Storage Conditions

Recommended storage conditions for all films are printed on the box. They are 70° F (21° C) and 40 - 50% relative humidity. Avoid extreme temperature ranges in storage conditions.

The shelf life of film is dependent on many factors including but not limited to:

1. Film material
2. How tightly the film is kept on the roll
3. Storage conditions including
    a. Heat
    b. Light
    c. Humidity
4. Keeping the original packaging

To ensure the longest shelf life possible be sure to store the film according to the guidelines given on each box of film. The 3M recommended shelf life for the film is 5 years, however, we would expect that the film will last much longer. A few best practices to determine whether a film has degraded over time would be to compare the old film to a newer roll, read the UV, Visible, and IR transmission of the film and compare to published specs, and to do a visual inspection in both reflected and transmitted light of the first 10 feet of film.

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