

# Intaglio Test Plate Guide

*Lengths of time to dip the plate for each section.*

<h2>Pictorial Space</h2> <p>5" x 5 1/2"</p>			1 HOUR
			45 MIN
			30 MIN
			15 MIN
			8 MIN
			4 MIN
			2 MIN
			1 MIN
			60 SEC
			30 SEC
			15 SEC
			7 SEC
			4 SEC
			2 SEC
		1 SEC	
		1 SEC	

| --- 1" --- | --- 1" --- | - 1/2"-|

..... 15 MIN

..... 15 MIN

..... 15 MIN

..... 7 MIN

..... 4 MIN

..... 2 MIN

..... 1 MIN

..... 30 SEC

..... 15 SEC

..... 7 SEC

..... 4 SEC

..... 2 SEC

..... 1 SEC

..... 1 SEC

You will be completing a progressive etch of the plate in both hard and soft ground. Though you do not necessarily need to scratch the text of those words into the hard ground surface, they appear in the 8 MIN box as a reminder that you need to stop out the image after 8 minutes for both processes, and you need to stop out the grid and reversed text at the same time when doing the hard ground portion. If you wish to keep anything completely white during the soft ground etching then stop it out before biting any of the plate.

*Each of the above boxes is 3/8" high, except for the bottom two sections. Because the bevel of the plate shortens the 5" dimension, you will need to divide the bottom section to accommodate the 1 and 2 second boxes. The letters and numbers in the far right column need to be in reverse so you can read them when they are printed. Use this sheet as a guide. The plate will indicate the effect of the mordant for the amount of time indicated. It is cumulative, so the guide on the right shows how long you actually place the plate in the mordant after each time you dip the plate.*