Fabrication of the transparent cylindrical stamp with sub 50nm linewidth by means of the step & flash nanoimprint lithography

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In nanoscale stamp fabrication, the overheads of time, cost and patterning area are soaring. Furthermore, the fabrication of cylindrical stamps is also rather difficult with some nanoscale patterns.

In this work, a process of fabricating a transparent cylindrical stamp is proposed. The transparent cylindrical stamp with sub 50nm linewidth is verified through the application of a roller-type ultraviolet-nanoimprint lithographical process on the ANT-6R which is developed by the Korea Institute of Machinery and Materials.

To fabricate the large area stamp, 1st generation stamp is replicated on the 150mm by 150mm polycarbonate film with the Ormostamp resist (Microresist Technology). The 1st generation stamp which is a 23mm by 23mm is a quartz stamp with about ~50nm lines and dots. Ormostamp is spin coated on the polycarbonate film, and the step & flash process is executed on the polycarbonate film and repeated totally 36 times. The anti-adhesion monolayer is coated on the large area Ormostamp replica (2nd generation stamp) surface. In order to fabricate the transparent cylindrical stamp (3rd generation stamp), the polyurethane acrylate resist (PUA, Minuta tech.) is spin coated on the 2nd generation stamp. The acrylate cylinder is about 100mm of length and 40mm of diameter.

To verify this transparent cylindrical stamp (2nd generation stamp), UV-NIL process is executed on the polycarbonate film with UV curable resist.

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Fig. 1: The Transparent Cylindrical Stamp: to fabricate the cylindrical stamp (3^{rd} generation stamp), the large area stamp which is fabricated by step & flash NIL process is used for pattern transfer to acryl cylinder without any pattern. Replicated pattern size on the Ormostamp is about ~50nm.