

LUPEX Contact Printing Paper

LupeX is a slow speed fibre paper featuring a silver chloride emulsion in order to make contact prints from large format negatives.

Next to the fine grain and the optimized contrast control the low speed enables the photographer to dodge and burn his prints comfortably.

Contact printing means that the negative is placed directly onto the photo paper and a glass is placed on top to keep it flat.

This sandwich is then exposed with a regular light bulb hanging 1 meter above (aprox. 100 Watts). Because the light is not diffused, filtered and sent through a lens like in regular enlarging about 6 times more light hits the paper in contact printing.

Therefore a contact printing paper must be of much lower speed in order to obtain long enough exposure times to dodge and burn. LUPEX has compared to MCC an 8 times lower speed.

LUPEX comes in the universal grade 3. The grade can be reduced by pre-exposing the paper. In order to do this the paper is exposed under the lightbulb for a few seconds* before the negative is placed on top and the „real“ exposure takes place.

* The optimal pre exposure has to be found by tests. It is usually between 5 and 15 seconds.

The curve was obtained using ADOX NEUTOL NE developer.
The Dmax can be further enhanced by selenium toning.

Emulsion: Silverchloride

Speed: Very low

Resolution: Very high

Grade: Normal (3)

Base: 255 Gramm Fibre Base Baryta

Keeping Properties: From production date (indicated on package) 3 years and longer

