

Necessity of monitor quality control and total management with QA software

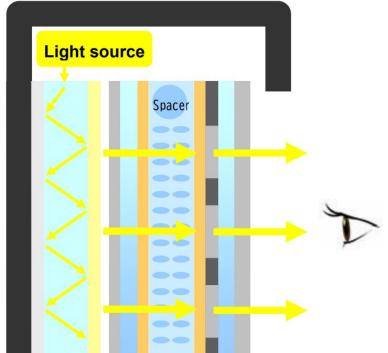
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Why is quality control needed for monitors?

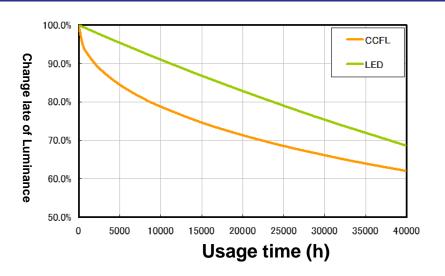
✓ Structure of LCD monitor





✓ Degradation of backlight

- ✓ Factor (Heat and Light)
 - ✓ Phosphor
 - ✓ Resin to cover the elements
 - ✓ Reflector



LED backlight = Long lifetime, but still degrade

✓ Other factors of imaging quality

- ✓ Color Temperature
 - ✓ Color will change over time
 - ✓ Native color temperature of LCD panel is NOT constant between individual units
 - Color monitor can be calibrated with targeted color temperature



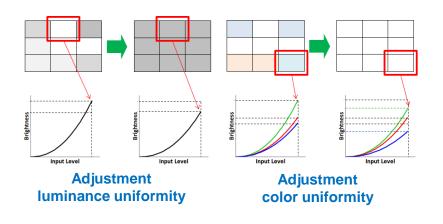


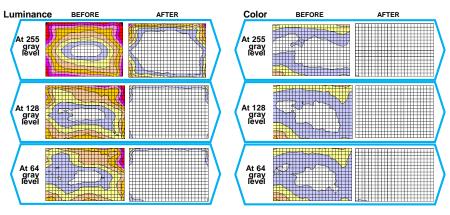


2000K 3000K 5500K 6500K 7500K 9300K 12000K

✓ Other factors of imaging quality

- ✓ Uniformity of Luminance and Color
 - ✓ Native LCD panel has fluctuations in luminance and color
 - ✓ EIZO even out fluctuations by Digital Uniformity Equalizer function





Effect of monitor degradation

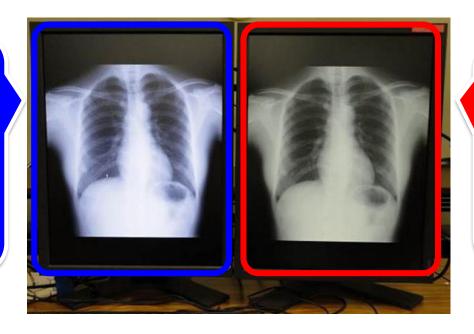
✓ Example

After 6 months

[Usage Time] 4,000 h

[Luminance] 383cd/m²

XOriginal: 400cd/m²



After 5.5 years

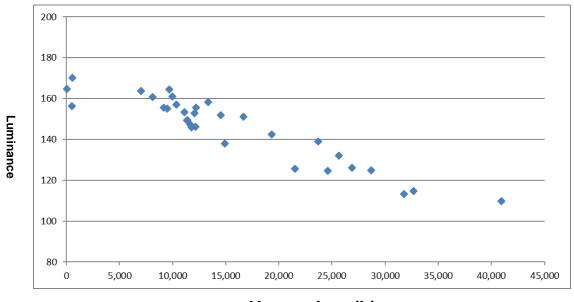
[Usage Time] 55,000 h

[Luminance] 216cd/m²

XOriginal: 400cd/m²

Effect of monitor degradation

✓ Example : Variation within the same facility



Usage time (h)

Differences occur depending on location and use

Effect of monitor degradation

✓ Implications for reading

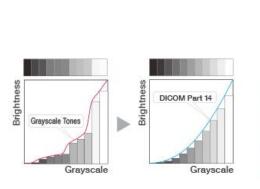
- ✓ Lack of necessary information
- ✓ Different views between different monitors
- ✓ Different views between different times

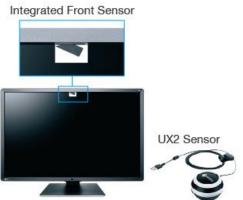


Calibration

✓ Elements of Calibration

- ✓ Luminance
- ✓ Gamma Tone Curve
- ✓ Color Temperature (Color monitor only)







Monitor QC/QA Testing

✓ What is required?

- ✓ Acceptance Test / Consistency Test
 - ✓ Pattern Check

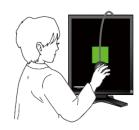


- ✓ Luminance
- ✓ Grayscale
- ✓ Uniformity









√ Famous standards

- ✓ AAPM On-Line Report No.03 (TG18): 2005
- ✓ NYC Quality Assurance Guidelines for Primary Diagnostic Monitors : 2015
- ✓ ACR-AAPM-SIIM Technical Standard for Electronic Practice of Medical Imaging : 2017
- ✓ Display Quality Assurance: Recommendations from AAPM TG270 : 2019

✓ Examples of criteria : from NYC PDM guidelines

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 Acceptance Test A quantitative test to be completed at first install or when the environment changes. Also done yearly. 		NYC – Hospitals	NYC – Clinical Sites	NYC – Mammography			
	Luminance Check	L'max / L'min > 250 L'max > 350 cd/m2 Lamb < Lmin / 1.5	L'max / L'min > 250 L'max > 250 cd/m2 Lamb < Lmin / 1.5	L'max / L'min > 250 L'max > 420 cd/m2 Lamb < Lmin / 1.5			
	Grayscale Check	Target error rate < 10% of GSDF	Target error rate < 10% of GSDF	Target error rate < 10% of GSDF			
	Uniformity Check	Gayscale: 204, 26 (Lmax-Lmin) / (Lmax+Lmin) x 200 < 30%	Gayscale: 204, 26 (Lmax-Lmin) / (Lmax+Lmin) x 200 < 30%	Gayscale: 204, 26 (Lmax-Lmin) / (Lmax+Lmin) x 200 < 30%			
Bi-weekly Test							
 A subjective test completed every other week to ensure the image performance is maintained. 		NYC – Hospitals	NYC – Clinical Sites	NYC – Mammography			
	Pattern Check (Used pattern)	Black SMPTE Shades of RGB White	Black SMPTE Shades of RGB White	Black SMPTE Shades of RGB White			
Consistency Test							
A quantitative test done quarterly to		NYC – Hospitals	NYC – Clinical Sites	NYC – Mammography			
ensure the monitors are maintain	Luminance Check	L'max / L'min > 250 L'max > 350 cd/m2 Lamb < Lmin / 1.5	L'max / L'min > 250 L'max > 250 cd/m2 Lamb < Lmin / 1.5	L'max / L'min > 250 L'max > 420 cd/m2 Lamb < Lmin / 1.5			
luminance output and adherence to the DICOM GSFD gamma curve	Grayscale Check	Target error rate < 10% of GSDF	Target error rate < 10% of GSDF	Target error rate < 10% of GSDF			

✓ Comparison: TG18 / ACR-AAPM-SIIM 2017 / TG270

✓ Main Criteria: Luminance, Contrast, Luminance Response

	TG18		ACR-AAPM-SIIM 2017			TG270		
	Primary	Secondary	Diagnostic for Mammogram	Diagnostic for Interpretation	Other purpose	Mammography	Diagnostic (Non- Mammography)	Modality/ Clinical/EHR
Minimum Luminance	-	-	L' min ≥ 1.2cd/m2	L' min ≥ 1.0cd/m2	L' min ≥ 0.8cd/m2	L' min ≥ 1.2cd/m2	L' min ≥ 1.0cd/m2	L' min ≥ 0.8cd/m2
Contrast Ratio	≥250	≥100	350 [≥250]	350 [≥250]	350 [≥250]	350 [250-450]	350 [250-450]	350 [250-450]
Maximum Luminance	L'max ≥ 170cd/m2	L'max ≥ 100cd/m2	L'max ≥ 420cd/m2	L'max ≥ 350cd/m2	L'max ≥ 250cd/m2	L'max ≥ 420cd/m2 [≥ 350cd/m2]	L'max ≥ 350cd/m2 [≥ 300cd/m2]	L'max ≥ 250cd/m2 [≥ 200cd/m2]
Luminance Response	DICOM GSDF ≤ 10%	DICOM GSDF ≤ 20%	DICOM GSDF ≤ 10%	DICOM GSDF ≤ 10%	DICOM GSDF ≤ 20%	DICOM GSDF ≤ 10%	DICOM GSDF ≤ 10%	DICOM GSDF ≤ 20%

[Acceptable Ranges]

- ✓ Recommended criteria(Excerpt.): from TG270
- ✓ Luminance, Contrast, Luminance Response
 - ✓ No significant difference from ACR-AAPM-SIIM 2017 / NYC PDM
 - √ 350cd/m2 for Diagnostic, GSDF error rate < 10% etc.
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- Other elements
 - ✓ Qualitative ambient luminance / illuminance
 - Qualitative Uniformity
 - ✓ Qualitative Spatial Resolution
 - ✓ Color Assessment
 - ✓ Etc

EIZO monitor QC/QA solution

RadiCSMonitor QC Software

RadiCS

✓ Standalone QC/QA

- ✓ All in One QC/CA software
 - ✓ Calibration
 - ✓ QC testing in easy steps

- Accelerate monitors value
 - ✓ Improve workflow features
 - ✓ Save monitor power and lifetime



Network QC Management System

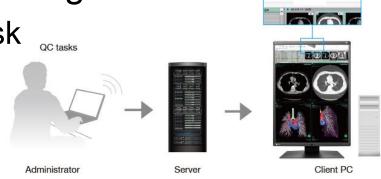
✓ Overview

- Connect all monitors to our server for easy QA/QC management
- Remote QC testing / Calibration / Setting
- ✓ Show all monitor's information
- Provide your settings by group policy function

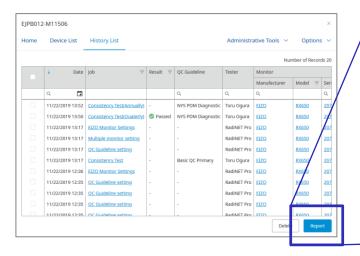


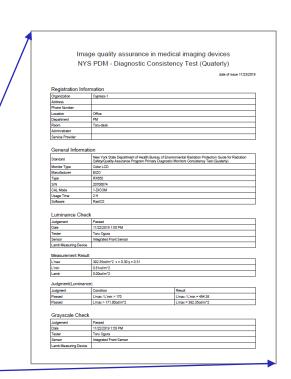
- ✓ Manage All Monitors from Server
- Execute QC test / calibration all at once
 - ✓ Immediate execution / Scheduled Execution

- ✓ Record all results to Web Hosting Server
 - ✓ Confirm all results on your desk
 - ✓ Generate QC reports

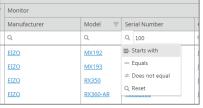


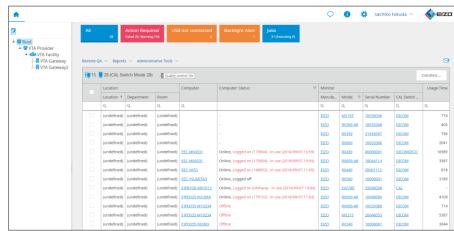
- ✓ Manage All Monitors from Server
- ✓ History List / QC Test Reports
 - ✓ Record all action for each monitors





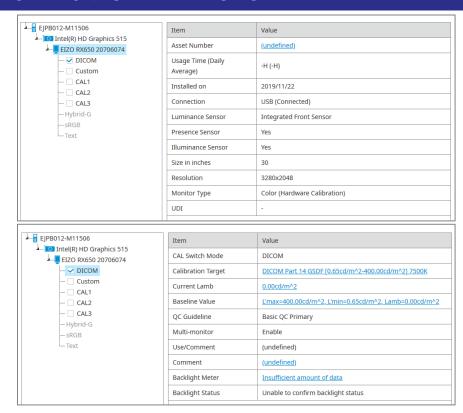
- ✓ Easy Management for Your Monitor / WS
- ✓ Main Screen: Monitor and Computer list
 - ✓ See a wealth information
 - Conveniently switch the contents
 - ✓ Easy-to-view location tree
 - ✓ Customizable columns
 - ✓ All columns has filter



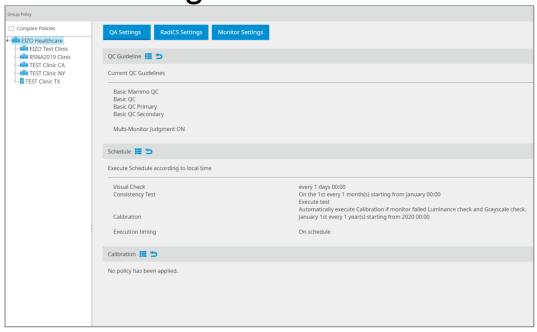


✓ Device List: All Device Information in Here

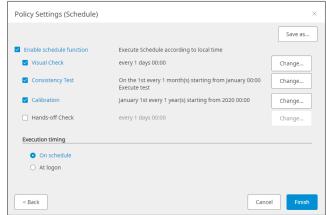
- Detailed monitor info.
 - ✓ Usage Time
 - Sensors setting
 - Calibration target
- Workstation
 - ✓ PC name / IP address
- Graphics Board
 - ✓ Name / Driver Version

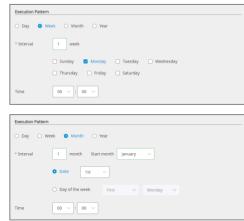


- ✓ Smart Management with Group Policy Setting
- Provide various common settings to all monitors
 - ✓ QC guideline
 - ✓ Schedule
 - Calibration setting
 - ✓ Registration info.
 - ✓ Enable functions
 - ✓ Monitor setting



- ✓ Smart Management with Group Policy Setting
- ✓ Flexible schedule setting for each task
 - ✓ Daily
 - ✓ Weekly
 - ✓ Monthly
 - ✓ Yearly
 - ✓ Date and Time

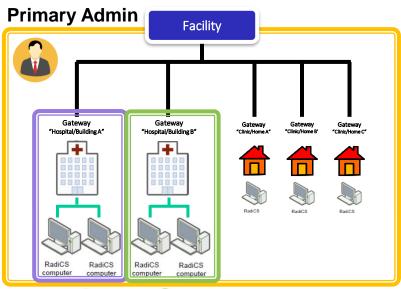






✓ Multi-site Management

✓ Support tele-radiography environment



Local Admin For Bldg. A

Can set multiple local(Gateway level) administrators

Facility

 Top level (parent) organization such as entire Hospital group.

Gateway

Child organization, grouped by a physical gateway computer

RadiCS computers

 Workstations where EIZO monitors connected, typically diagnostic workstations

