

Kodak DIRECTVIEW Total Quality Tool

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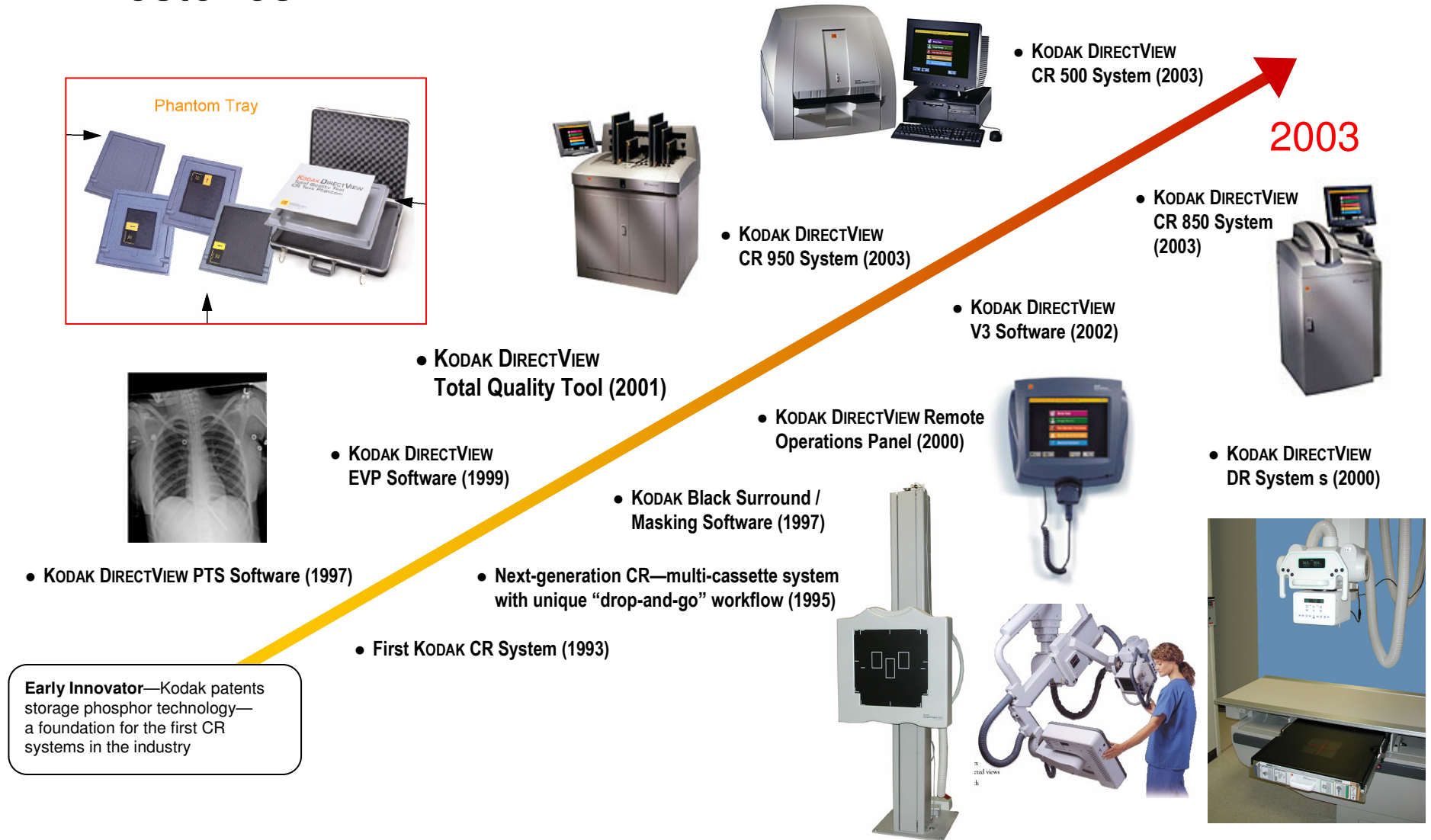
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A BETTER VIEW OF LIFE.



KODAK Digital Capture Solutions

Milestones



KODAK DIRECTVIEW CR 500 System

New!

Fast tabletop CR with premium quality, performance, and features

- Process over **60 cassettes/hour**
- **High-performance** digital imaging in a **compact, modular system**
- **Image quality, advanced image processing** = full size CR
- **Easy-to-use** interface of premium Kodak DirectView CR systems
- Cassettes are lightweight and durable

Application

- **Radiology department, clinic or office, ICU, CCU, or other facility**
- **Moderate exam volumes**



Compact size without compromising quality or throughput



KODAK DIRECTVIEW CR 850 System

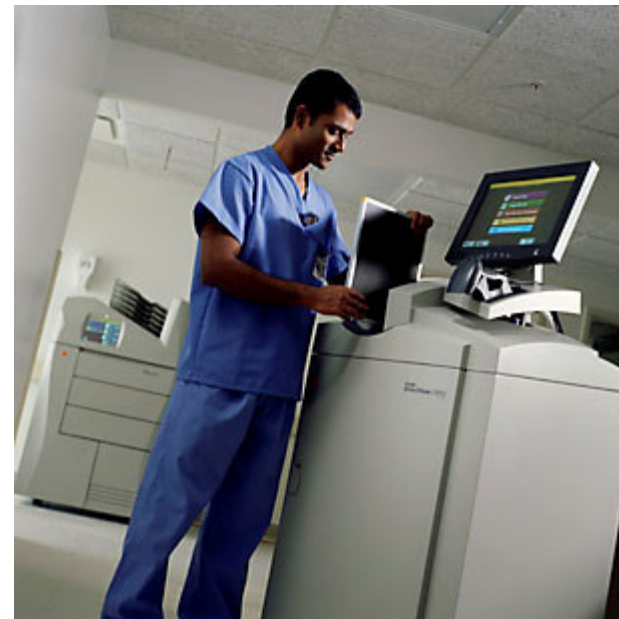
Fastest single-cassette CR (35x43)

- Process up to **104 cassettes/hour**, **91 14x17 size /hour**
- Streamlined footprint 25 X 29 in.
- **Forward images** diagnostic workstation after review or auto-route if desired
- **Easy-to-use** interface is designed for consistency across Kodak DirectView CR *and* DR systems

Application

- **Distributed CR applications**—radiology department, ER, ICU, or other
- **Medium-to-high exam volumes**

Speed where its needed



...and lighter cassettes!



KODAK DIRECTVIEW CR 950 System

New!

Multiple-cassette centralized processing with decentralized workflow



...and lighter cassettes!

Enables drop-and-go workflow

- Drop-and-go workflow
 - Process up to 86 cassettes/hour (8 exposed / 8 erased cassettes at one time)
 - Support multiple x-ray examination rooms
 - Reduce time away from the patient
- 16 cassette management system
 - 8 in/8 out
- Easy-to-use interface is designed for consistency across Kodak DirectView CR and DR systems

Application

- **Centralized general radiography**
- **Multiple x-ray imaging rooms**
- **Medium-to-high exam volumes**



KODAK DIRECTVIEW Remote Operations Panel



- **Extend CR functionality** to the point of patient care
- Wall-mounted **touch-screen** panel
- **Network up to ten remote operations panels** to a DirectView CR system to extend system reach

More time with patients, less time with CR



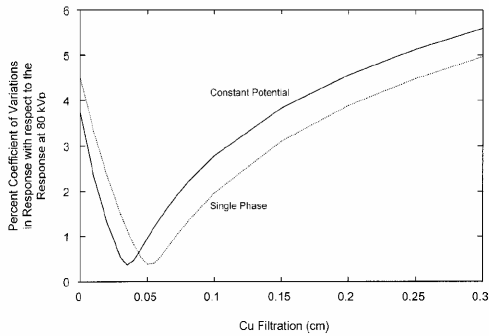
Quality Assurance

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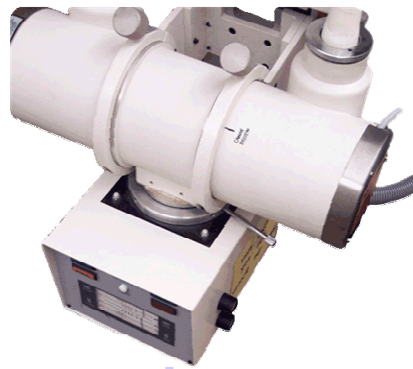
- Exposure Calibration.
- Exposure tracking and reporting.
- Repeat statistics.
- Manual QC documentation
- Automatic QC capability



Exposure Calibration



0.5 mm Cu
1.0 mm Al



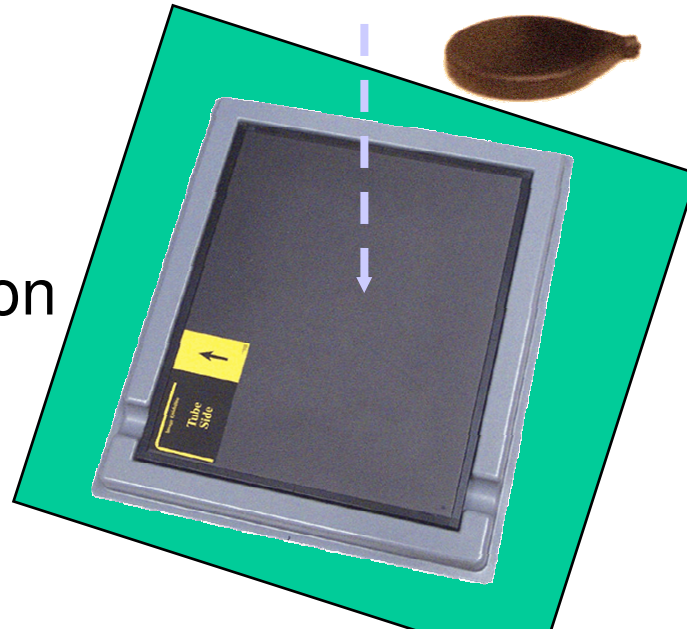
2.6 mm Al
Inherent Filtration

10.0 ± 0.2 mR
@ 80 kVp

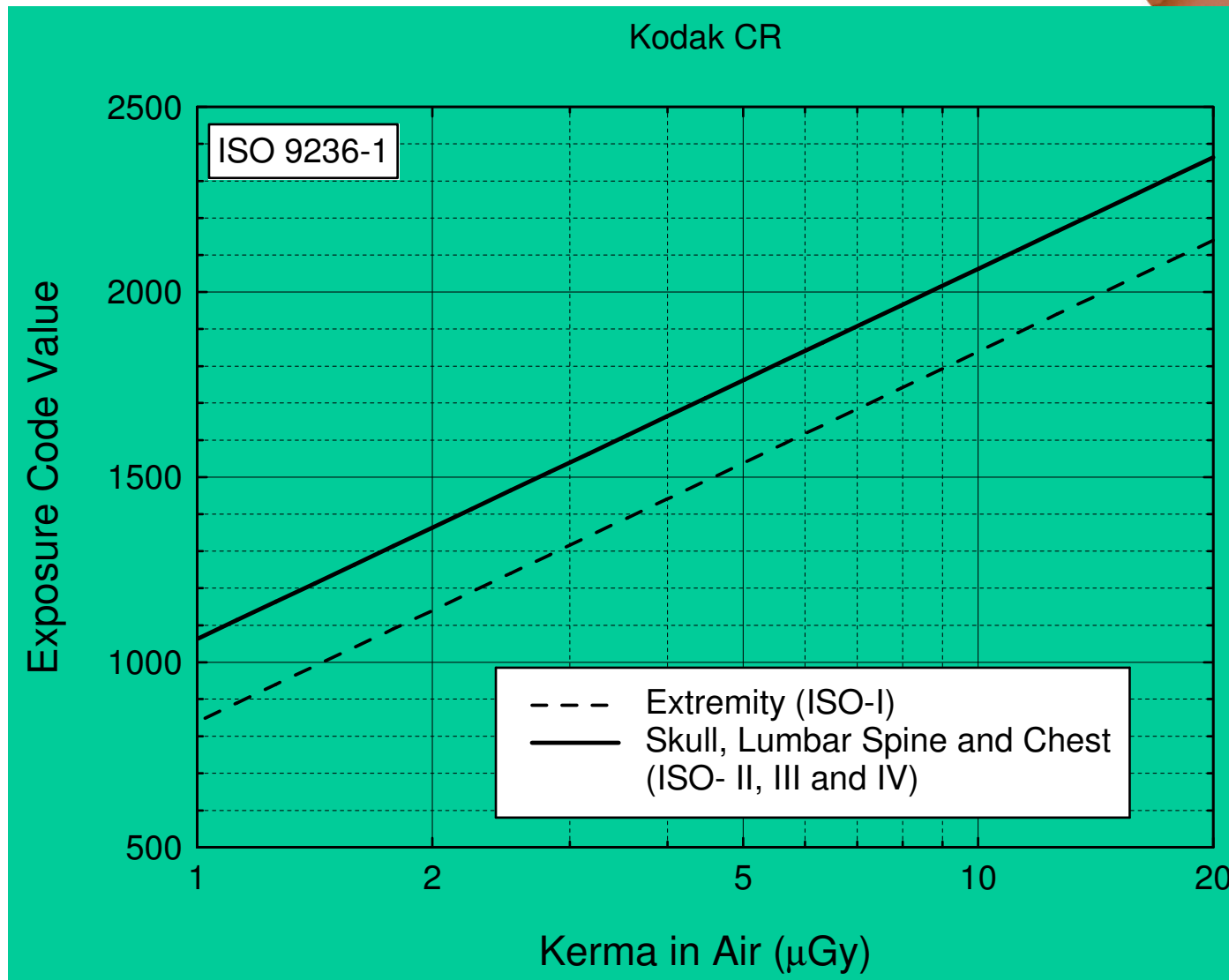


≥ 180 cm

Lead Apron



Dose Response - Computed Radiography

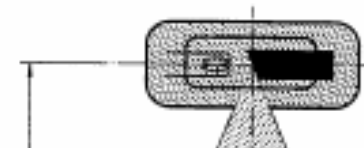


ISO-9236-1 Speed Measurement

Table 2 — Specification of techniques

Technique number	Approximate X-ray tube voltage ¹⁾ kV	Half-value layer mm Al	Exposure times ms	Distance between the back of the phantom and the detector ²⁾ mm
I Extremities	50	3,0	100 ± 50	60
II Skull	70	5,7	200 ± 100	60
III Lumbar spine and colon	90	7,4	200 ± 100	60
IV Chest	120	8,5	20 ± 10	60

1) The geometry for establishing the tube voltage is described in 7.2.5. The beam qualities for determination of the



Dimensions

7 Determination of speed

7.1 Definition

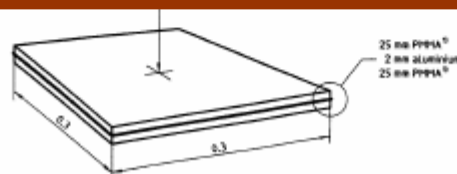
The speed S is calculated from:

$$S = K_0 / K_S$$

where

K_0 is 10^{-3} Gy

K_S is the air kerma (in grays) incident on the combination behind a phantom to produce a net density of 1,0.



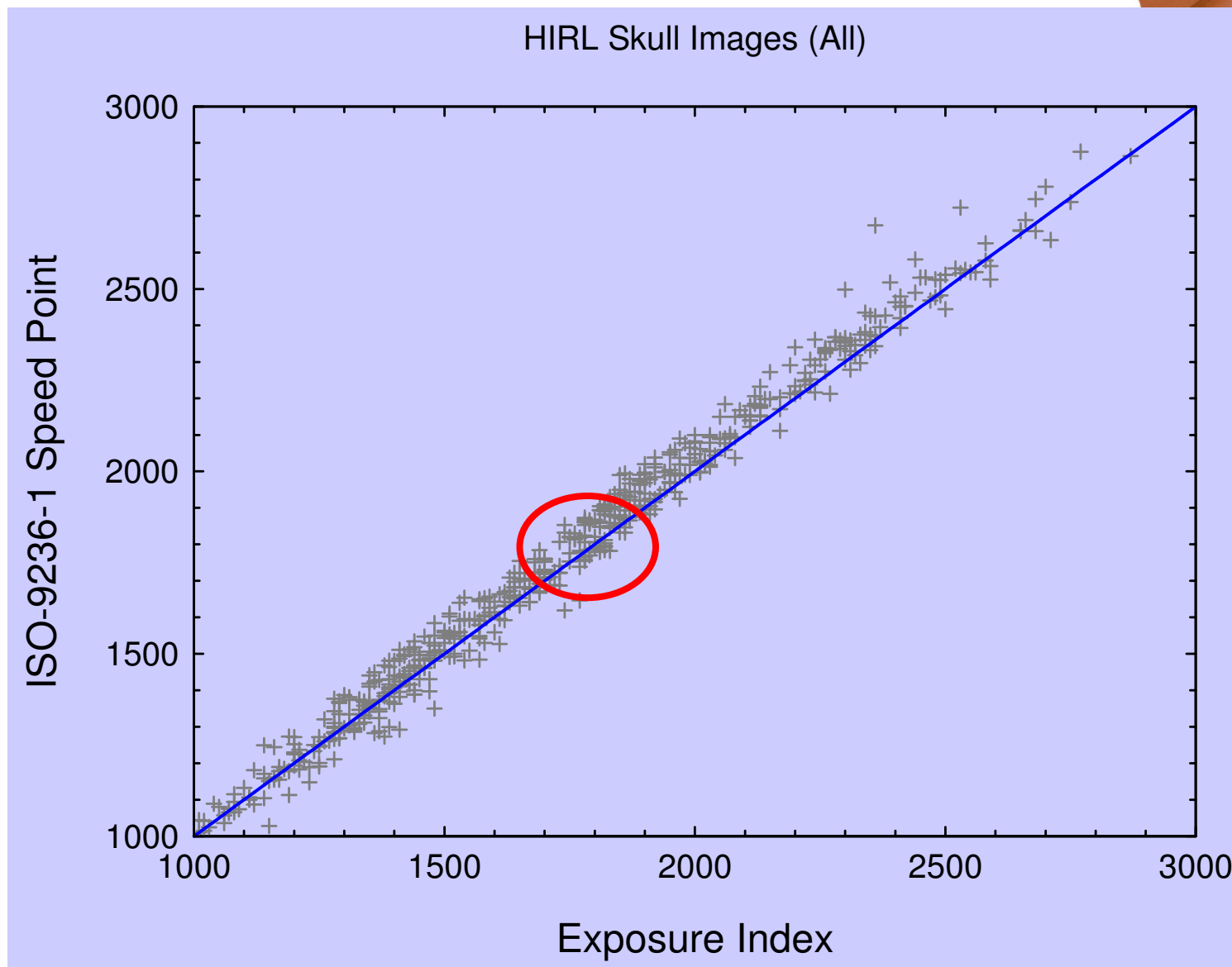
PMMA: Poly(methyl methacrylate).

Figure 4 — Phantom for technique I



Figure 6 — Geometric set-up for the measurement of speed (techniques I, II and III)

Exposure Index vs. ISO Speed



Exposure Index Reporting

The screenshot displays a medical imaging control panel. On the left, an X-ray of a shoulder is shown. A white box labeled "Exposure Index" has an arrow pointing to a yellow grid on the X-ray. A white circle highlights the "Exposure Index: 1510" value in the patient information bar. The control interface on the right includes a numeric keypad (4095, 2048), directional arrows, a histogram, and buttons for "ACCEPT IMAGE", "REJECT IMAGE", "MAIN MENU", and "BACK".

Exposure Index

Jones
Accession Number: Patient ID: 1234
Tech ID: Cassette ID: 9102030312
Shoulder
Exposure Index: 1510

4095 2048

Image Processing

ACCEPT IMAGE REJECT IMAGE

MAIN MENU BACK

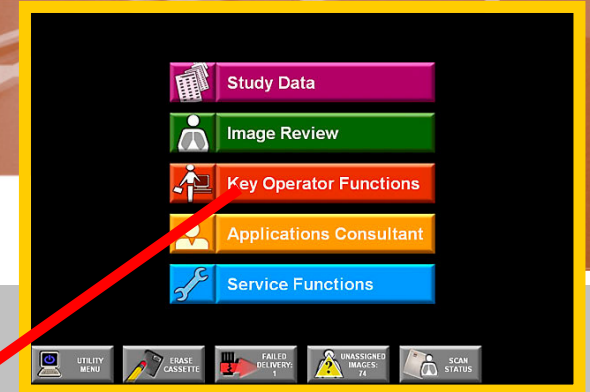


DICOM Tags

Attribute Name	Tag	Description
ACQ KVP	0018,0060	Peak kV
ACQ Exposure Time	0018 1150	Exposure time in ms
ACQ X-ray Tube Current	0018,1151	Tube Current in mA
ACQ Exposure	0018 1152	Tube current-time product in mAs
ACQ Relative X-ray Exposure	0018 1405	Exposure Index



Clinical Quality Assurance



Overview of Key Operator Features and Advantages

Features	Path to the Feature Location	Advantages
Cassette Statistics	Key Operator > Statistics > Cassette Statistics	On a cassette basis, view statistics such as number of scans, accepts, and rejects
Destination Statistics	Key Operator > Statistics > Destination Statistics	On a destination basis, view statistics such as the number of failed and successful deliveries
Tech Statistics	Key Operator > Statistics > Tech Statistics	On a technologist basis, view statistics such as number of accepts, rejects, and average exposure value
Scan Cycles	Key Operator > Statistics > Scan Cycles	View the number of erase cycles for each pair of erase lamps
Destination Status Summary	Key Operator > Statistics > Destination Status Summary	On a destination basis, view statistics such as number of jobs sent, jobs failed, and job status



CR & DR Exposure Index Logging

Tech ID	Body Part	Projection	Exposure Index	Exam Date	Exam Time	Scan Date	Scan Time	Patient ID	Accession Number	Reject Comments
BEW	Chest	PA	1960	5/6/2004	09:22:57	5/6/2004	09:26:16	3492139	1123474	
BEW	Chest	Lateral	2020	5/6/2004	09:22:57	5/6/2004	09:27:19	3492139	1123474	
BEW	Facial Bones	PA	2110	5/6/2004	09:38:10	5/6/2004	09:38:40	10323889	1123504	
BEW	Facial Bones	PA	1980	5/6/2004	09:38:10	5/6/2004	09:40:16	10323889	1123504	
BEW	Chest	AP	2130	5/6/2004	09:38:10	5/6/2004	09:42:33	10323889	1123504	
BEW	Abdomen	AP	2070	5/6/2004	09:50:10	5/6/2004	09:52:33	3769247	1123507	Clipped Anatomy
BEW	Abdomen	AP	2050	5/6/2004	09:50:10	5/6/2004	09:53:39	3769247	1123507	
RMG	Chest	Lateral	1950	5/6/2004	11:06:25	5/6/2004	11:11:17	1970086	1123778	
RMG	Chest	PA	1990	5/6/2004	11:06:25	5/6/2004	11:12:21	1970086	1123778	
BEW	Chest	PA	2000	5/6/2004	11:16:04	5/6/2004	11:18:12	5325378	1123803	
BEW	Chest	Lateral	1900	5/6/2004	11:16:04	5/6/2004	11:19:19	5325378	1123803	
MMW	Abdomen	AP	2430	5/6/2004	11:20:30	5/6/2004	11:20:49	2833481	1123810	Patient Motion
MMW	Abdomen	AP	2410	5/6/2004	11:20:30	5/6/2004	11:22:03	2833481	1123810	
MMW	Chest	PA	1720	5/6/2004	11:43:58	5/6/2004	11:45:42	7328693	1123915	
MMW	Chest	Lateral	1840	5/6/2004	11:43:58	5/6/2004	11:46:57	7328693	1123915	
BEW	Chest	PA	1950	5/6/2004	11:44:26	5/6/2004	11:48:09	5665344	1123920	
BEW	Chest	Lateral	1910	5/6/2004	11:44:26	5/6/2004	11:49:12	5665344	1123920	

Manual Acceptance Testing and Quality Control

Technical and Scientific Bulletin

Guidelines for Acceptance Testing and Quality Control

Kodak DirectView CR 800 System
and
Kodak DirectView CR 900 System

- Preliminary testing (x-ray machine, displays, printers)
- Inventory & Inspection
- Throughput
- Linearity
- Uniformity & Artifacts
- Erase Function
- Geometry
- Cassette testing (Exposure Response, Uniformity and Artifacts)

Acceptance Testing:

Quality Control Testing:

CT800 Acceptance T1

Yearly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete acceptance test
Twice yearly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cassette Exposure Response, Uniformity and Artifacts - Test the 10 mR system response and visually check the resulting image from each cassette for uniformity and artifacts.
Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visually inspect all screens for dust and scratches
Weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erase all unused cassettes • Verify luminance calibration of workstation displays
Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify printer-processor density calibration



Kodak TQT – CR Testing Matrix

Manufacturing \Leftrightarrow Service \Leftrightarrow User

Exposure Response

- *Linearity & Noise*

Spatial Resolution - MTF

- *Slow scan & fast scan*

- *50% and 95% f_{Nyquist}*

Geometric Accuracy

- *Pixel Spacing, Aspect Ratio, Scan Linearity*

Field Uniformity

Erase

Artifacts:

- *Streaks, Pixel-Position Error, Line-Position Error*

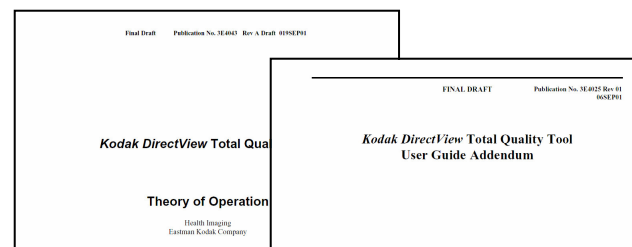
System Electronic Noise



Acceptance Testing and Quality Control

Kodak Total Quality Tool

- **Phantom** - *targets for quantitative analyses*
- **Procedure** - *acquire phantom and flat-field images using controlled exposures*
- **Analysis Software** - *automatic image analyses and decision making*
- **Documentation**
 - Theory of Operation
 - User Guide Addendum
 - Quick Users



**Quick Reference Guide for the
Kodak DirectView Total Quality Tool**

CR SYSTEM TESTING

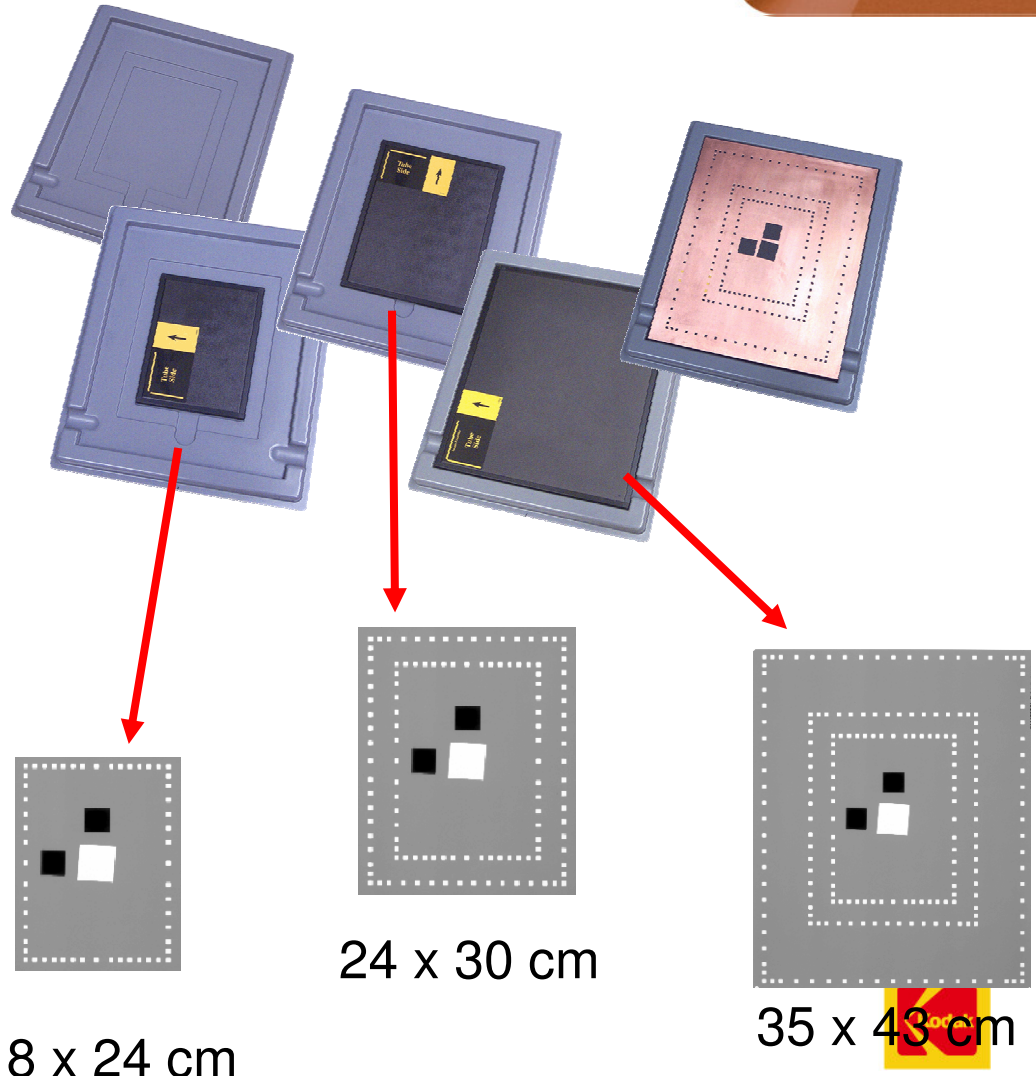
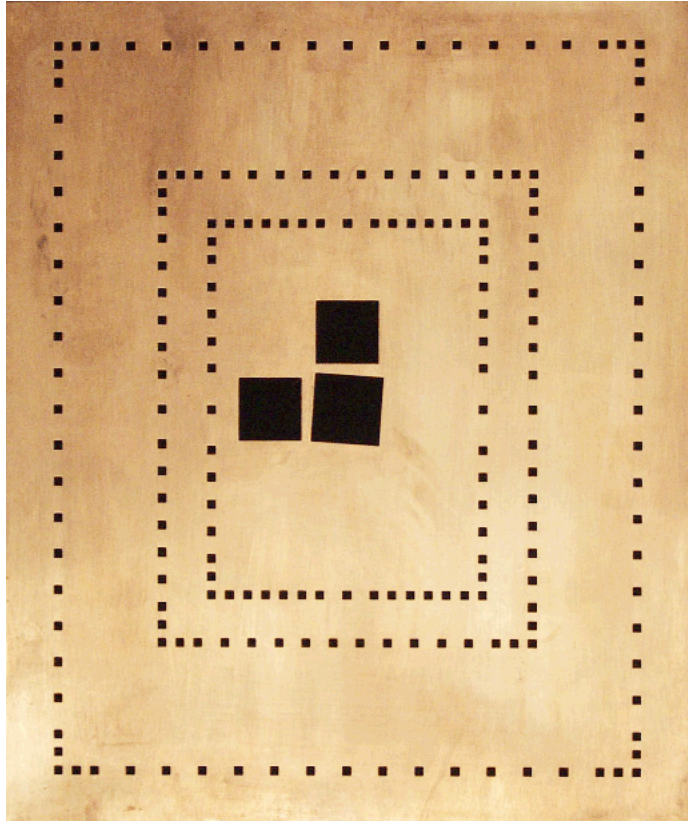
Starting the Total Quality Tool:
From the CR System main menu, touch Key Operator, then touch Total Quality Tool.

Closing the Total Quality Tool:

Performing CR System Tests:
DO NOT load the cassette before starting the test.

1. At Total Quality tool main page, touch the button for the test you wish to perform.
2. When you see the "Load cassette..." message, load the appropriate test cassette for the selected test.

Kodak TQT Phantom

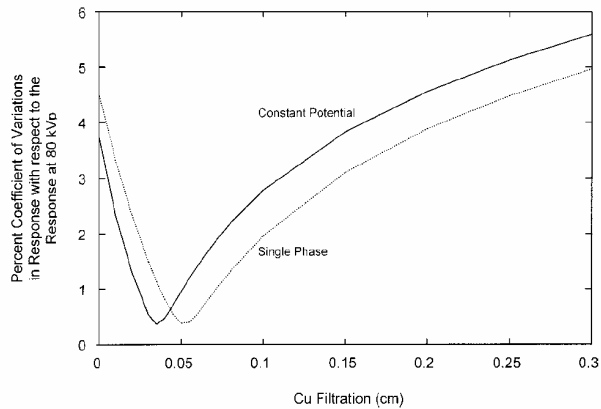


18 x 24 cm

24 x 30 cm

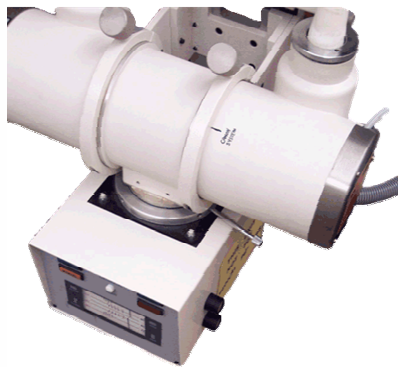
35 x 43 cm

Kodak TQT Procedure

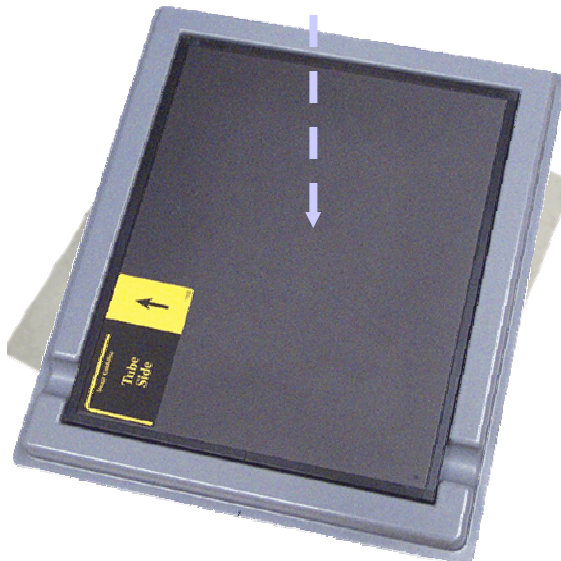


0.5 mm Cu
1.0 mm Al

10.0 ± 0.2 mR
@ 80 kVp



≥ 180 cm



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Quick Reference Guide for the Kodak DirectView Total Quality Tool

CR SYSTEM TESTING

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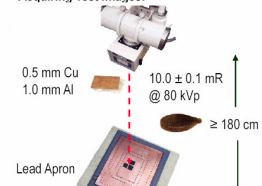
Closing the Total Quality Tool:

Touch **Main Menu**.

Workflow Tips for CR System Testing:

1. Acquire the Phantom test image and Flat Field test image on separate cassettes.
2. Perform the Phantom Image Test and then the Flat Field Image Test.
3. Use the erased cassette from the Flat Field Image Test to perform the Erase Image Test and the System Noise Test.

Acquiring Test Images:



Acquiring a Phantom Test Image

1. For the Phantom image, place a cassette in the phantom tray and place the Phantom Test Plate inside the tray.
- For the Flat Field image, do not place the phantom test plate in the tray.
2. Position the tray so the image can be acquired.
3. Prepare a lead apron.
4. Limit the exposure level for test images to 10.0 ± 0.1 mR @ 80 kVp.
5. Wait 15 minutes between exposure and screen reading.

Performing CR System Tests:

DO NOT load the cassette before starting the test.

1. At Total Quality tool main page, touch the button for the test you wish to perform.
2. When you see the "Load cassette..." message, load the appropriate test cassette for the selected test. FAIL or N/A results will be displayed if an incorrect cassette is used.
3. When the message changes to "Processing Complete", check the results indicators. See "Troubleshooting" on the reverse side for information on failure (red FAIL), approaching specification limit (amber PASS), or N/A results.

Viewing the Results Graph for a Specific Subtest/Cassette:

1. From the Total Quality Tool main page, touch **Results**.
2. Go to the results page for the test you want to see (Results Page 1 for Phantom Image Test, Results Page 2 for all others).
3. Touch one of the cassette size buttons at the bottom of the page.
NOTE: Always select a cassette size and type before selecting the subtest.
4. Touch the appropriate cassette size button to change the cassette type from GP to HR (or vice versa).
5. Touch (pic) to the right of the subtest name.

Accessing the Test Data Summary:

1. Touch **Results** on the Total Quality Tool's main page.
2. Touch **Test Data** to access a summary of the data for (up to) the last 13 tests performed.

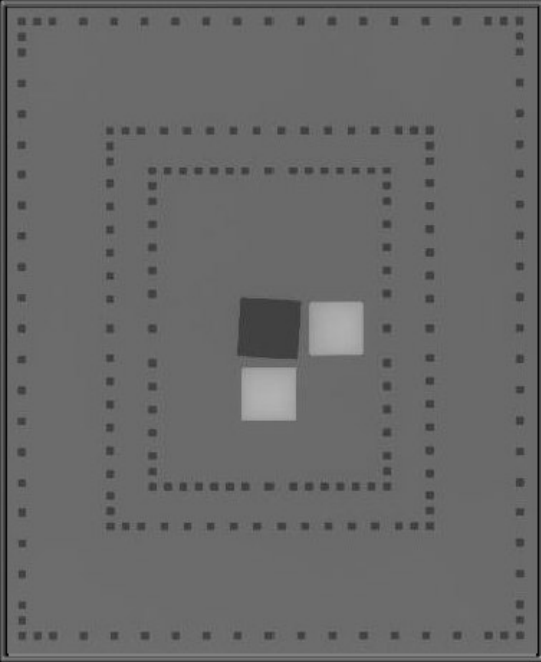
Exporting the Test Summary Data:

1. Open the CR System door. Insert a 3 1/2" high-density, blank formatted disk into the disk drive and close the door.
2. Touch **Export** to start processing.



KODAK TQT User Interface

DirectView **Total Quality Tool Ver. 2.0**



Phantom Image Test
Processing Complete

Phantom Image Test Results:

- Pixel Size: **PASS**
- Aspect Ratio: **PASS**
- Scan Linearity: **PASS**
- Exposure Response: **PASS**
- Noise: **PASS**
- MTF: **PASS**
- Pixel Position: **PASS**

Flat Field Image Test

- Field Uniformity: **READY**
- Line Position: **READY**
- Banding: **READY**
- Chatter: **READY**
- Streaks: **READY**

Erased Image Test

- Erase: **READY**


System Noise Test

- System Noise: **READY**

Utility Menu: UTILITY MENU, ERASE CASSETTE, FAILED DELIVERY, UNASSIGNED IMAGES, SCAN STATUS

Navigation: DISCARD TEST, CASSETTE TEST, RESULTS, MAIN MENU, BACK

Service Menu: Study Data, Image Review, Key Operator Functions, Applications Consultant, Service Functions












Test Result Details

DirectView

Results Page 1

directview

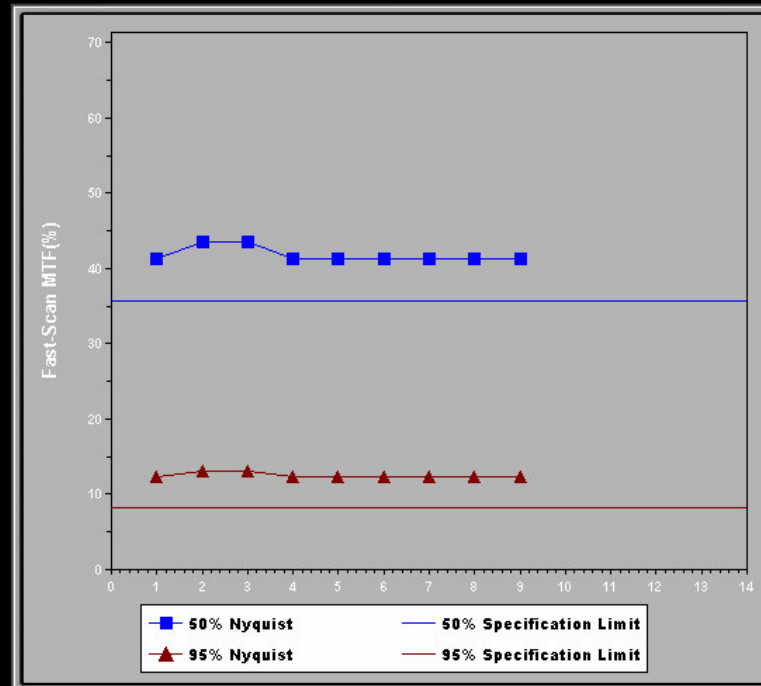
Phantom Image Test

Pixel Size Error Fast (%):	0.1	
Pixel Size Error Slow (%):	-0.2	
Aspect Ratio Error Left (%):	-1.5	
Aspect Ratio Error Middle(%):	-0.1	
Aspect Ratio Right Left (%):	-0.8	
Aspect Ratio Error Average (%):	-0.2	
Fast-Scan Speed Error (%):	0.14	
Slow-Scan Speed Error (%):	0.04	
Low-Exposure Response Error (CV):	71.5	
Mid-Exposure Response Error (CV):	-5.6	
High-Exposure Response Error (CV):	-40.4	
Low-Exposure Noise (CV):	16.6	
High-Exposure Noise (CV):	6.6	
High-Exposure Noise (CV):	4.3	
Fast-Scan MTF @ 50% Nyquist (%):	44.1	
Fast-Scan MTF @ 95% Nyquist (%):	17.7	
Slow-Scan MTF @ 50% Nyquist (%):	29.8	
Slow-Scan MTF @ 95% Nyquist (%):	6.0	
Pixel Position RMS (pixels)	0.08	

35 x 43 PHANTOM TEST

Date Tested: 12/18/00

Cassette ID: 999999



MTF DATA

PAGE TWO

TEST DATA

35 x 43

24 x 30 GP

18 x 24 GP

MAIN MENU

BACK




Detailed Tracking and Reporting

DirectView 35 x 43 Test Results directview

Phantom Test	Flat Field Test				Erased Test		System Noise Test		
Date	2000/07/17	2000/07/17	2001/01/05	2001/01/05	2000/07/17	2000/07/17	2000/07/17	2000/07/17	2000/07/17
Cassette ID	9104000004	9104000004	9104037750	9104037750	9104000004	9104000004	9104000004	9104000004	9104000004
Pass/Fail	FAIL	FAIL	PASS	PASS	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
Pixel Size Error Fast(%)	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Pixel Size Error Slow(%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aspect Ratio Error Left(%)	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Aspect Ratio Error Middle(%)	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Aspect Ratio Error Right(%)	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Aspect Ratio Error Average(%)	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Fast-Scan Speed Error(%)	0.12	0.12	0.33	0.33	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
Slow-Scan Speed Error(%)	0.05	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Low-Exposure Response Error(CV)	-33.6	-33.6	20.7	20.7	-33.6	-33.6	-33.6	-33.6	-33.6
Mid-Exposure Response Error(CV)	-4.1	-4.1	5.2	5.2	-4.1	-4.1	-4.1	-4.1	-4.1
High-Exposure Response Error(CV)	189	189	46.9	46.9	189	189	189	189	189
Low-Exposure Noise(CV)	12	12	13.4	13.4	12	12	12	12	12
Mid-Exposure Noise(CV)	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
High-Exposure Noise(CV)	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Fast-Scan MTF @50% Nyquist(%)	41.4	41.4	43.6	43.6	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4
Fast-Scan MTF @95% Nyquist(%)	12.4	12.4	13.1	13.1	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4
Slow-Scan MTF @50% Nyquist(%)	43.2	43.2	45.8	45.8	43.2	43.2	43.2	43.2	43.2
Slow-Scan MTF @95% Nyquist(%)	16.6	16.6	19.7	19.7	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6
Pixel Position RMS(pixels)	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03

Navigation: Left Arrow, Right Arrow

Bottom Bar: EXPORT, 35 x 43, 24 x 30 GP, 18 x 24 GP, MAIN MENU, BACK



Cassette Quality Assurance

DirectView Cassette Screen Test

Flat Field Image Test

Field Uniformity: **READY**
Streaks: **READY**
Speed Deviation: **READY**

Previous Session
Date Tested:
Time Tested:
Total # Cassettes Tested:
Total # Tests Performed:

Current Cassette
Cassette ID:
Cassette Size:
Cassette Type:
Total # Actuations:

Append to Previous Session:

Flat Field Image Test
Load Cassette...

TEST DATA MAIN MENU BACK

DirectView Total Quality Tool Ver. 2.0 directview-wfa

Phantom Image Test ID: MUM00001 Size: 35 x 43 CP
Pixel Size: **PASS**
Aspect Ratio: **PASS**
Scan Linearity: **PASS**
Exposure Response: **PASS**
Noise: **PASS**
MTF: **PASS**
Pixel Position: **PASS**

Flat Field Image Test ID: MUM00001 Size: 35 x 43 CP
Field Uniformity: **PASS**
Line Position: **PASS**
Distortion: **PASS**
Chamber: **PASS**
Streaks: **PASS**


Erased Image Test Erase: **READY**

System Noise Test System Noise: **READY**

RESULTS MAIN MENU BACK

Phantom Image Test
Processing Complete

DISCARD TEST CASSETTE TEST



Kodak TQT Summary

Kodak DirectView CR Image Quality Tool is used in production, by service and by users.

- Precise and accurate quality control testing
- Highly reproducible quantitative results
- Detects sub-visible changes in CR image quality performance to initiate timely preventive maintenance
- Avoids hours of tedious and labor-intensive effort with a highly automated procedure
- Full data reporting in Excel format

