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SMPTE ENGINEERING GUIDELINE

Edge Identification of Motion-Picture Raw Stock Containers

1 Scope

This guideline specifies the system and items of raw stock identification to be used by the manufacturer when the edge of raw stock containers carries such identification. Recommendations for the physical size and location of identifying information are also specified.

2 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitutes provisions of this guideline. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this guideline are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard indicated below.

ANSI/SMPTE 184M-1998, Motion-Picture Film — Raw Stock Identification and Labeling

3 Purpose

The purpose of this guideline is to

– minimize the handling of raw stock containers during storage;

— facilitate identification of raw stock containers when only the edges of containers are visible;

— recommend a uniform practice in any future additions to container edge identification information when such a system is used by raw stock manufacturers;

— ensure that container edge identification information conforms to labeling on the face of the container.

4 Identification

4.1 System of identification

The physical specification of the raw stock shall be given in terms of the code specified in ANSI/SMPTE 184M.

4.2 Items of identification

In addition to the manufacturer's product code identification, a concise physical specification of the raw stock should appear. The amount of information given shall be at the option of the manufacturer and related to the practical considerations of space available. Advertising and all other nondescriptive items shall be excluded from the edge identification area, but may be shown on the face of the container.

4.3 Manufacturer's code

The manufacturer's product code identification shall precede the physical specification code. It shall include the film code number, emulsion number, roll number, and cut identification.

5 Characteristics and location

5.1 Characteristics of container edge identification information

5.1.1 The characters shall be of a suitable size so that they are legible to an average viewer at

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a distance of 5 ft with tungsten illumination (illuminance) at a level of 54 lx (50 fc). Bold-face, lower-case characters 3.18 mm (0.125 in) in height and occupying an average linear spacing (including spaces) of 3.18 mm (0.125 in) shall be regarded as minimal, for example:

motion-picture raw stock

5.1.2 The characters shall have a color which is visible under the most commonly used spectrum colors of darkroom safelight illumination.

5.1.3 The characters shall be printed on a background which affords maximum contrast.

5.2 Location of information

Identifying information may be printed on the adhesive tape commonly used to seal the edge of raw stock containers. Alternately, it may be shown on a separate label inserted into or attached to the edge of the container, or on the edge of the container itself.