

RODINAL

B&W FILM DEVELOPER

Patented by Dr. Momme Andresen in 1891, Rodinal was the first product produced by Agfa and the oldest continuously-produced developer formula in the world. Formally manufactured by Agfa, Rodinal was sold to Connect Chemicals (Ratingen, Germany.) in 2008.

It's a one shot liquid developer usually used in high dilutions of 1+25, 1+50, 1+100, 1+200. My favorite dilution/film combination being 1+100 using stand development (no agitation) for 50 minutes.

It has a very long storage life, Mine's over 2 year's old and producing great negatives.

Rodinal is usually suited to low film speeds based on the high acutance properties and the coarse grain this developer produces. A solvent (such as sodium sulfite) can be added to soften the granularity. However I find Fuji Neopand 1600 and Kodak Tri-X (rated at 16000 iso) looks beautiful.

Rodinal is a must try for anyone development black and white film and a great starting developer for anyone thinking of developing their own film.

It's readily available to buy in the UK with an average price of £12.

Order online:

<http://www.thedarkroom.co.uk/>

<http://www.silverprint.co.uk/>

Further reading:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rodinal/>

<http://unblinkingeye.com/Articles/Rodinal/rodinal.html>

Examples:

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/rodinal/>

Fact sheet:

http://www.silverprint.co.uk/pdf/Rodinal_Leaflet.pdf

Make your own:

<http://www.digitaltruth.com/techdata/rodinal.php>

