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INTRODUCTION

Beam-scanning laser displays have specific features which are quite different from full-frame (FF) laser displays using a spatial light modulator (SLM) and other electronic displays.

The image of the beam-scanning laser displays is usually projected on a planar or curved screen. Scanning laser displays that excite or pump full or patterned phosphor layers on a separate screen are excluded. The image pixels are virtually created by high-speed modulation of a scanning laser beam combining at least R, G, B primary colour beams, which is sometimes called "flying spot". Compared with displays with spatial light modulators, the image formed on the screen can have additional spatio-temporal blur and non-uniformities. Therefore, to measure the image quality projected on the screen, the dynamic scan mechanism even for still images is considered.

Furthermore, speckle greatly affects the image quality because a speckle pattern is created on the retina by interference of the coherent or partially coherent laser lights scattered on the screen. It is more difficult for the beam-scanning laser displays to reduce speckle effects than other laser displays. This is because some of the effective speckle-reducing techniques such as moving diffusers and angular compounding are not applicable to a laser beam. Therefore, the speckle more greatly affects the measurements of illuminance, chromaticity and resolution, that is, speckle effects are more dominant in that type of displays and therefore it is necessary to use light measuring equipment designed for measurements under the effect of speckle.

The speckle-affected image quality of scanning laser displays strongly depends on the optical quality of the laser beam, such as scanning speed, scanning angle, image-signal modulation, and speckle. The detail of the measuring methods of the laser beam emitted out of laser modules is specified in IEC 62595-2-4 [1]¹.

¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62906 specifies the standard measurement conditions and methods for determining the quality of images projected by a scanning laser display on a visible light fluorescence-free screen, when observed as being affected by speckle noise due to laser coherence.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60825-1, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 62471 (all parts), *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems*

IEC 62906-5-2, *Laser display devices – Part 5-2: Optical measuring methods of speckle contrast*

IEC 62906-5-4, *Laser display devices – Part 5-4: Optical measuring methods of colour speckle*

IEC 62906-5-6, *Laser displays – Part 5-6: Measuring methods for optical performance of projection screens*

3 Terms, definitions, abbreviated terms, and letter symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

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3.1.1

scanning laser display

laser display capable of projecting an image on a planar or curved screen by spatially scanning one or several laser beams

3.1.2

raster-scan laser display

laser display capable of projecting an image on a planar or curved screen by scanning one or several laser beams line-by-line