

Title (en)

N-alkyl- or n-aryl-aminopyrazolone merocyanine dye-donor element used in thermal dye transfer.

Title (de)

N-Alkyl- oder N-Arylaminopyrazolon-merocyanin-Farbstoff-Donor-Element für die thermische Farbstoffübertragung.

Title (fr)

N-alkyl- ou N-arylaminopyrazolone merocyanine, élément donneur de colorant utilisé pour le transfert thermique.

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Abstract (en)

A dye-donor element for thermal dye transfer comprises a support having thereon a 3-(N-alkyl- or N-aryl-amino)-2-pyrazolin-5-one merocyanine dye dispersed in a polymeric binder, the merocyanine dye being capable of transfer by diffusion to a dye-receiving element upon the application of heat and being incapable of substantial photolysis, the merocyanine dye being substituted or unsubstituted on the bridging methine carbon atoms. In a preferred embodiment, the merocyanine dye has the formula: <CHEM> wherein: R represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group of from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group of from 6 to 10 carbon atoms; R<1> and R<2> each independently represents hydrogen, with the proviso that only one of R<1> and R<2> may be hydrogen at the same time; a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group of from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group of from 6 to 10 carbon atoms; or R<1> and R<2> may be combined together with the nitrogen to which they are attached to form a heterocyclic ring system; R<3> is R; n represents 0 or 1; and Z represents the atoms necessary to complete a 5- or 6-membered substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring.

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