximum 25° C

Archival: Extended term storage (30 years) maximum 21° C and 20-30% relative humidity

#### ◆ STORAGE CONDITIONS OF ChromaVista® PAPER/WHITE FILM

Unprinted: Maximum 25° C and 20-40% relative humidity

Transportation: Maximum 25° C

Archival: Extended term storage (20 years) maximum 21° C and 20-30% relative humidity

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