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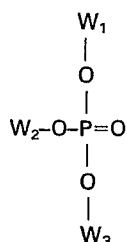
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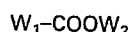
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(54) **Method of the formation of color images.**

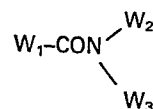
(57) The present invention provides a method for the formation of color images by processing in a short period of time color photographic materials containing at least one oil-soluble coupler with a color developer which does not substantially contain benzyl alcohol, wherein a silver halide color photographic material having at least one silver halide emulsion layer on a reflective support, the emulsion layer containing a dispersion of oleophilic fine grains having a mean grain size of 0.25 μm or less, which contain a coupler capable of forming a dye after having been coupled with an oxidation product of an aromatic primary amine developing agent, and at least one high boiling organic solvent having a dielectric constant of 4.00 or more (25°C, 10 KHz), as selected from the group consisting of the following formulae (I), (II), (III), (IV) and (V):



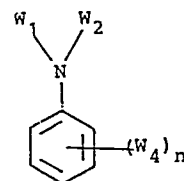
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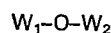
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wherein W_1 , W_2 and W_3 each represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, or heterocyclic group; W_4 represents W_1 , $O-W_1$, or $S-W_1$; n represents an integer from 1 to 5, and when n is 2 or more, each W_4 may be the same or different; and in the formula (V), W_1 and W_2 may be linked together to form a condensed ring; the photographic material being imagewise exposed and then subjected to development with a color developer which contains an aromatic primary amine developing agent but does not substantially contain benzyl alcohol for the period of time within 2 minutes and 30 seconds or less.

The color images as formed by the present process have good color reproduceability and high color image preservation stability.



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