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## INTRODUCTION

Current display measurement standards mainly use simple test patterns to estimate the display performance. These test patterns would typically contain only one colour, or a colour with a black background. However, as recent research has shown, modern display electronics can be content-aware, and adjust the display rendering based on the input image content. Therefore, multi-colour test patterns that more closely simulate realistic image content are recommended in order to better represent the display performance.

This Technical Report discusses the impact of the display drive electronics and image processing on the display rendering behaviour, and reviews research results that demonstrate the need for multi-colour test patterns and average picture level loading considerations.

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## ELECTRONIC DISPLAY DEVICES –

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62977, which is a Technical Report, reviews the impact of test pattern colour content and image loading on the measured display's photometric and colorimetric performance. Experimental data for several display technologies is presented to demonstrate the need for using a broader range of colours in the test patterns, and measuring the display at an image loading level appropriate for the intended application.

#### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

#### 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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##### 3.1 Terms and definitions

###### 3.1.1

###### signal pixel

smallest encoded picture element in the input image

###### 3.1.2

###### pre-gamma average picture level

average input level of all signal pixels relative to an equivalent white pixel driven by a digital RGB input

Note 1 to entry: Unless otherwise stated, the pre-gamma average picture level (*APL*) will simply be referred to as average picture level in this document.

Note 2 to entry: the *APL* will normally be expressed as a percentage, where a full white screen at maximum drive level would be 100 % *APL*.

##### 3.2 Abbreviated terms

APL	average picture level
CIE	Commission Internationale de L'Eclairage (International Commission on Illumination)
LUT	look-up tables
OLED	organic light emitting diode
RGB	red, green, and blue
sRGB	standard RGB colour space as defined in IEC 61966-2-1
WRGB	white, red, green, and blue