

SMPTE RECOMMENDED PRACTICE

Interchange Reference Tape for 1-in Type C Helical-Scan Video Tape Recorders



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Table 1
Reference Signal Sequence

Video	Audio 1	Audio 2	Audio 3	Start	End
Multiburst	1 kHz	1 kHz ref	1 kHz	00:00	01:00
Ramp	63 Hz	63 Hz	63 Hz	01:00	02:00
Window & Pulses	4 kHz	4 kHz	4 kHz	02:00	03:00
Color Bars	16 kHz	16 kHz	16 kHz	03:00	04:00
Chroma Field	Silent	Silent	Silent	04:00	05:00
Multiburst	1 kHz* (-8 dB)	0	Time Code	05:00	05:15
Multiburst	63 Hz* (+8 dB)	0	Time Code	05:15	05:30
Multiburst	16 kHz* (+8 dB)	0	Time Code	05:30	05:45
Multiburst	1 kHz* (-8 dB)	1 kHz* (-8 dB)	Time Code	05:45	06:00
Ramp	Silent	63 Hz* (+8 dB)	Time Code	06:00	06:15
Ramp	Silent	16 kHz* (+8 dB)	Time Code	06:15	06:30
Ramp	Silent	0	Time Code	06:30	07:00
Window & Pulses	Frequency Response* (-10 dB)	Frequency Response (-10 dB)	Frequency Response	07:00	08:00
Color Bars	Frequency Response* (-10 dB)	Frequency Response (-10 dB)	Frequency Response	08:00	09:00
50 IRE Gray Field	Frequency Response* (-10 dB)	Frequency Response (-10 dB)	Frequency Response	09:00	10:00

Note: Frequency response sequence: 1 kHz (ref.), 30 sec., each tone 12 sec., and final 1 kHz (secondary ref.) 18 sec.

*Above reference level
*Below reference level

- 3.4.1 Time Tolerance. The tolerance of all times shown in Table 1 shall be +0.3 seconds or -3.0 seconds.
4. Calibration
 - 4.1 Video Calibration. All video measurements of luminance levels shall be made in accordance with American National Standard Method of Measurement of Television Luminance Signal Levels, ANSI/IEEE 205-1958 (R1972).
 - 4.2 Audio Calibration. The short circuit tape flux on the reference tape shall be determined by means of the calibrated short-gap ferrromagnetic core reproducer technique. This technique is described in the following references:
American National Standard Method of Measuring Recorded Flux of Magnetic Sound Records at Medium Wavelengths, ANSI/IEEE 347-1982.
MC KNIGHT, J. G. Flux and flux-frequency response measurements and standardization in magnetic recording, Jour. SMPTE, vol. 78, no. 6, June 1969, pp 457-472.
LOVICK, R. C.; BARTOW, R. E.; and SCHEG, R. F. Recording and calibration of super-8 magnetic reproducer test films, Jour. SMPTE, vol. 78, no. 6, June 1969, pp 473-481.

1. Scope
 - 1.1 This practice specifies an interchange reference tape to be used with 1-in Type C helical-scan video tape recorders, as defined in American National Standard Dimensions and Location of Records for 1-in Type C Helical-Scan Video Tape Recording, ANSI C98.19M-1979. It is to be used for verification and/or adjustment of parameters including:
 - 1.1.1 Angular position and elevation of the video heads
 - 1.1.2 Track straightness
 - 1.1.3 Phase of control track
 - 1.1.4 Audio head azimuths and elevations
 - 1.1.5 Skew errors (verification only)

3. Reference Signals

- 3.1 Video Signal. The video signal shall consist of 40 units of sync conforming to EIA J Envelope Standard No. 1 and 100 ± 1 IRE units of a white field video signal from the end of H blanking to the beginning of H blanking on all active video lines.

3.2 Audio Signals

- 3.2.1 A 4 kHz ± 2 percent tone recorded at reference level conforming to the record pre-emphasis specified in American National Standard Frequency Response and Reference Level of Recorders and Reproducers for Audio Records for 1-in Type C Helical-Scan Video Tape Recording, ANSI C98.20M-1979. Stereo phase error between Channel 1 and Channel 2 shall be less than 5°.
- 3.2.2 A 16 kHz ± 2 percent tone recorded at the level as specified in ANSI C98.20-1979.

- 3.3 Sequence of Signals. Video and audio signals shall be recorded in the following sequence:

Video	Audio 1	Audio 2	Audio 3	Time
Test	Voice An-	—	—	00:00:00:30
Signal	insert	insert	insert	
Video	4 kHz 0 dB	1 kHz 0 dB	1 kHz 0 dB	00:30:03:30
Test	reference level	reference level	reference level	
Signal	level	level	level	
Video	16 kHz 0 dB refer-	16 kHz 0 dB refer-	16 kHz 0 dB refer-	05:30:10:00
Test	ence level	ence level	ence level	
Signal	ence level	ence level	ence level	

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