

PC –TEA by Pat Gainer

These are versatile developers that give high acutance and moderate grain. Simple to mix, the stock solution will last for a long time – a couple of years or so. The recipe below is by Pat Gainer. References to this can be found in the APUG forums.

PC-TEA

Stock solution

Start with 100 ml of hot triethanolamine and stir in the other ingredients.

9 g ascorbic acid

0.25 g phenidone

Stir until completely dissolved, and leave to cool. Don't worry if the TEA goes brown on heating. This concentrate will keep for ages.

Working solution: Dilute the stock solution 1+50 (20 ml per litre) with water before use. Developing times for 400-speed B&W films are around 9 min at 22C.