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# I-Line Anti-Reflective Coating

The XHRiC series of anti-reflective coatings has been specifically designed for advanced i-line dry patterning processes. The materials are highly absorbent with n-values of 1.81 and k-values of 0.34, providing excellent CD control by eliminating standing waves and reflective notching. These highly robust products have been successfully utilized in a wide range of processes at poly, gate and metalization levels for 0.25µm design rules.

### **XHRiC Features**

- Proven compatibility with nearly all i-line resists
- Demonstrated with the newest generation of resists
- Planar, thermal crosslinking BARC
- Spin bowl, drain compatible with EBR processes
- Optical properties are optimized for i-line performance
- Ultra low particle counts
- Low metal ions.



0.0 Focus



-0.1 Focus



-0.2 Focus

+0.1 Focus



+0.2 Focus

**Processing Conditions** BARC Thickness: 160nm

BARC Bake: 175°C/ 60sec

Exposure: 220mJ/cm2 Photoresist: Arch Chemical®OiR620 Photoresist Thickness: 990nm

### **Optical Properties**

units measured in microns k = 0.34n = 1.81 Cauchy A = 1.618 B = 9.08E-3 C = 2.9E-3



+0.3 Focus



+0.4 Focus



+0.5 Focus



+0.6 Focus



# **XHRiC Reflectivity Curve**



# **XHRiC Spin Speed Curve**



# **XHRiC Typical Properties**

Generic Properties:	XHRiC-11	XHRiC-16
Thickness (Å)	1100±50	1600±50
@3500rpm, 175°C		
Normalized Film Absorbance	0.59±0.05	0.85±0.06
lons (Al, Cu, K)	<20ppb	<25ppb
lons (Ca, Fe, Na)	<50ppb	<50ppb
Shelf Life @21°C	1 year	1 year

## **XHRiC Processing Conditions**

• XHRiC is applied by a spin coat process. Apply with dynamic pump dispense in a range from 2600 - 2900 rpm and immediately (no spread spin) ramp to final 2000-5000 rpm spin for 30 seconds. Use standard EBR and backside process at 1500 rpm or less with and standard photoresist EBR solvent.

- Bake: Single stage hotplate bake at  $175^{\circ}C \pm 20^{\circ}C$  for 60 seconds.
- Resist Coat: Resist can be applied over XHRiC without any modification to the standard resist spin or bake process. Adhesion promoter is not recommended.
- Exposure: In most applications, exposure dose may need to be increased from that of a stand alone resist process by 20-50% due to a reduction in reflected light.
- Resist Development: Use a standard photoresist development process.
- Dry Etch: XHRiC can be dry etched using a number of plasma etch methods; including:

 $O_2$ ,  $O_2$ /CHF<sub>3</sub>/Ar,  $C_2F_6$ ,  $CI_2$ ,  $N_2/O_2$ ,  $O_2$ /HBr and HCl.

• Stripping: XHRiC can be removed by an oxidizing plasma or an oxidizing solvent strip process.

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