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Introduction

This Recommendation | International Standard establishes conformance test requirements for conformance to ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

In this document, the additional text to ITU-T Rec. H.264.1 | ISO/IEC 14496-4 is specified for the conformance test of ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10 video decoders. This specification is specifically applied to ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10, AVC Fidelity Range Extensions.

The following subclauses specify the normative tests for verifying conformance of ITU-T Rec. H.264 | 14496-10 video bitstreams and video decoders. Those normative tests make use of test data (bitstream test suites) provided as an electronic annex to this document, and of the reference software decoder specified in ITU-T Rec. H.264.2 | ISO/IEC 14496-5 with source code available in electronic format.

The numbering in this fidelity range extensions conformance amendment text is relative to the text of ITU-T Rec. H.264.1 | ISO/IEC 14496-4. When a numbered item (i.e., a clause, subclause, figure, table, or equation) or associated content is being replaced or modified, the same number is used for the modified numbered item. When a numbered item is inserted between prior numbered items, the number of the corresponding numbered item immediately preceding it is used and the letter 'a' is appended to this number. When, after this one such inserted numbered item, another numbered item is inserted, the letter 'a' is replaced by the letter 'b' to indicate their relative order, and so on, following ordinary English alphabetical order. If text integrating this amendment with ITU-T Rec. H.264.1 | ISO/IEC 14496-4 is produced, the inserted numbered items are to be assigned the corresponding number in their numerical order without any such letters, and any subsequent numbered items are to be assigned later numbers to avoid conflicts. The purpose of the numbering convention in this amendment text is to avoid renumbering of numbered items in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-4 while drafting this amendment. Therefore, if the addition of a numbered item does not require renumbering of numbered items in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-4, the final number is assigned to the numbered item herein.

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Replace subclause 10.6.5.2 with:

10.6.5.2 Contents of bitstream file

The conformance bitstreams are included in this specification as an electronic attachment. The following information is included in a single zipped file for each such bitstream.

- ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10 video bitstream;
- Reconstructed pictures or hashes of decoded pictures (may not be present);
- Short description of the bitstream;
- Trace file (the bitstream in ASCII format).

In cases where the reconstructed pictures or hashes of decoded pictures are not available, the reference software of ITU-T Rec. H.264.2 | ISO/IEC 14496-5 shall be used to generate the necessary reference reconstructed pictures from the bitstream.

Replace subclause 10.6.5.5 with:

10.6.5.5 Static tests for output order conformance

Static tests of a video decoder require testing of the reconstructed samples. This subclause will explain how this test can be accomplished when the reconstructed samples at the output of the decoding process are available. It may not be possible to perform this type of test with a production decoder (due to the lack of an appropriate accessible interface in the design at which to perform the test). In that case this test should be performed by the manufacturer during the design and development phase. Static tests are used for testing the decoding process. The test will check that the values of the samples reconstructed by the decoder under test shall be identical to the values of the samples reconstructed by the reference decoder. When a hash of the values of the samples of the decoded pictures is attached to the bitstream file, a corresponding hash operation performed on the values of the samples of the decoded pictures produced by the decoder under test shall produce the same results.

Replace subclause 10.6.5.7 with:

10.6.5.7 Decoder conformance test of a particular profile-and-level

In order for a decoder of a particular profile-and-level to claim output order conformance to the standard as described by this Specification, the decoder shall successfully pass the static test defined in subclause 10.6.5.5 with all the bitstreams of the normative test suite specified for testing decoders of this particular profile-and-level.

In order for a decoder of a particular profile and level to claim output timing conformance to the standard as described by this Specification, the decoder shall successfully pass both the static test defined in subclause 10.6.5.5 and the dynamic test defined in subclause 10.6.5.6 with all the bitstreams of the normative test suite specified for testing decoders of this particular profile-and-level. Table 1 and Table 2 define the normative test suites for each profile-and-level combination. The test suite for a particular profile-and-level combination is the list of bitstreams that are marked with an 'X' in the column corresponding to that profile-and-level combination.

'X' indicates that the bitstream is designed to test both the dynamic and static conformance of the decoder.

The bitstream specification indicates the test bitstream specification used for each bitstream.

A decoder compliant with High, High 10, High 4:2:2, or High 4:4:4 shall be capable of decoding Main profile bitstreams. In addition to the streams defined in Table AMD9-2, a compliant decoder shall decode Main profile streams in Table AMD9-1.

Replace the following sentence in 10.6.6:

Some characteristics of each bitstream listed in Table AMD9-1 are described in the subclauses of this subclause. In Table AMD9-1, the value "29.97" shall be interpreted as an approximation of an exact value of $30000 \div 1001$.

with:

Some characteristics of each bitstream listed in Table AMD9-1 and Table AMD9-2 are described in the subclauses of this subclause. In Table AMD9-1 and Table AMD9-2, the value "29.97" shall be interpreted as an approximation of an exact value of $30000 \div 1001$.

Add the following after subclause 10.6.6.3.7:

10.6.6.3.8 Test bitstream #AVCMR-8, #AVCMR-9

Specification: All slices are coded as I or P slices. Each picture contains more than one slice. entropy_coding_mode_flag is equal to 0, specifying the CAVLC parsing process. pic_order_cnt_type is equal to 1. Reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations are used. direct_8x8_inference_flag is equal to 1. Each slice is a coded field. VUI is included in the bitstream. All NAL units are encapsulated into the byte stream format specified in Annex B in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

Functional stage: Reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations.

Purpose: Check that decoder handles reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations.

10.6.6.3.9 Test bitstream #AVCMR-10

Specification: All slices are coded as I, P or B slices. Each picture contains more than one slice. entropy_coding_mode_flag is equal to 0, specifying the CAVLC parsing process. pic_order_cnt_type is equal to 1. Reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations are used. Temporal direct prediction is used for direct prediction. direct_8x8_inference_flag is equal to 1. Each slice is a coded field. VUI is included in the bitstream. All NAL units are encapsulated into the byte stream format specified in Annex B in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

Functional stage: Reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations.

Purpose: Check that decoder handles reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations.

10.6.6.3.10 Test bitstream #AVCMR-11, #AVCMR-12

Specification: All slices are coded as I or P slices. Each picture contains more than one slice. entropy_coding_mode_flag is equal to 0, specifying the CAVLC parsing process. pic_order_cnt_type is equal to 0. Reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations are used. Each slice is a coded frame. All NAL units are encapsulated into the byte stream format specified in Annex B in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

Functional stage: Reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations.

Purpose: Check that decoder handles reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations.

Add the following after subclause 10.6.6.15.3:

10.6.6.16 Test Bitstreams – CABAC: Memory management control operation

10.6.6.16.1 Test bitstream #AVCCAMR-1

Specification: All slices are coded as I, P or B slices. Each picture contains more than one slice. entropy_coding_mode_flag is equal to 1, specifying the CABAC parsing process. pic_order_cnt_type is equal to 1. Reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations are used. Temporal direct prediction is used for direct prediction. direct_8x8_inference_flag is equal to 1. Each slice is a coded frame. mb_adaptive_frame_field_coding is equal to 1. VUI is included in the bitstream. All NAL units are encapsulated into the byte stream format specified in Annex B in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

Functional stage: Reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations.

Purpose: Check that decoder handles reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations.

10.6.6.16.2 Test bitstream #AVCCAMR-2

Specification: All slices are coded as I, P or B slices. Each picture contains more than one slice. entropy_coding_mode_flag is equal to 1, specifying the CABAC parsing process. pic_order_cnt_type is equal to 0. Reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations are used. Spatial direct prediction is used for direct prediction. direct_8x8_inference_flag is equal to 1. Each slice is a coded frame. All NAL units are encapsulated into the byte stream format specified in Annex B in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

Functional stage: Reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations.

Purpose: Check that decoder handles reference picture list reordering and memory management control operations.

Numbers of subclause after 6.6.16 are incremented according to this addition of new subclause.

Add the following new subclauses 10.6.6.21, 10.6.6.22, 10.6.6.23, and 10.6.6.24 after subclause 10.6.6.20.18:

10.6.6.21 Test Bitstreams – Fidelity Range Extensions: 4:2:0 8 bit

10.6.6.21.1 Test bitstream #FREH-1, #FREH-28

Specification: All slices are coded as I, P or B slices. Each picture contains only one slice. `entropy_coding_mode_flag` is equal to 0, specifying the CAVLC parsing process. `pic_order_cnt_type` is equal to 0. Spatial direct prediction is used for direct prediction. `direct_8x8_inference_flag` is equal to 0. Transform mode is set to 8x8 block size only. `seq_scaling_matrix_present_flag` and `pic_scaling_matrix_flag` are set to 1. Scaling lists are included in the sequence parameter set and the picture parameter set. Each slice is a coded frame. All NAL units are encapsulated into the byte stream format specified in Annex B in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

Functional stage: Tests loading of scaling list in the sequence parameter set and the picture parameter set. Tests 8x8 block size transform mode. Tests decoding of level prefix more than 16 bits in CAVLC entropy coding. Tests deblocking for 8x8 transform.

Purpose: Check that a decoder can properly decode slices of coded frames with 8x8 block size transform for CAVLC and check that scaling list is implemented correctly for frame only coding.

10.6.6.21.2 Test bitstream #FREH-2, #FREH-29

Specification: All slices are coded as I, P or B slices. Each picture contains only one slice. `entropy_coding_mode_flag` is equal to 1, specifying the CABAC parsing process. `pic_order_cnt_type` is equal to 0. Temporal direct prediction is used for direct prediction. `direct_8x8_inference_flag` is set equal to 0. Both 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes are used. `seq_scaling_matrix_present_flag` and `pic_scaling_matrix_flag` are set to 1. Scaling lists are included in the sequence parameter set and the picture parameter set. Each slice is a coded frame. All NAL units are encapsulated into the byte stream format specified in Annex B in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

Functional stage: Tests 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes in CABAC entropy coding. Tests loading of scaling list in the sequence parameter set and the picture parameter set. Tests deblocking for 4x4 and 8x8 transform.

Purpose: Check that a decoder can properly decode slices of coded frames with both 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes and check that scaling list is implemented correctly for CABAC entropy coding for frame only coding.

10.6.6.21.3 Test bitstream #FREH-3, #FREH-30

Specification: All slices are coded as I, P or B slices. Each picture contains only one slice. `entropy_coding_mode_flag` is equal to 1, specifying the CABAC parsing process. `pic_order_cnt_type` is equal to 0. The value of `cabac_init_idc` is adaptively changed in slice header. Spatial direct prediction is used for direct prediction. `direct_8x8_inference_flag` is set equal to 1. Both 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes are used. `seq_scaling_matrix_present_flag` is set to 1 and default scaling lists are used. Each slice is a coded frame. All NAL units are encapsulated into the byte stream format specified in Annex B in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

Functional stage: Tests 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes in CABAC entropy coding.

Purpose: Check that a decoder can properly decode slices of coded frames and fields with both 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes.

10.6.6.21.4 Test bitstream #FREH-4, #FREH-31

Specification: All slices are coded as I, P or B slices. Each picture contains only one slice. `entropy_coding_mode_flag` is equal to 1, specifying the CABAC parsing process. The value of `cabac_init_idc` is adaptively changed in slice header. `pic_order_cnt_type` is equal to 0. Spatial direct prediction is used for

direct prediction. `direct_8x8_inference_flag` is set equal to 1. Both 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes are used. `seq_scaling_matrix_present_flag` is set to 1 and default scaling lists are used. Each slice is either a coded frame or a coded field. All NAL units are encapsulated into the byte stream format specified in Annex B in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

Functional stage: Tests 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes in CABAC entropy coding.

Purpose: Check that a decoder can properly decode slices of coded frames and fields with both 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes.

10.6.6.21.5 Test bitstream #FREH-5, #FREH-32

Specification: All slices are coded as I, P or B slices. Each picture contains only one slice. `entropy_coding_mode_flag` is equal to 1, specifying the CABAC parsing process. The value of `cabac_init_idc` is adaptively changed in slice header. `pic_order_cnt_type` is equal to 0. Spatial direct prediction is used for direct prediction. `direct_8x8_inference_flag` is set equal to 1. Both 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes are used. `seq_scaling_matrix_present_flag` is set to 1 and default scaling lists are used. Each slice is a coded frame. `mb_adaptive_frame_field_coding` is equal to 1. All NAL units are encapsulated into the byte stream format specified in Annex B in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

Functional stage: Macroblock adaptive frame field decoding and slices of a coded frame with both 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes in CABAC entropy coding.

Purpose: Check that a decoder can properly decode slices of coded frames with `mb_adaptive_frame_field_flag=1` and with both 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes.

10.6.6.21.6 Test bitstream #FREH-6, #FREH-33

Specification: All slices are coded as I, P or B slices. Each picture contains only one slice. `entropy_coding_mode_flag` is equal to 0, specifying the CAVLC parsing process. `pic_order_cnt_type` is equal to 0. Temporal direct prediction is used for direct prediction. `direct_8x8_inference_flag` is equal to 1. Transform mode is set to 8x8 block size only. `seq_scaling_matrix_present_flag` and `pic_scaling_matrix_flag` are set to 1. Scaling lists are included in the sequence parameter set and the picture parameter set. Each slice is either a coded frame or a coded field. `mb_adaptive_frame_field_coding` is equal to 1 in coded frames. All NAL units are encapsulated into the byte stream format specified in Annex B in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

Functional stage: Tests loading of scaling list in the sequence parameter set and the picture parameter set. Tests 8x8 block size transform mode. Tests decoding of level prefix more than 16 bits in CAVLC entropy coding. Tests deblocking for 8x8 transform.

Purpose: Check that a decoder can properly decode slices of coded frames with 8x8 block size transform for CAVLC and check that scaling list is implemented correctly for both slices of a coded frame with `mb_adaptive_frame_field_flag=1` and slices of a coded field.

10.6.6.21.7 Test bitstream #FREH-7, #FREH-34

Specification: All slices are coded as I, P or B slices. Each picture contains only one slice. `entropy_coding_mode_flag` is equal to 1, specifying the CABAC parsing process. `pic_order_cnt_type` is equal to 0. Temporal direct prediction is used for direct prediction. `direct_8x8_inference_flag` is set equal to 1. Both 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes are used. `seq_scaling_matrix_present_flag` and `pic_scaling_matrix_flag` are set to 1. Scaling lists are included in the sequence parameter set and the picture parameter set. Each slice is either a coded frame or a coded field. `mb_adaptive_frame_field_coding` is equal to 1 in coded frames. All NAL units are encapsulated into the byte stream format specified in Annex B in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

Functional stage: Tests 4x4 and 8x8 block size transform modes in CABAC entropy coding. Tests loading of scaling list in the sequence parameter set and the picture parameter set. Tests deblocking for 4x4 and 8x8 transform.