



Quick Tips for

# REDUCING FINGERPRINT REJECTS

Clean Scanning Surface Between Each Use



Print Each Finger in the Correct Block, Without Overlap

Hydrate and Milk Fingers for Higher Quality Images



Roll Each Finger Nail-to-Nail

Use Notations and Stamps When Appropriate



Check for Duplication and Order Before Submitting

## Notations and Stamps

Notes electronically placed on the fingerprints to denote image anomalies:

### **Amputation (XX)**

**First joint is  
physically not  
present.**

### **Unable To Print (UP)**

**Fingers are  
bandaged, crippled,  
deformed, etc.**

### **Scar Stamp (SR)**

**Scarring so severe  
the pattern type is  
unknown.**



Additional fingerprinting resources  
available at <https://fbibiospecs.fbi.gov>

Contact the Biometric Services Section Customer Service Group  
304-625-5590 • [identity@fbi.gov](mailto:identity@fbi.gov)



# MOST COMMON REJECT REASONS

1. Low Quality Images
2. Duplicated Finger Images
3. Smudges/Shadowing Around Fingerprint Images
4. Multiple Images Per Block
5. Same Hand Printed Twice
6. Fingers Missing from Plains Without Notation
7. Fingers Printed in Incorrect Boxes
8. Fingers Missing from Rolled and Plains Without Notation

