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Joseph Nicephore Niepce's Heliograph Photography

Simulation of the oldest known photograph in the world.

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Joseph Nicephore Niepce's heliographs or sun prints as they were called were the prototype for the modern photograph.



The oldest known photograph in the world of a 17th century Flemish engraving, made by the French inventor Nicephore Niepce in 1825, with an heliography technical process.

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In 1827, Joseph Nicephore Niepce made the first known photographic image using the camera obscura. The camera obscura was a tool used by artists to draw.