

Title (en)

A method for making positive working printing plates from a heat mode sensitive imaging element

Title (de)

Verfahren zur Herstellung einer positiv arbeitenden Druckplatte aus wärmempfindlichem Bildaufzeichnungsmaterial

Title (fr)

Procédé pour la fabrication d'une plaque d'impression positive à partir d'un élément pour l'enregistrement de l'image thermosensible

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0908304A1] According to the present invention there is provided a method for making lithographic printing plates including the following steps a) preparing a heat mode imaging element consisting of a lithographic base with a hydrophilic surface and a top layer which top layer is sensitive to IR-radiation, comprises a polymer, soluble in an aqueous alkaline solution and is unpenetrable for an alkaline developer containing SiO<sub>2</sub> as silicates; b) exposing imagewise said heat mode imaging element to IR-radiation; c) developing said imagewise exposed heat mode imaging element with said alkaline developer so that the exposed areas of the top layer are dissolved and the unexposed areas of the top layer remain undissolved characterized in that said top layer includes an IR-absorbing pigment and 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoic acid or a benzofenone.

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