

Fabrication Process Flow Handout

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Fabrication Process Flow

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Clean	Wafer→	To remove contamination from the wafer surface.
Diffusion	Oxide → Wafer →	To grow or deposit material layers like Oxide on the wafer surface. Note: "oxide" is the common name for silicon dioxide or SiO ₂ , a common insulator used in semiconductor fabrication.
Photolithography Coat & Bake	Photoresist — Oxide — Wafer —	To apply a layer of UV light sensitive photoresist on the wafer.
Photolithography Align & Expose	Mask————————————————————————————————————	UV light passes through a patterned reticle or mask to transfer a pattern onto the photosensitive photoresist layer by altering portions of the photoresist layer.
Photolithography Develop	Photoresist Oxide Wafer	Photoresist exposed to UV light is removed using a developing solution.
Etch	Photoresist Patterned oxide after etch Wafer	Oxide is removed from regions not protected with photoresist using a Wet Etch or Dry Etch process.
Implant	Dopants Photoresist Implanted Regions Wafer	Selected regions of the wafer are implanted with dopants to modify the electrical characteristics of the silicon.
Strip	Implanted Patterned oxide regions Wafer	Photoresist is stripped (removed) from the wafer, leaving the patterned Oxide layer on the wafer surface.

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Clean	Wafer/Cookie	To remove contamination from the wafer surface.
Diffusion	Oxide/First frosting Wafer/Cookie	To grow or deposit material layers like Oxide on the wafer surface. Note: "oxide" is the common name for silicon dioxide or SiO ₂ , a common insulator used in semiconductor fabrication.
Photolithography Coat & Bake	Photoresist/2 nd frosting Oxide/1 st frosting Wafer/Cookie	To apply a layer of UV light sensitive photoresist on the wafer.
Photolithography Align & Expose	Pattern representing reticle or mask Photoresist/2 nd frosting Oxide/1 st frosting Wafer/Cookie	UV light passes through a patterned reticle or mask to transfer a pattern onto the photosensitive photoresist layer by altering portions of the photoresist layer.
Photolithography Develop	Photoresist/2 nd frosting Oxide/1 st frosting Wafer/Cookie	Photoresist exposed to UV light is removed using a developing solution.
Etch	Photoresist/2 nd frosting Oxide/1 st frosting Wafer/Cookie	Oxide is removed from regions not protected with photoresist using a Wet Etch or Dry Etch process.
Implant	Dopants Photoresist/2 nd frosting Oxide/1 st frosting Wafer/Cookie	Selected regions of the wafer are implanted with dopants to modify the electrical characteristics of the silicon.
Strip	Oxide/1st frosting Wafer/Cookie	Photoresist is stripped (removed) from the wafer, leaving the patterned Oxide layer on the wafer surface.

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