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[54] **LASER-INDUCED MASS TRANSFER IMAGING MATERIALS UTILIZING DIAZO COMPOUNDS**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to a method of increasing the sensitivity of laser induced thermal imaging by using certain diazo compounds. The diazo compounds contain functional groups adjacent the diazo substituent capable of stabilizing these compounds. The invention is useful in the field of thermal transfer imaging for the production of various graphic arts media.

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