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(54) **Method of processing originating photographic elements containing tabular grain emulsions**

(57) This invention relates to a rapid access image forming process for high sensitivity color photographic elements comprising the step of contacting an image-wise exposed camera speed color photographic element with a developing solution wherein:

(A) the color photographic element comprises a support and, coated on the support, at least one radiation sensitive emulsion layer having in reactive association an image dye forming coupler and within which at least 50% of total grain projected area is accounted for by tabular grains each

- (1) bounded by {100} major faces having adjacent edge ratios of less than 10;
- (2) having an aspect ratio of at least 2; and
- (3) comprising at least 50 mol % silver chloride;

(B) the contact time of the photographic element with the developing solution is between 5 and 150 seconds; and

(C) the developing solution has:

- (1) a temperature is from 25 to 65 °C;
- (2) bromide ion at a concentration from 0.25 to 50 mmol/liter;

(3) a color developing agent at a concentration from 1 to 200 mmol/liter; and

(4) a ratio of developing agent concentration to bromide ion concentration of between 60:1 to 0.5:1; and

(5) a pH of from 9 to 12; and wherein

(D) the camera speed color photographic element exhibits a sensitivity of at least ISO 25.

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