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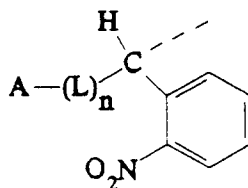
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(54) **Post-processing stabilizers for photothermographic articles.**

(57) Photothermographic compositions comprising a photographic silver halide, an organic silver salt, and a reducing agent for the organic silver salt, display improved stability in the presence of a compound having a nucleus of the formula :



wherein :

A represents any monovalent group for which the corresponding compound AH functions as a post-processing stabilizer,

L is a $-\text{CO}_2-$ or a $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$ group that is lost during or after the deblocking step, with A bonded to a carbon atom of this group, and

n is 0 or 1.



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