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SMPTE STANDARD

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for Motion-Picture Film — Raw Stock Identification and Labeling



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1 Scope

This standard specifies the information to be included by the manufacturer covering the physical specifications and certain packaging characteristics of motion-picture raw stock. The suggested location of this information on the manufacturer's label is also specified.

2 Normative reference

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ANSI/SMPTE 75M-1994, Motion-Picture Film — Raw Stock — Designation of A and B Windings

3 Film identification

3.1 The physical specifications of the raw stock shall be contained in one sequential listing, preferably in one line but allowing a continuance on a second line if there are space restrictions.

3.2 The method of identifying the cutting and perforating physical specifications and the sequence in which the information should appear when included shall be as follows:

3.2.1 The film shall be specified in its nominal millimeter equivalent. For example, the common,

currently available film widths are 8, 16, 32, 35, 65, and 70, and designated as shown.

3.2.2 If the end-use width is narrower than the parent width, or if the frame is an intermediate or negative film whose subsequent print has an end-use width narrower than the parent width, the end-use width shall follow the parent width after a solidus; for example, 35/16, 35/8, and 16/8. Use of the millimeter abbreviation, mm, following the width designation is not preferred but is optional.

3.2.3 The number of rows of perforations in the parent width film shall be listed in the Arabic numeral followed by the letter R; for example, 1R, 2R, 3R.

3.2.4 The perforation shape shall be indicated by a code letter or combination of letters. The letter designation for the perforation shape shall be as specified in the note or the appropriate film dimensions standard.

3.2.5 The perforation pitch shall be as specified in its appropriate millimeter equivalent without the decimal point; for example, 3810, 4234, 4750, and 7620. It is recognized that it has been the practice to specify the perforation in its inch equivalent without the decimal point. Therefore, a manufacturer may include the inch equivalent of the perforation pitch in parentheses without the decimal point; for example, 3810 (1500), 4234 (1667), 4750 (1870), and 7620 (3000).

3.2.6 The arrangement of rows of perforations shall be specified by numerals separated by a dash to indicate how the rows of perforations are

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