MEGAPOSIT™ SPR™220 SERIES i-LINE PHOTORESISTS

For Microlithography Applications

Regional Product Availability

- North America
- Europe, Middle East and Africa
- Latin America
- Asia-Pacific

Description

MEGAPOSIT SPR220 i-Line photoresist is a general purpose, multi-wavelength resist designed to cover a wide range of film thicknesses, 1–30 µm, with a single-coat process. MEGAPOSIT SPR220 photoresist also has excellent adhesion and plating characteristics, which make it ideal for such thick film applications as MEMs and bump processes.

Advantages

- Broadband, g-Line and i-Line capable
- >10 µm film thickness in a single coat with good uniformity
- Fast photospeed: 210 mJ/cm² for 1.1 µm lines/spaces @ 4.0 µm film thickness (i-Line)
- Excellent wet and dry etch adhesion
- Au, Cu and Ni/Fe plating without cracking
- MIF and MIB developer compatible

See *Table 1* for recommended process conditions and *Figure 1* for various applications.

Table I. Recommended Process Conditions

	1.1–4.0 µm Thickness*	**4.0–10.0 µm Thickness***
Thickness	1.1–4.0 µm	4.0–10.0 µm
Softbake	115°C/90 sec. Contact Hotplate	30 sec. step-down to 115°C/90 sec. Contact Hotplate**
Expose	ASML PAS 5500™/200 i-Line (0.48 NA, 0.50σ)	
PEB	115°C/90 sec. Contact Hotplate	
Developer	MF™-24A @ 21°C, 60 sec. single spray puddle	

*Recommended for isolated spaces as well.

**Refer to softbake section for further details.

All data shown within this flyer used the process conditions listed above unless otherwise stated.

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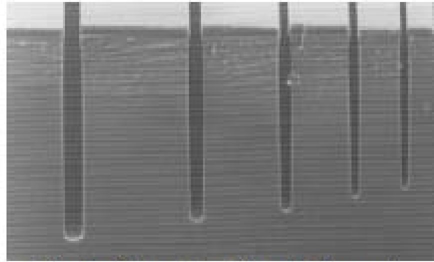
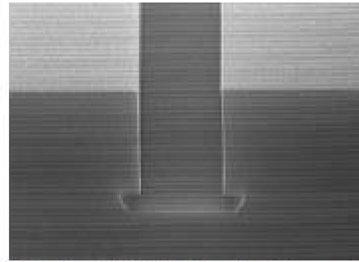
Figure 1. Various Applications



Etched Trenches (Bosch Process)
4–10 µm Features (up to 100 µm deep)

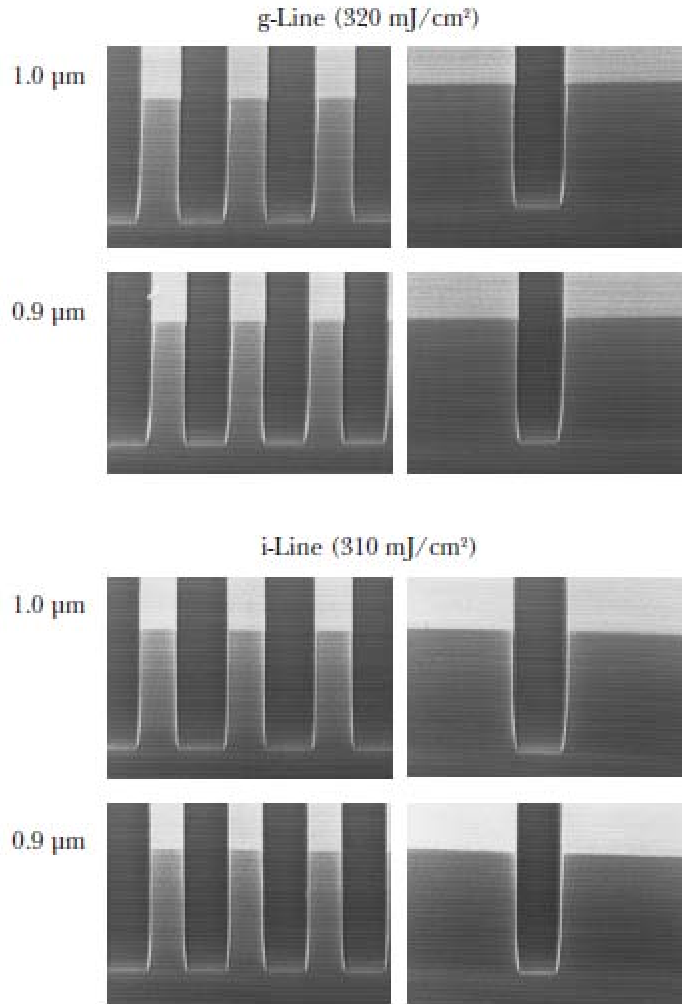


Wet Wafer Etch (1:5 HF 5 min.); 2 µm Feature

Gold Plated Deposit; 5 µm Features

Table 2. Photospeed and Linearity of Dense Lines/Spaces at Various Thicknesses			
	Film Thickness	**Photospeed***	**Linearity**
g-Line	1.2 µm	210 mJ/cm^2	0.65 µm
g-Line	3.0 µm	320 mJ/cm^2	0.90 µm
g-Line	7.0 µm	470 mJ/cm^2	1.80 µm
i-Line	1.2 µm	160 mJ/cm^2	0.45 µm
i-Line	3.0 µm	310 mJ/cm^2	0.90 µm
i-Line	5.0 µm	380 mJ/cm^2	0.90 µm

Figure 2. **Resolution at 3.0 µm Film Thickness**



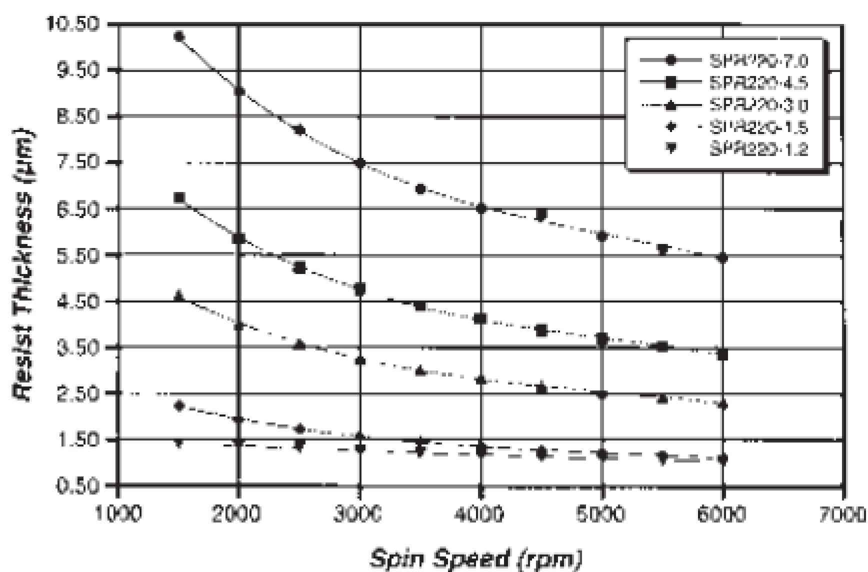
Substrate

MEGAPOSIT SPR220 photoresist is compatible with a wide range of substrates, including but not limited to silicon, aluminum oxide, gold, copper and nickel-iron.
A hexamethyldisilizane (HMDS)-based MICROPOSIT™ primer is recommended to promote adhesion with substrates that require such treatment. Vacuum vapor priming at 120°C for 30 seconds with concentrated HMDS is recommended.

Coat

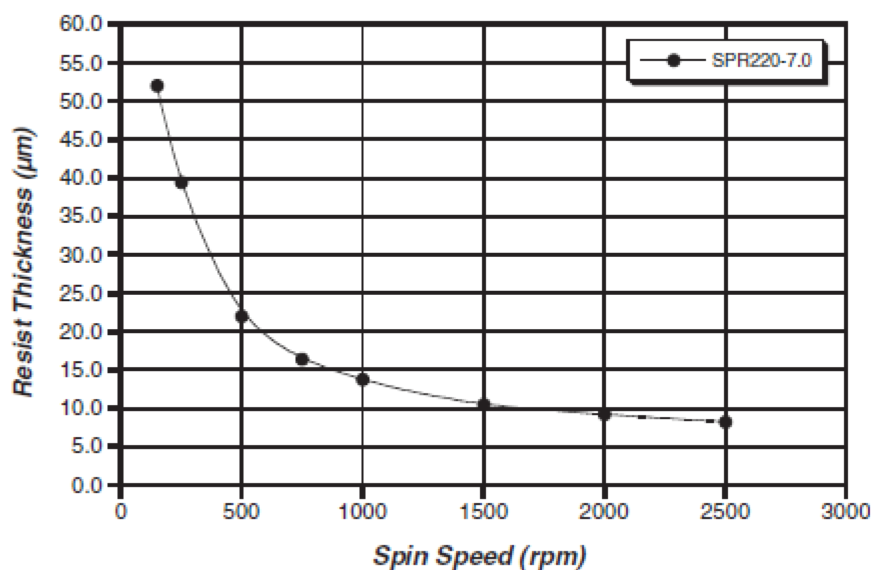
Figure 3 shows the relation between spin speed and resist thickness for 4-inch substrates. *Figure 4* shows the relationship between spin speed and resist thickness for 8-inch (200 mm) substrates applying MEGAPOSIT SPR220-7.0 photoresist. Based on this curve a 375 RPM spin will yield a film thickness of approximately 30 µm. Nominal film thickness may vary slightly due to process, equipment and ambient conditions.

Figure 3. Spin Speed Curves on 4 in.



Coat Uniformity @ 7.31 µm, standard deviation = 0.036 µm, (33 points)

Figure 4. Spin Speed Curve, MEGAPOSIT SPR220-7.0 photoresist on 8 in.



Softbake

The recommended softbake process for MEGAPOSIT SPR220 photoresist for films up to 4.0 µm is 115°C for 90 seconds on a contact hotplate. For films greater than 4.0 µm, use a 30 second ramp in temperature (stepdown to hotplate) to 115°C and hold for a minimum of 90 seconds. For film thickness greater than 12 µm, apply a 30 second ramp in temperature (step-down to hotplate) to 115°C and hold for a minimum of 300 sec.

Film Thickness Measurement

Figure 5 shows the refractive index of MEGAPOSIT SPR220 photoresist as a function of wavelength. Cauchy coefficients are listed in *Table* 3. Refractive index and dill parameters are listed in *Table 4* and *Table 5*, respectively.

For film thickness greater than 12 µm the resist is exposed to an energy dose between 700 and 1,300 mJ/cm2 (measured using standard radiometer @ 365 nm wavelength) using a high energy light source that generates peak output of wavelengths between 350 to 400 nm. Coating uniformity and the applied soft bake parameters can affect the required exposure energy needed for standardization and determination of the optimized exposure.

Figure 5. Dispersion Curve

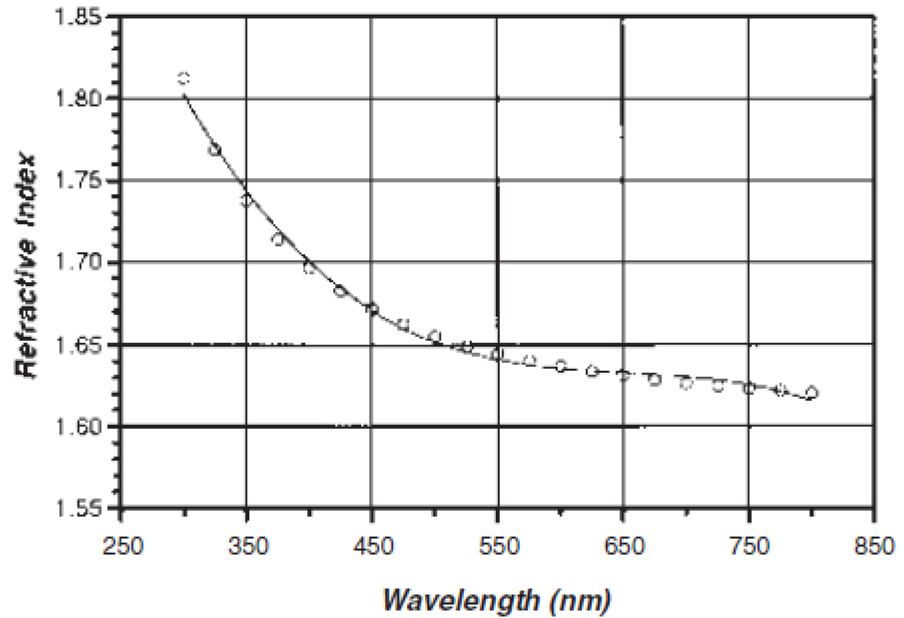


Table 3. Cauchy Coefficients	
n_1	1.6035
n_2	9.7122e+5
n_3	8.2082e+12

Table 4. Refractive Index	
RI @ 365 nm	1.73
RI @ 405 nm	1.70
RI @ 436 nm	1.67
RI @ 633 nm	1.63

Table 5. Dill Parameters			
	365 nm	405 nm	436 nm
Dill A	0.5250	0.7075	0.4242
Dill B	0.0298	0.0173	0.0150

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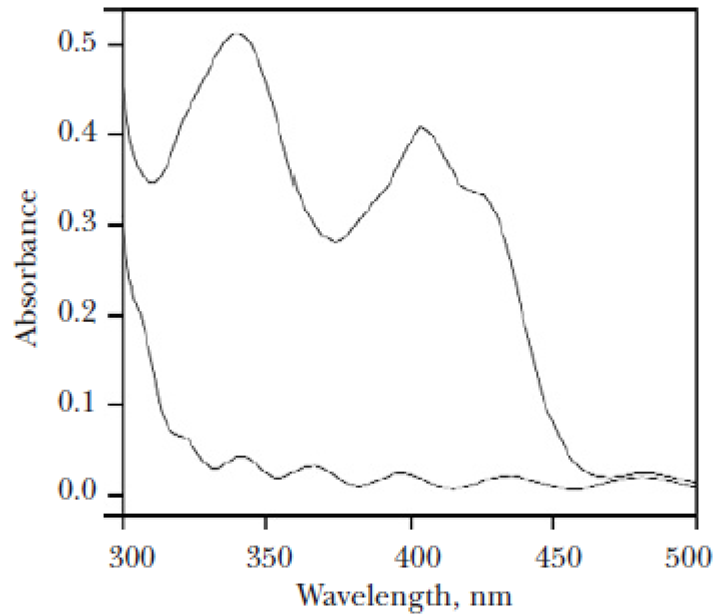
Expose

The absorbance curves for the unexposed and exposed resist film are shown in *Figure 6*.

Post-Exposure Bake

Post-exposure bake (PEB) is run at the same temperature as the softbake. With thicker films (above 4 µm), a hold time is used between exposure and PEB to allow water (which is necessary to complete the photo-reaction) to diffuse back into the photoresist film. Thick films should use a minimum hold time of 35 minutes. A film thickness greater than 12 µm requires a minimum hold time of 120 minutes between exposure and develop should be applied.

Figure 6. Absorbance Curves



Develop

MEGAPOSIT SPR220 photoresist is optimized for 0.24N developers. Thicker films or high-throughput processes can utilize 0.26N developers. MEGAPOSIT SPR220 photoresist has also been formulated for use in metal-ion free and metal-ion bearing developers, as demonstrated in *Figure 7*. See *Table 6* for recommended develop conditions.

Table 6. Recommended Develop Conditions

	1.2 µm FT	3.0 µm FT	5.0 µm FT	7.0 µm FT
MF-24A	40 sec. SP	60 sec. SP	60/60 sec. DP	60/60 sec. DP
MF-26A	40 sec. SP	60 sec. SP	80 sec. SP	60/60 sec. DP
M452	—	3 min. Imm	3 min. Imm.	3 min. Imm.
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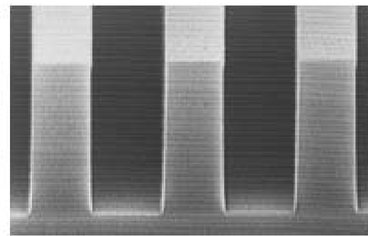
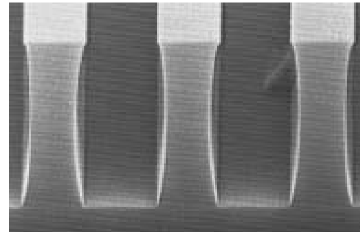
Figure 7. Developer Compatibility



MIF (MF-24A)



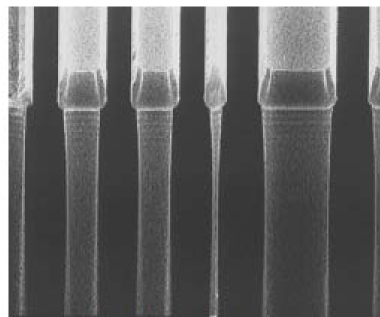
MIB (M452)

For thick film application 12 µm or greater using MF-26A developer, the overall development time will behave similar to the thin film time cited in *Figure 7* above.

Etch Resistance

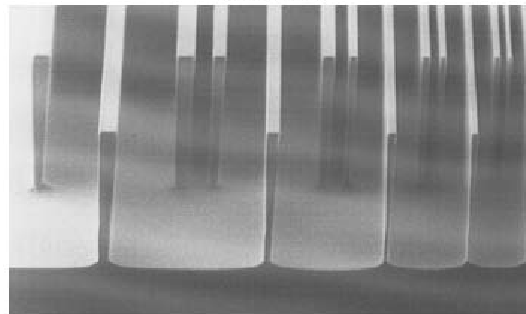
Figure 8 shows the etch performance of SPR220 with a Bosch Etch process (100:1 etch selectivity).

Figure 8. Etch Performance



Etched Lines (Bosch Process)
2.5 to 10 µm Features (up to 200 µm deep)

Etched Lines



5 to 20 µm Features (up to 100 µm deep)

Photoresist Removal

MEGAPOSIT SPR220 photoresist can be removed with MICROPOSIT REMOVER 1165. A two-bath process is recommended with each bath at a temperature of 80°C (176°F). The first bath removes the bulk of the photoresist and the second removes residual traces of photoresist. Please consult specific remover data sheets for additional process information.

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