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(54) Activating a substrate for electroless plating.

(57) A dielectric surface is conditioned for electroless plating of a conductive metal thereon by contacting the surface with a colloid of a precious metal and tin and then contacting the surface with a salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid and/or diethylene triamine pentaacetic acid.

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