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1. Background

The international standards organization officially titled ISO/IEC/JTC1/SC29/WG11, otherwise known as the Moving Picture Experts Group (MPEG), and the Digital Cinema Ad Hoc Group under MPEG, subjectively assessing various compression algorithms for digital cinema applications. The group designed an experiment involving two digital cinema projectors: a projector using a digital micromirror device (DMD), and a cathode ray tube (CRT) projector. Various trained observers viewed sequential and side-by-side digital cinema clips (one side compressed, the other uncompressed) and rated the quality of the images for each projector. These tests were held at the Entertainment Technology Center (ETC, Hollywood, CA), located in the historic Warner/Pacific Theater on Hollywood Boulevard.

The MPEG Digital Cinema Ad Hoc Group was concerned about whether the system being used (server, interface, projector, screen, viewing room) would block out important details in the assessment of the compression algorithms. NIST was asked to oversee initial measurements made of projectors in order to characterize their performance before the subjective visual testing was begun. THX (a division of LucasFilm, Burbank, CA) made the actual measurements. The responsibilities were broken down as follows:

NIST's role—to oversee the measurement process:

- perform diagnostics to determine instrumentation limitations and provide solutions when possible;
- determine stray-light contributions of the room;
- □ determine other factors that might influence the measurements;
- □ provide an uncertainty assessment of the measurement process;
- □ assure that procedures, whenever possible, follow the relevant ANSI and VESA standards;
- □ provide a spreadsheet for data collection and analysis;
- and provide the MPEG Digital Cinema Ad Hoc Group with test patterns.

THX's role:

- □ provide measurement equipment;
- □ perform actual measurements used to evaluate the projectors;
- □ and provide expertise as needed.

The following describes the results of the projector characterization as reported to the MPEG Digital Cinema Ad Hoc Group in July 2001.

2. Characterization of Projection Systems for the MPEG-4 Digital Cinema Compression Scheme Evaluation

The following data was collected by the THX Division of LucasFilm Ltd., Burbank, CA and by Paul Miller of the Entertainment Technology Center on June 21, 2001. The relative expanded uncertainty of the photometric measurements (with a coverage factor of k=2) was 12 % in luminance, and ± 0.005 in 1931 CIE chromaticity coordinates, based on the measurements made by THX. NIST provided technical expertise, measurement diagnostics, test patterns, and uncertainty assessment. NIST also ensured that, where relevant, each measurement followed the appropriate procedures described in the following standards [1]:

ANSI/NAPM IT7.228-1997 Electronic Projection—Fixed Resolution Projectors ANSI/PIMA IT7.227-1998 Electronic Projection—Variable Resolution Projectors VESA Flat Panel Display Measurements Standard Version 2.0 (June 2001)

These measurements characterize the projector system performance on June 21, 2001, at the Warner/Pacific Theater and at the particular settings and configurations on that day. The projection system includes the combined effect of the digital cinema projectors, projection screen, storage system, interfaces, and converters.

The assigned uncertainty does not incorporate shifts due to drift, environmental changes, or readjustment of the projectors. Neither does the uncertainty imply a calibration or certification by NIST. Traceability to NIST can be inferred through the calibration of the measurement equipment provided by THX, but not through any direct comparison with NIST equipment as used at the site.

The measurements and procedures were established through discussions by NIST with Ad Hoc Group members (see Table 3). Some of these measurements and procedures were not performed due to time constraints imposed by the Digital Cinema Ad Hoc Group. In addition to the set-up and diagnostic measurements, the following measurements were made:

Room configuration (geometry of projector, viewer, and screen) Room conditions (ambient light) Screen gain Light output and nonuniformity of white and black Color temperature and white point Color chromaticity of primaries and color gamut area Contrast ratio (checkerboard, sampled, and full-screen) Gray-scale levels and gamma estimation Resolution and contrast modulation Aspect ratio

Patterns were chosen based upon the list of requested measurements and drawn from the set of test patterns developed by Kelley at NIST and Miseli at Sun Microsystems [2]. Descriptions of the patterns described in Table 2 may be found in either the VESA FPDM or the ANSI/PIMA electronic projection standards. Electronic copies of the image files used, in the proper formats,

are available at http://www.itl.nist.gov/div895/TestPatterns/index.html. Because the two display interfaces and image formats differ, the test patterns were generated in the same formats and stored and displayed using the same system components employed for the subjective viewing tests. Pattern generation was based on specifications in the relevant SMPTE standard [3]. The digital formats for the test patterns and cinema clips for the two projectors are as described in the following table.

Image Attribute	DMD Projection System	CRT Projection System		
Color-coding components [4]	R'G'B'	Y'C' _B C' _R		
Addressable active pixels per	1280 X 1024	1920 X 1080		
frame				
Addressable stored pixels per	1920 X 1080	1920 X 1080		
frame				
Sampling	4:4:4	4:2:2		
Bits per sample	10	10		
Full range Rec. 709 code	[64, 940] for R, G, and B	[64, 940] for Y		
values [*]		$[64, 960] C_B$, and C_R		
Image file format	DPX [5]	YUV		

Table 2. Test Patterns

DESCRIPTION	PATTERN		
SETUP PATTERNS			
Used in setup of projector.			
White background version is based upon ANSI setup pattern			
FULL SCREEN WHITE	$^{\circ}$ $^{\circ}$ $^{\circ}$ $^{\circ}$		
Used for white luminance, white nonuniformity, color temperature, and full-screen contrast, measurements	\circ \circ \circ		
temperature, and run sereen contrast measurements.	<u> </u>		

^{*} These code values map to the full range of light output of both projectors. See Ref. 4, p. 12.

FULL SCREEN BLACK	
Used for black luminance, black nonuniformity, and	\circ \circ \circ
full-screen contrast measurements.	\circ \circ \circ
FULL SCREEN COLOR PRIMARIES	0
Used for color luminance and chromaticity	\circ \circ \circ
measurements.	\circ \circ \circ
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4×4 CHECKERBOARD CONTRAST PATTERN	
Used for checkerboard contrast (ANSI contrast)	
ALIGNMENT PATTERNS	
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Used for aspect ratio measurements	

Used for gray-level luminance and chromaticity measurements, and gamma estimation. Eight full-screen gray levels were used, assuming 10 bits, with Rec. 709 range $[64 - 940]$: Black (0) = 64/940 Level (1) = 189/940 Level (2) = 314/940 Level (3) = 439/940 Level (4) = 564/940 Level (5) = 689/940 Level (6) = 815/940 White (7) = 940/940 (7) = 940/940 (7) = 940/940	FULL SCREEN GRAY LEVELS		° ()	0	\circ
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Level (4) = 564/940 Level (5) = 689/940 White (7) = 940/940 White (7) = 940/940 White (7) = 040/940 White (7)	Level $(3) = 439/940$		0	\bigcirc	0
Level (6) = $815/940$ White (7) = $940/940$	Level $(4) = 564/940$ Level $(5) = 689/940$			0	0
White (7) = 940/940	Level (6) = $815/940$	(Ukas)		0	\circ
	White $(7) = 940/940$		0	0	0
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					0
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N×N HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL GRILL PATTERNS (1×1, 2×2, 3×3, 4×4, 5×5)

Used for contrast modulation and resolution measurements. Unless specified otherwise, these patterns will always start with white at left or top. Not all grill patterns are shown here. Patterns shown are magnified for demonstration purposes.





1) Projector setup

a) references

ANSI/NAPM IT7.228 (IEC Draft 61947-1)

1.1 Stipulations

ANSI/NAPM IT7.227 (IEC 61947-2)

1.2 Stipulations

VESA FPDM Ver 2.0 (2001)

301 Setup of Display and Equipment

b) patterns

- i) Setup pattern with white background
- ii) Setup pattern with 50 % gray background
- iii) Setup pattern with black background
- iv) Full-screen white field pattern
- v) Others as needed
- c) procedures
 - i) Place full-screen white field on screen.
 - ii) Warm up projector for a minimum of 20 min.
 - iii) Adjust projector controls to desired settings using setup patterns and other appropriate patterns (performed by projector manufacturers).
 - iv) At this point, projector controls remain unchanged throughout measurements for the results to be valid.

2) Evaluate measurement apparatus and room conditions

- a) references [6]
 - VESA FPDM Ver 2.0 (2001)
 - 301-2 Measurement and Display Conditions
 - 301-3 Display Setup and Subjective Testing
 - 301-4 Measurement Repeatability (Luminance)
 - A101 Veiling Glare and Lens Flare Errors
 - A221 Statements of Uncertainty
- b) patterns
 - i) Full-screen white field pattern
 - ii) Full-screen 4×4 checkerboard pattern
- c) procedures [6]
 - i) Evaluate alignment error of illuminance meter.
 - ii) Determine illuminance position error.
 - iii) Determine repeatability of luminance measurements.
 - iv) Measure ambient light conditions.
 - v) Determine veiling glare effects.
 - vi) Determine other stray-light contributions.
 - vii)Measure screen gain.

3) Light output, color, and nonuniformity of white and black

- a) references
 - ANSI/NAPM IT7.228 (IEC Draft 61947-1)
 - 4 Light output measurement and specification

4.2 Light uniformity

- ANSI/NAPM IT7.227 (IEC 61947-2)
 - 4.1 Light output measurements
 - 5.1 Light output specifications
 - 5.2 Light output uniformity
- VESA FPDM Ver 2.0 (2001)
 - 306-1 Sampled Uniformity & Color of White
 - 306-2 Sampled Uniformity of Black

b) patterns

- i) Full-screen white field pattern
- ii) Full-screen white field pattern with 13 measurement alignment circles
- iii) Full-screen black field pattern
- iv) Full-screen black field pattern with 13 measurement alignment circles
- c) procedures
 - i) Place white field pattern onto projection screen. Use the pattern with 13 measurement alignment circles to align LMD at each measurement point, and switch to pattern without circles for measurement.

- ii) Place LMD at design viewing location.
- iii) Measure luminance at each measurement location, L_i , where i=1,...,13.
- iv) Calculate the sampled white luminance $L_w = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n=9} L_i$ and the sampled

chromaticity $x_w = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n=9} x_i$, $y_w = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n=9} y_i$ for the *n*=9 positions on the white field (don't use the four corner positions).

v) Calculate the nonuniformity of white, *Nonuniformity* = 100% $\left(1 - \frac{L_{\min}}{L_{\max}}\right)$, where L_{\max} and

 L_{\min} are the maximum and minimum measured white luminance, respectively, of the sampled white luminance set: L_i , where i = 1, ..., 13.

- vi) Place black field pattern onto projection screen. Use the pattern with 13 measurement alignment circles to align LMD at each measurement point, and switch to pattern without circles for measurement.
- vii) Place LMD at design viewing location.
- viii) Measure luminance at each measurement location, L_i , where i = 1, ..., 13.
- ix) Calculate the sampled black luminance $L_b = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n=9} L_i$ and the sampled

chromaticity $x_b = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n=9} x_i$, $y_b = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n=9} y_i$ for the *n*=9 positions on the black field (don't use the four corner positions)

use the four corner positions).

x) Calculate the nonuniformity of black, *Nonuniformity* = 100% $\left(1 - \frac{L_{\min}}{L_{\max}}\right)$, where L_{\max} and

 L_{\min} are the maximum and minimum measured black luminance, respectively, of the sampled black luminance set: L_i , where i = 1, ..., 13.

xi) Report luminance, nonuniformity, and chromaticity of white and black.

4) Color temperature and white point

a) references:

ANSI/NAPM IT7.228 (IEC Draft 61947-1) 5.5 Color measurements ANSI/NAPM IT7.227 (IEC 61947-2) 6.6 Color measurements VESA FPDM Ver 2.0 (2001) 302-1 Luminance and Color of Full-Screen White

- b) patterns:
 - i) Full-screen white field
 - ii) Full-screen white field with 13 measurement alignment circles
- c) procedures:
 - i) Place white field pattern onto projection screen. Use the pattern with 13 measurement alignment circles to align LMD at each measurement point, and switch to pattern without circles for measurement.

- ii) Direct LMD at center screen position from design viewing location.
- iii) Measure the white-point chromaticity (x_W, y_W) and the CCT.
- iv) Use formulas 5(3.3.4) and 6(3.3.4) in Wyszecki and Stiles, *Color Science* (pp. 145-146, second Ed., Wiley, 1982) to compute the point (x_d, y_d) on the daylight locus that is associated with CCT T_B . First, define $g = 1000 / T_B$ If $T_B < 7000$, then $x_d = -4.6070 g^3 + 2.9678 g^2 + 0.09911 g + 0.244063$. If $T_B > 7000$, then $x_d = -2.0064 g^3 + 1.9018 g^2 + 0.24748 g + 0.237040$. In either case, $y_d = 3.000 x_d^2 + 2.870 x_d - 0.275$.
- v) Convert (x_W, y_W) and (x_d, y_d) to u'v' coordinates: $(u'_W, v'_W) = (4 x_W, 9 y_W)/(3 + 12 y_W - 2 x_W)$ $(u'_d, v'_d) = (4 x_d, 9 y_d)/(3 + 12 y_d - 2 x_d)$
- vi) Evaluate $\Delta u'v'$ between (u'_{W}, v'_{W}) and (u'_{d}, v'_{d}) : $\Delta u'v' = \sqrt{(u'_{W} - u'_{d})^{2} + (v'_{W} - v'_{d})^{2}}$
- vii) Report CCT, chromaticity of white point, and color difference.

5) Color chromaticity and gamut area

- a) references:
 - ANSI/NAPM IT7.228 (IEC Draft 61947-1) 5.51 Color chromatically 5.52 Color uniformity ANSI/NAPM IT7.227 (IEC 61947-2) 6.6.1 Color chromaticity 6.6.2 Color uniformity VESA FPDM Ver 2.0 (2001) 302-4 Gamut and Color of Full Screen 302-4A Gamut-Area Metric
- b) patterns:
 - i) Full-screen red field
 - ii) Full-screen red field with 13 measurement alignment circles
 - iii) Full-screen green field
 - iv) Full-screen green field with 13 measurement alignment circles
 - v) Full-screen blue field
 - vi) Full-screen blue field with 13 measurement alignment circles
- c) procedures:
 - i) For each full-screen primary (RGB), place the appropriate pattern onto projection screen. Use the pattern with 13 measurement alignment circles to align LMD at the measurement point, and switch to pattern without circles for measurement.
 - ii) Measure luminance and chromaticity at center screen for all of the full-screen primaries.

- iii) Calculate projector gamut as a percentage of color space using center-screen values: $A = 256.9 [(u'_r - u'_b)(v'_g - v'_b) - (u'_g - u'_b)(v'_r - v'_b)].$
- iv) Report color gamut area, and for each primary color, report center screen luminance and chromaticity.

6) Contrast ratio

a) references:

ANSI/NAPM IT7.228 (IEC Draft 61947-1) 4.3 Contrast ratio ANSI/NAPM IT7.227 (IEC 61947-2) 5.3 Contrast ratio VESA FPDM Ver 2.0 (2001) 302-3 Darkroom Contrast Ratio of Full Screen 306-3 Sampled Uniformity of Contrast Ratio 304-9 Checkerboard Luminance and Contrast (n×m)

- b) patterns:
 - i) Full-screen white field
 - ii) Full-screen white field with 13 measurement alignment circles
 - iii) Full-screen black field
 - iv) Full-screen black field with 13 measurement alignment circles
 - v) Full-screen 4×4 checkerboard pattern
 - vi) Full-screen 4 × 4 checkerboard pattern with 16 measurement alignment circles
- c) procedures:
 - i) Using the center-screen white and center-screen black luminance measurements, calculate full-screen contrast ratio $C = \frac{L_w}{L_b}$.
 - ii) Using the sampled white and sampled black luminance measurements, calculate average sampled contrast ratio $C_{Uave} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n=9} \frac{L_w}{L_b}$ where i=1,...,9 sampled points on the screen.

iii) Calculate nonuniformity of contrast ratio = 100% $\left(1 - \frac{C_{\text{min}}}{C_{\text{max}}}\right)$, where C_{max} and C_{min} are

the maximum and minimum contrast, respectively, of the sampled contrast set: C_i , where i = 1, ..., 13.

- iv) Place 4×4 checkerboard projection screen. Use the pattern with 16 measurement alignment circles to align LMD at each measurement point, and switch to pattern without circles for measurement.
- v) Direct LMD at center screen position from design viewing location.
- vi) Measure the screen luminance at each of the 16 points, compensating for veiling glare as necessary.

vii) Calculate the average checkerboard contrast $C_{Cave} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{L_w}{L_b}$, where n=8 (number of

black and white checkerboard pairs).

viii) Report the full screen contrast, average sampled contrast, checkerboard (ANSI) contrast, and contrast nonuniformity.

7) Gray Scale

a) references:

VESA FPDM Ver 2.0 (2001) 302-5 Gray Scale of Full Screen 302-5a Determination of "Gamma"

- b) patterns (full-screen gray levels w/ center measurement alignment circles with Rec.709 range [64 940]):
 - i) Full-screen black (0) = 64
 - ii) Full-screen black (0) = 64 with measurement alignment circles
 - iii) Full-screen gray level (1) =189
 - iv) Full-screen gray level (1) =189 gray with measurement alignment circles
 - v) Full-screen level gray (2) = 314
 - vi) Full-screen level gray (2) = 314 with measurement alignment circles
 - vii) Full-screen level gray (3) = 439
 - viii) Full-screen level gray (3) = 439 with measurement alignment circles
 - ix) Full-screen level gray (4) = 564
 - x) Full-screen level gray (4) = 564 with measurement alignment circles
 - xi) Full-screen level gray (5) = 689
 - xii) Full-screen level gray (5) = 689 gray with measurement alignment circles
 - xiii) Full-screen level gray (6) = 815
 - xiv) Full-screen level gray (6) = 815 gray with measurement alignment circles
 - xv) Full-screen white (7) = 940
 - xvi) Full-screen white (7) = 940 with measurement alignment circles
- c) procedures:
 - i) For each full-screen gray level, place the appropriate pattern onto projection screen. Use the pattern with 13 measurement alignment circles to align LMD at the measurement point, and switch to pattern without circles for measurement.
 - ii) Direct the LMD at center screen from the design viewing location.
 - iii) Measure center screen luminance L and chromaticity (x,y) for the full-screen gray scale levels.
 - iv) Plot the electro-optic transfer function and estimate gamma. Because the full dynamic gray scale has black level code of 64, the gray scale codes are adjusted by subtracting 64 for the gamma estimate. Determine the gamma by fitting a curve to the luminance data using the model: $L = aV^{\gamma} + L_b$, or in terms of logs, $\log(L L_b) = \gamma \log(V) + \log(a)$, where *a* and γ relate the signal level *V* to the luminance *L* and L_b is the black-level luminance.

v) Report gray scale luminances and chromaticity, gamma estimate, and show plot of electro-optic transfer function.

8) **Resolution**

- a) references:
 - ANSI/NAPM IT7.228 (IEC Draft 61947-1)
 - 4.4 Small area contrast ratio for alternating black and white pixels
 - 5.1 Displayable format (ANSI Resolution)
 - ANSI/NAPM IT7.227 (IEC 61947-2)
 - 6.1 Variable resolution measurement and specification
 - Annex G Alternative method for measuring resolution using the NIDL grille contrast method
 - VESA FPDM Ver 2.0 (2001)
 - 303-2 N×N Grille Luminance and Contrast
 - 303-7 Resolution from Contrast Modulation
- b) patterns (black on white):
 - i) 1×1 vertical grill (1 column on, 1 column off)
 - ii) 2×2 vertical grill
 - iii) 3×3 vertical grill
 - iv) 4×4 vertical grill
 - v) 5×5 vertical grill
 - vi) 1×1 horizontal grill (1 row on, 1 row off)
 - vii) 2×2 horizontal grill
 - viii) 3×3 horizontal grill
 - ix) 4×4 horizontal grill
 - x) 4 × 4 horizontal grill
- c) procedures:
 - i) Place the appropriate pattern onto projection screen.
 - ii) Direct the LMD at center screen from the design viewing position.
 - iii) Measure the black illuminance E_k and white illuminance E_w for several grilles and take the average for black and white.
 - iv) Calculate the contrast modulation $C_m = \frac{E_{peak} E_{valley}}{E_w + E_k}$ for each pattern, where E_w and

 $E_{\rm k}$ are the average white and black checkerboard illuminances, respectively.

v) Calculate n_r , the calculated grille line width (in pixels) for which C_m is estimated to be equal to the contrast modulation threshold $C_T = 33\%$ (ANSI) or $C_T = 25\%$ (VESA):

$$n_r = n + \frac{C_T - C_m(n)}{C_m(n+1) - C_m(n)}$$
 for $C_m(n) < C_T < C_m(n+1)$.

vi) Calculate the resolution (in number of resolvable pixels) = $\frac{\# of \ addressable \ lines}{n_r}$ for

both horizontal and vertical directions.

vii)Report addressability, resolution, and show contrast modulation plots.

9) Aspect Ratio

- a) references: ANSI/NAPM IT7.228 (IEC Draft 61947-1) 5.2 Aspect Ratio VESA FPDM Ver 2.0 (2001) 501-2 Aspect Ratio
- b) pattern:
 - i) Distortion pattern
- c) procedures:
 - i) Place distortion pattern on screen.
 - ii) Measure horizontal distance across center, H.
 - iii) Measure vertical distance across center, V.
 - iv) Calculate aspect ratio $\alpha = \frac{H}{V}$.
 - v) Convert decimal aspect ratio to the nearest integer aspect ratio.

Table 4. PROJECTION SYSTEM † CHARACTERISTICS FOR MPEG DIGITAL CINEMA TESTING ‡

DATE: June 21, 2001 LOCATION: Warner/Pacific Theater, Hollywood, CA MEASUREMENTS TAKEN BY: Simon Allen, THX; Paul Miller, ETC OBSERVERS Paul Boynton, Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory, NIST Charles Fenimore, Information Technology Laboratory, NIST

GEOMETRY		DMD Projection System	CRT Projection System		
	Projector distance from center screen	14 m	9 m		
	Design viewing distance from center screen	5 m	5 m		
	Angle of incidence	0.4 °	10 °		
	Angle of reflectance	25 °	25 °		
AMBIE	ENT LIGHT (center screen, projector off)	0.02 lx	0.02 lx		
SCREE	CN GAIN (from design viewing location)	1.0	1.0		
LUMIN	ANCE AND UNIFORMITY				
	Sampled luminance of white	43 cd/m^2	4.6 cd/m^2		
	Sampled luminance of black	0.05 cd/m^2	0.01 cd/m^2		
	Nonuniformity of white	32 %	59 %		
	Nonuniformity of black	54 %	5.9 %		
	Sampled color temperature	5837 K	6508 K		
	Sampled white point (x,y)	(0.324, 0.362)	(0.313, 0.314)		
LUMIN PRIMA	NANCE AND CHROMATICITY OF				
	Luminance of red	7.0 cd/m^2	2.7 cd/m^2		
	Chromaticity of red (x,y)	(0.660, 0.305)	(0.659, 0.338)		
	Luminance of green	18 cd/m^2	4.7 cd/m^2		
	Chromaticity of green (x,y)	(0.251, 0.665)	(0.325, 0.590)		
	Luminance of blue	3.1 cd/m^2	0.6 cd/m^2		
	Chromaticity of blue (x,y)	(0.138, 0.070)	(0.146, 0.064)		
	Color gamut area	39.5 %	32.6 %		
CONT	RAST				
	Full screen contrast ratio at center	880:1	940:1		
	Sampled contrast ratio (9-point)	930:1	690:1		
	Contrast nonuniformity (13-point)	56 %	40 %		
	Checkerboard contrast (4×4)	140:1	76:1		

[†] Includes projector, screen, storage system, interfaces, and converters for luminance measurements. Illuminance measurements (including the resolution measurements) do not include the screen in the system.

[‡] The relative expanded uncertainty for the photometric measurements is estimated to be ± 12 % for a coverage factor of *k*=2, and for the colorimetric measurements, ± 0.005 in CIE 1931 chromaticity coordinates (x,y).

RESOLUTION		DMD Projection System	CRT Projection System
	Contrast modulation threshold criteria	25 %	25 %
	Addressability-horizontal	1280	1920
	Addressability-vertical	1024	1080
	# Of resolvable pixels—horizontal	1280	1528
	# Of resolvable pixels—vertical	1024	794
ASPECT RATIO			
	Decimal	1.25	1.79
	Integer	5:4	16:9

GRAY SCALE		DMD Projection System		CRT Projection System			
	Gamma	2.53		2.18			
		luminance	Х	у	luminance	Х	у
	Gray Scale Value=940	44	0.324	0.363	6.4	0.318	0.315
	Gray Scale Value=815	29	0.324	0.363	4.9	0.322	0.319
	Gray Scale Value=689	18	0.324	0.363	3.5	0.325	0.320
	Gray Scale Value=564	10	0.324	0.364	2.2	0.329	0.317
	Gray Scale Value=439	4.9	0.324	0.363	1.3	0.326	0.309
	Gray Scale Value=314	1.7	0.325	0.363	0.53	0.319	0.301
	Gray Scale Value=189	0.33	0.330	0.363	0.087	0.326	0.317
	Gray Scale Value=64	0.053	0.368	0.365	0.0084	low signal	





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