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The Scent of Decay Sample Set

Content

Film materials in decay:

1) Decaying Cellulose Acetate Film (VS)	Piece of Film	in small metal jar
2) Decaying Cellulose Nitrate Film (not combustible)	Solid Matter	in glass vial
3) Decaying Cellulose Acetate Butyrate Film	Piece of Film	in small metal jar
4) Historical Cellulose Acetate Film (no VS)	Piece of Film	in small metal jar

Reference Samples:

5) Acetic Acid (5% in water)	Liquid	in glass vial
6) Triphenyl Phosphate	Solid Matter	in glass vial
7) Unprocessed Motion Picture Film	Piece of Film	in small metal jar
8) Camphor	Crystalline	in glass vial
9) Historical Film Preservative	Liquid	in glass vial
10) Cellulose Acetate Butyrate	Powder	in glass vial

Info-Card only:

Mould	-	-
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Recommendations for the use of the Scent of Decay Sample Set

Please read before use

- People react differently to odours. Thus they will react differently to the samples in the set. The set is intended to give an idea of what kind of odours we encounter when dealing with historical films and what the source compounds are emitting them. However, this may not work for everybody equally well.
- Before use wash your hands with a soap free of odorants. Else you may smell the scent on your hands instead of the sample.
- Use the strong odours last. Strong odours like camphor or acetic acid will "take over" your senses and you may not be able to properly perceive the lighter odours afterwards, like the unprocessed film or triphenyl phosphate.
- Sniff cautiously, don't inhale.
- The camphor sample is stored in a double layer of glass containers because the odour tends to slowly creep out of the vial and take over the whole box. To avoid this, please always put the vial back into its larger storage glass after use. Generally close all containers well after use.
- Store in a refrigerator or a cool and dry place. The set comes with a silica gel desiccant bag. Please keep the container box closed when not in use and regularly replace the drying agent (particularly when storing it in a fridge).
- Don't remove the contents from the containers.
- Do dispose of according to local regulations.

Please Note:

When purchasing the Scent of Decay Sample Set, as described above, the customer takes full responsibility to make sure that no harm is done to his/her own health or to anyone exposed to any of the samples contained in the The Scent of Decay Sample Set. It is the customer's responsibility to get informed about the possible health hazards connected with the samples contained in this set and to act accordingly.

The samples contained in the set should keep their respective scents over a longer period of time if stored according to recommendations. It is unavoidable though that the cellulose acetate film sample (4 and 7) may develop the vinegar syndrome (VS) over time.

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