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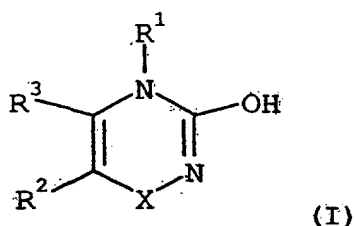
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(54) **Toning agents for use in thermographic and photothermographic recording materials**

(57) A black and white monosheet thermographic recording material comprising a support and a thermosensitive element, the thermosensitive element containing a substantially light-insensitive organic silver salt, an organic reducing agent therefor in thermal working relationship therewith, a binder and at least one toning agent, characterized in that the at least one toning agent is represented by formula (I):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl, an alkenyl, an alkynyl, a cycloalkyl, an alkaryl, an aryl, a heterocyclic or a heteroaryl group all of which may be optionally substituted; with the proviso that R<sup>1</sup> may not be a hydrogen atom if both R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are both hydrogen atoms; R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently a hydrogen or a halogen atom or an amino, amide, ester, carboxy, carbonato, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, alkaryl, aryl, heterocyclic or heteroaryl group all of which may be optionally substituted; R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> may together represent the atoms necessary to complete a heteroaromatic ring with no more than one nitrogen atom, an alicyclic or a heterocyclic group which all may be optionally substituted; and X is a carbonyl group, or is -N-R<sup>4</sup>, where R<sup>4</sup> is an alkyl group. The element may also contain a photosensitive silver halide.

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