



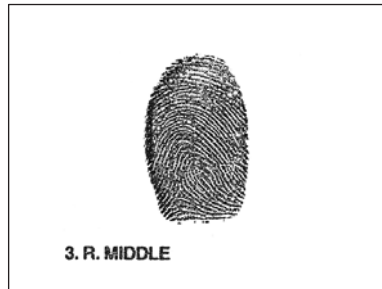
# FINGERPRINTS

## Capturing Legible Fingerprints

### Proper Capture of Image within Fingerprint Block

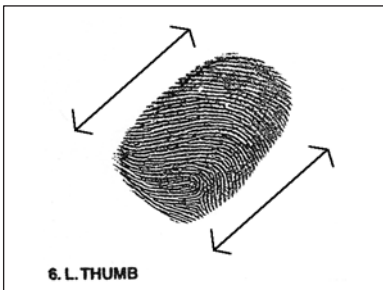


**Incorrect**  
Image printed too low in block.  
Image protrudes into neighboring fingerprint block.

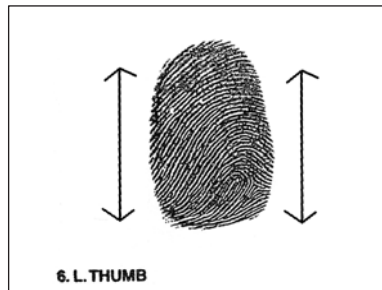


**correct**  
entire image printed in the center of the block.

### Proper Orientation of Rolled Fingerprint Impressions

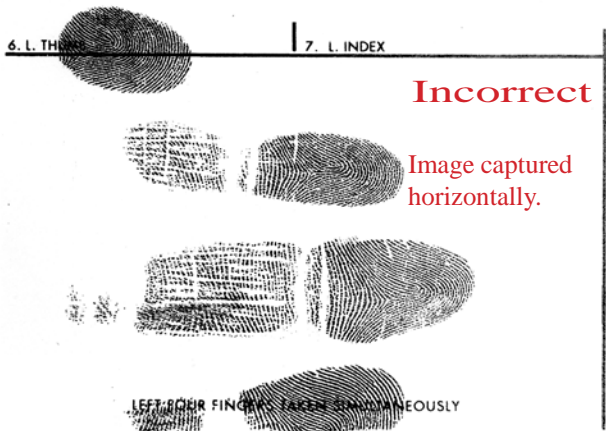


**Incorrect**  
Image captured at an angle.

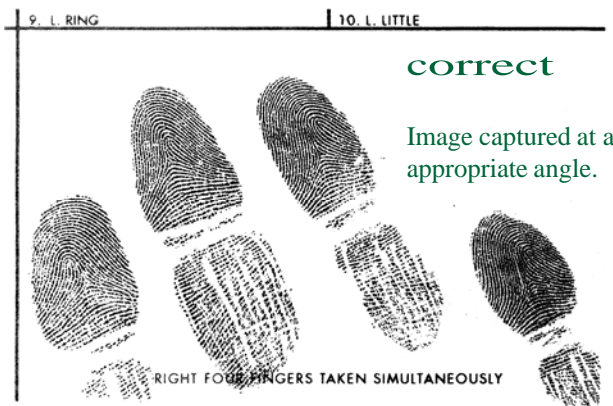


**correct**  
capture image in a vertical upright position.

### Proper Capture of Plain Fingerprint Impressions



**Incorrect**  
Image captured horizontally.



**correct**  
Image captured at an appropriate angle.

## White Lines/Cracks/Worn Ridges within Fingerprint Pattern Area



**Incorrect**

Indicates dry, rough skin.  
Fingerprint ridge detail not visible.



**correct**

Worn ridge detail may be improved with the following:

- 1) Ridge Builder
- 2) Moist towelette or Hand Wipe
- 3) Lotion containing Aloe Vera
- 4) Massage finger to force blood to fingertips

## Roll Fingerprints Nail to Nail

**Loop**



**Incorrect**

- 1) Delta needs to be present in a Loop pattern.

**Whorl**



**Incorrect**

- 2) Deltas need to be present in a Whorl pattern.



**Loop**



**correct**

- 1) Roll finger in a smooth continuous motion from nail to nail.
- 2) Roll thumbs towards subject. Roll fingers away from the subject.
- 3) Ensure entire first joint of the finger is in constant contact with the card.

**Whorl**



## Complete Pattern Area Not Present in Rolled Impressions

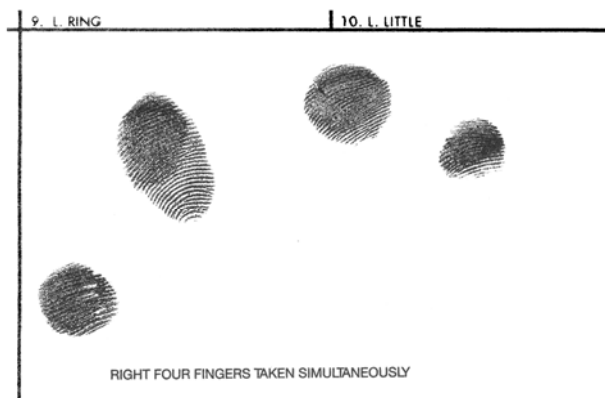


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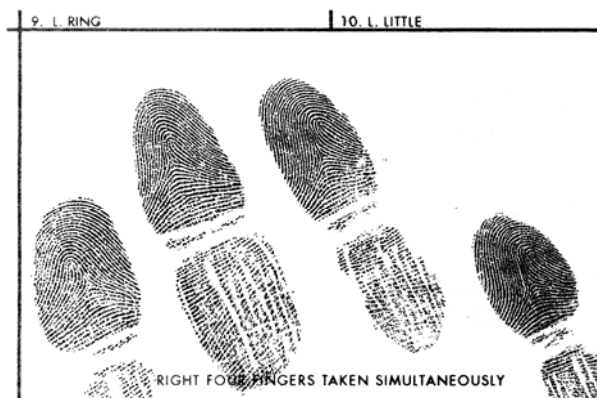


**correct**

## Complete Pattern Area Not Present in Plain Impressions

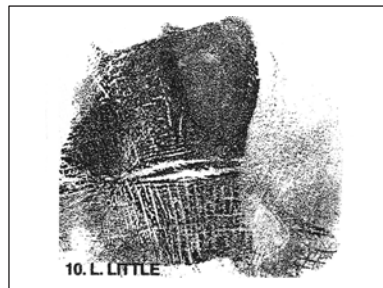


**Incorrect**



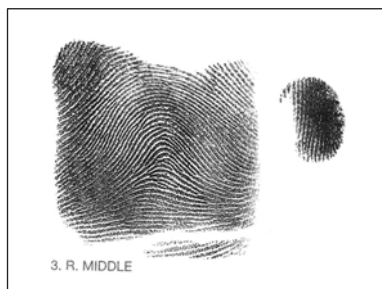
**correct**

## Non Discernable Images/Smudges



- 1) Do not apply excessive ink to the fingertip.
- 2) Do not apply excessive pressure to the fingertip.
- 3) During capture, turn subject's wrist and simply guide the finger being printed.

## Multiple Images



Do not record multiple fingerprint images in a single fingerprint block.