

Gafchromic™ Dosimetry Tools

Designed for a contemporary RT environment

High absolute dose accuracy achieved at a fraction of the cost of alternative systems

Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film has been designed specifically as a time and cost-saving tool that addresses the needs of medical physicists and dosimetrists working in radiotherapy environments and supports the processor-less environment of the modern hospital.

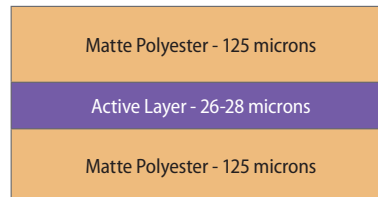
Benefits of Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry films:

- Superior resolution over array devices that meets the demand of increasing conformity requirements for new therapy modalities
- Wide dose range: 1 cGy to 40 Gy
- Response independent of radiation incident angle allowing film to measure the dose just as the patient would receive it
- Energy-independent dose response
- Near tissue-equivalent
- Uniformity better than $\pm 2\%$ in dose
- Can be handled in room light – no need for a darkroom
- Water-resistant, water-immersible and usable with water phantoms
- Lowest starting expense and comparable continuing operating cost among all QA systems
- Saves time and money with improved accuracy and outstanding convenience
- Cut and shape the film to your needs

When used with specifically designed FilmQA™ Pro 3.0 software and following the OneScan Protocol, Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film provides the most complete, quickest and most accurate dosimetric measurement.

Configurations and structures of Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film

Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film is made by laminating an active layer between two polyester layers. The polyester surface makes an exceptionally robust product and allows water immersion.



Structure of Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film
(Actual thicknesses may vary slightly)

The polyester lamination for EBT3 is symmetrical providing greater confidence that neither side of the film is affected differently by exposure or scanning. The polyester surface also has anti Newton Ring coating so repeat scanning is kept to a minimum.

Optimizing the sensitometric response of Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film

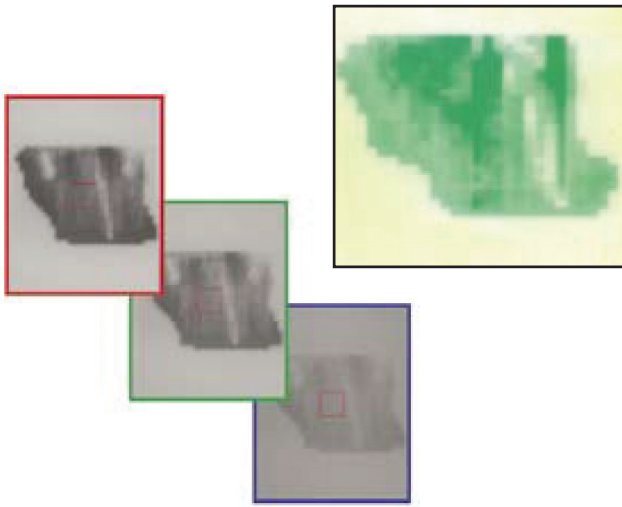
The sensitometric responses of Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry films are identical as they have the same type and amount of active component.

Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film is engineered with Ashland Specialty Ingredients technology including a special marker dye in the active layer that enables proprietary multi-channel dosimetry analysis built in to FilmQA Pro software.

Versatile Performance

Gafchromic™ EBT3 dosimetry film can also be read with a film scanner or digitizer. As with densitometers, the response of the film can be enhanced if the spectral response of the scanner is matched to the absorbance of the film.

The Epson* 11000XL PHOTO flatbed color scanner, which is designed to digitize film up to 12.5" x 16" in size, is the preferred and recommended scanner for use with Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film.



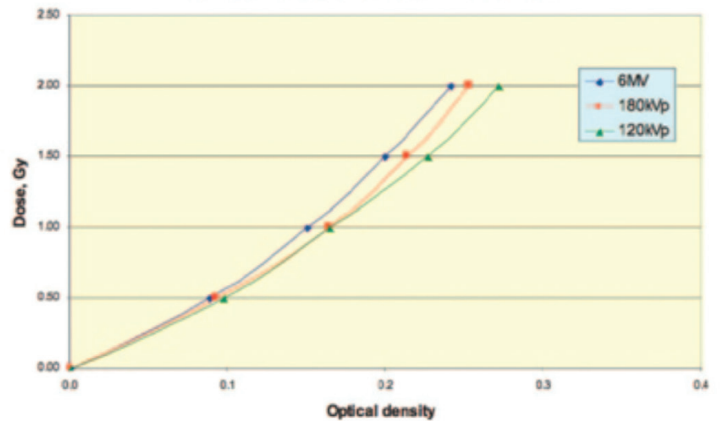
Scanned image using Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film and separation of image into each RGB color channel

The main advantages of using a flat bed color scanner is to fully utilize the properties inherent to Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film. The multiple sets of the color data obtained from a single scan can be used with FilmQA Pro software. FilmQA Pro software allows automatic correction so it reduces the effects of film non-uniformity, scanner and other artifacts and provides the most accurate dosimetric results. Furthermore, the difference in color channel response allows the extended dynamic range of the film from 1 cGy to 10 Gy.

Energy independence of Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film

Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film has been designed to measure absorbed dose from high-energy radiation used in RT. The response of photons has been found to be highly energy-independent in the MeV range and measurements at lower energies show that the response changes by only ten percent, even down to keV range.

Energy Dependence Gafchromic EBT3



Energy Dependence of Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film

Dose fractionation

Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film exposed to a single fraction yields the equivalent amount of response as the film given fractionated exposure thus establishing Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film as an effective dose integrator.

Post-exposure density growth

Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film self develops in real time. The time interval between the exposure and the scan should be kept approximately the same for all films in an analysis. The effect of the post-exposure density growth can be mitigated effectively using our OneScan Protocol.

Storage and handling

Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film is designed to be handled in interior room light, however it is recommended that the film be kept in darkness when not in use. Exposure to sunlight should be avoided. The film may be stored at room temperature (20° - 25°C), but the best practice is to store the film at refrigerator temperature. It can tolerate brief exposures (e.g. < 1 min.) to temperatures up to 70°C, or more prolonged exposure (e.g. < 1 day) at temperatures of 50°C. However, it is recommended that the film be handled, exposed and measured at room ambient temperature (20° - 25° C).

Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film can be easily formatted with simple cutting to be used with the FilmQA™ Pro software and the OneScan protocol. The OneScan protocol method combines the measurement films with the calibration thus eliminating many inter-scan variables. The film can be cut with sharp scissors or a guillotine cutter. Please follow our cutting recommendations at Gafchromic.com.

OneScan protocol with FilmQA removes many variables and reduces dose error to less than 1% of dose error!

Order Gafchromic dosimetry film by product name:

- EBT3 – 8" x 10" boxed in packages of 25 sheets
- EBT3 – 14" x 17" boxed in packages of 10 sheets

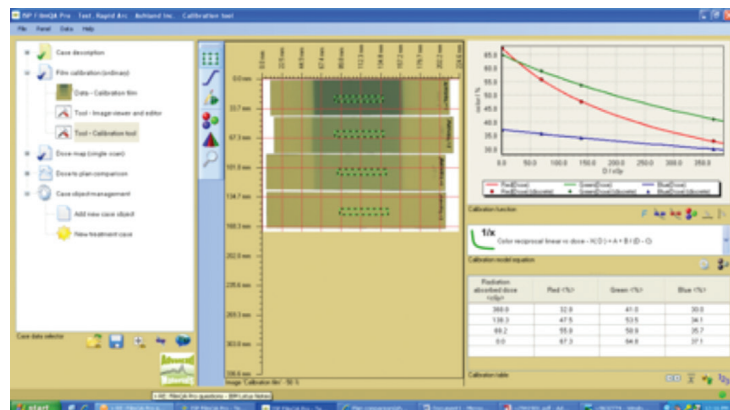
Call today for more information about practical applications of Gafchromic EBT3 dosimetry film and other tools for your radiotherapy and radiology applications.

FilmQA Pro 3.0 software

State of the art radiotherapy verification software powered by proprietary multi-channel dosimetry

Unique Multichannel Dosimetry:

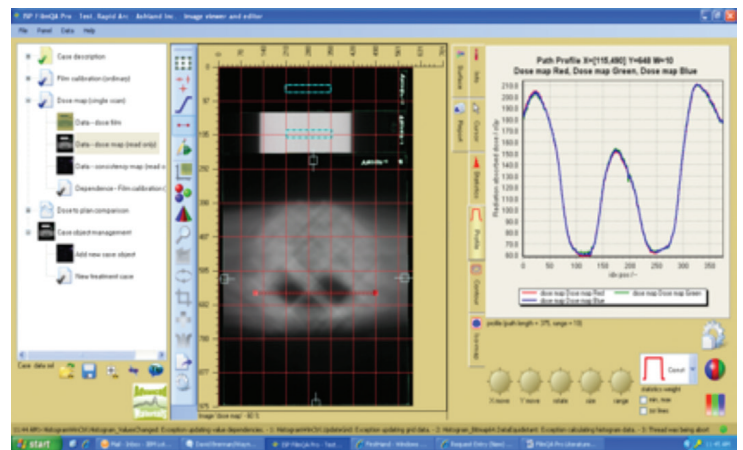
- Multichannel optimization - the dose map is calculated using all three color channels. It separates the dose-dependent parts of an image from the dose-independent artifacts. The resulting dose-map contains only information on absorbed dose, free from the effects of film thickness differences, fingerprints and dirt/dust/scratches.
- Advanced case object management for quick changes of parameters and rapid evaluation of multiple scenarios
- Rational function for calibration curve fitting that mimics the response of the film so fewer points are needed.
- Post-exposure response is no longer a factor that gets between you and your results.



Calibration curves are produced quickly for all color channels and fitted into a rational function.

One-Scan Protocol (Patent Pending)

- It's an efficient protocol that improves dosimetry by combining calibration and measurement in a single scan. Because we use an asymptotic fitting function that behaves like film, just four films are needed to define the specific shape of the dose-response curve. For measurement, the patient film is scanned with an unexposed film patch plus a reference patch exposed to a known dose. Using measurements from the two film patches, the calibration fitting function is re-scaled and adapted specifically for that scan. This eliminates scan-to-scan variability and error is reduced below 1%.
- Exposure to report in minutes – an analysis can be done any time even at a moment's notice.



OneScan protocol allows quicker and more accurate results.

EBT-XD Engineered For SRS, SBRT Mid to High Dose Analysis

Recently added EBT-XD to the family of EBT film is designed with a dose range of 0.4 to 40 Gy making it well suited for applications such as SRS and SBRT. EBT-XD incorporates all the same features and benefits of regular EBT3 with only the dose range being specially developed for higher range needs.

Now expose Gafchromic to the actual dose required for your SRS or SBRT verification.

- EBT-XD – 8" x 10" boxed in packages of 25 sheets
- Dose Range: 0.4 Gy to 40 Gy
- Shoot at any angle an entire plan yielding validation of plan the same way the patient receives it.



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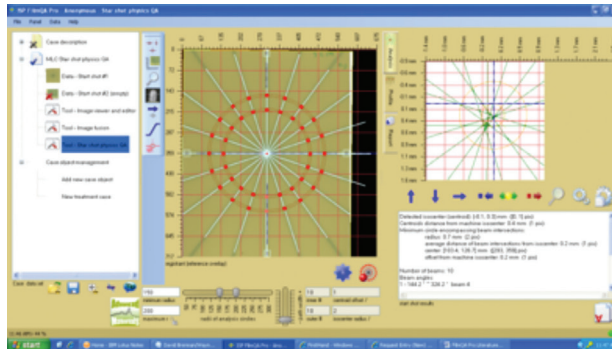
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