

# KODAK RELIABLE IMAGE TIP # 21

Below are two questions I received from a customer about Kodak spools. Please keep this handy as a reference tool.

**Q: What are the white Kodak reels made of and are they safe for long-term film storage?**

A: All Kodak spools, cores, reels and black boxes are made of polystyrene plastic. This material is safe for long and extended-term storage and is chemically inert.

**Q: Can I use the white Kodak reels in my cameras?**

A: No, there is an imprint on these reels that reads "**not for camera use**". This is due to the core configuration as they are designed to be used in reader printers and will not fit into a camera.

The use of polystyrene plastics as enclosure materials or spools are covered in the following ISO standards from tests conducted by the ANSI IT9 committee:

ISO 18911 Storage practices of safety photographic films

ISO 18902 Filing enclosures for storage

ISO 18916 Photographic activity test for enclosure materials

