
**Photography and graphic
technology — Extended colour
encodings for digital image storage,
manipulation and interchange —**

**Part 3:
Reference input medium metric RGB
colour image encoding (RIMM RGB)**

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étendues pour stockage, manipulation et échange d'image numérique —*

*Partie 3: Codage d'image en couleurs RVB par référence d'entrée par
voie métrique*



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Foreword

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ISO/TS 22028 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Photography and graphic technology — Extended colour encodings for digital image storage, manipulation and interchange*:

- *Part 1: Architecture and requirements*
- *Part 2: Reference output medium metric RGB colour image encoding (ROMM RGB)*
- *Part 3: Reference input medium metric RGB colour image encoding (RIMM RGB)* [Technical Specification]

The following parts are under preparation:

- *Part 4: European Colour Initiative RGB colour image encoding [eciRGB (2008)]* [Technical Specification]

Introduction

This part of ISO 22028 has been developed in order to meet the industry need for a complete, fully-documented, publicly-available definition of a wide-primary scene-referred extended colour gamut red-green-blue (RGB) colour image encoding. This encoding provides a way to represent scene-referred images that does not limit the colour gamut to those colours capable of being displayed on a CRT monitor, or require the use of negative RGB colourimetry coordinates.

A scene-referred extended colour gamut colour encoding is particularly desirable for professional photography applications. For example, colours captured by digital cameras, as well as conventional capture devices such as photographic film, can be outside those that can be represented within the colour gamut of a typical monitor or other types of output devices. Similarly, scene-referred images can have a larger luminance dynamic range than output-referred images since they have not been modified by a colour rendering process to fit the images to a specific output medium applying appropriate tone and colour reproduction aims. Retaining the unrendered scene-referred image data has the advantage that it preserves the option to make decisions about how a particular image is to be rendered. For example, a scene-referred image of a backlit scene can retain information about both the dark foreground region and the bright background region of the scene. This information can be used to make a properly exposed print of either the foreground region or the background region, or alternatively can be used to create an improved image by rendering the two regions differently.

By using a standard scene-referred extended colour gamut colour image encoding, images can be stored, interchanged and manipulated without restricting the image to a particular rendering intent or output device. The reference input medium metric RGB (RIMM RGB) colour encoding specified in this part of ISO 22028 meets the needs of these types of applications. An extended dynamic range version of this colour image encoding known as extended reference input medium metric RGB (ERIMM RGB), and a floating point version known as FP-RIMM RGB are also specified for use with high-dynamic range input sources. The scene-referred RIMM RGB colour image encoding is intended to be complementary to the output-referred ROMM RGB colour image encoding specified in ISO/TS 22028-2. Both colour encodings are based on the same “wide RGB” additive colour space to facilitate the development of image processing algorithms and simple colour rendering transformations to convert scene-referred RIMM RGB images to rendered output-referred ROMM RGB images.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 22028 specifies a family of scene-referred extended colour gamut RGB colour image encodings designated as reference input medium metric RGB (RIMM RGB). Digital images encoded using RIMM RGB can be manipulated, stored, transmitted, displayed or printed by digital still picture imaging systems. Three precision levels are defined using 8-, 12- and 16-bits/channel.

An extended luminance dynamic range version of RIMM RGB is also defined, designated as extended reference input medium metric RGB (ERIMM RGB). Two precision levels of ERIMM RGB are defined using 12- and 16-bits/channel.

FP-RIMM RGB, a floating point version of RIMM RGB, defines the expression method of RIMM RGB in a floating point figure. Three precision levels of FP-RIMM RGB are defined using 16-, 32- and 64-bits/channel.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 12234-2, *Electronic still-picture imaging — Removable memory — Part 2: TIFF/EP image data format*

ISO 22028-1:2004, *Photography and graphic technology — Extended colour encodings for digital image storage, manipulation and interchange — Part 1: Architecture and requirements*

ISO 11664-1, *Colorimetry — Part 1: CIE standard colorimetric observers*¹⁾

CIE Publication 15, *Colorimetry*

IEEE 754, *IEEE Standard for Floating-Point Arithmetic*

1) Replaces ISO/CIE 10527.