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Introduction

International Color Consortium (ICC) input and output profiles contain transforms between device data encodings and the ICC Profile Connection Space (PCS). These transforms should provide either an accurate colour match or a pleasing rendering, depending on the chosen rendering intent.

The following guidelines are provided to assist in the evaluation of the colorimetric rendering intent transforms in ICC v4 profiles. Any tolerances provided in this document are for guidance only and may not be suitable for all applications.

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1 Scope

This document describes procedures for evaluating the accuracy of colorimetric rendering intents in ICC profiles.

It applies to v4 ICC profiles made according to ISO 15076-1.

It does not apply to subjective tests of ICC profiles, such as for perceptual or saturation rendering intents, and it does not apply to high dynamic range colour media or spaces.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that one or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 15076-1, *Image technology colour management — Architecture, profile format and data structure — Part 1: Based on ICC.1:2010*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1.1

AToB1Tag

structure in an ICC profile that encodes the forward model in media-relative colorimetry

3.1.2

BToA1Tag

structure in an ICC profile that encodes the inverse model in media-relative colorimetry

3.1.3

Chromatic AdaptationTag

invertible matrix which converts a CIE XYZ colour, measured using the actual illumination conditions and relative to the actual adopted white, to a CIE XYZ colour relative to the PCS adopted white with complete adaptation

3.1.4

colour lookup table

array of values corresponding to the output of a transform applied to a grid of values which span the input data encoding