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Little information on TV power use





What test methods are available?

	Measures black and white CRTs	Measures color CRTs	Measures new display types	Reflects real world power consumption
DOE method	√			
JEITA method	~		✓	
IEC 62087	✓	\checkmark	✓	

Our Field Test Method

- Measured TV power use in retail setting with WattsUp? Pro power meter
- Used showroom screen settings
- Measured average power over 2 minutes using standard test clip
- Digital Video Essentials video clip used as reference material









How do we fairly gauge efficiency in TVs?

Lumens/watt





watts in^2

kWh/year



Your utility company uses it to company uses it of early with 22.5 to 24.4 cubic feet and the above features are used in this scale.

Different Trends for Different Technologies



Room for efficiency improvements in all technologies



Future technologies provide hope of increased efficiency



Itoh S and Tanaka M. "Current Status of Field Emission Displays." *Proceedings of the IEEE*. Vol. 90, No. 4. April 2002.



What have we learned?

- TV models of given size can vary widely in power consumption while providing similar resolution picture even for models of the same screen technology
- Direct view display technologies follow a similar efficiency trend; no one technology *today* stands out as efficient or inefficient
- Projection display technologies follow a separate efficiency trend due to fixed power consumption of projection bulbs
- Wide spread in efficiency means opportunity to encourage most efficient models
- Demand for an active mode test method

Power use can vary significantly based on image displayed



Bright showroom settings affect power consumption in many TVs



Screen settings can even affect new LCD TVs with backlight controls



~ 14% range in power use observed

How to feed the signal?















Resolution of test signal can matter



5% - 10% increase in power consumption using digital signals

What *is* a good TV test method?

- Easy to Conduct
 - A trained technician should be able to quickly and easily perform the test
- Reproducible
 - Test setup should be clear enough that results do not vary with lab or technician
- Robust
 - Can measure all types of TVs, regardless of display technology (CRT, LCD, PDP, etc.)
 - No significant changes in test procedure would be required for future technologies
- Representative
 - Should indicate real world power consumption of TV

Questions?

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