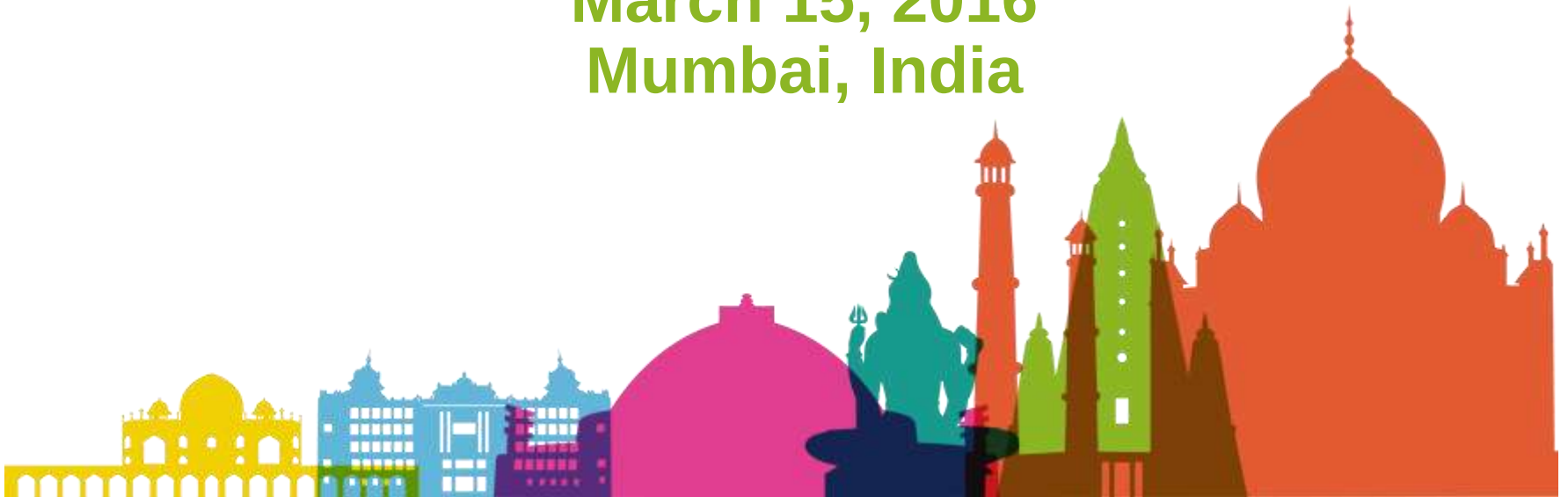


CREATING FUTURE PRINT THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION



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Managing Special Colours

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Agenda

- Brand Owners Requirements
- ISO Standards
- CxF/X Workflow
- ISO 20654 - Spot Colour Tone Value (SCHMOO)
- ICC Max



All components are the display



Consistency Implies Quality Product

Inconsistency raises Questions



Great Packaging delivers a promise about the brand!

“We care about our product”



According to Published Articles

- The average supermarket shopper is exposed to 42,000 products in a shopping visit lasting 30 minutes
- 60% are impulse purchases
- 80% of purchasing decisions are made in the store
- The decision whether to pick up the package or not is made in less than 2.6 seconds

Packaging Research - Evaluating Consumer Reaction - Elliot C. Young
How to Tell If Your Packaging Will Sell Your Product - JoAnn Hines



What we do not want our consumers see our brands at retail:



ISO 15930

- PDF/X -4– Portable document exchange
 - 1.6 Blind Exchange (1.7 keeps Adobe Illustrator file)
- Providing all the necessary information in the PDF/X Embedds
 - Fonts
 - Images
 - Color (Both CMYK and Spot colour)
 - Output Intent ICC profile (Customers Expectation)
 - CxF/X-4 Spot Colour Definitions – Mixing Hints



ISO 15339 - Color Exchange Principles and aim datasets

CMYK Workflow

- ANSI CGATS 21 CRPC 1-7.icc, ISO 15339 – www.color.org/registry
- 7 Reference Print Conditions



CRPC1

CRPC2

CRPC3

CRPC4

CRPC5

CRPC6

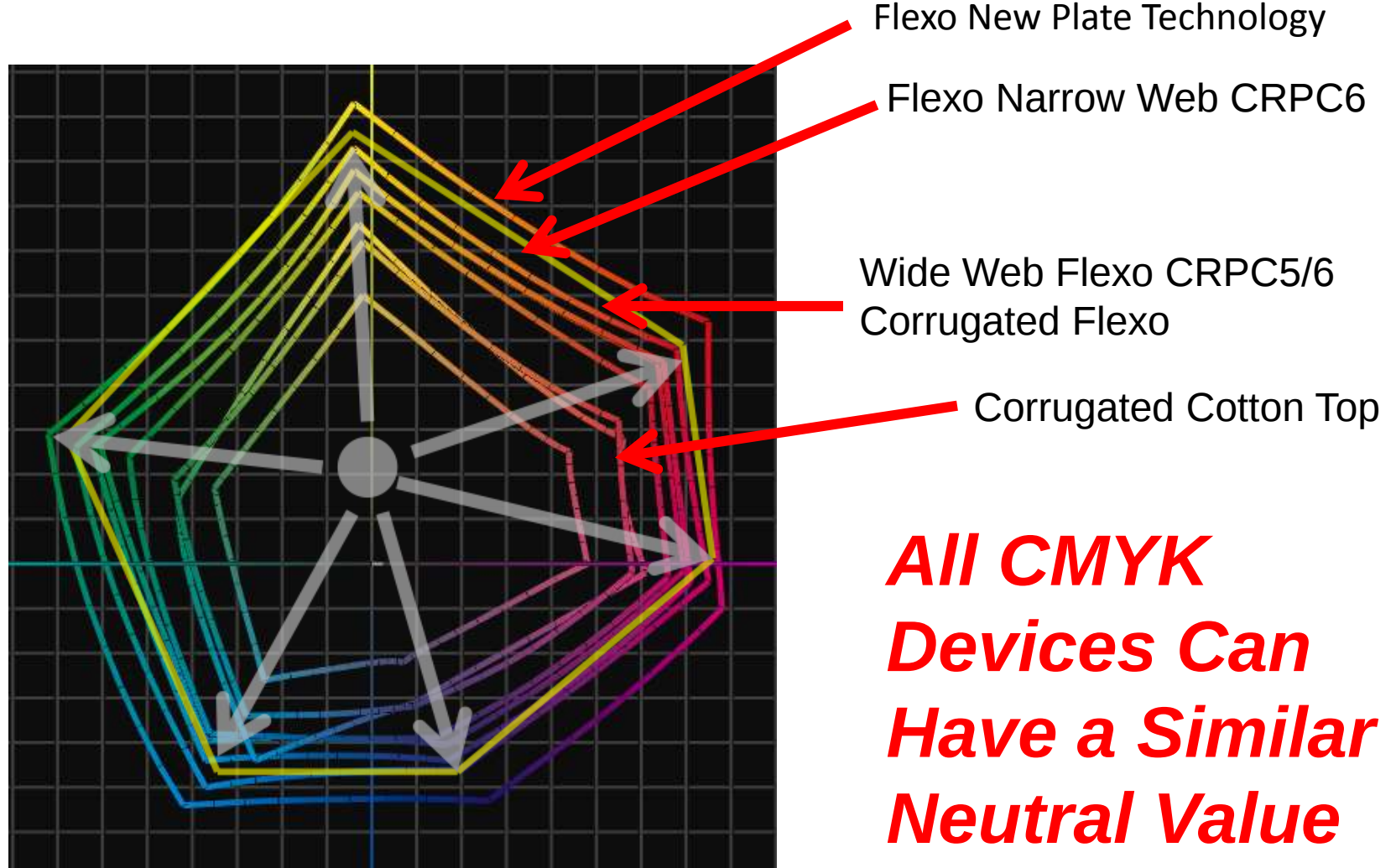
CRPC7

Flexo Cotton Top
Flexo uncoated

Wide Web Flexo Narrow Web Flexo
Corrugated Coated Flexo New Plate



Brand Equity: Tying this all together



ISO 17972 Series

- ISO 17972-1 Graphic technology — Colour data exchange format (CxF/X) — Part 1: Relationship to CxF3 (CxF/X-1)
- ISO 17972-2 Graphic technology — Colour data exchange format (CxF/X) — Part 2: Scanner target data (CxF/X-2)
- ISO 17972-3 Graphic technology — Colour data exchange format (CxF/X) — Part 3: Output target data (CxF/X-3)
- ISO 17972-4 Graphic technology — Colour data exchange format (CxF/X) — Part 4: Spot colour characterization data (CxF/X-4)



ISO 17972-4

Color exchange format – spot colour characterization

- **ISO Standard – History of development**
- **Standard Requirements**
- **Workflows**
- **Proofing**
- **Ink Formulation**



Abstract: In a global world, communicating electronically the color data of spot colors is a hot (and not yet solved) issue. Global workflows and value chains, whether they are found in a B2B or B2C process, as well as an in-house digital workflow from designer to press, are demanding adequate and effective means to communicate (spot) colors. CxF is a new standard allowing seamless, worldwide digital communication of all commercially significant aspects of spot colors. Furthermore, CxF is defined in a completely open way so that all aspects of a color can be communicated, even when the application and the color communication features required are unknown. For example, every software vendor implementing / supporting CxF is able to extend the basic feature set to the needs of a new application without affecting the general usability. Wherever color communication is mission critical, CxF should be considered to be the solution to the problem!

Color Exchange History

- 1990-2001 Proprietary Formats ASCII Text
- 2001- Gretag Macbeth developed Cxf for communication across systems- for spot color communications
- 2002 – Gretag Macbeth offered Cxf to ISO as a replacement for ASCII TXT files
- 2002 CGATS 17 started - 2005 CGATS 17 publish
- CxF-Version 1 incorporated into standards
- 2006 GWG starts discussing how to optimize Spot colours in PDF/X proofing Solutions – xmp?
- 2009 ICC recommends Cxf for spectral data
- 2010 ISO starts to discuss adding CxF to PDFX in mixing hints
- 2012 ISO 15930 allows CxF spectral data in PDFX
- 2014 ISO 17972-1 Published
- 2014 ISO DIS 17972-2 and 17972-4 Approved

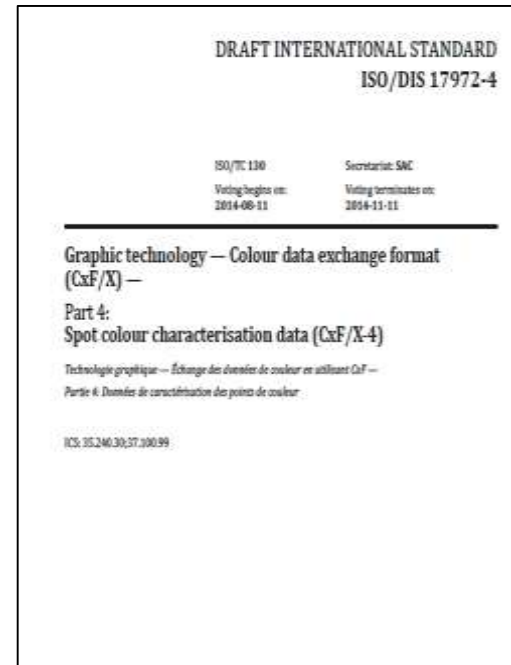


ISO 17972-4

Graphic technology — Colour data exchange format (CxF/X) — Part 4: Spot colour characterisation data (CxF/X-4)

Scope

This part of ISO 17972 defines an exchange format for spectral measurement data of inks to provide a means to characterize spot colour inks to allow reliable printing and proofing of products that have been designed using these inks. Only isotropic (paper-like) substrates are within the scope of this standard which is limited to application areas where the same ink and paper combination that has been characterized is used when printing.

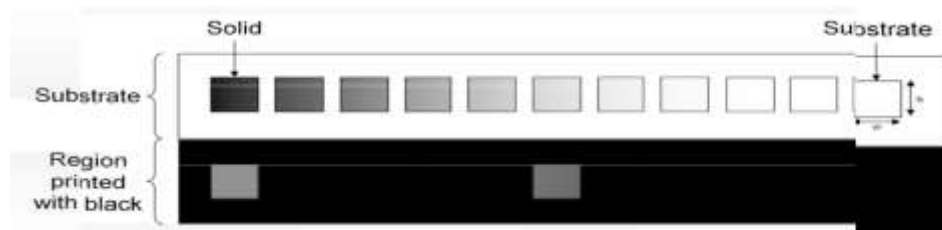


ISO DIS 17972-4

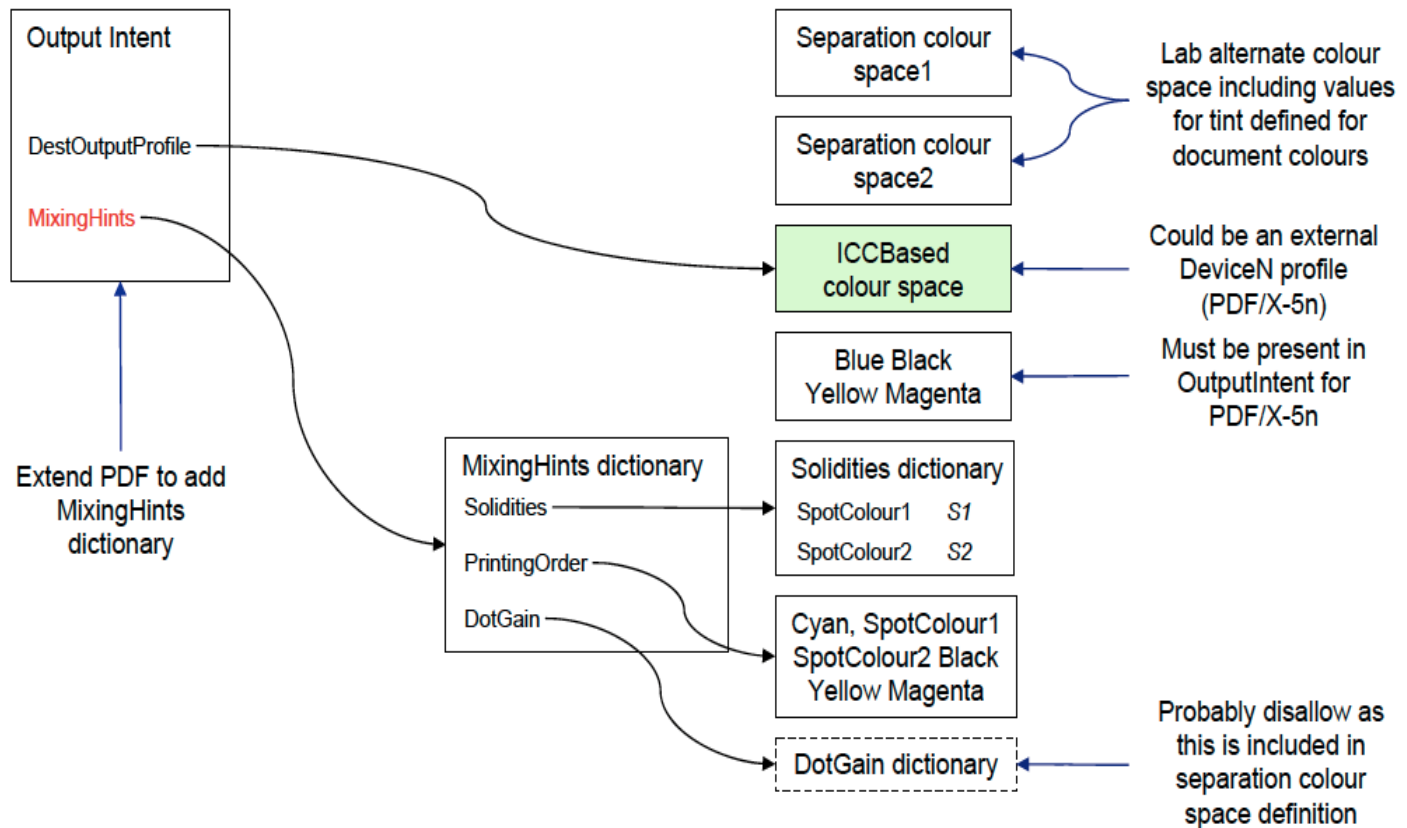
Conformance levels

This specification defines three conformance levels identified as CxF/X-4, CxF/X-4a and CxF/X-4b. These conformance levels allow different methods of spot colour communication in common use to be described.

Type of measurement	CxF/X-4	CxF/X-4a	CxF/X-4b
Solid ink printed on substrate	Required	Required	Required
Tints of ink printed on substrate	3 minimum, 11 recommended	3 minimum, 11 recommended	No requirement
Tints of ink printed on black background	3 minimum	No requirement	No requirement



Proposed PDF support for spot colour inks (revised proposal)



Define how Solidities values should be interpreted



Current PDF/X Workflow without CxF/X-4



No overprint
No Opacity
No Ink rotation

**Brand Owner / Designer -
Color Development**



ISO 17972-4 - CxF X4 Spot Colours

From Design through Print Consistency
Utilizing PDF X as the document to carry CXF X4 data

Objectives



Designers can create
a printable product
that meets the brand
requirements for
colour



Design can be
proofed accurately
on monitor or on hard
copy proof

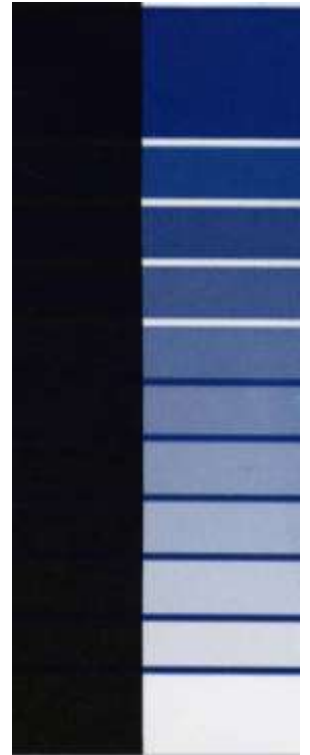
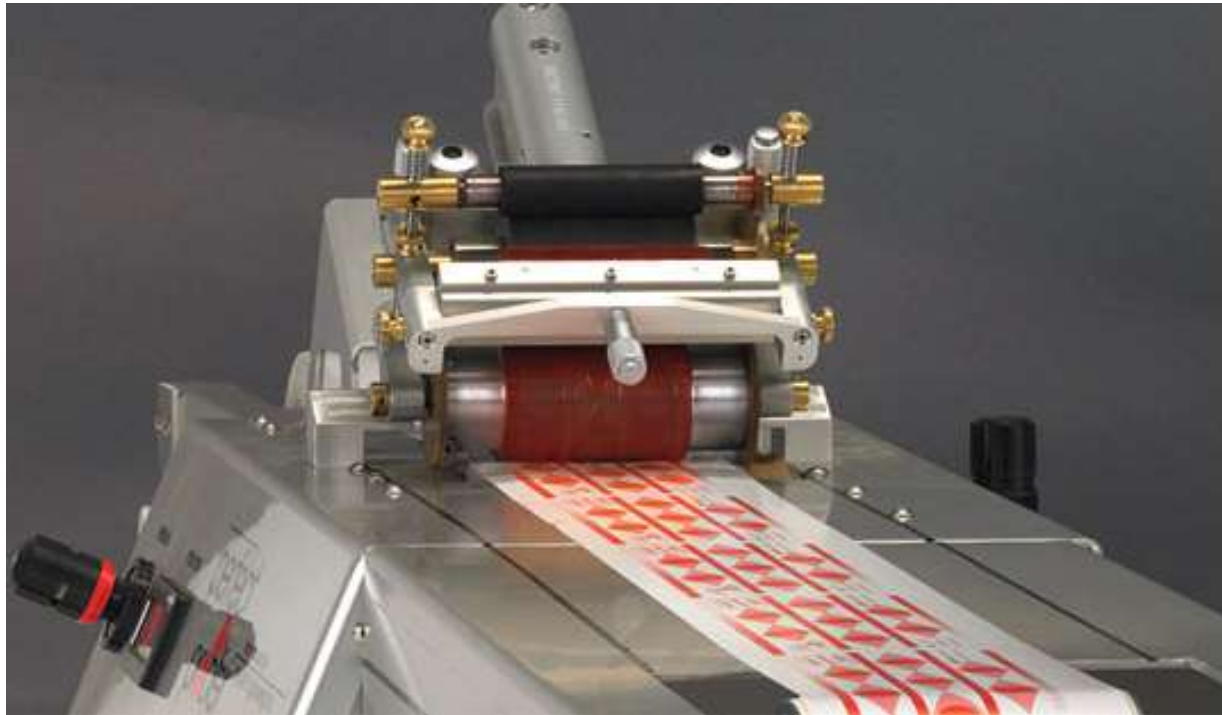


Package (or other
product) can be
printed as the
designer intended



Brand Management

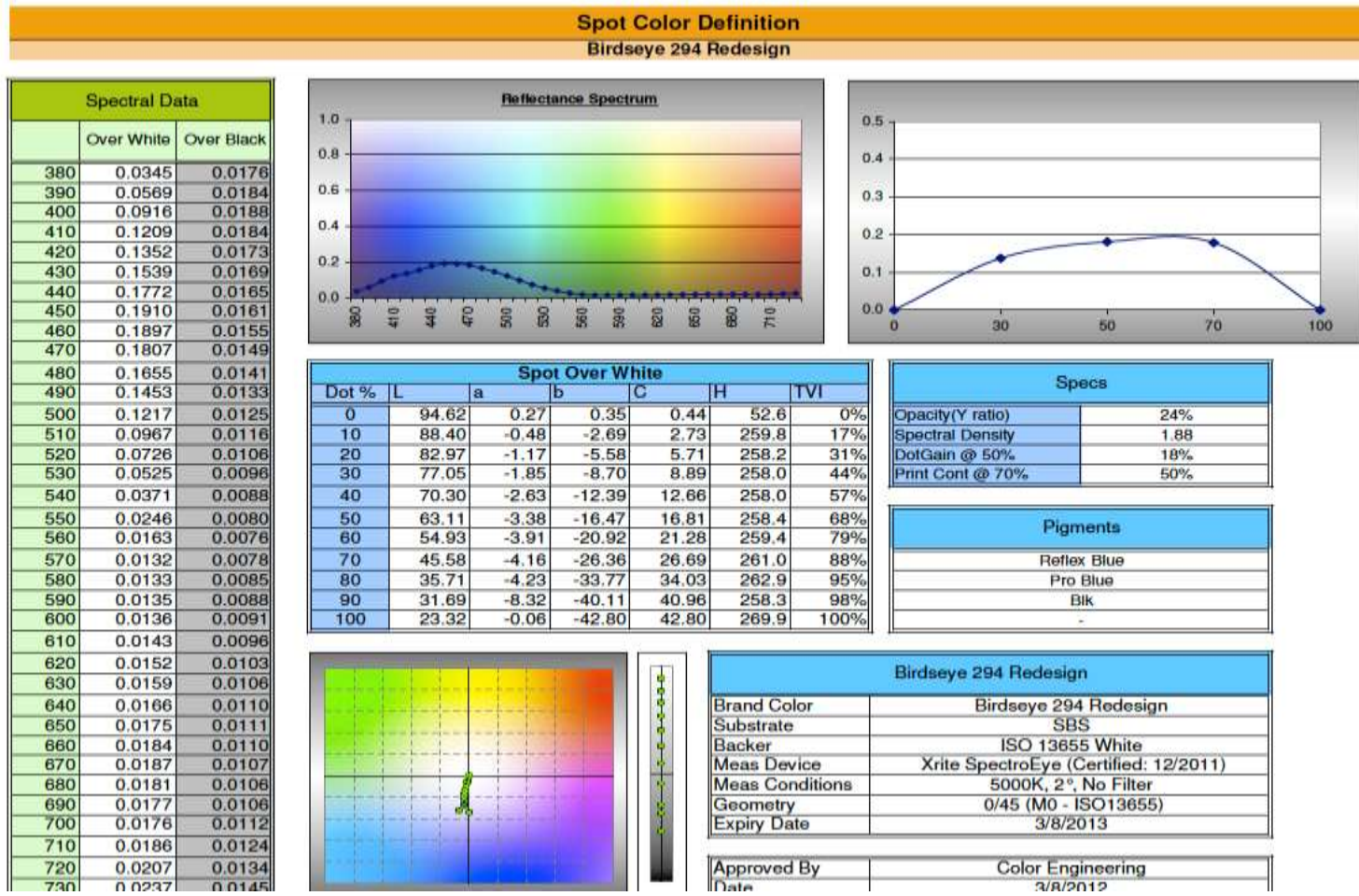
- Developing Colour to align with CPC requirement - Actual INKS!



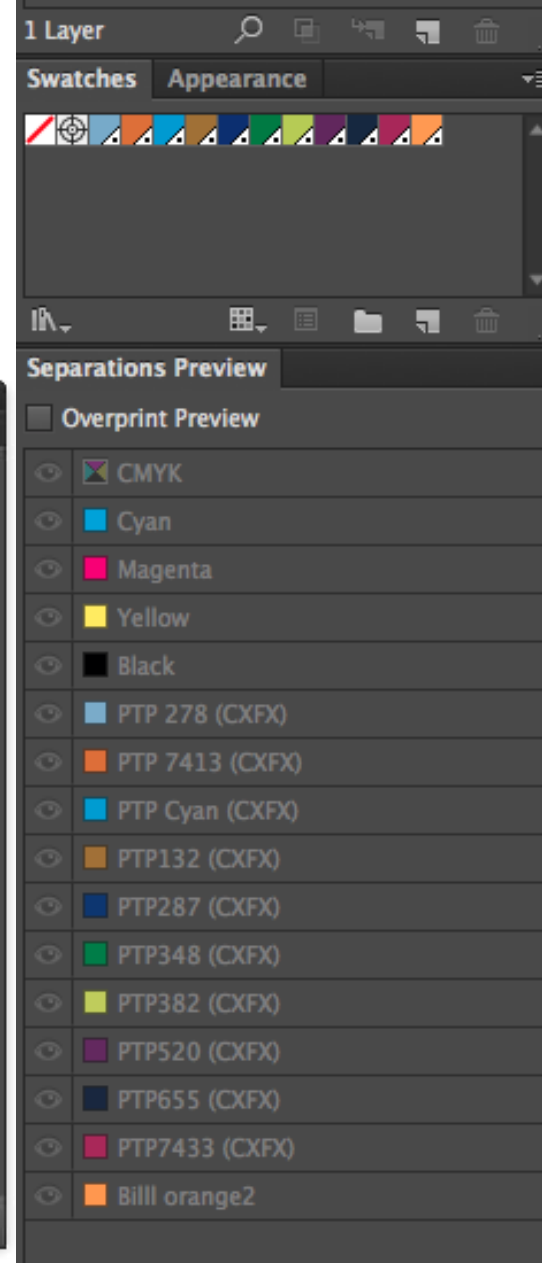
A decorative graphic at the bottom of the page featuring a row of stylized, colorful buildings in shades of orange, green, blue, and yellow, set against a white background.



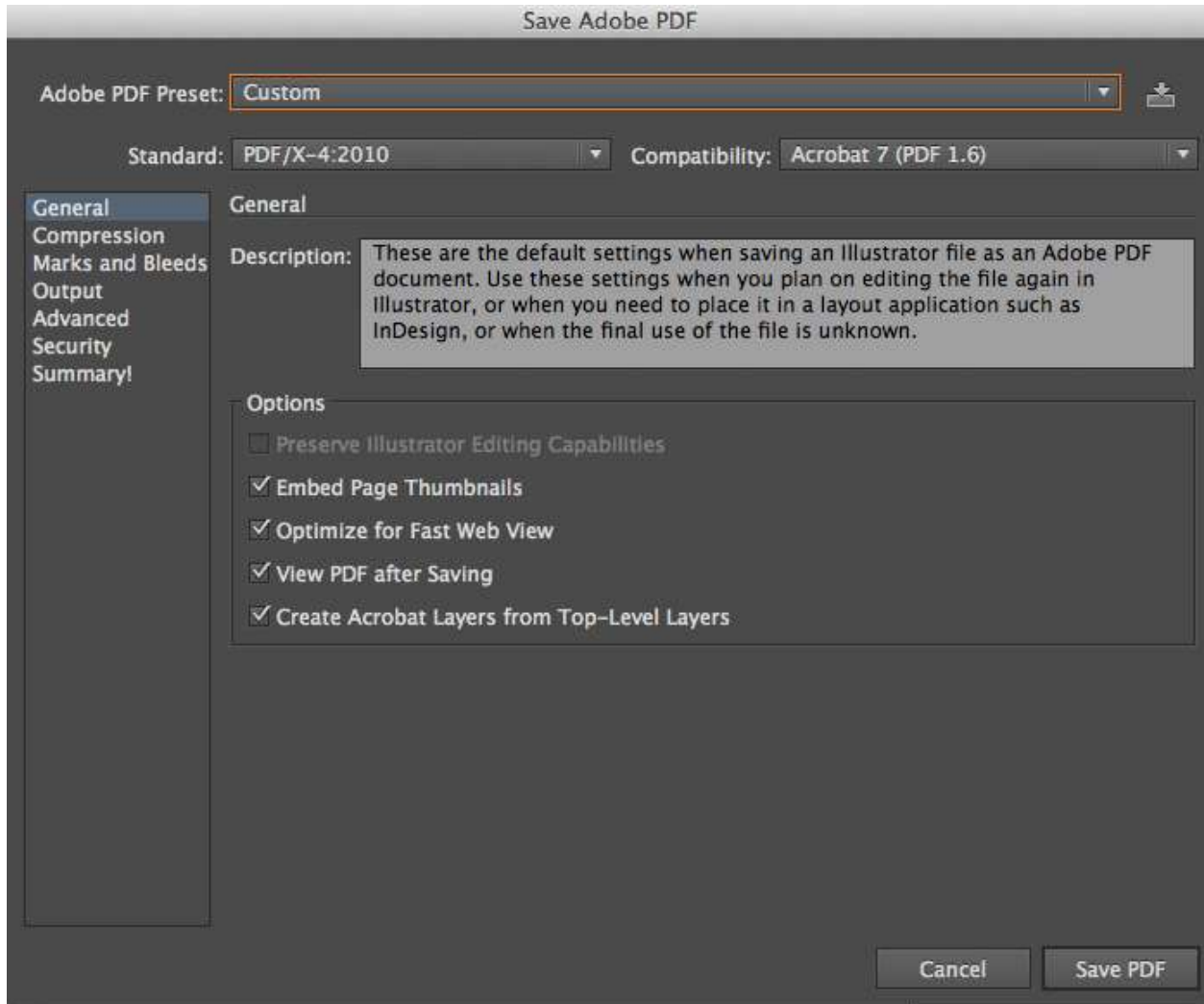
Color Definitions of Brand Colors – Physical and Digital



CxF X4 in Adobe Illustrator



Save as Adobe PDF/X



PDF X4 Output



Adobe® Acrobat® XI

Version 11.0.03

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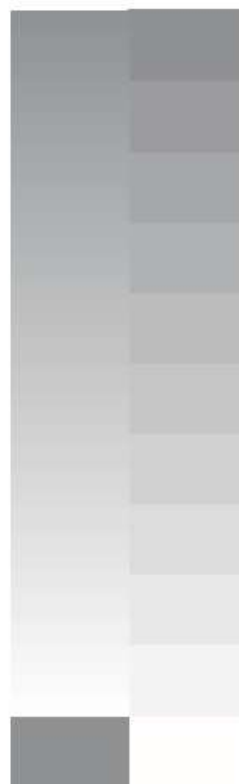
Color Space 2 (out of 3) on page 1



Color Space properties:
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Color name: Orange (CMYK)
Alternate color space:
ICC based color space: "Lab D50"
Components range (0.0/1.0/0.0/1.0/0.0/1.0)
Number of color components: 3
Alternate color space:
Lab color space
Diffuse white point
0.964
1.0
0.825
Diffuse black point
0.0
0.0
0.0
Components range
-128.0
127.0
-128.0
127.0
ICC profile data
Profile version number: "2.1.0"
Color Management Module (CMM) type: "ADBE"
Profile/Device class signature: "spac"
Color space of data: "Lab"
Profile Connection Space (PCS): "Lab"
Magic number: "acsp"
Primary Platform: "Apple Computer, Inc. (APPL)"
Device manufacturer: "none"
Device model: ""
Profile creator: "Adobe Systems Incorporated (ADBE)"
Creation date: "6/3/99 12:00 AM"
Default rendering intent: Perceptual
Profile illuminant
Illuminant X: 0.964
Illuminant Y: 1.0
Illuminant Z: 0.825
Copyright information: "Copyright 1999 Adobe Systems Incorporated"
Profile description: "Lab D50"
Profile ID (MDS hash):
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Color Space 3 (out of 3) on page 1

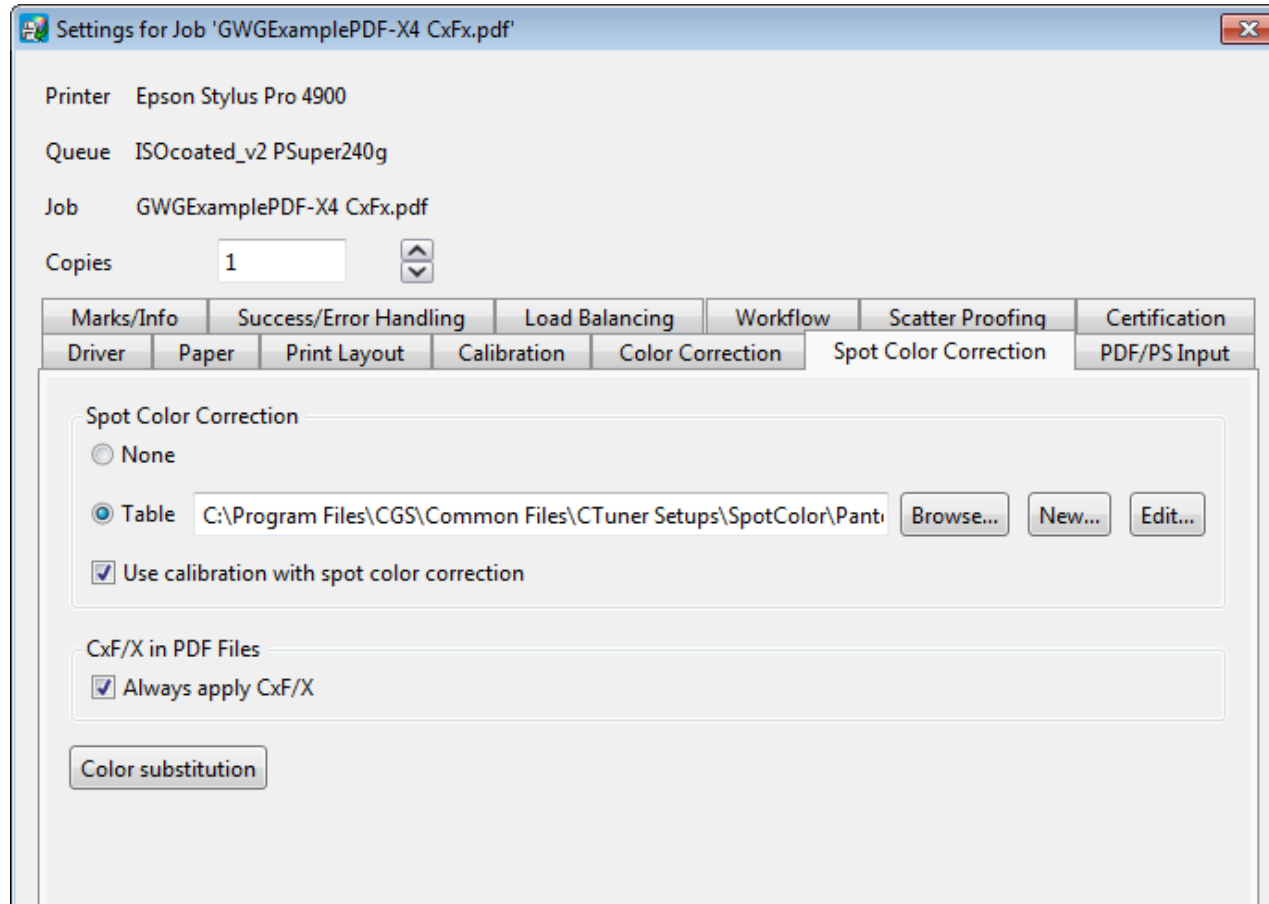


Color Space properties:
Separation color space: "Silver (CMYK)" Lab (ICC) (60.83/-0.83/-1.63)
Color name: Silver (CMYK)
Alternate color space:
ICC based color space: "Lab D50"
Components range (0.0/1.0/0.0/1.0/0.0/1.0)
Number of color components: 3
Alternate color space:
Lab color space
Diffuse white point
0.964
1.0
0.825
Diffuse black point
0.0
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Components range
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ICC profile data
Profile version number: "2.1.0"
Color Management Module (CMM) type: "ADBE"
Profile/Device class signature: "spac"
Color space of data: "Lab"
Profile Connection Space (PCS): "Lab"
Magic number: "acsp"
Primary Platform: "Apple Computer, Inc. (APPL)"
Device manufacturer: "none"
Device model: ""
Profile creator: "Adobe Systems Incorporated (ADBE)"
Creation date: "6/3/99 12:00 AM"
Default rendering intent: Perceptual
Profile illuminant
Illuminant X: 0.964
Illuminant Y: 1.0
Illuminant Z: 0.825
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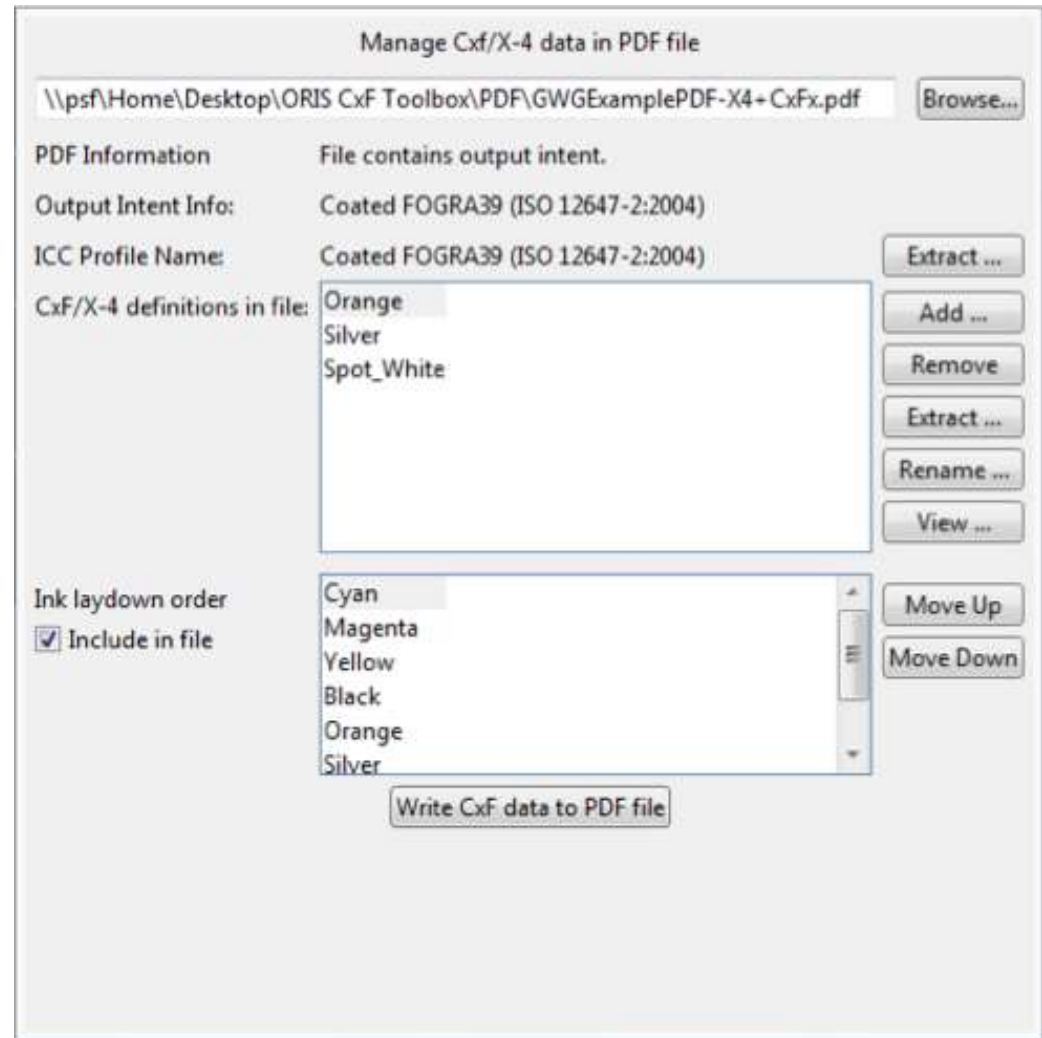
CxF X-4 Proofing

- Look for solutions that utilize CxF / Hard and Soft Proof



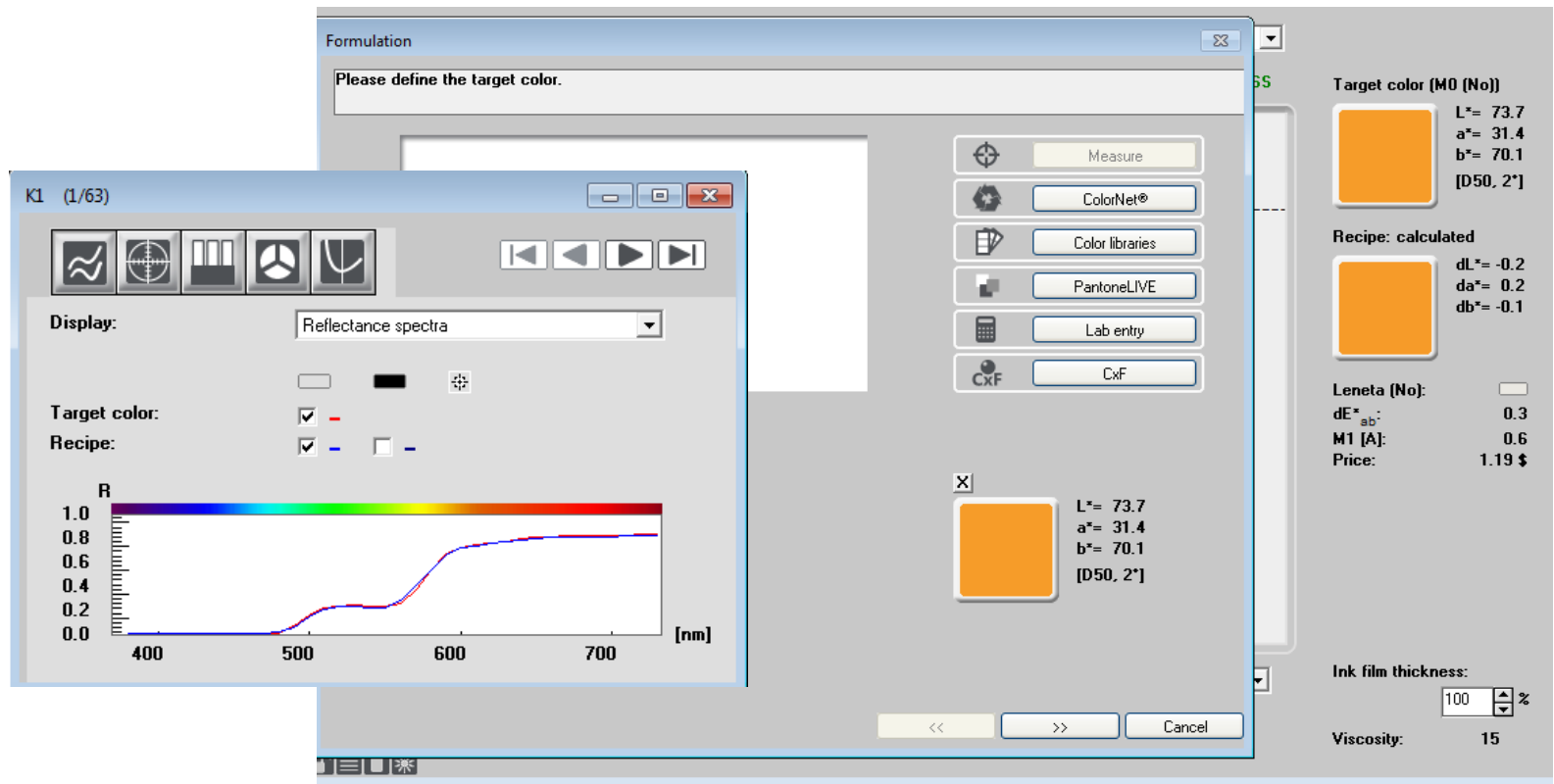
CxF/X-4 Work Flows

- CxFX Tools for Extracting Data
- Re-ordering Colors in PDFX

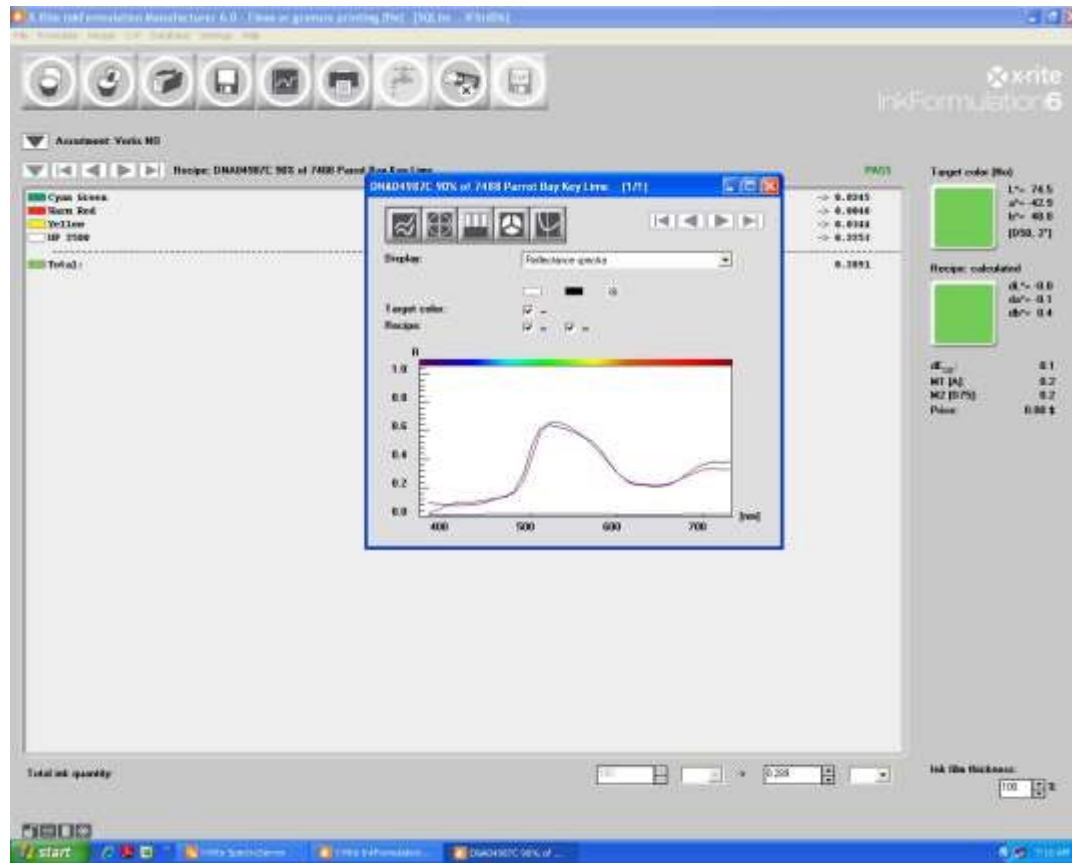


CxF/X for Ink Formulation

- Use CxF/X for ink formulation – Lowest Metameric Index - (Same Ingredients)

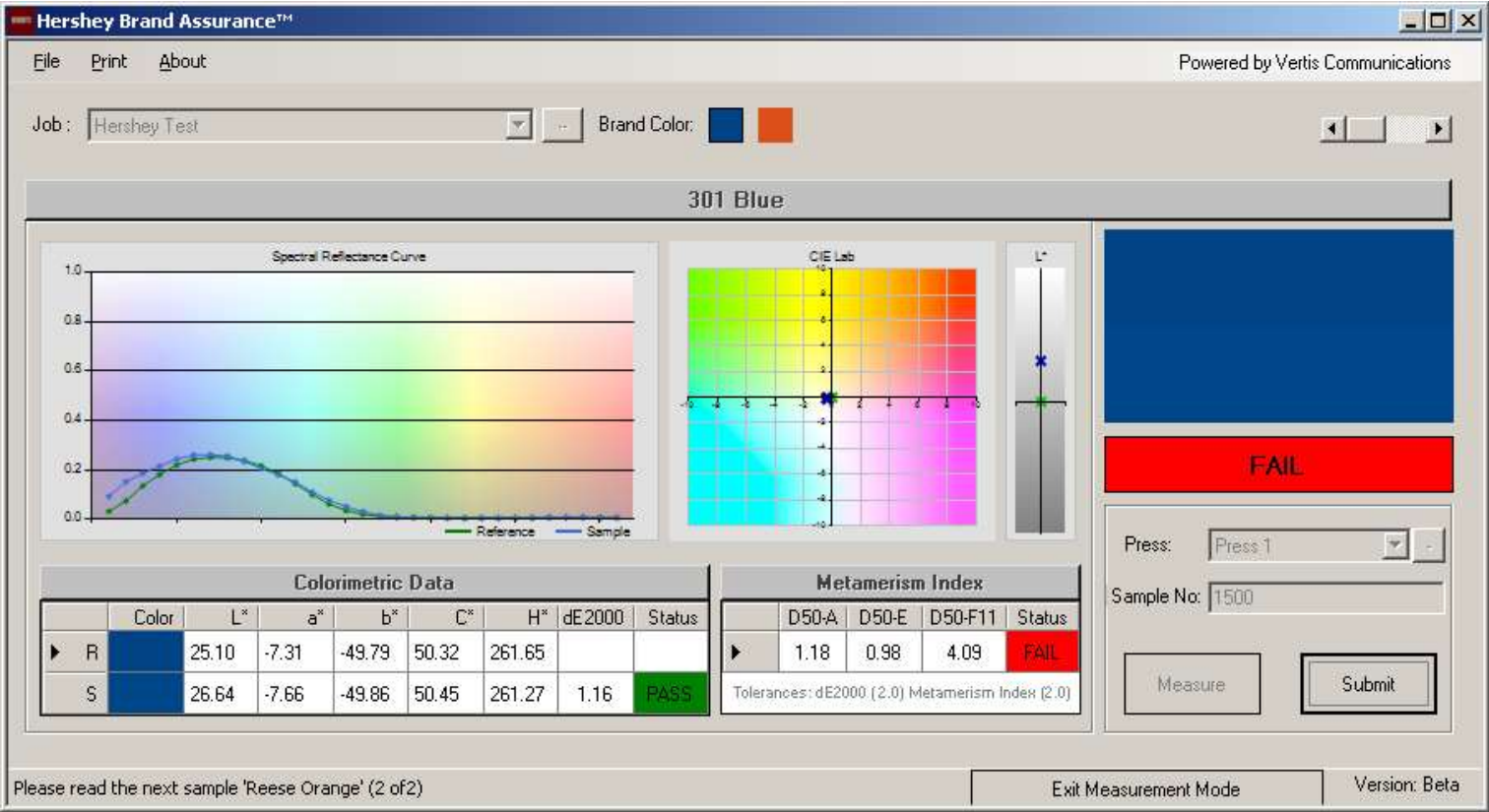


Ink Formulation – CxF/X Define Aims Matching PMS or other element

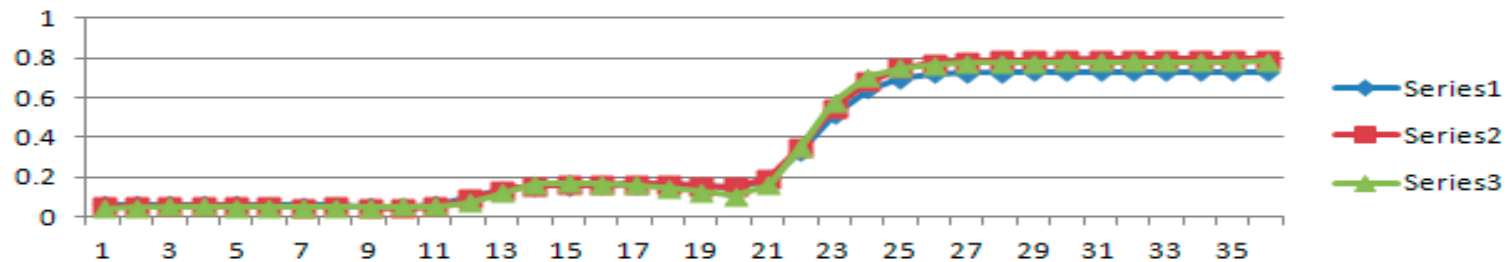


•ISO 17972-4 – CxF/X4 Spot Colours Process Control

From Design through Print Consistency in ingredients of inks
NOT only low DE00 / but satisfying metamerism match also



Print Process Selection

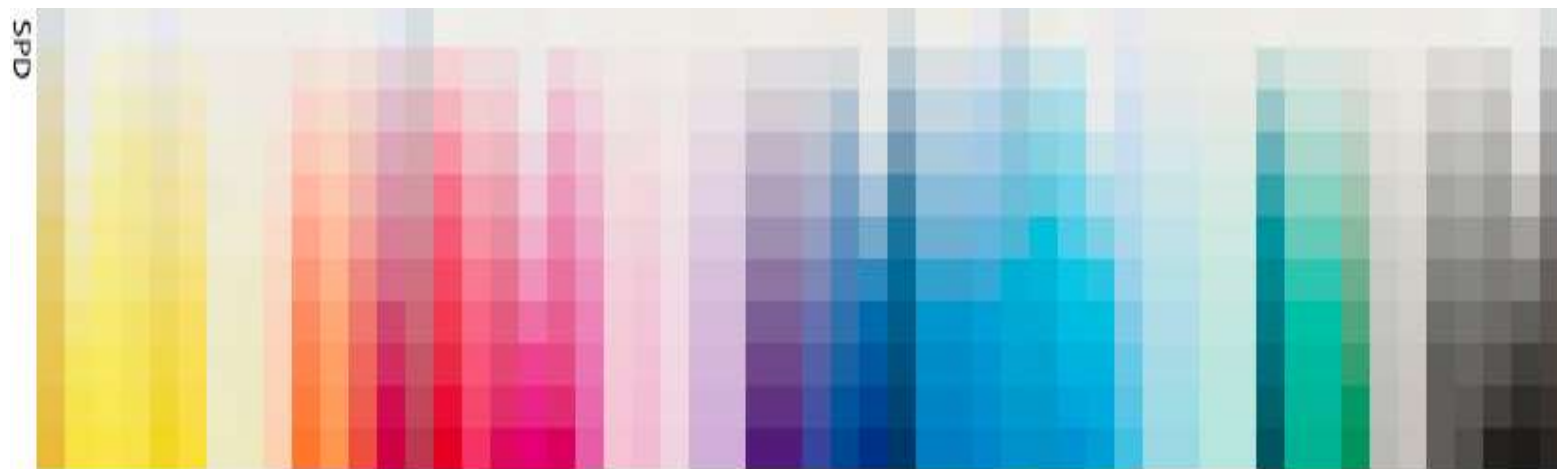


Spot Colour Halftone Metric

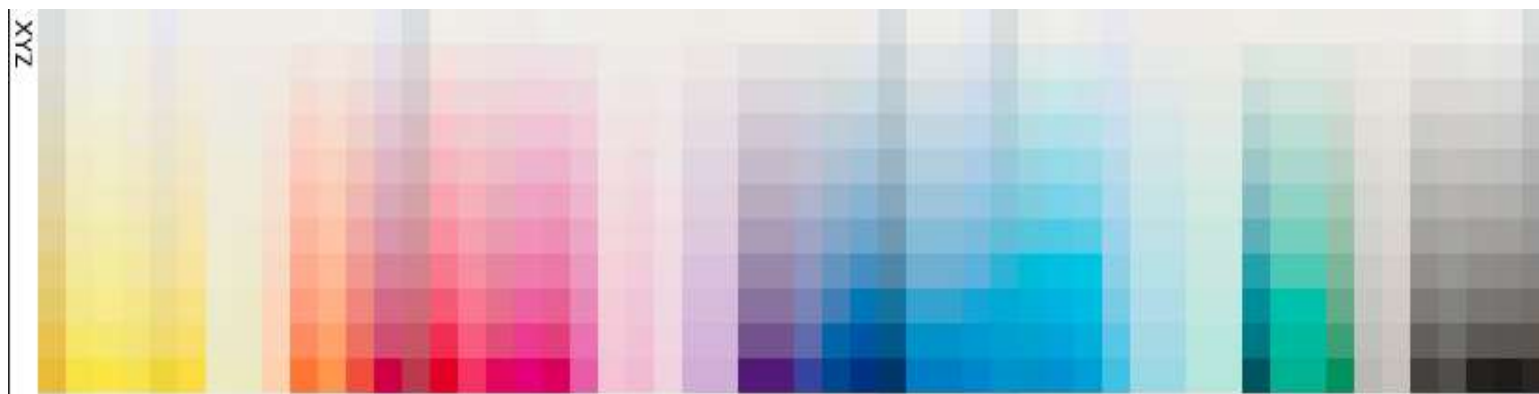
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ISO Spectral Density

ISO 5.3 Spectral Density



Illustrator or Photoshop visual appearance



ReflexBlue

Press Data

M-D

dE-P

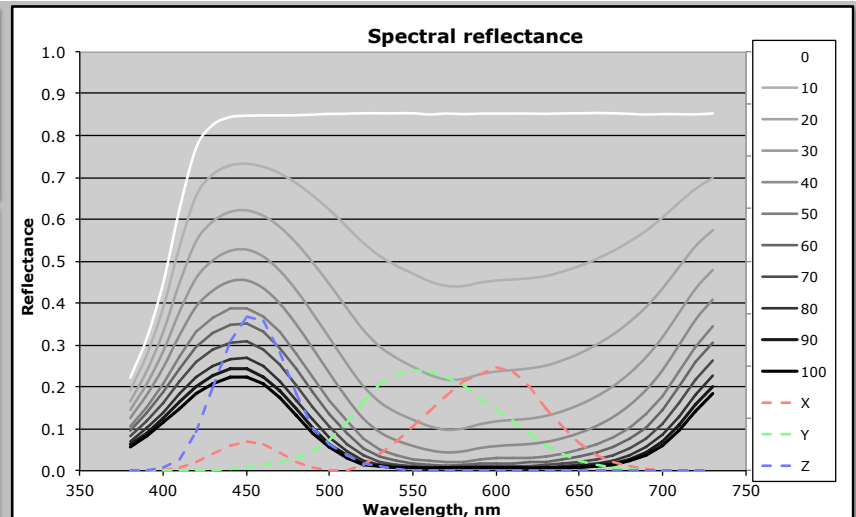
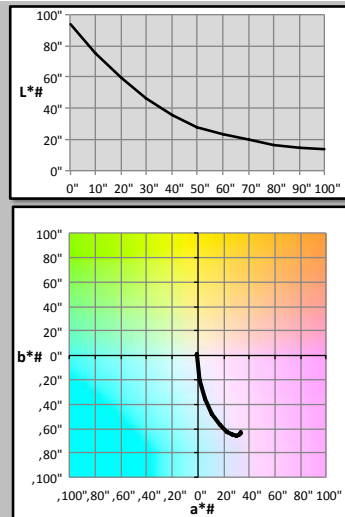
dL-P

CTV

ITV

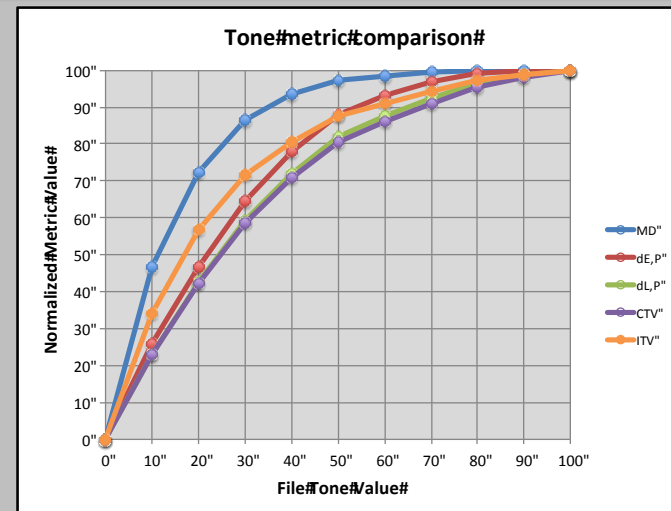


Problem Defined



Reflex(Blue(

File TV	MD	dE-P	dL-P	CTV	ITV
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10	46.7	25.8	22.9	22.8	34.21
20	72.2	46.7	42.5	42.1	56.74
30	86.3	64.6	59.2	58.4	71.44
40	93.4	77.9	71.9	70.7	80.69
50	97.1	87.8	82.0	80.6	87.49
60	98.5	93.1	87.6	86.1	90.98
70	99.3	96.9	92.4	91.1	94.29
80	99.8	99.2	96.3	95.4	97.12
90	99.9	100.0	98.6	98.1	98.85
100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.00



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Press Data



M-D



dE-P



dL-P



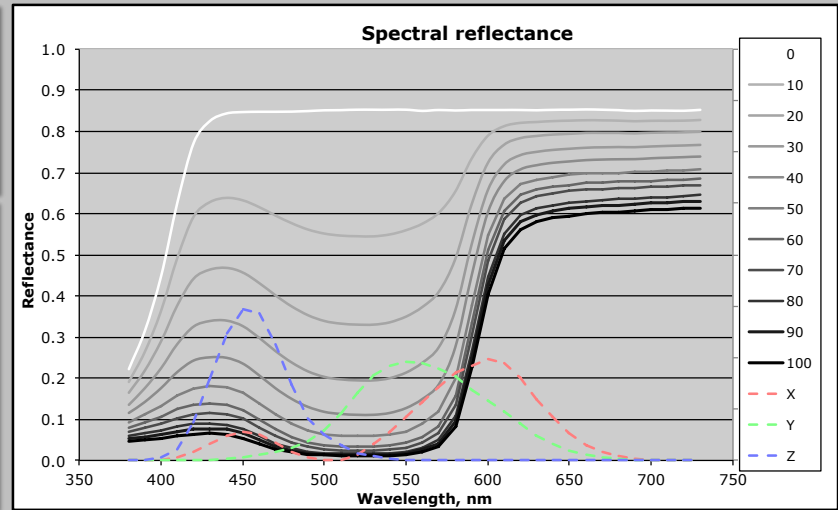
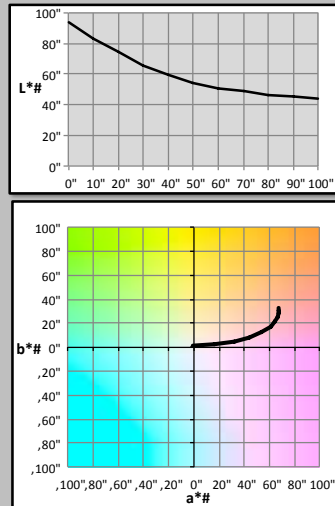
CTV



ITV

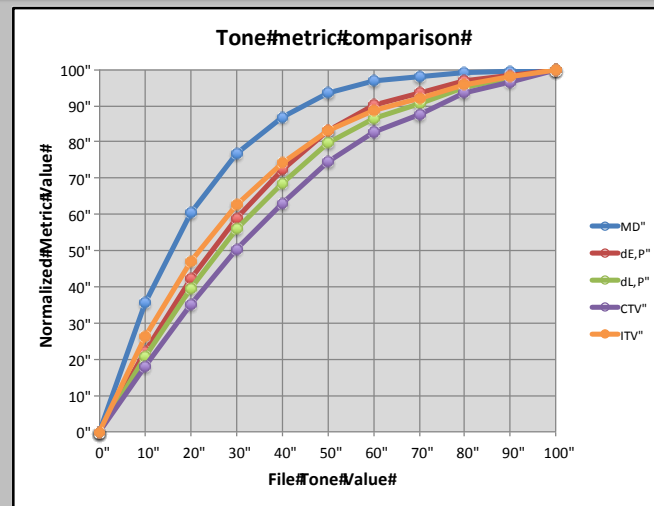


Problem Defined



PMS186(

File TV	MD	dE-P	dL-P	CTV	ITV
0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
10	35.4	22.2	20.8	18.0	26.1
20	60.6	42.4	39.8	35.2	46.9
30	76.7	58.9	55.9	50.4	62.9
40	86.9	72.2	68.7	63.0	74.1
50	93.5	83.2	79.7	74.7	83.3
60	96.7	90.0	86.6	82.7	88.7
70	98.1	93.5	90.5	87.5	91.9
80	99.2	96.7	95.2	93.4	95.9
90	99.6	98.4	97.4	96.5	97.9
100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0



ISO CD 20654

$$SCTV = 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{(V_{xt}-V_{xp})^2 + (V_{yt}-V_{yp})^2 + (V_{zt}-V_{zp})^2}{(V_{xs}-V_{xp})^2 + (V_{ys}-V_{yp})^2 + (V_{zs}-V_{zp})^2}}$$

Equation 4.1

where

V_{xs}, V_{ys}, V_{zs} are V_x, V_y, V_z values calculated for the spot ink solid,

V_{xp}, V_{yp}, V_{zp} are V_x, V_y, V_z values calculated for the substrate and

V_{xt}, V_{yt}, V_{zt} are V_x, V_y, V_z values calculated for the spot ink tint.

The value components are defined to have functional form similar to that of CIE L*:

$$V_x = f\left(\frac{X}{X_n}\right) \times 116 - 16$$

$$V_y = f\left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right) \times 116 - 16$$

$$V_z = f\left(\frac{Z}{Z_n}\right) \times 116 - 16$$

Equations 4.2

and where

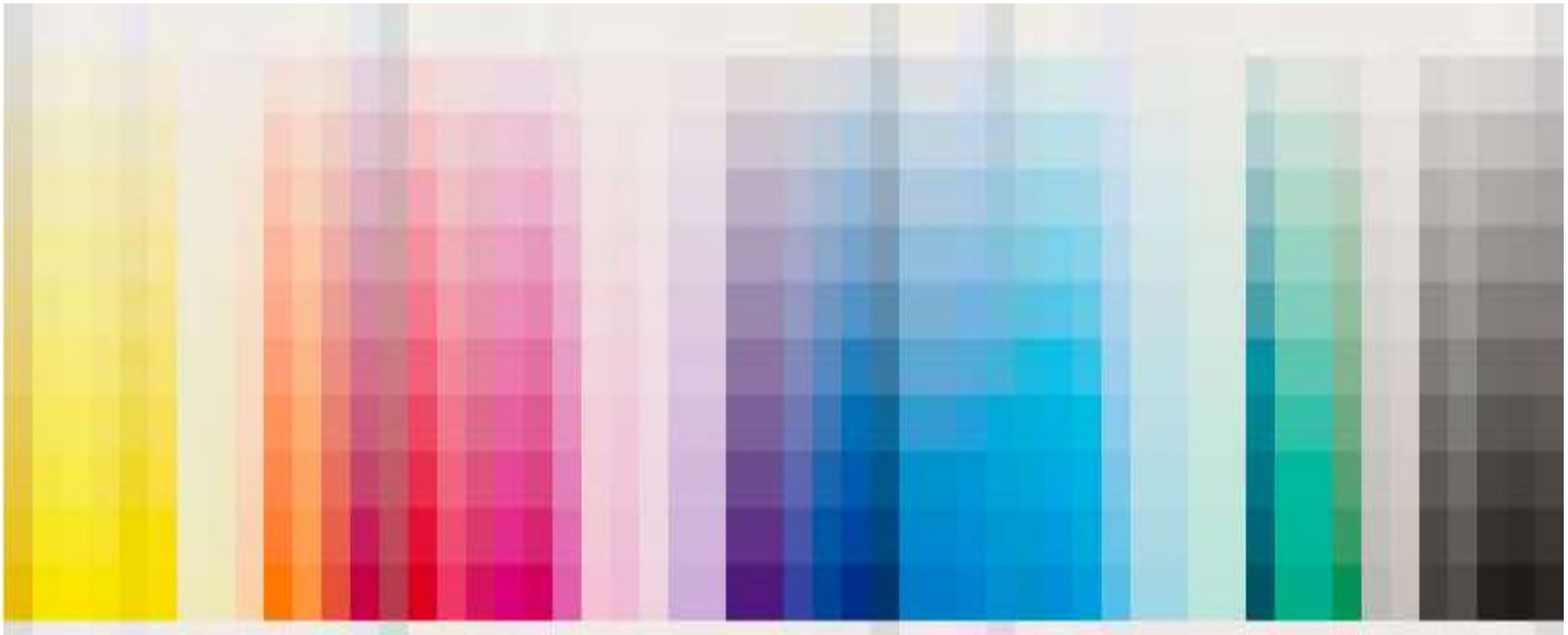
$$f(u) = (u)^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \text{if } u > \left(\frac{6}{29}\right)^3$$

Equations 4.3

$$f(u) = \left(\frac{841}{108}\right) \cdot (u) + \left(\frac{4}{29}\right) \quad \text{if } u \leq \left(\frac{6}{29}\right)^3$$

is the same compression function defined in ISO 13655 in the derivation of CIELAB.

ISO CD 20654 – Spot Colour Tone Value (SCTV)



icc Max



- Provides Support for the Packaging Industry
- Allows measurement data using the CxF format
- New encoding of Named colors to support tints



Thanks for you time today!

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