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Phase One's First Camera Digital Medium Format Hots Up

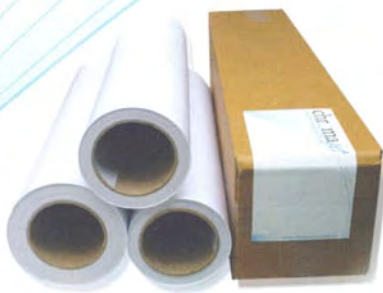


Eizo's 30-Inch Widescreen Monitor
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Chromajet Centurion Papers Last Longer

A new version of the Chromajet Centurion inkjet printing paper has been independently tested by the Image Permanence Institute at the Rochester Institute of Technology in the USA and was actually found to have “impressive” archival characteristics.

The new 285 gsm Centurion Gloss and Silky photo papers have a revised design in which the optical brighteners have been moved from the ink receptor layer to the RC base material. This eliminates the fading and yellowing which can occur when the optical brighteners break down (due to exposure to sunlight and UV radiation). Local distributor DES says this change significantly improves the archival characteristics of the papers.

The RIT tests were conducted with prints made using Epson’s UltraChrome K3 and K3 Vivid Magenta pigmented inksets and Canon’s Lucia 12-colour pigmented inks. The prints were exposed to a high-intensity cool white fluorescent light source which simulates exposure to fluorescent room illumination (without glazing) for approximately 50 years. After the tests, the Rochester Institute of Technology concluded that all the test prints exhibited “no significant changes during the period of incubation” and that the material consequently potentially had a “truly impressive” display lifetime.

 The Chromajet Centurion 285 papers are available exclusively from DES. For more information visit www.des-pl.com.au

Brief Exposures

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A special edition of the **RICOH** R8 digital compact camera has been released to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Camera House, the Australian photographic buying group which now comprises over 100 retail outlets. The special R8 carries a “Camera House Celebrating 25 Years” logo and a two-tone colour scheme. It’s priced at \$549 and is available exclusively through Camera House stores. The Ricoh R8 combines a 10 MP CCD sensor with a 7.1x optical zoom equivalent to 28-200mm in the 35mm format. Ricoh cameras are distributed by Tasco Sales Australia.

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY has announced that it has become the first hard drive manufacturer to have shipped one billion hard drives. According to Seagate, this number represents approximately 79 million terabytes (TB) or enough capacity to store 158 billion hours of digital video or 1.2 trillion hours of music. Furthermore, Seagate estimates that while it took 29 years to reach this milestone, the next billion drives will be delivered to the market in less than five years.

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