Investigating Daylight Reflections in the Built Environment

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Outside...





Inside...





Case Study #1: 350 Mission Street, San Francisco













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Layers of Light







12 Without Ambient Daylight



13 Ambient Daylight Only





¹⁴ Media Screen with Ambient Daylight



Three View Points



Corner

Millenium

Transbay



Three types of content



Ove Arup (Greyscale)

Degas (Low contrast color) Kandinsky (High contrast color)

Three levels of screen brightness1500 cd/m22500 cd/m2

5000 cd/m2



Veiling Luminance - Annual Simulation



Typical Worst Case

January 20, 11:30AM



Typical Average Case

June 4, 12:30PM





Visualizations – Worst Case

January 20, 11:30AM





²¹ January 20, 11:30AM [1500 cd/m2]





²² January 20, 11:30AM [2500 cd/m2]





²³ January 20, 11:30AM [5000 cd/m2]





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Visualizations – Average Case

June 4, 12:30PM





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Conclusions

- Veiling reflection analysis indicates that views of the media screen through the façade may be challenged on the order of 2 hours per day.
- Under average conditions, the lowest screen brightness was judged to be sufficient by the Client and design team.
- Under worst case conditions, visibility for all but the highest brightest (5000 cd/m2) screen were challenged by veiling reflections.
- The Client selected the lowest brightness screen given their priority to achieve the best visual performance *inside* the building, with exterior visibility being secondary.





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Case Study #2: SeaTac International Arrivals Facility











Location 3: Security Recheck



Location 2: Triage



Location 1: Automated Passport Control (APC)











June Sunpath

Note: All times listed assume local solar time. Daylight savings time has not been accounted for, so 1 hour should be added to march/september and summer times.

























Monitor Contrast

Monitor Contrast= L↓white pixel /L↓black pixel

Apparent Monitor Contrast= $L_{white pixel} + L_{veiling reflection} / L_{black pixel} + L_{veiling reflection}$

Monitor specification

Calculated with simulation



Recommended Contrast Ratios

Category A	Category B	Category C
100:1	25:1	5:1
Images show a full range of colors (or grays in black and white photographs) and have good shadow detail.	The range of colors is like that of Category A except the images are limited in shadows and details and have a flat two-dimensional appearance.	The images are composed of contrasting colors or black and white (no grays). They have little or no detail in the dark areas.
Examples: Portraits and landscapes	Examples: Cartoons and flatly lighted photographs of subjects with limited brightness range.	Examples: Printed test, charts, and other linework for use with slide and overhead projectors.

Source: Kodak Audiovisual Projection Kodak Publication S-3 Revision 036-03-82 Page 10



Sensitivity Study

This page shows the sensitivity of allowing varying percentages of veiling reflections on the display screens. The higher the percentage of screen area that is allowed to show reflected glare, fewer locations exceed the threshold.







View 1: Looking Southeast May 9 6:00 AM (sunny sky)



% of all daylight hours during the year



View 2: Looking Northeast May 9 6:00 AM (sunny sky)





% of all daylight hours during the year







Thank you!

