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#### **Philips' Flat Panel Monitors Pixel Defect Policy**

Philips strives to deliver the highest quality products. We use some of the industry's most advanced manufacturing processes and practice stringent quality control. However, pixel or subpixel defects on the TFT LCD panels used in flat panel monitors are sometimes unavoidable. No manufacturer can guarantee that all panels will be free from pixel defects, but Philips guarantees that any monitor with an unacceptable number of defects will be repaired or replaced under warranty. This notice explains the different types of pixel defects and defines acceptable defect levels for each type. In order to qualify for repair or replacement under warranty, the number of pixel defects on a TFT LCD panel must exceed these acceptable levels. For example, no more than 0.0004% of the subpixels on a 15" XGA monitor may be defective. Additionally, because some types or combinations of pixel defects are more noticeable than others, Philips sets even higher quality standards for those.



#### **Pixels and Subpixels**

A pixel, or picture element, is composed of three subpixels in the primary colors of red, green and blue. Many pixels together form an image. When all subpixels of a pixel are lit, the three colored subpixels together appear as a single white pixel. When all are dark, the three colored subpixels together appear as a single black pixel. Other combinations of lit and dark subpixels appear as single pixels of other colors.

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## Types of Pixel Defects

Pixel and subpixel defects appear on the screen in different ways. There are two categories of pixel defects and several types of subpixel defects within each category.

#### **Bright Dot Defects**

Bright dot defects appear as pixels or subpixels that are always lit or "on". These are the types of bright dot defects:





One lit red, green or blue subpixel

- Red + Blue = Purple - Red + Green = Yellow - Green + Blue = Cyan (Light Blue)



Three adjacent lit subpixels (one white pixel)

#### **Black Dot Defects**

Black dot defects appear as pixels or subpixels that are always dark or "off". These are the types of black dot defects:



One dark subpixel

Two or three adjacent dark subpixels

### **Proximity of Pixel Defects**

Because pixel and subpixels defects of the same type that are nearby one another may be more noticeable, Philips also specifies tolerances for the proximity of pixel defects.

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### Pixel Defect Tolerances

In order to qualify for repair or replacement due to pixel defects during the warranty period, a TFT LCD panel in a Philips flat panel monitor must have pixel or subpixel defects exceeding the tolerances listed in the following tables.

		ZERO							ZERO										
BRIGHT DOT DEFECTS	Bright-Dot	ACCEPTABLE LEVEL					Bright-Dot	Bright-Dot											
MODEL	150S2	150S4	150B2	150MT1	150C4	170S2	170S4	170B2	170B4	150X4	T170X4	180B2	180MT	190B5	190B4	190P5	200P3	200P4	230W5
	150S3		150B3	150MT2	150C5					150B5	170N4	180P2		19055				20054	
	150\/3		150B4		15085					170B5	190X5								
			150P3		170C4					170P5									
			150P3		17005					170X5									
			150P4		170T4														
			150X3		170S5														
1 lit subpixel	≤8	≤ 4	0	≤ 4	≤ 4	≤8	≤6	≤ 4	≤ 4	0	0	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤ 4	≤2	≤6	≤ 4	≤3
2 adjacent lit subpixels	≤3	≤2	0	≤2	≤2	≤2	≤ 2	≤2	≤2	0	0	≤ 2	≤ 2	≤ 1	≤ 2	≤ 1	≤ 2	≤2	≤ 1
3 adjacent lit subpixels (one white subpixel)	≤1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Distance between two bright dot defects*	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	0	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	0	0	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 25 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 25 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 25 mm
Bright dot defects within 20mm circle*	≤3	-	0	≤3		≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	-	-	≤3	-	-	-	-	N/A		-
Total bright dot defects of all types	≤8	≤ 4	0	≤ 4	≤ 4	≤8	≤6	≤ 4	≤ 4	0	0	≤ 3	≤ 3	≤3	≤ 4	≤ 2	≤6	≤ 4	≤3
BLACK DOT DEFECTS							ACCEPT	ABLE LE\	/EL										
MODEL	150S2	150S4	150B2	150MT1	150C4	170S2	170S4	170B2	170B4	150X4	170X4	18082	180MT	190B5	190B4	190P5	200P3	200P4	230745
	150S3		150B3	150MT2	150C5					150B5	170N4	180P2		190S5				20054	
	150/3		150B4		150S5					170B5	190X5								
			150P3		170C4					170P5									
			150P3		170C5					170X5									
			150P4		170T4														
			150X3		170S5														
1 dark subpixel	≤8	≤4	≤4	≤ 4	≤ 4	≤8	≤6	≤ 4	≤ 4	≤ 4	≤ 4	≤3	≤3	≤5	≤6	≤ 4	≤7	≤ 4	≤5
2 adjacent dark subpixels	≤3	≤2	≤1	≤ 2	≤2	≤3	≤3	≤2	≤2	≤1	≤2	≤ 2	≤ 2	≤2	≤ 2	≤2	≤3	≤2	≤2
3 adjacent dark subpixels (one white				_	_	_	_	_			_	_	_	_	_	_		_	
subpixel)	≤1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Distance between two bright dot defects*	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥5 mm	≥5 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥5 mm	≥ 25 mm	≥ 15 mm	≥ 15 mm
Black dot defects within 20mm circle*	≤3	-	≤3	≤3	-	-	-	≤3	≤3	-	-	≤3	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-
Total black dot defects of all types	≤8	≤4	≤4	≤ 4	≤ 4	≤8	≤6	≤ 4	≤ 4	≤ 4	≤ 4	≤3	≤3	≤5	≤6	≤ 4	≤7	≤ 4	≤5
TOTAL DOT EFFECTS							ACCEDT		/61										
MODEL	15082	15054	150B2	150MT1	15004	17052	17054	170B2	170B4	150¥4	170¥4	18082	180MT	190B5	190B/	190.05	200B3	20084	230\W/5
MODEL	15032	10034	15002	15010111	15004	17032	17034	17002	17004	15024	170/4	10002		10000	15004	130-5	20053	20064	230005
	15033		15000	10010112	15005					17005	10075			13030				20034	
	15073		15004		17004					17005	19072								
			150F3		17004					17055									
			15083		17005					170/5									
			15054		17014														
			10073		17035														
Total bright or black dot defects of all types	< 10	<5	<4	<4	< 5	< 10	< 8	<4	< 5	<4	<4	< 6	< 6	< 5	< 6	< 5	< 8	< 5	< 5
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\* 1 or 2 adjacent subpixel defects = 1 dot defect

