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(Tire Tread Analysis)

Name of Procedure:

Transparent Overlays (Tire Tread Analysis)

Suggested Uses:

This procedure is used as an aid in the comparison of questioned Tire Tread impressions to known Tire Tread impressions.

Equipment Needed to Perform Procedures:

- A Clear Acetate Film
- B Permanent Marker

Chemicals Needed For Preparation of Chemical Solution(s):

Not Applicable

Formula/Directions for Preparation of Chemical Solution(s):

Not Applicable

Processing Procedures for Application to Item(s) of Evidence:

- 1. The piece of clear acetate film is placed over the questioned Tire Tread impression (Cast or photograph).
- 2. The tread design, general wear characteristics and the unique characteristics (cuts, nicks, etc.) in the impression are traced onto the acetate film using a permanent marker.

Steps to Preserve Developed Impressions:

The overlays may be preserved through photography with the appropriate techniques utilized (See Photographic Equipment/Procedures) or recorded electronically (See Image Processing).

Safety Concerns:

Not Applicable

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Storage and Location of Chemicals and Solutions:

Not Applicable

Shelf Life:

Not Applicable

Other Information:

Not Applicable