

## IM SOP-10 Test\_Impressions

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**Purpose:** To obtain test impressions of patterns present on suspect item(s) for inter-comparison purposes with questioned imprint/impression.

**Responsibility:** Imprint Examiners

**Safety:** All proper personal protection equipment will be used as appropriate.

### **Procedure:**

#### Materials:

1. Fingerprint or printer's ink
2. Paper or backing board
3. Fingerprint powders
4. Silicone pad/spray
5. Roller transport film
6. Large transparent adhesive acetate lifters
7. Large white backed adhesive acetate lifters
8. Large black backed adhesive acetate lifters
9. Large transparent gelatin lifters
10. Large white backed gelatin lifters
11. Large black backed gelatin lifters
12. Bio-foam
13. Microsil
14. Bubber
15. Inkless pad

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16. Other, as needed

Procedure:

1. Conduct preliminary physical and, if necessary, microscopic review of evidence to determine appropriate test impression process to employ.
2. Photograph all items prior to processing.
3. Make test impressions as per established and accepted standards and practices.

Results:

Suitable test impression standards for inter-comparison examination purposes.

Retention:

Test impressions will be packaged in an appropriate evidence container, tape sealed, sub-itemized in JusticeTrax, barcoded, and returned to the submitting agency along with the original evidence.

**Sources of Error:** N/A

**Quality Assurance:** N/A

**References:** See Bibliography.