

# Trends for CIE-ISO-colour standards for input and output of all colour devices with relative CIELAB colour coordinates *rgb*\*

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## Summary

DIN 33872-1 to 6 was published in 2010 and comes with test charts on CD for part 1 to 6, and in internet, see <http://www.ps.bam.de/33872E>. The output properties of these test charts are tested visually for the *softcopy* (display, projector) and the *hardcopy* (printer, offset, photographic) output.

For example the ISO committees TC159/SC4/WG2 *Visual display requirements* and ISO/IEC SC28 *Office systems* have asked the standard bodies CIE Division 1 and 8 by different resolutions between 2009 and 2014 to work on a visual human *RGB* colour space. The trends in standardization to such a colour space for example by different the CIE Reportership Reports R1-47, R1-57 and R8-09 are described. The advantages for example to solve the visual user wishes of DIN 33872-1 to -6 by colorimetry are given and may influence this CIE development.

## DIN 33872-1 to -6 and ouput dependence on colour workflow

In the DIN standard series DIN 33872-1 to -6 there is **no** statement that the output properties according to DIN-user wishes are **required**. However, many companies may consider how to *solve* the DIN-user wishes as an ***option*** for applications.

If one studies the user whishes then it is realized soon, that the *workflow* between the file and the output has at least four sources which usually support and sometimes block the user whishes. For example:

- the computer operating system
- the application software
- the device driver
- the hard- and software of the device

Therefore the workflow output of the test charts of DIN 33871-1 to -6 can either support the user wishes or block them.

The individual source of the problem may not be detected, because only the final output of a workflow with different components is studied.

For the output, the main questions and user wishes are:

- Is the output visually *equally spaced* for equally spaced *rgb* data (Y/N)?  
*(compare Fig. 1)*
- Are the *elementary* hues produced for the given *rgb* values (Y/N)?  
*(compare Fig. 2)*

### **Example outputs of test charts and trends for CIE-ISO standards**

The following pages show two output examples of two DIN-test charts according to DIN 33872-2 and -5.

In addition each output example produces questions, see

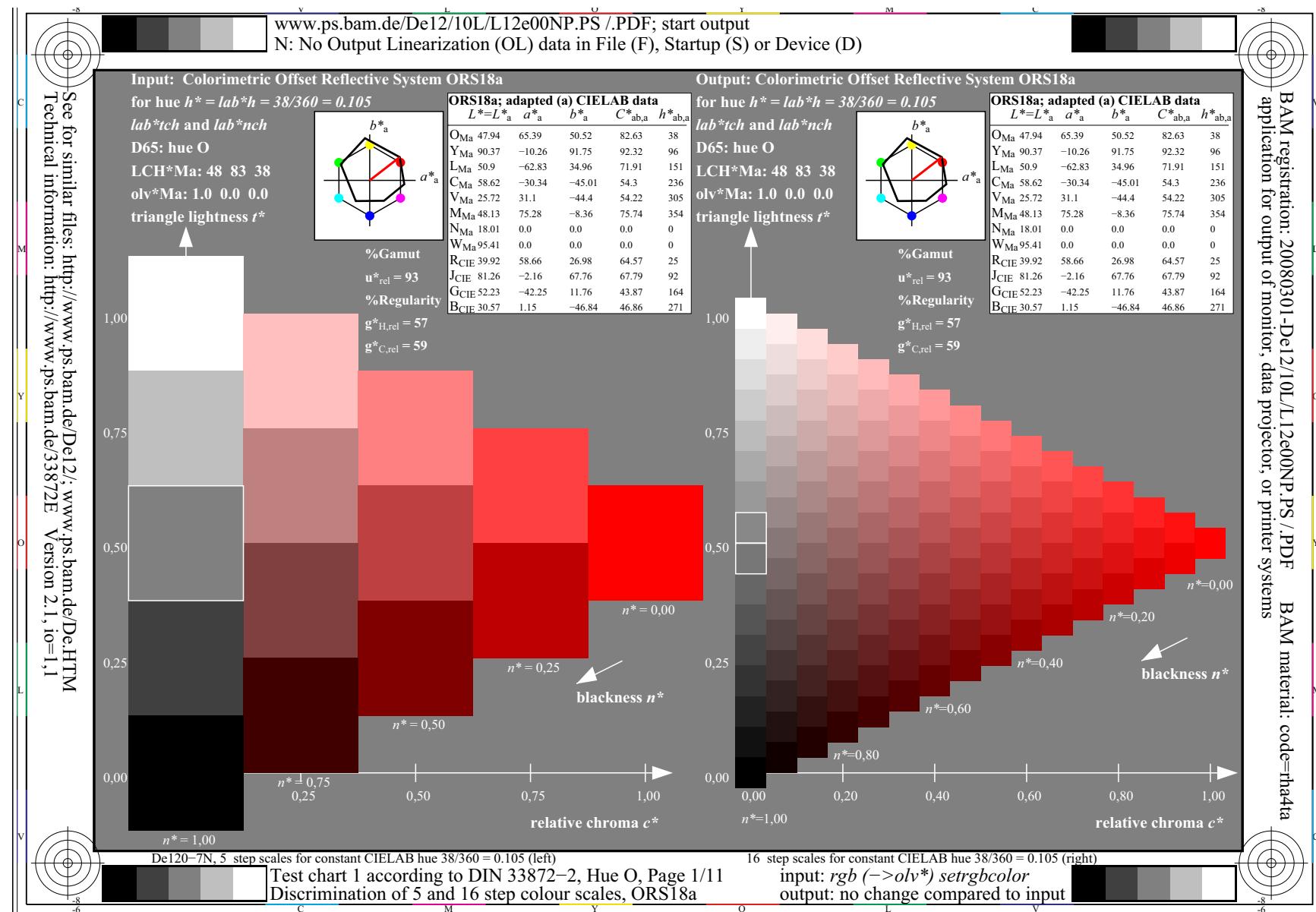
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in a DIN-form to be answered by the user.

Only visual evaluation is necessary to answer the DIN-questions.

The use of colour measurement equipment is an *option* to support colorimetric answers, for example in real office colour applications.

More standardization is needed for these colorimetric *option*.



**Fig 1: Equally spaced colour test with test chart according to DIN 33872-2**

Question: Produce the equally spaced *rgb* values equally spaced output series (Y/N) ?

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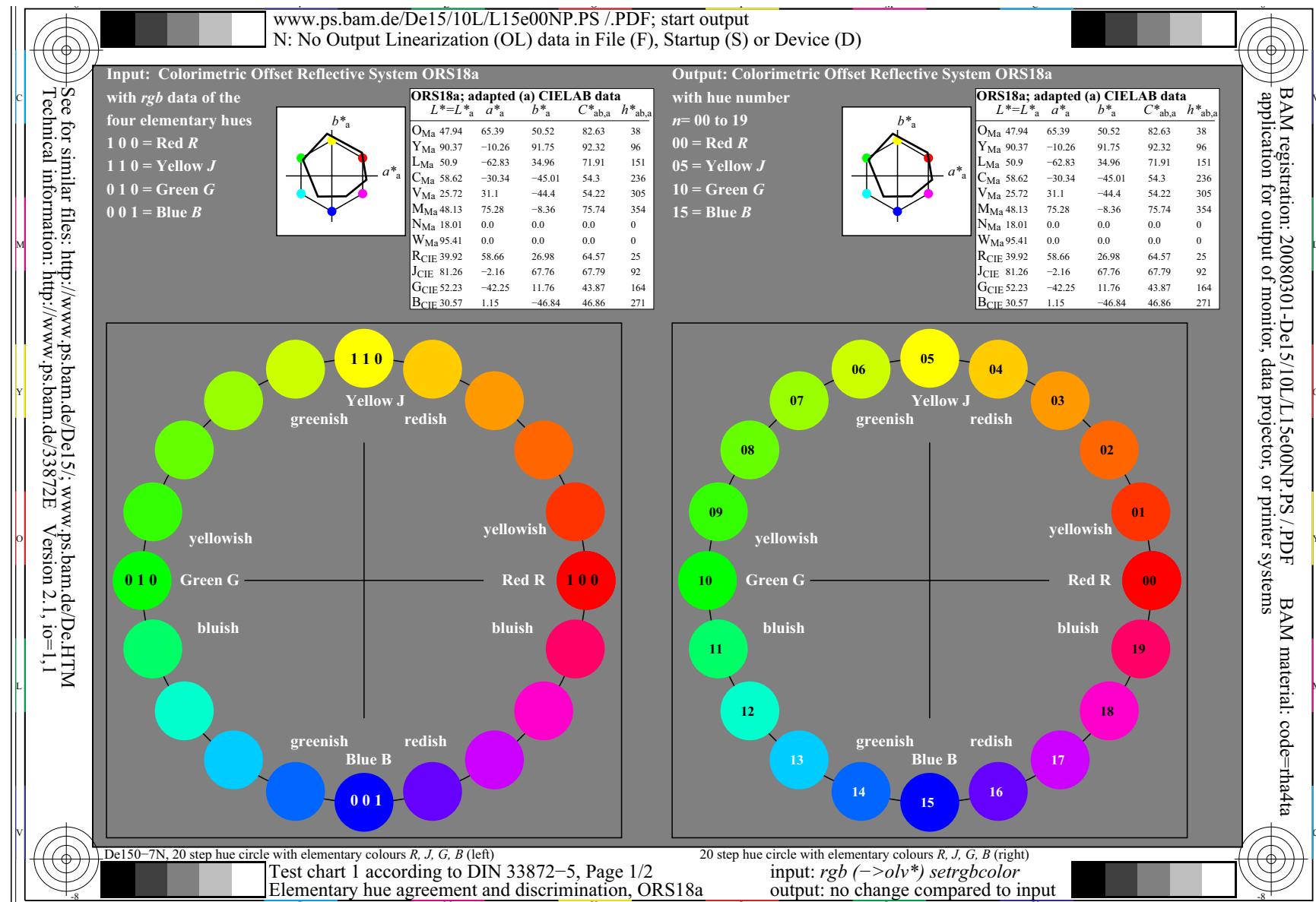
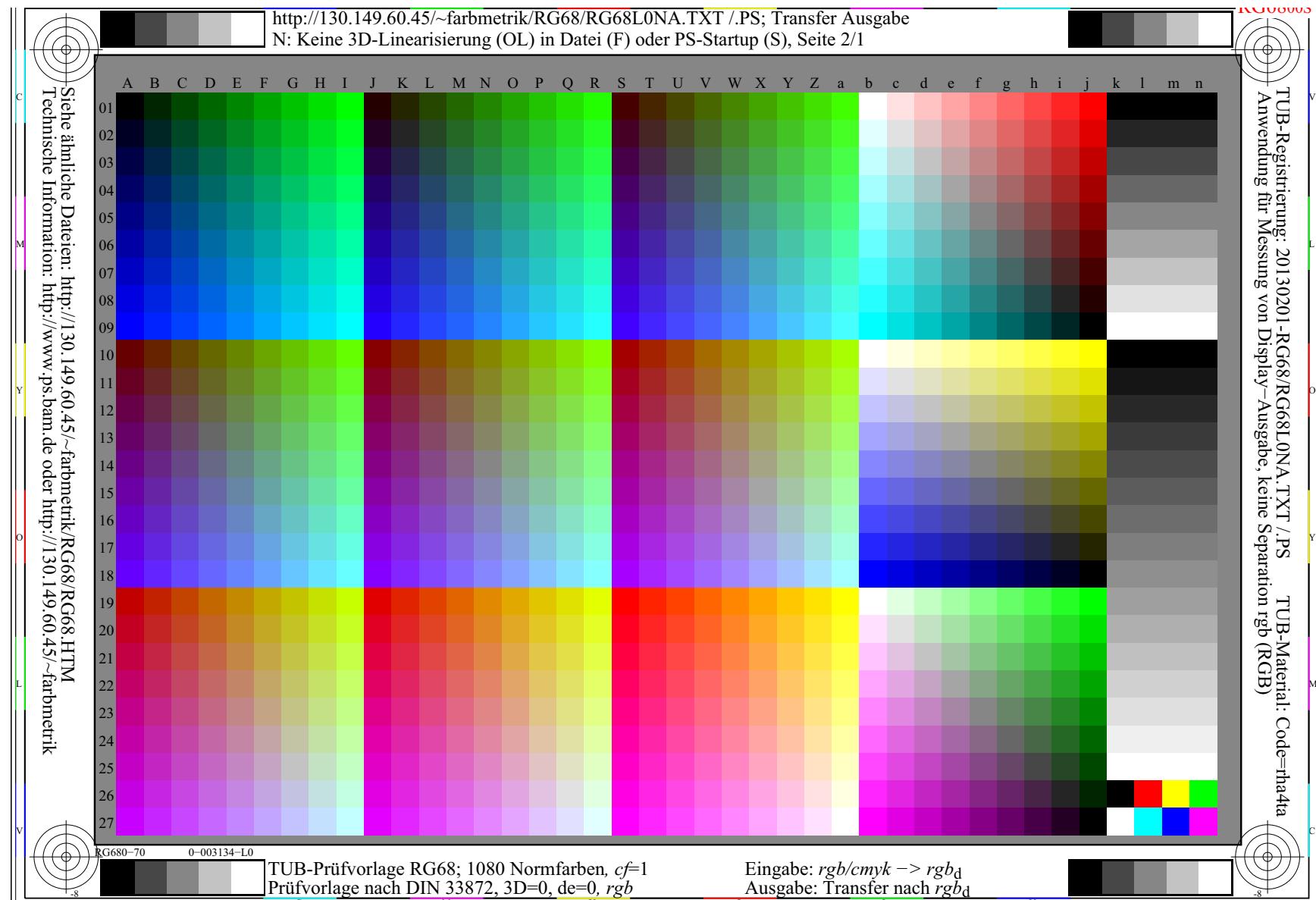


Fig 2: Elementary hue output test with test chart according to DIN 33872-5

Question: Produce the *rgb* values the elementary hues according to visual criteria (Y/N)?



**Fig. 3: Test chart according to CIE R8-09 with 1080 colours defined by *rgb* values in file**

Fig. 3 includes 1080 colours. A *rgb* colour cube is defined by  $729 = 9 \times 9 \times 9$  colours. There is a 48 step hue circle within the 729 colours. In addition oponent hue planes and greys are shown.

Input	Output	Input and output media and applications			Technical Report (TR) or Standard	Method & Test: Linearization
		Input media	Output media	Application		
analog	analog	ISO/IEC-file series equally spaced in <i>rgb</i> + ISO/IEC-test chart (hardcopy) series equally spaced in <i>LCh*</i>	Hardcopy	Basis Copier	ISO/IEC TR 24705 ISO/IEC 15775	DIN 33866-1 DIN 33872-1 DIN 33866-2 JIS X 6933
analog	digital	ISO/IEC-test chart (hardcopy) series equally spaced in <i>Lch*</i>	File	Scanner	ISO/IEC TR 24705	DIN 33866-4
digital	analog	ISO/IEC-test chart (File) series equally spaced in <i>rgb</i>	Hardcopy Softcopy	Printer Display	ISO/IEC TR 24705 ISO/IEC TR 24705 ISO 9241-306	DIN 33866-3 DIN 33872-2,4 DIN 33866-5 DIN 33872-2,4

The ISO/IEC-input linearisation method produces an ISO/IEC-file from an ISO/IEC-original scene:  
 Flower motif with 16 equidistant grey steps, and 14 CIE-test colours according to CIE 13.3

The ISO/IEC-output linearisation method produces from an ISO/IEC-file a linearized display, offset or printer output:

ISO/IEC-input linearisation method				ISO/IEC-output linearisation method			
Input	Output	Application	Technical Report (TR) or Standard	Input	Output media	Application	Technical Report (TR) or Standard
Original scene + CIE colours	ISO/IEC Image File	Reference Image File	ISO/IEC 15775 ISO/IEC TR 24705	ISO/IEC File ISO/IEC File ISO/IEC File	Hardcopy Softcopy Softcopy Hardcopy Hardcopy	Printer Display Display Offset Printer	ISO/IEC TR 19797 ISO 9241-306 8 viewing conditions CIE R8-09: 2014 device space + device-independent visual RGB* space

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**Fig. 4: Standard documents with equally spaced *rgb* and *LCh\** data for 16-step series**

Fig. 4 includes the connection between many International and National Standard documents.  
 The colour series have equal spacing in *rgb* in the file and equal spacing in *LCh\** in the hardcopy.

## Output linearization according to CIE R8-09 and user test according to DIN 33872-1 to -6

Colour device company which produces:

display, data projector, printer, offset machine, ...

Device output of colour test chart according to DIN 33872-X or CIE R8-09 by two options:  
 option 1: automatic company device output  
 option 2: output according to CIE R8-09

Linearization company: ←

Measures 1080 user colours and produces  
*linearization code according to CIE R8-09*  
 in driver or profile for user device

For the test charts of DIN 33872-1 to -6 see  
<http://www.ps.bam.de/33872E>

For english text of DIN 33872 see  
<http://www.iso.org/scit> (docum. N183–189)

For test chart with 1080 colours of CIE R8-09 see  
<http://130.49.60.45/~farbmetrik/RE68/RE68L0NP.PDF>

For more technical information about CIE R8-09 see  
<http://130.49.60.45/~farbmetrik/outlin>

### Visual output test for option 1 or 2

with Y/N user questions of DIN 33872-2 to -6  
 (no colour measurement necessary)

### Agrees the output with the user wishes (Y/N)?

If the answer is Yes (Y) then finish.

If No (N) agreement to the user wishes then:

look for a device with properties according to R8-09  
 or send (printed) output to a **linearization company**.

Get back a device driver or profile which  
 produces an output according to CIE R8-09.

### Advantages of Output Linearization:

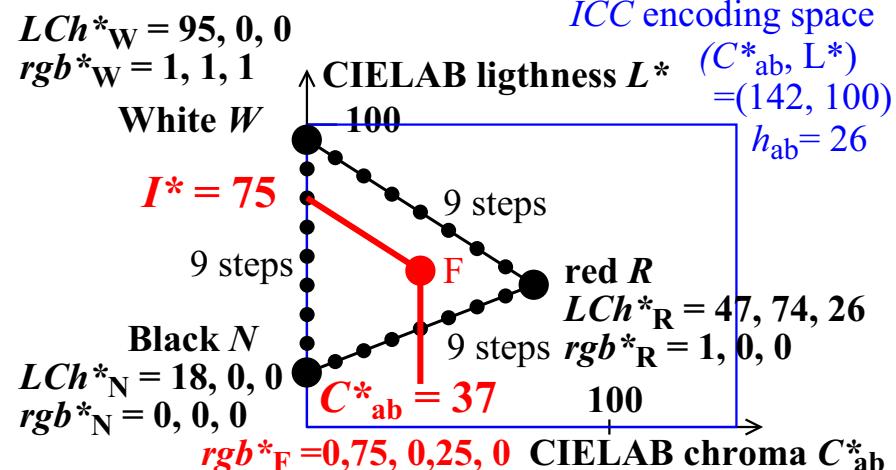
- Device-independent hue output (CIE R1-47).
- Linear relation between  $rgb^*$  and CIELAB data.
- No loss of visual information for 16 step colour series on different colour devices.
- remark: for  $rgb^*$  colour specification in device-independent  $RGB^*$  colour space see CIE R1-57 & <http://www.iso.org/scit> (open document N275).

**Fig. 5: Output Linearization according to CIE R8-09 to realize user wishes of DIN 33872-X**  
 An automatic device company output, for example by the method of CIE R8-09, or profiles produced for users by *linearization companies* may solve the user wishes of DIN 33872-X.

**Offset  $rgb^*$  input data and  $LCh^*$  output data**

Color	$rgb^*$	$LCh^*$
$R_e$ elementary red	1 0 0	47, 74, 26
$Y_e$ elementary yellow	1 1 0	86, 88, 92
$G_e$ elementary green	0 1 0	53, 57, 164
$B_e$ elementary blue	0 0 1	42, 45, 271
$N$ black	0 0 0	18, 0, 0
$W$ white	1 1 1	95, 0, 0

(data according to test chart DIN 33872-2, p. 9-12)  
 (CIELAB hue angles according to CIE R1-47)

**9 step offset colours in CIELAB colour space**


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**Multifunctional device**

with the following modes:

- copier
- scanner
- printer

**high colour fidelity in copier mode**  
 $LCh^* \rightarrow rgb \rightarrow rgb^* \rightarrow rgb^* \rightarrow LCh^*$ 

 scanner  
 user wish:  
 $rgb \rightarrow rgb^*$ 

 printer  
 user wish:  
 $rgb^* \rightarrow LCh^*$ 

— lower colour fidelity

 File output  
 $rgb$     $rgb^*$ 

 File input  
 $rgb$     $rgb^*$ 

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**Fig. 6: ICC rectangle and  $rgb^*$  triangle coding (top) and  $rgb \rightarrow rgb^*$  transfer for scan devices**

Fig. 6 compares the ICC rectangle with the  $rgb^*$  triangle coding. According to CIE 168 the sRGB triangle space fills 20% of the ICC coding space. The coding accuracy increases by  $rgb^*$  by a factor 5 which for example increases colour fidelity of multifunctional devices in scanning mode.

<b>Development of relative device and visual colour spaces <i>sRGB &amp; RGB*</i></b>		
<b>Time scale</b>	<b>IEC: Display manufacturers and standard documents</b>	<b>CIE: Visual observers and standard documents</b>
1950–1999	<b>Colour television and colour CRT devices</b>  4 display device colours $RYGB_d$ CIELAB hue angles = 40, 102, 136, 306	<b>Visual colour space CIELAB 1976</b> $L^*, C^*_{ab}, h_{ab} = g_n(XYZ)$ (CIE metric) ( $g_n$ = nonlinear function)  Color rendering CIE 13 Test colours no. 9 to 12 = $RYGB$ CIELAB hue angles = 26, 92, 162, 272
2000–2009	<b><i>sRGB (display) standard</i></b> $rgb = f_n(XYZ, L^*)$ ( <i>sRGB</i> metric?) ( $f_n$ = nonlinear function) (the <i>sRGB</i> metric allows much freedom)  IEC 61966–2–1 ( <i>sRGB</i> standard) IEC 61966–X	<b><i>relative device CIELAB space</i></b> $rgb^*_d = f_l(L^*, C^*_{ab}, h_{ab,d})$ (CIE metric) ( $f_l$ = linear function, d = any device)  DIN 33866–1 to 5, JIS 6933 ISO/IEC 15775, ISO/IEC TR 24705 ISO 9241–306:2009 Linearized display output for 8 room light reflections
2010–20??	IEC 61966–1 to 12	<b><i>relative elementary CIELAB space</i></b>  CIE R1–47: CIE 13, no. 9 to 12 = $RYGB_e$ $rgb^*_e = g_l(L^*, C^*_{ab}, h_{ab,e})$ (CIE metric) ( $g_l$ = linear function, e = elementary)  DIN 33872–1 to 6 → ISO/CIE ?

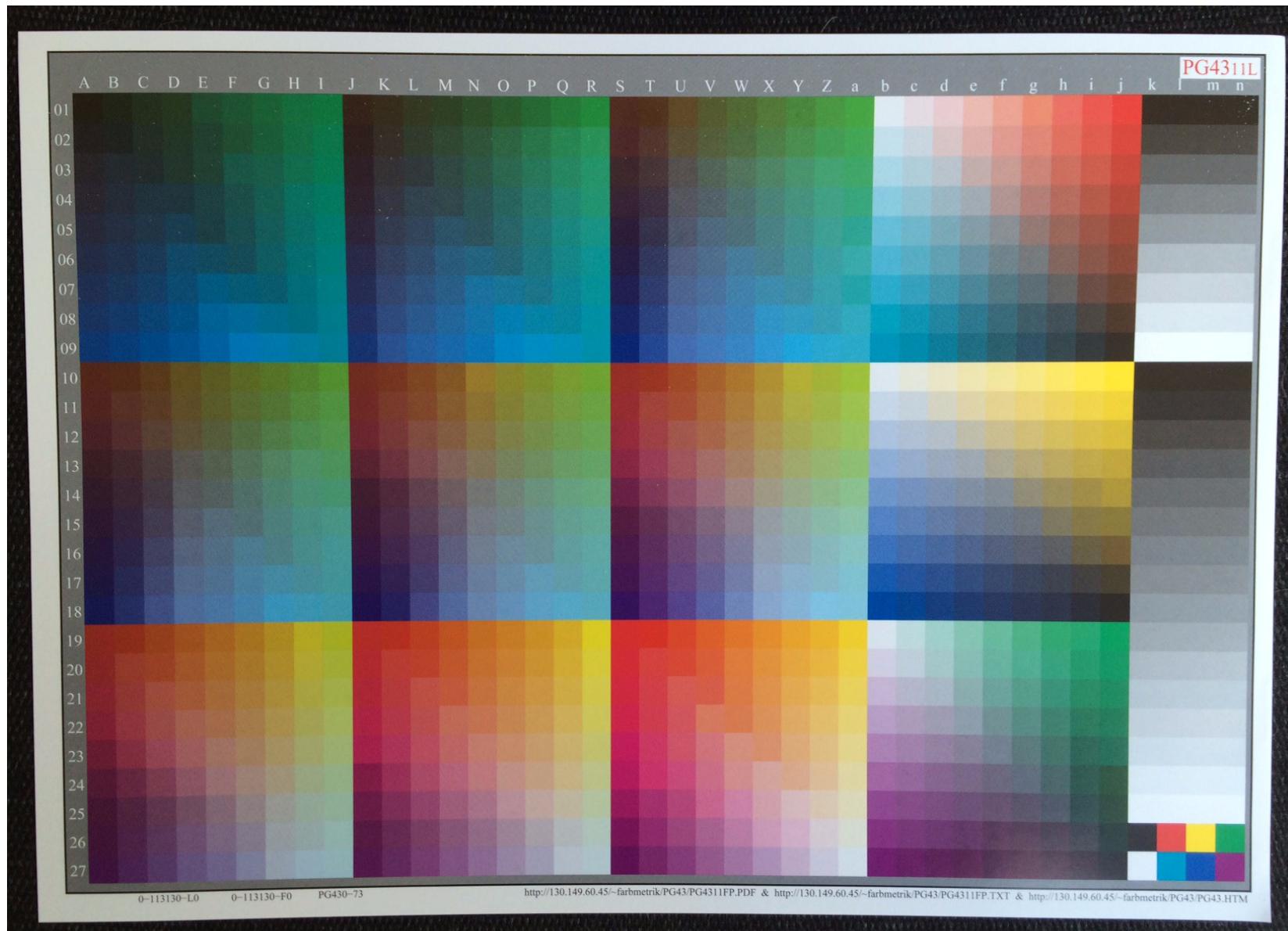
**Fig. 7: Development of *relative device space sRGB* and *visual colour space RGB\****

Fig. 7 shows that only the *RGB\** metric is visual, in contrast to *sRGB*. Output linearization for office displays is already used at work places in ISO 9241-306:2009 and not a new requirement

<b>Possible time scale related to international standardization of DIN 33872-X</b> <i>possible standard and market developments between 2009 and 2024</i>				
<b>Time scale for Standard Development</b>				
2009	2014	2019	2024	
●				DIN 33872-1 to -6:2009 User wish satisfied (Yes/No)?
●				CIE R1-47:2009 with the four hue angles $h_{ab,e} = 26, 92, 162$ , and 271.
	●			CIE R1-57:2013 with $rgb^*$ coordinates for <i>Ostwald</i> colours.
	●			CIE R8-09:2014? (long version) for output linearization of devices.
		●		CIE Technical Report with four elementary hue angles $h_{ab,e}$ of <i>RYGB<sub>e</sub></i> .
		●		CIE Technical Report with definition of visual $rgb^*$ colour coordinates.
			●	ISO/CIE Standard with four elementary hue angles $h_{ab,e}$ of <i>RYGB<sub>e</sub></i> .
			●	ISO/CIE Standard with definition of the visual $RGB^*$ colour space.
			●	ISO/CIE Standards: Output Linearization for displays, offset, printers.
			●	ISO/CIE Standards: Input Linearization for scanners and cameras.
<b>Time scale for Market Development with the motivation of fast solutions for user wishes</b>				
1. Use of DIN-test charts and the above CIE documents within new $rgb^*$ workflow.				
2. Production of <i>reference</i> test charts with CIE R8-09 for many output devices.				
3. Use of <i>reference</i> test charts for colour calibration of scanners and cameras.				
4. Optimizing the output-input-output linearization loop for $rgb^*$ colour management.				
5. 5-fold higher accuracy (triangle coding) for <i>Profile Connection Space RGB*</i> instead of <i>CIELAB</i> .				
2009	2014	2016	2018	
	●			Device Output Linearization, and production of test charts $rgb \rightarrow rgb^*$ .
		●		Linearized <i>reference</i> test charts for calibration of scanners & cameras.
		●		Colour workflow loop output-input-output and calculation of accuracy.
			●	Advantages & disadvantages of $rgb^*$ ; smooth transfer $rgb_{sRGB} \rightarrow rgb^*$ .

**Fig. 8: Possible time scale related to international standardization of DIN 33872-X**

Fig. 8 include a possible time scale for a standard and market development. The market demand may not wait for new standards. Some mouse clicks seem to solve the user wishes.



**Fig. 9: iPhone foto of the  $rgb^*$  linearized output in offset, Plate PG4311L, German edition**  
 Fig. 9 includes the 729 colours with known  $rgb^*$  and  $L^*C^*_{ab}h_{ab}$  values in CIELAB. One can get 729 foto  $rgb$  data by many software. Use of a profile  $rgb \rightarrow rgb^*$  produces the original file colours.

### Output – Input – Output: A loop for colour fidelity with the visual $rgb^*$ and $LCh^*$ CIELAB data

Produce a reference test chart with 729 CIELAB colours or buy one, or use PG4311L of *Colour and Colour Vision*, see <http://130.149.60.45/~farbmetrik/color>

#### Example: Linearized output in offset print

Output linearization produces for  $729 = 9 \cdot 9 \cdot 9$   $rgb$  input data the 729  $LCh^*$  CIELAB output colours.

Produce the linearized output of page 2 of the file <http://130.149.60.45/~farbmetrik/RE68/RE68L0NP.PDF>

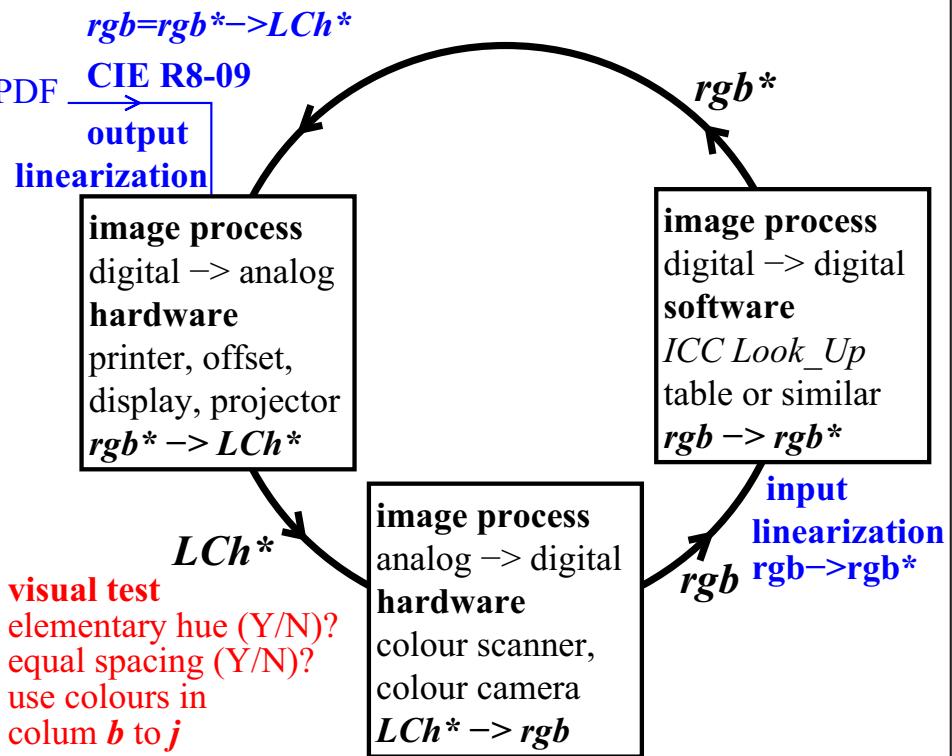
Use document CIE R8–09 for output linearization, see for more information  
<http://130.149.60.45/~farbmetrik/outlin> or  
<http://farbe.li.tu-berlin.de/outlin>

#### Offset $rgb^*$ data input and $LCh^*$ data output

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(data according to test chart DIN 33872-2, p. 9-12)

Use reference test chart with 729 CIELAB colours  
Colour scanners or cameras produce 729  $rgb$  data.  
Transfer the 729  $rgb$  data to the 729  $rgb^*$  data.  
After the linearized input the 729 colour data  $rgb^*$  may be used again for the linearized output.



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**Fig. 10: Output - Input - Output: A loop for colour fidelity with the visual  $rgb^*$  and  $LCh^*$  data**  
Fig. 10 includes available information for the *calibration* of colour scanners and cameras. A reference test chart in offset (PG4311L) is in the German version of an available booklet.

Agreement (Y/N) of CIELAB $h_{ab}$ with IEC 61966-2-1 and CIE R1-47					
	reference: device colours				NOTES visual standard deviation $v_{SD}$
	$R_{d,sRGB}$	$Y_{d,sRGB}$	$G_{d,sRGB}$	$B_{d,sRGB}$	
<b>definition for display output in IEC 61966-2-1</b>	40 $\pm$ 4 40 $\pm$ 8	103 $\pm$ 4 103 $\pm$ 8	136 $\pm$ 4 136 $\pm$ 8	306 $\pm$ 8 306 $\pm$ 16	1 x $v_{SD}$ 2 x $v_{SD}$ data see [1], Tab. B.2
<b>measurement of printer output <i>rgb</i> in file</b>	34 N(-2) 34 Y	100 Y 100 Y	146 N(+8) 146 N(+2)	264 N(-34) 264 N(-26)	1 x $v_{SD}$ ; 1 x Y 2 x $v_{SD}$ ; 2 x Y data see [1], Fig. 32
<b>measurement of printer output <i>cmy0</i> in file</b>	34 N(-2) 34 Y	100 Y 100 Y	153 N(+15) 153 N(+9)	300 Y 300 Y	1 x $v_{SD}$ ; 2 x Y 2 x $v_{SD}$ ; 3 x Y data see [1], Fig. 33
	reference: elementary colours				NOTES visual standard deviation $v_{SD}$
	$R_e$	$Y_e$	$G_e$	$B_e$	
<b>definition for any output in CIE R1-47</b>	26 $\pm$ 4 26 $\pm$ 8	92 $\pm$ 4 92 $\pm$ 8	162 $\pm$ 4 162 $\pm$ 8	272 $\pm$ 8 272 $\pm$ 16	1 x $v_{SD}$ 2 x $v_{SD}$ data see CIE R1-47
<b>measurement of printer output <i>rgb</i> in file</b>	34 N(+4) 34 Y	100 N(+4) 100 Y	146 N(-12) 146 N(-8)	264 N(-4) 264 Y	1 x $v_{SD}$ ; 0 x Y 2 x $v_{SD}$ ; 3 x Y data see [1], Fig. 32
<b>measurement of printer output <i>cmy0</i> in file</b>	34 N(+4) 34 Y	100 N(+4) 100 Y	153 N(-5) 153 N(-1)	300 N(+20) 300 N(+12)	1 x $v_{SD}$ ; 0 x Y 2 x $v_{SD}$ ; 2 x Y data see [1], Fig. 33

**Fig. 11:** Agreement (Y/N) of CIELAB hue angle  $h_{ab}$  with IEC 61966-2-1 and CIE R1-47

If *rgb* data are in the file, then the output of an example printer of a leading printer company agrees for blue more with the hue angle of CIE R1-47 ( $h_{ab}=272$ ) compared to IEC 61966-2-1.

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