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Defect Criteria Definition

REVISION HISTORY

REV	ECN	CHANGE DATE	CHANGE DESCRIPTION
-	ECN-001847	09/18/2025	See I03-1000044-02 for previous revisions. Donut Defect added separately from filter defect and included pictures for glass misalignment defect.

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this document is to provide definition to what eMagin considers to be acceptable and non-acceptable product. This applies to all eMagin microdisplays

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

All inspectors must be trained in understanding this procedure. Business Development is responsible for distributing this document to eMagin customers for reference. It is also published on our Customer Portal.

3. ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

OLED	Organic Light Emitting Diode
DRK	Design Reference Kit

4. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND FORMS

1000588	Defect Codes List
User Manual	DSVGA User Manual
User Manual	SVGA Rev. 2 User Manual
User Manual	SVGA Rev. 3 User Manual
User Manual	SXGA096 User Manual
User Manual	SXGA120 User Manual
User Manual	VGA User Manual
User Manual	WUXGA User Manual
User Manual	2Kx2K User Manual

5. SAFETY

N/A

6. PROCEDURE/METHOD

6.1 These tests are performed in a low light lab environment at ambient room temperature.

6.2 The following pieces of equipment are used for inspection: Binocular Inspection 100X Zoom Microscope or better and eMagin DRK with Windows Interface Utility.

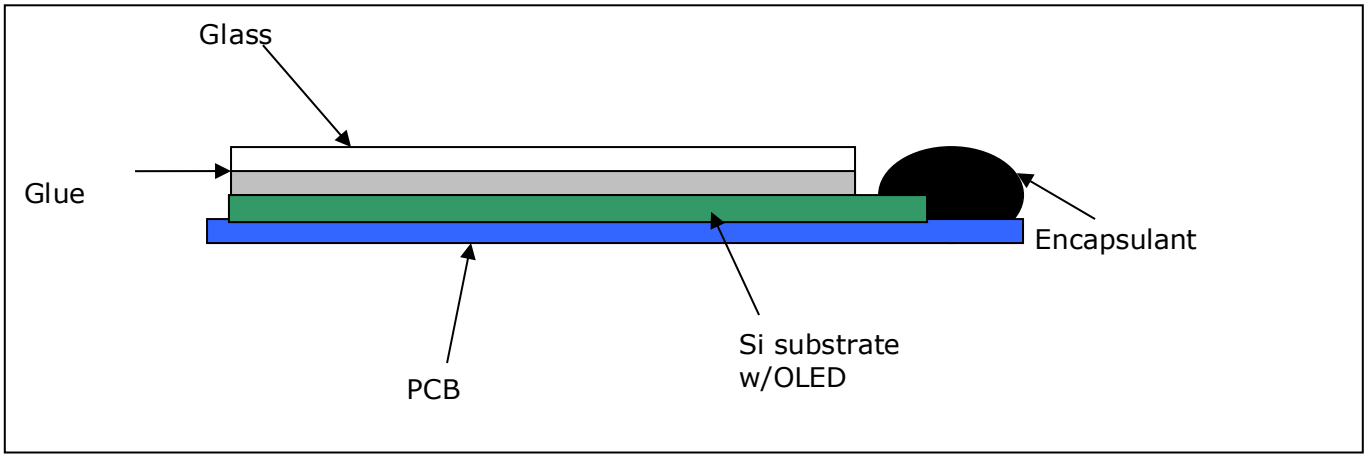
7. PRODUCT INSPECTION SETTINGS – MAGNIFICATION AND BRIGHTNESS

7.1 The following are starting points for full screen view for large defects.

Product	Version	color	FULL SCREEN ACTIVE AREA*	FULL PCB	NOM LUM cd/m²
VGA	**XL**	**WHITE**	**16X**	**9X**	**900**
VGA	**XL**	**GREEN**	**16X**	**9X**	**1500**
VGA	**XL**	**COLOR**	**16X**	**9X**	**150**
DSVGA	**XL**	**COLOR**	**13.4X**	**9.3X**	**150**
DSVGA	**XL**	**WHITE**	**13.4X**	**9.3X**	**900**
DSVGA	**XL**	**GREEN**	**13.4X**	**9.3X**	**1500**

DSVGA	XLT	GREEN	13.4X	9.3X	5000
DSVGA	XLT	YELLOW	13.4X	9.3X	5000
SVGA+	STD	WHITE	13.4X	9X	500
SVGA+	STD	COLOR	13.4X	9X	100
SVGA+	XL	WHITE	13.4X	9X	900
SVGA+	XL	GREEN	13.4X	9X	1500
SVGA+	XL	YELLOW	13.4X	9X	1500
SVGA+	XL	COLOR	13.4X	9X	150
SXGA096	XL	COLOR	13.4X	9X	150
SXGA096	XLS	COLOR	13.4X	9X	750
SXGA096	XL	WHITE	13.4X	9X	700
SXGA096	XLT	GREEN	13.4X	9X	5000
SXGA120	XL	COLOR	9.8X	8X	150
SXGA120	XLS	COLOR	9.8X	8X	750
SXGA120	XL	GREEN	9.8X	8X	1500
SXGA120	XLT	GREEN	9.8X	8X	5000
WUXGA	XL	COLOR	9.3X	8X	150
WUXGA	XLS	COLOR	9.3X	8X	800
WUXGA	XLT	GREEN	9.3X	8X	5000
2Kx2K	ULT	COLOR	12X	8X	5000

8. DISPLAY DEFECT TYPES AND EXAMPLES



8.1 Functional Grade Definitions

Grade	Description
A	Functional parts that pass all eMagin criteria
B	Off Grade Parts – No black spot or functional defects (For testing or samples only)
F	Rejected part – Unsuitable for testing or samples

Defect	A Part must meet criteria described below	B Part must meet criteria described below	F
NO DEFECT FOUND	No defects present in part	N/A	N/A
BLEMISH	One of the following criteria must be met: • Blemish affects < 3 sub-pixels • The blemish is not visible in transmitted light and can only be seen in reflected light • Blemish is outside of active area • For Fiber plates see fiber plate defect chart	Blemish affects ≥3 sub-pixels visible to naked eye when lit up with transmitted light illumination and in the active area of the display For fiber plates see fiber plate defect chart	N/A
Filter	N/A	• Color filter problems (including torn filter causing bright sub-pixels)	N/A
GLASS DEFECTS	• One of the following criteria must be met: Glass defect affects < 3 sub-pixels • Glass defect affects ≥ 3 sub-pixels that does not impede or distort OLED and cannot be seen in emissive mode • No crooked cut of glass plate edge • Small divot or chip on glass that will not propagate into the active area of the display (See images)	One of the following criteria must be met: • Glass defect ≥ 3 sub-pixels that impedes or distorts OLED and can be seen in emissive mode • Glass defect that creates a light pattern in a non-active area • Chips on glass edge or corners that can propagate into the active area of the display • Chips that run the entire thickness of the glass • Crooked cut of glass plate edge	N/A
GLASS UNDERFILL	Glue coverage uniform for entire glass area	Glue coverage not uniform in active area	N/A

Defect	A Part must meet criteria described below	B Part must meet criteria described below	F
PARTICLE (Compact and well-defined defect – hard lines visible)	One of the following criteria must be met: • Particle affects <3 sub-pixels • Particle only visible with bright light illumination • Particle is outside of active area • **For Fiber plates see fiber plate defect chart**	One of the following criteria must be met: • Particle affects ≥3 sub-pixels visible to naked eye when lit up without bright light illumination in the active area of the display • **For fiber plates see fiber plate defect chart**	N/A
Dead Sub Pixel	REV2 ≤ 120 REV3 ≤ 120 SXGA - All types ≤ 310 VGA ≤ 90 WUXGA ≤ 690 DSVGA ≤ 120 In addition: No more than one sub pixel out per pixel and No touching sub pixels out in RGB order within row • For Fiber plates see fiber plate defect chart	REV2 > 120 REV3 > 120 SXGA - All types > 310 VGA > 90 WUXGA > 690 DSVGA > 120 In addition: 3 sub pixels out in a group - but not full pixel out; Two or more touching stuck-off sub pixels in RGB order (within row); **Or** Cluster type defect – see example for Fiber plates see fiber plate defect chart	N/A
Packaging	One of the following criteria must be met: • No encapsulant touching glass • Encapsulant on back of board does not interfere with connector • Encapsulant no higher than cover glass • No encapsulant beyond line formed by edge of glass lid • No open cracks in encapsulant • Die placement within fiducials • No component damage on carrier board S/N label must lie flat and appear legible	One of the following criteria must be met: • Encapsulant material touching glass • Encapsulant interferes with connectors on back of board • Encapsulant higher than cover glass • Cracks in encapsulant • Die placement not within fiducials • S/N label is not flat or legible	N/A

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DONUT	Light donut acceptable (See sample image)	Part does not meet standard for light donut or a light in the center of the spot (See sample image)	N/A
MISALIGNMENT	NONE ALLOWED	Line or band visible along active area edges when in emissive mode	N/A
THIN FILM TEAR	Tear(s) < ¼ length of a side of the display or the sum of individual tears < ¼ length	Tear(s) > ¼ length of the encapsulant side of display or the sum of individual tears < ¼ length	Tears affect the black frame or exposes metal
BUBBLE	One of the following criteria must be met: • Bubble(s) affecting < 3 sub-pixels • Bubble(s) not visible when display is actively driven or outside of active area	• Bubble(s) affects ≥ 3 sub-pixels **OR** bubble is visible when display is actively driven	N/A
MP NO GLASS	(eMagin Use Only)	(eMagin Use Only)	(eMagin Use Only)
DELAMINATION	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	Any delamination of the glass from the die
DIE CHIPPING	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	Die shows signs of impact or is fractured.

Defect	A Part must meet criteria described below	B Part must meet criteria described below	F
ENCAPSULATION OVERFLOW	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	Encapsulation is touching the glass or has flowed to edges of the PCB.
MP EDGE BEAD REMOVAL	(eMagin Use Only)	(eMagin Use Only)	(eMagin Use Only)
MP MISSING CF	(eMagin Use Only)	(eMagin Use Only)	(eMagin Use Only)
GLASS MISALIGNMENT	NONE ALLOWED	Glass or Fiber Optic Lid edge is directly aligned with edge of active area causing light refraction. Glass or Fiber Optic edge is not perpendicular with edge of active area.	N/A
BLACK SPOT	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	Black spots of any size or location
BLACK SPOT LINE	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	Large black spot that runs across the active area
STUCK ON SUB-PIXEL	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	One or more stuck-ons are apparent
STUCK ON ROW	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	One or more stuck-on rows are apparent
STUCK ON COLUMN	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	N/A
STUCK OFF COLUMN	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	N/A

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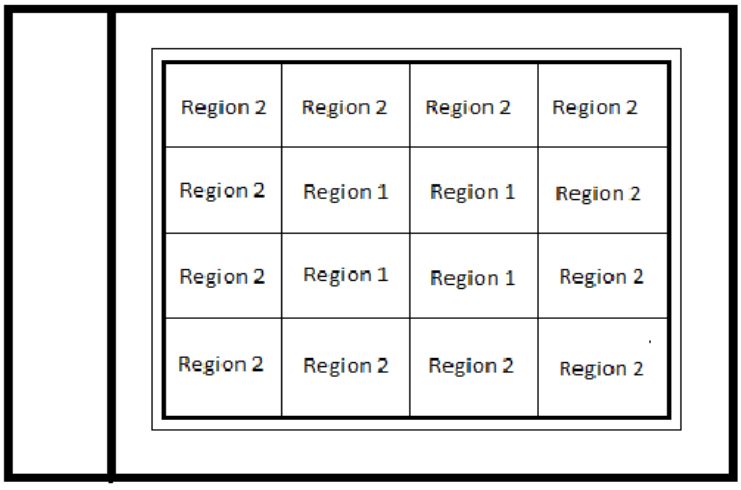
FUNCTIONAL	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	One of the following criteria must be met: • Lights up, but no video images (composite or SVGA)Intermittent image: image dies or does not stay on • Black level too bright • Loose connector: display does not firmly fit into electrical socket • Image does not rotate • Missing colors: red, green, blue • Wavy grid • Flickering light • Serial port failure • No grey scale to sub-pixel • Fewer than 8 grey shades
SHORT PIXELS	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	Lit pixel area <100% of electrode area. Will affect all sub-pixels in a display in a uniform fashion
NON-UNIFORMITY	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	Inconsistencies in luminance or color that affects large areas of the display when lit (See example images)
NO LIGHT	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	Display does not light
STUCK OFF ROW	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	At least 1 entire row of pixels is out

Defect	A Part must meet criteria described below	B Part must meet criteria described below	F
EEPROM/PCB ISSUE	NONE ALLOWED	NONE ALLOWED	Functional failure related to the EEPROM or PCB
START UP FLASH	NONE ALLOWED	Brief flash at power on before stable image is displayed	N/A
IMAGE NOISE	Image must be stable and show no systematic or random noise when looking a at a flat field mid-gray image.	NONE ALLOWED	NOISE EXISTS
LOW LUMINANCE NON-UNIFORMITY	NONE ALLOWED	Non-Uniformity exists at low brightness setting (< 100 cd/m²)	N/A
MP CIE	eMagin use only	eMagin use only	eMagin use only

9. Fiber Plate Defect Chart



16 Sections of slide show dividing display active area

9.1 A Part definition (Fiber Plates)

- **Region 1**
  ≤ 2 Individual defects ranging in size from 2 to 3 subpixels, particle touching 3 sub pixels or total blockage of 2 to 3 subpixels.

- **Region 2**
  ≤ 2 Individual defects ranging in size from 2 to 3 subpixels, particle touching 3 sub pixels or total blockage of 2 to 3 subpixels.

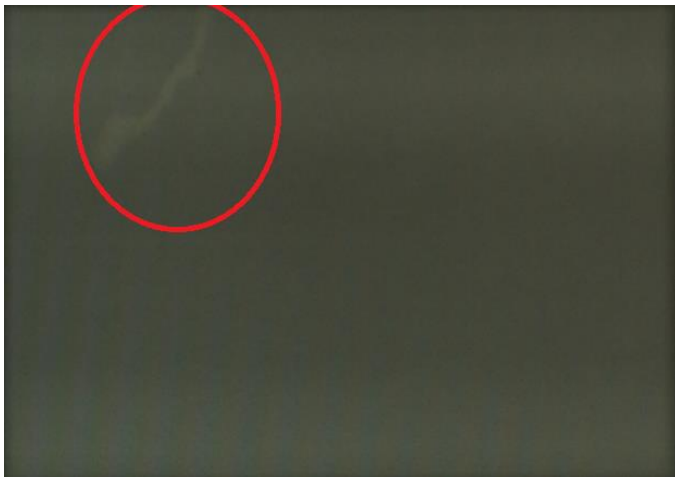
- **Plus**
  ≤ 2 Individual defects ranging from (size or touching) 4 to 9 subpixels and ≤ 1 Individual defects ranging from (size or touching) 10 to 15 subpixels

9.2 B Part Definition (Fiber Plates)

- Defects greater than the (A part definition) criteria

10. Defect Photo Reference

Blemish:



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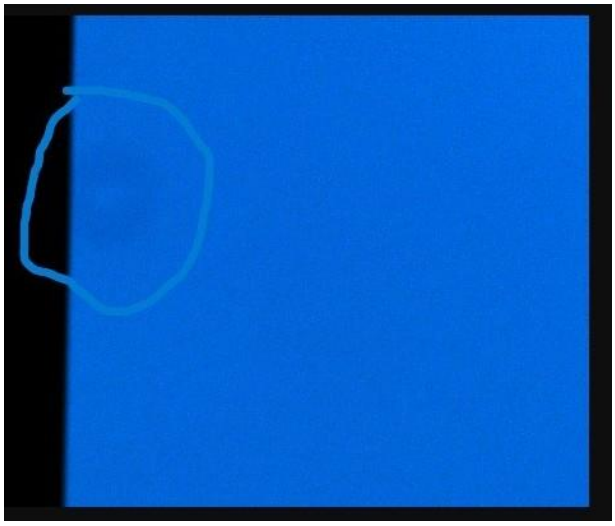

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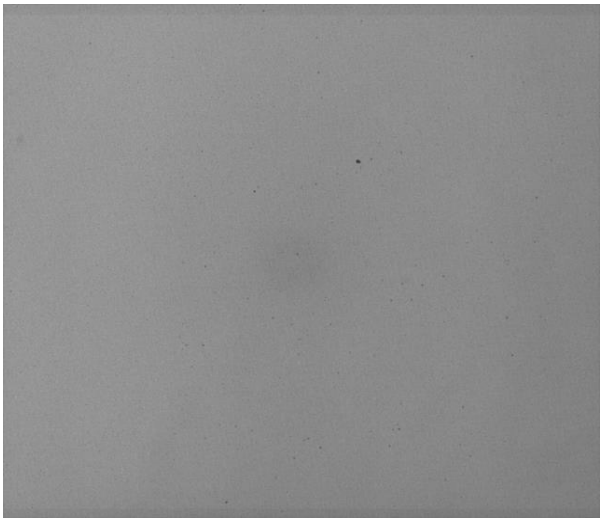

Accept

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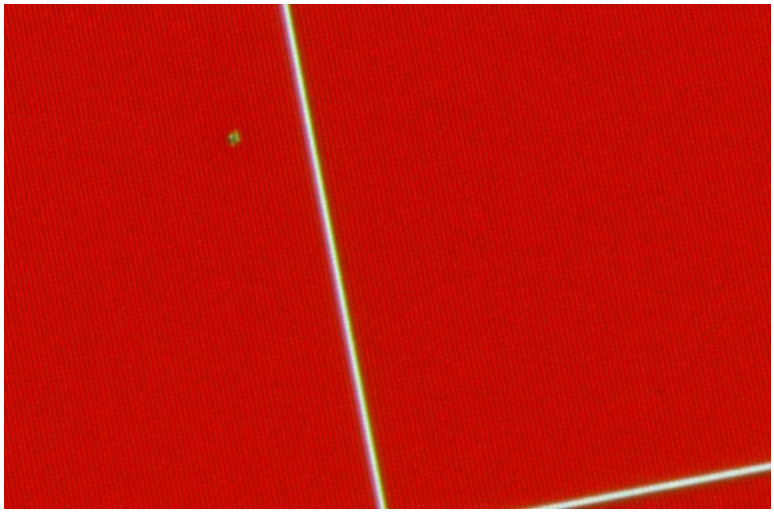
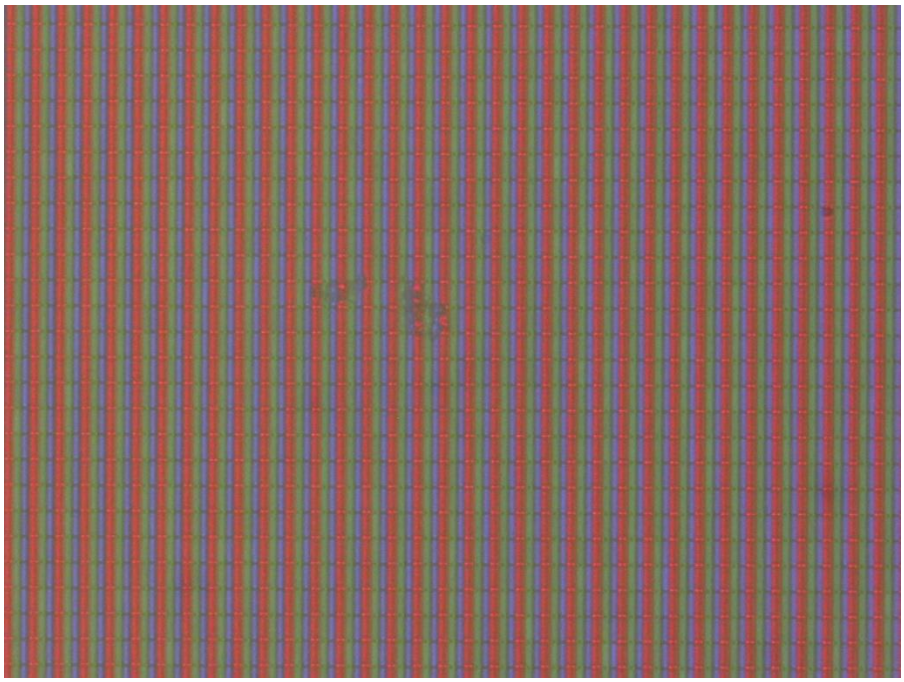


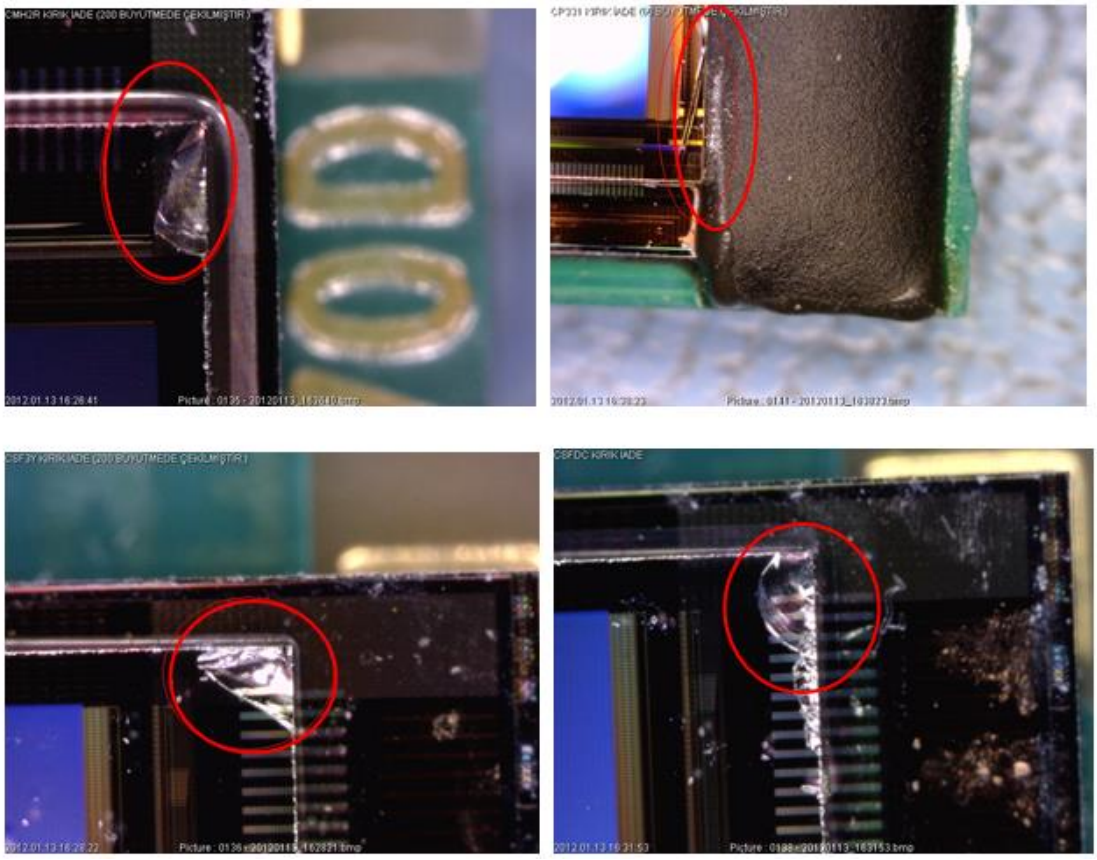
Reject

Filter continued:



Example of color filter non-uniformity = Reject

Glass Defects:



Edge / Corner glass chip defect = Reject

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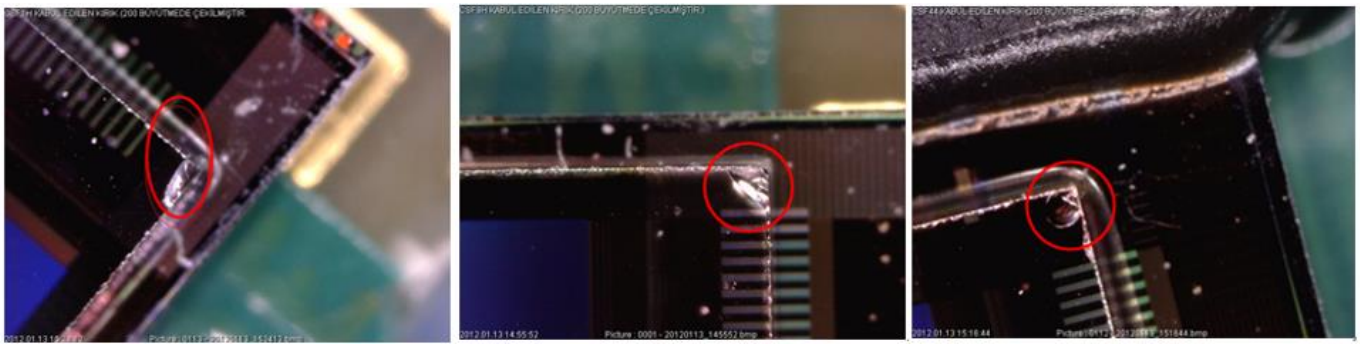
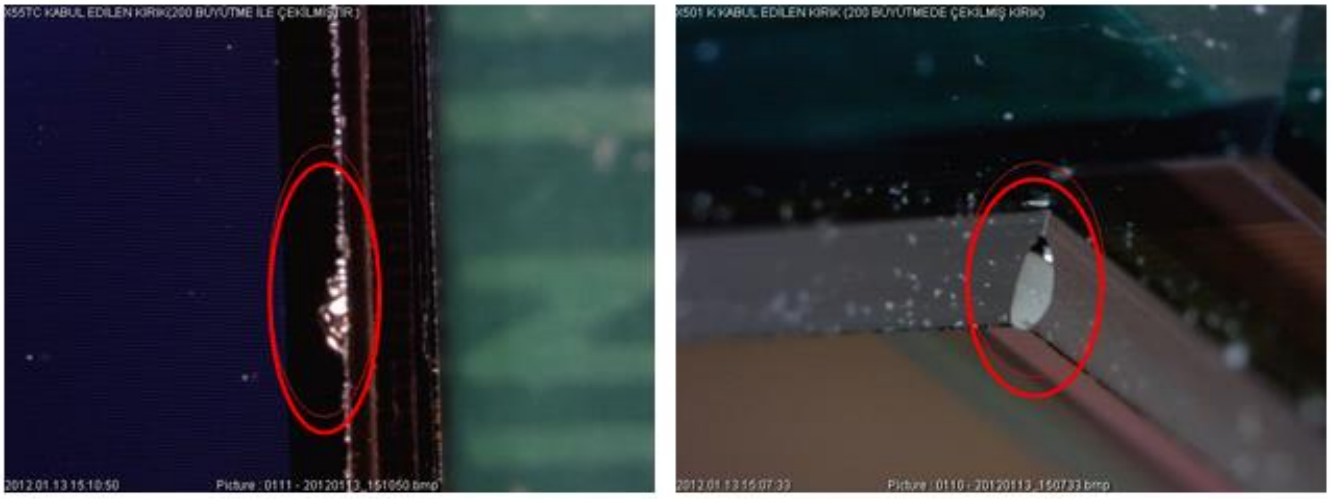
Glass Defects Continued:

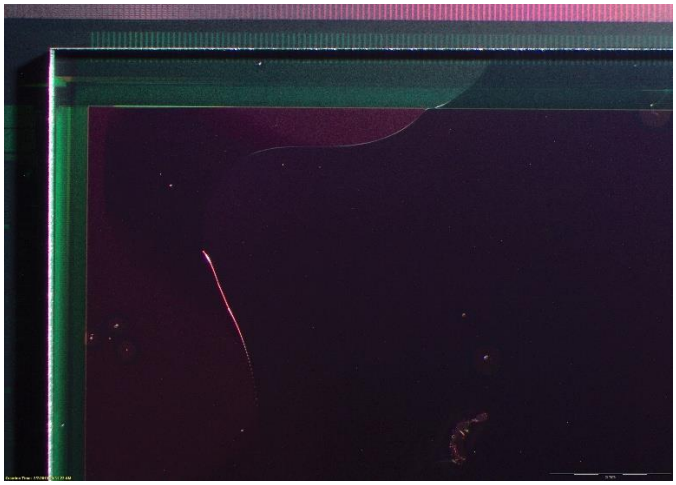
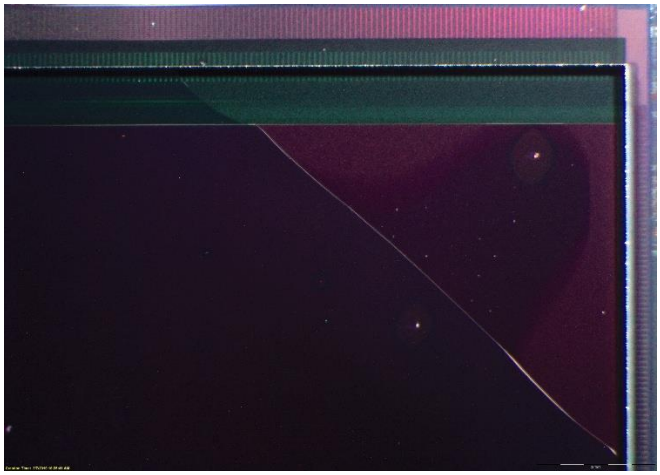


Edge / Corner glass chip defect = Accept



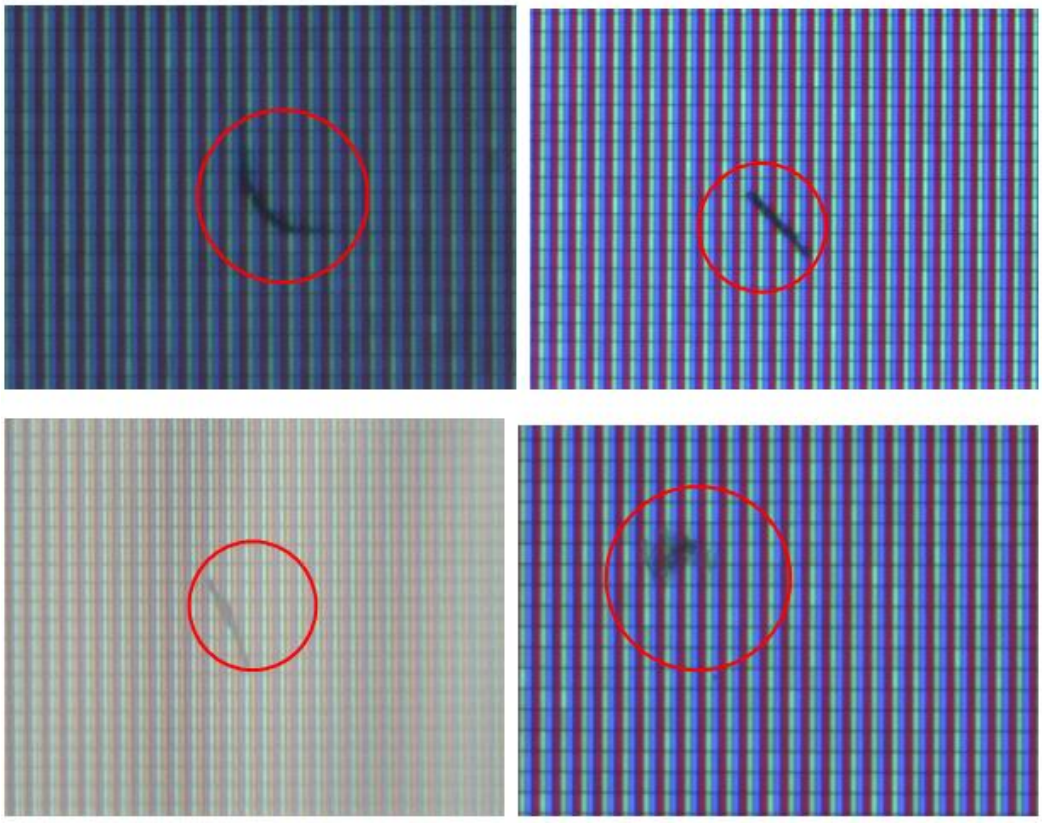
Edge / Corner glass chip defect = Accept

Glass Underfill:

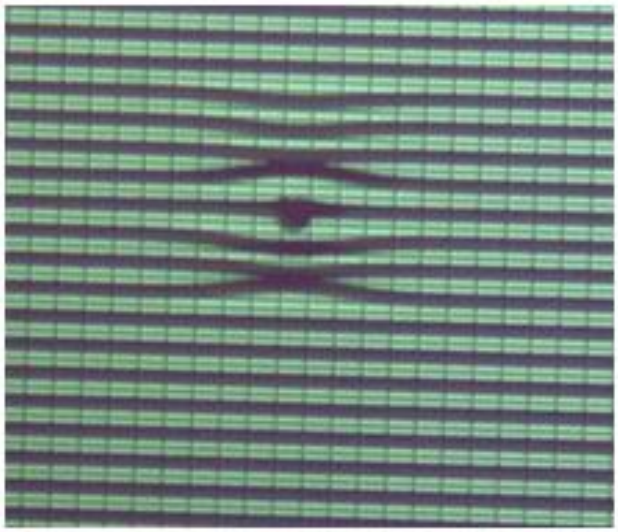
Both Examples are rejects

Particle:

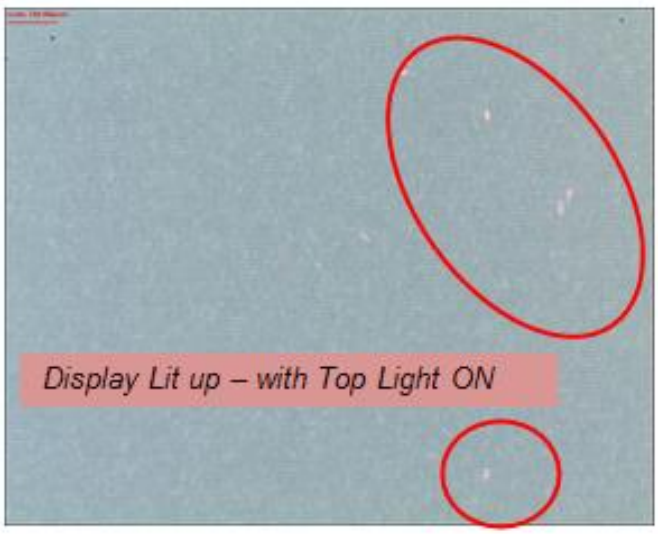


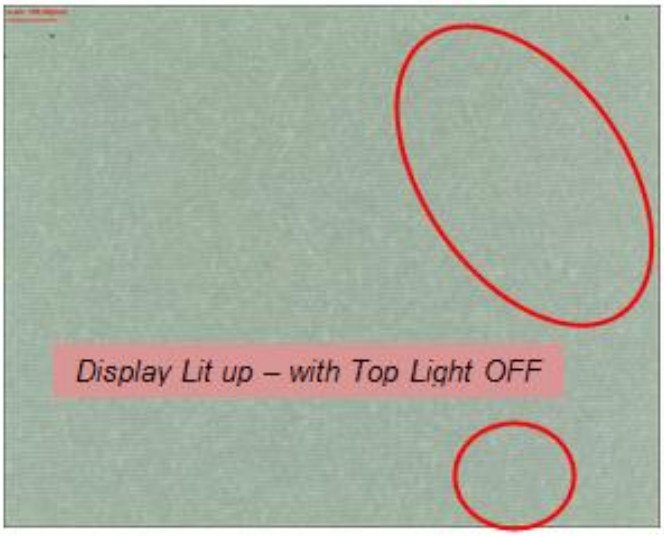
Example of a Particle = Reject

Particle Defects Continued:



Example of particle causing filter problem = Reject





Example of clear particle = Accept

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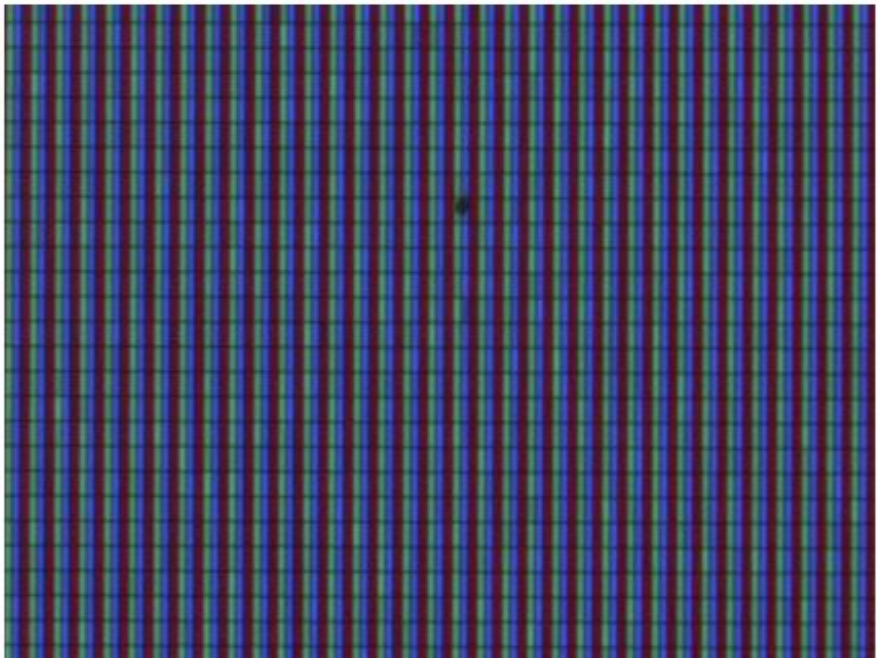
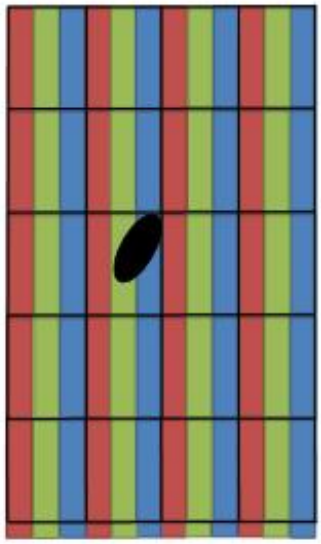
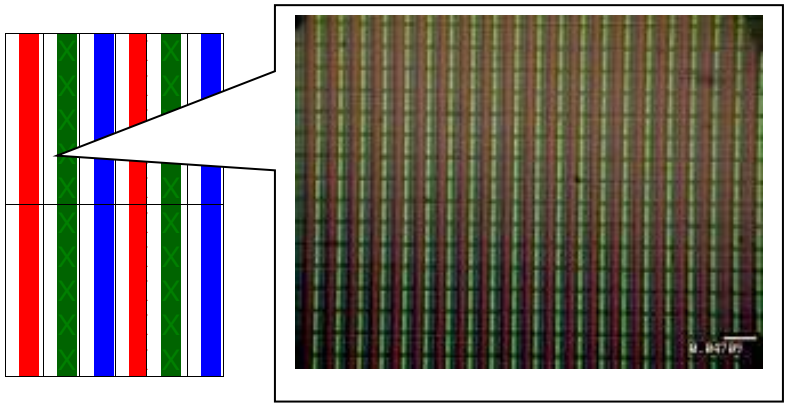




Example of particle smaller than 2 sub-pixels = Accept

Dead Sub Pixel Defect:



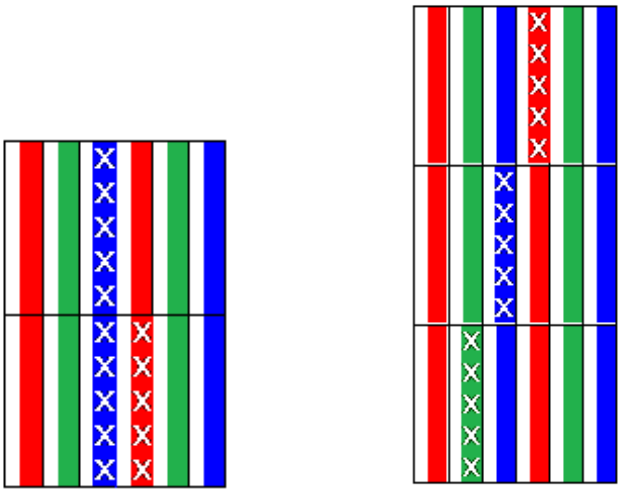
Example of 4 good RGB pixels and Sample of Display at sub-pixels level

Dead Subpixels Continued:

Example of 1 good pixel

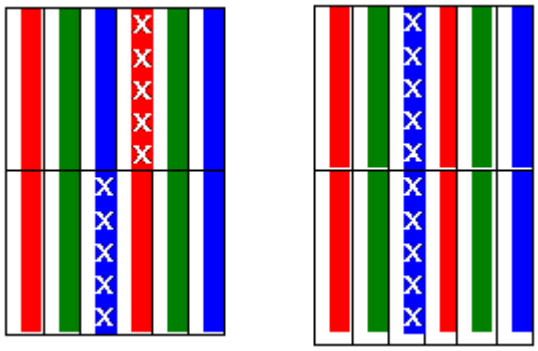
Example of 3 out/off sub-pixels = 1 pixel out

Example of a 2 sub-pixel out/off = Reject

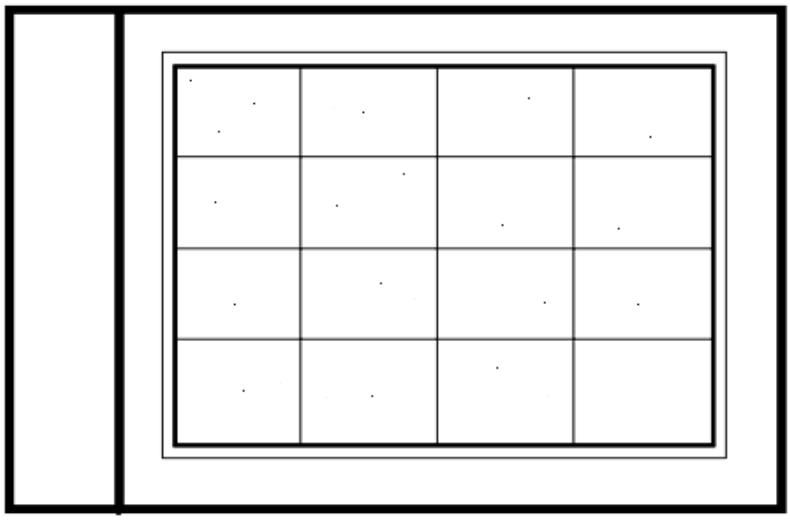


Example of 3 adjacent sub-pixels from different pixels out/off = Reject

Dead Subpixel Continued:



Example of 2 adjacent-diagonal sub-pixels and 2 top-bottom sub-pixels from 2 different pixel OUT/OFF =Acceptable



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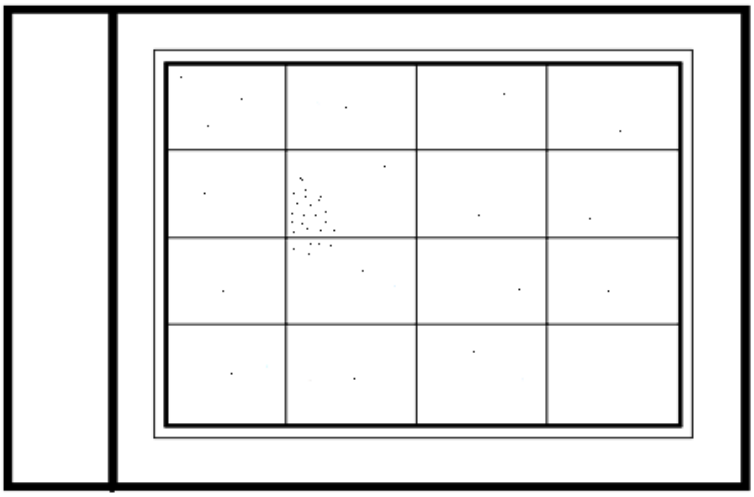
Example of passing stuck offs = Pass

Dead Subpixel Defects Continued:



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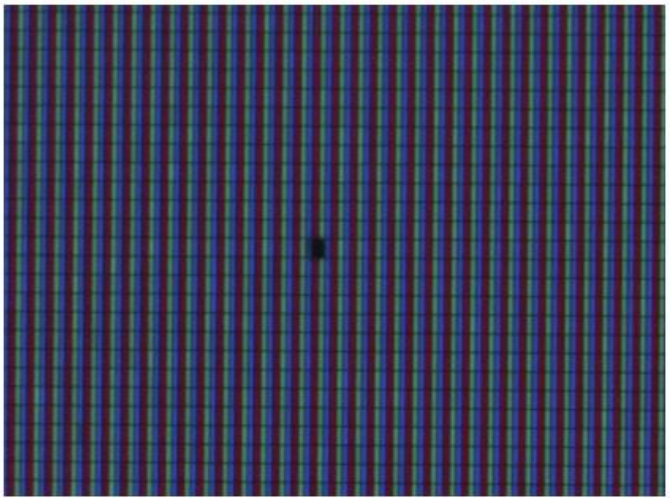
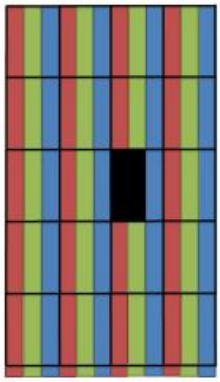
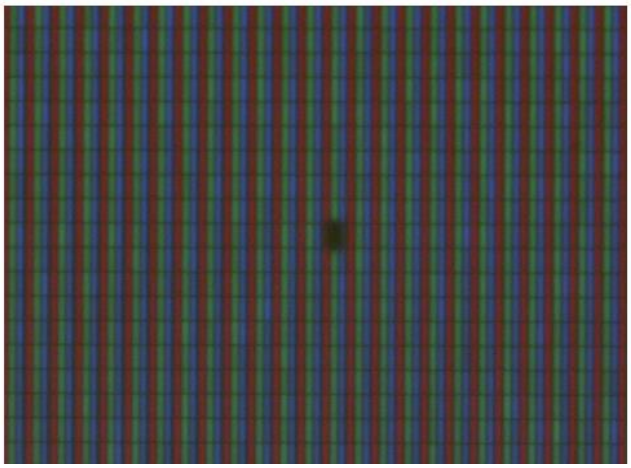
Example of cluster of stuck offs = Fail





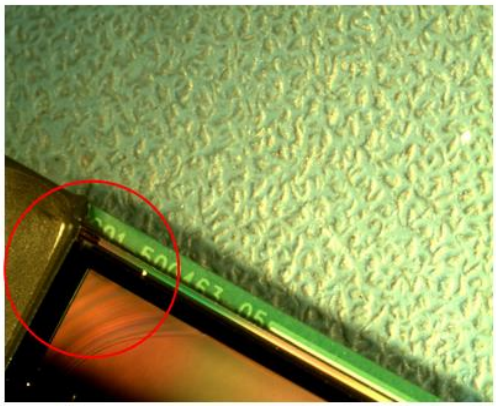
Example of 2 adjacent sub-pixels pixels OUT/OFF with Green and Red Background = Reject

Dead Subpixel Defects Continued:

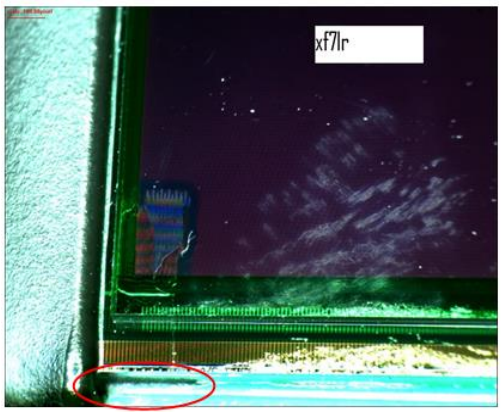


Example of zapped stuck off sub-pixel not fully blocking adjacent sub-pixel = Accept

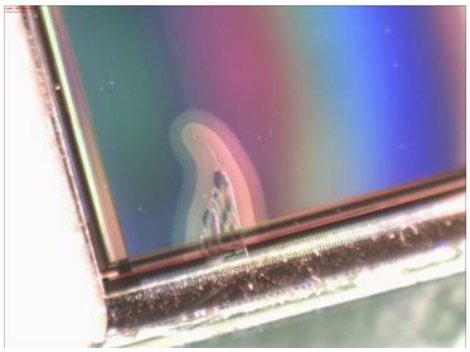
Packaging Defects:



Damming material touching side of glass = Reject

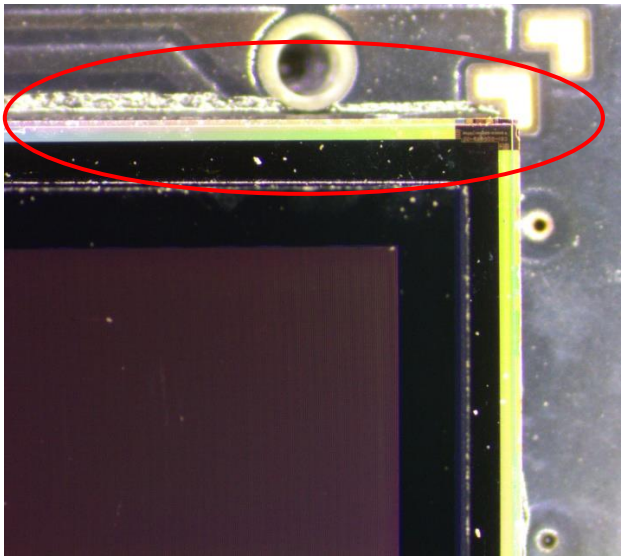


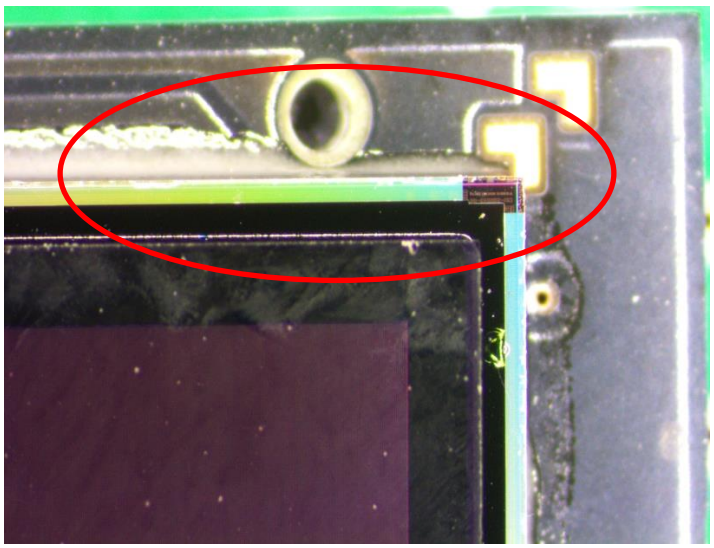
Encap material cracking silicon die = Reject



Cracked Die = Reject

Die placement not within fiducial(s.):





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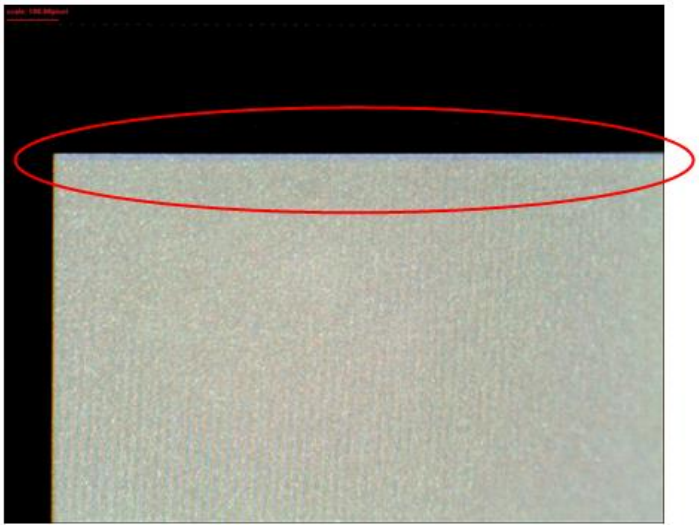
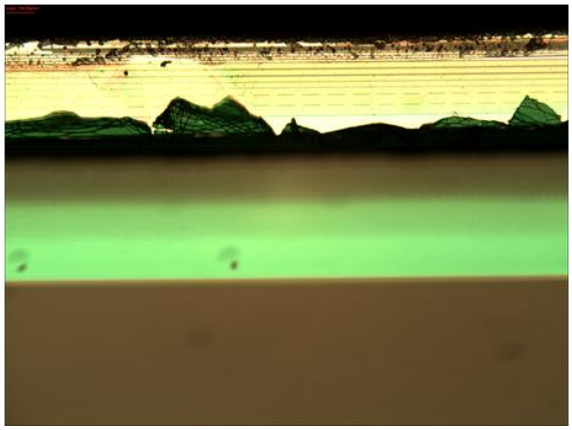
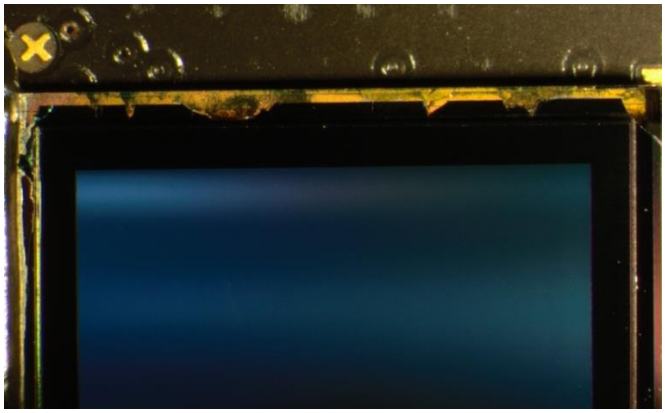
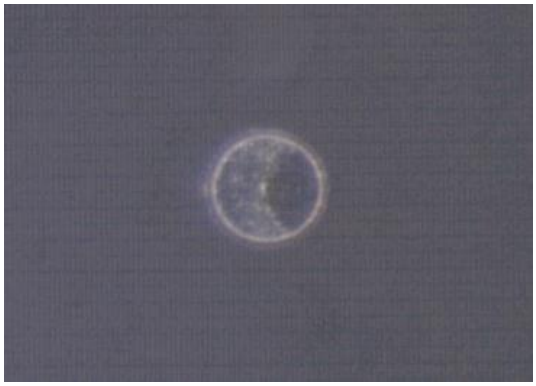


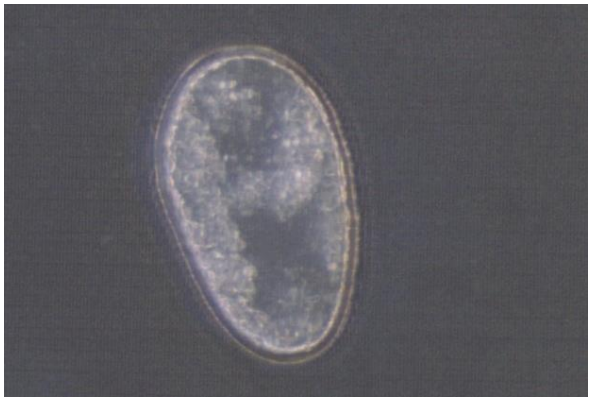
Thin Film Tear Defect:





Bubble Defect:





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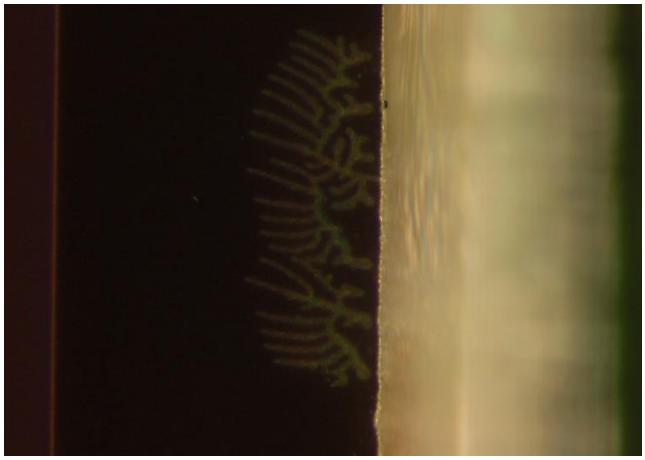

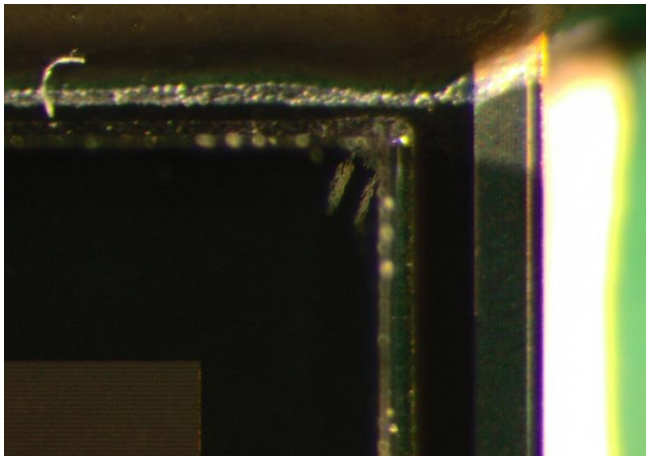

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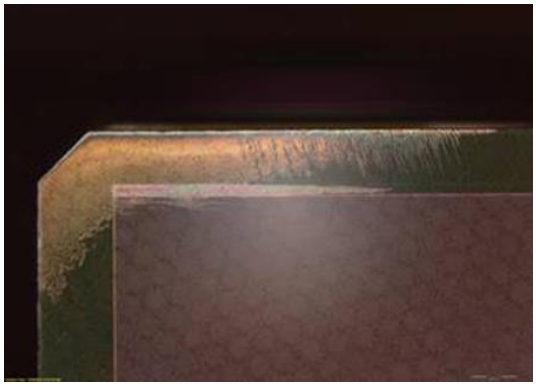

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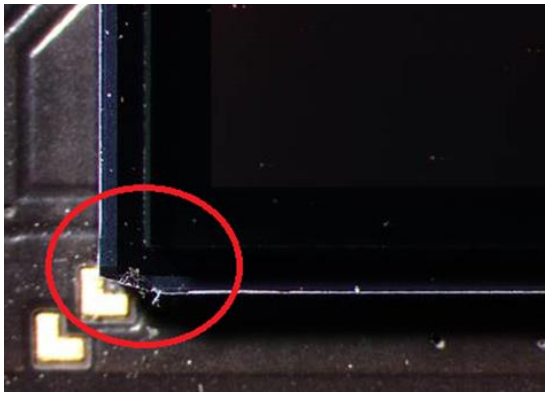

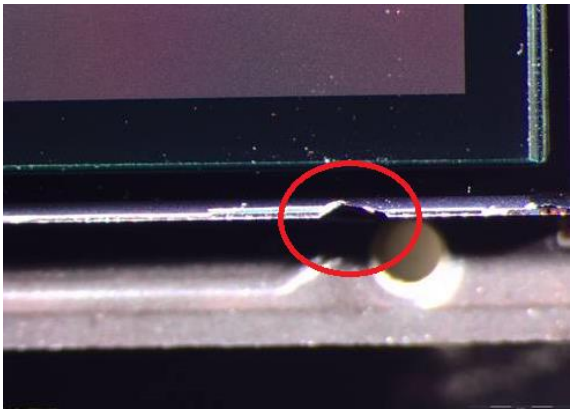

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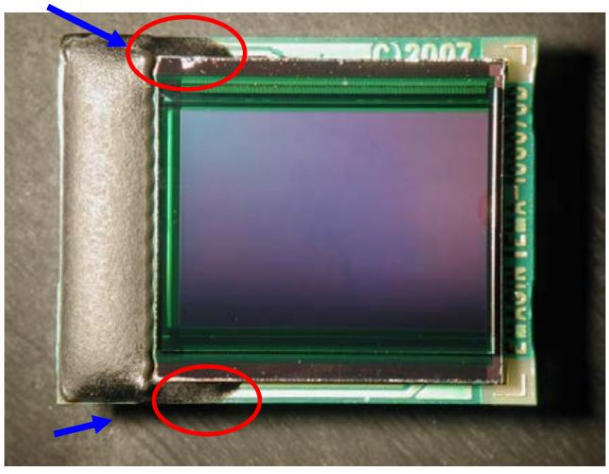

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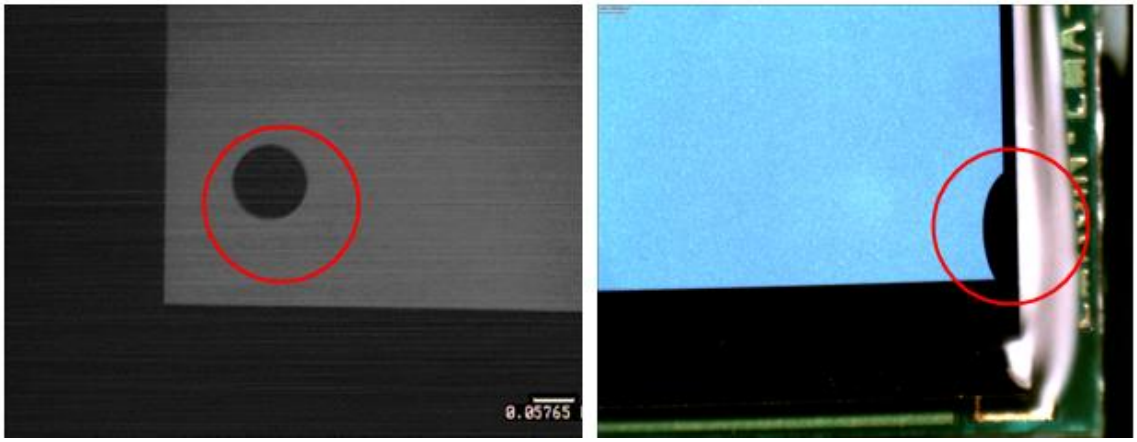
Glass Misalignment:

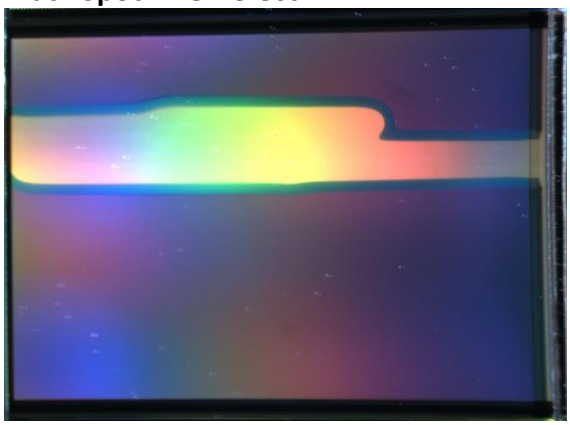
Edge of glass too close to the active area

Black Spot Defect:



Example of black spot and edge black spot = Reject

Black Spot Line Defect:



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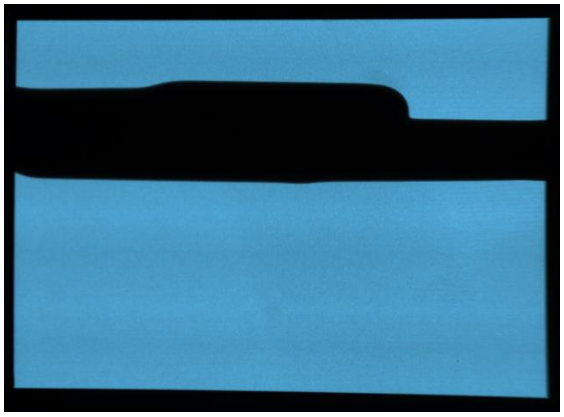
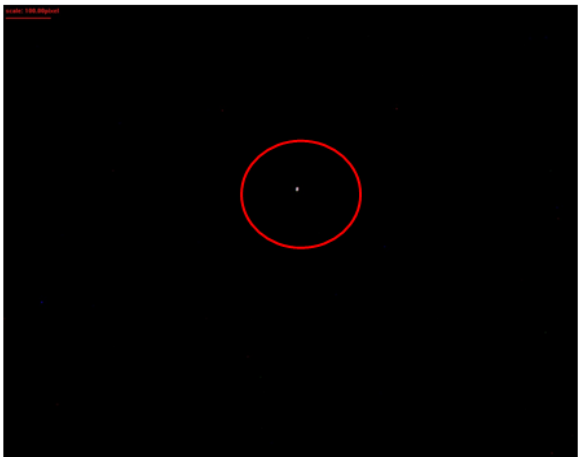


Black Spot Line – Lit

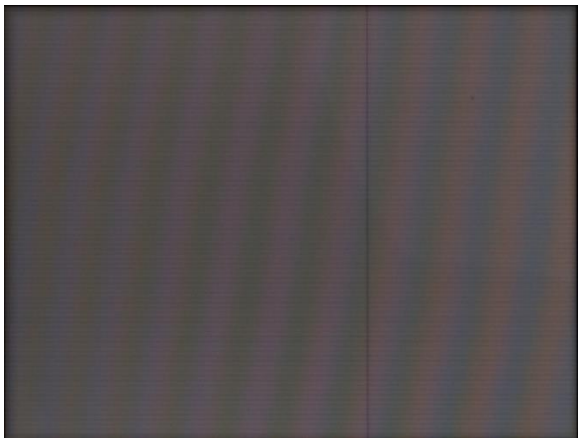
Stuck-on Pixel Defect:



Example of stuck-on sub-pixel = Reject

Stuck-on Row Defect:

Stuck-off Column Defect:



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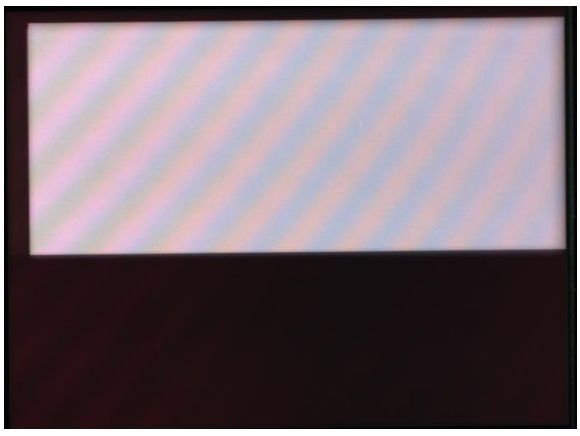

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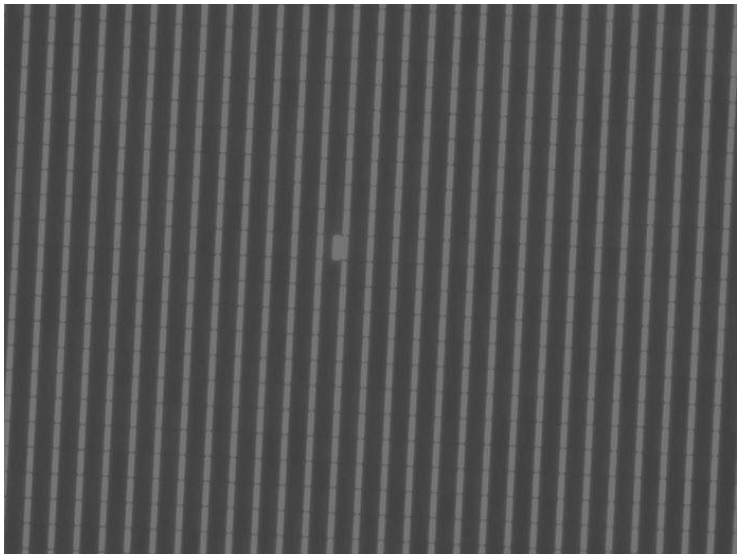
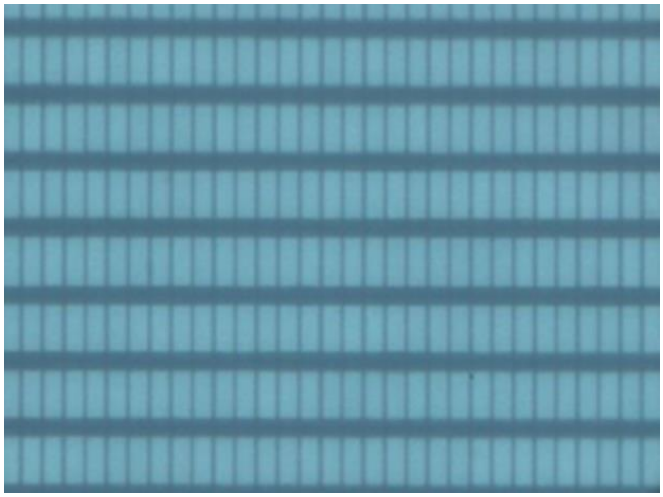


Example of two sub-pixels shorted together

Short Pixel Defect:



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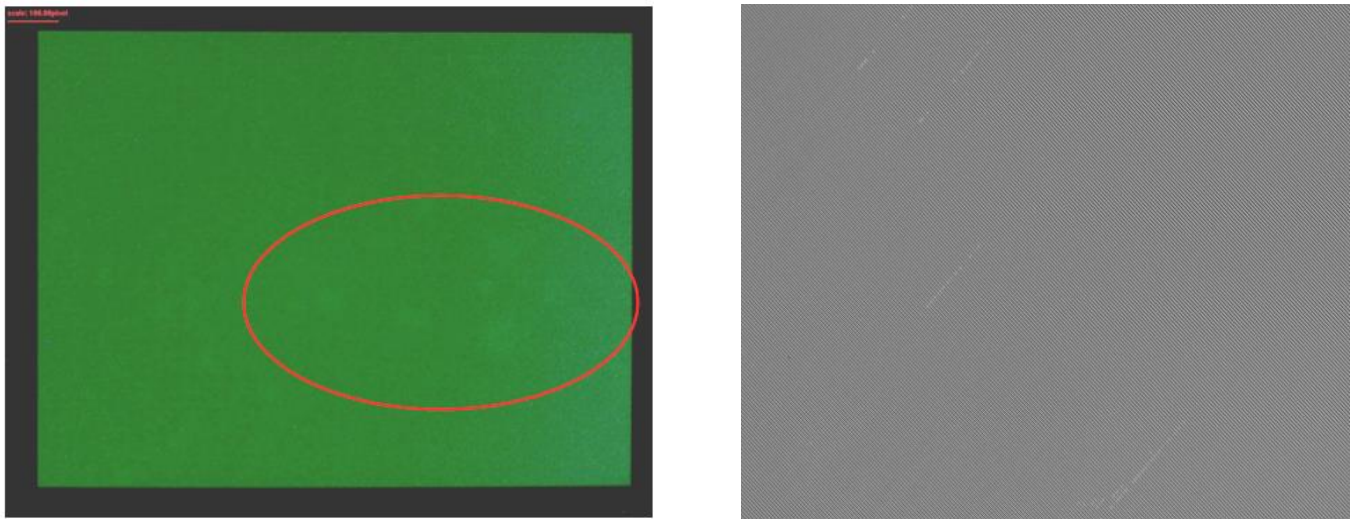
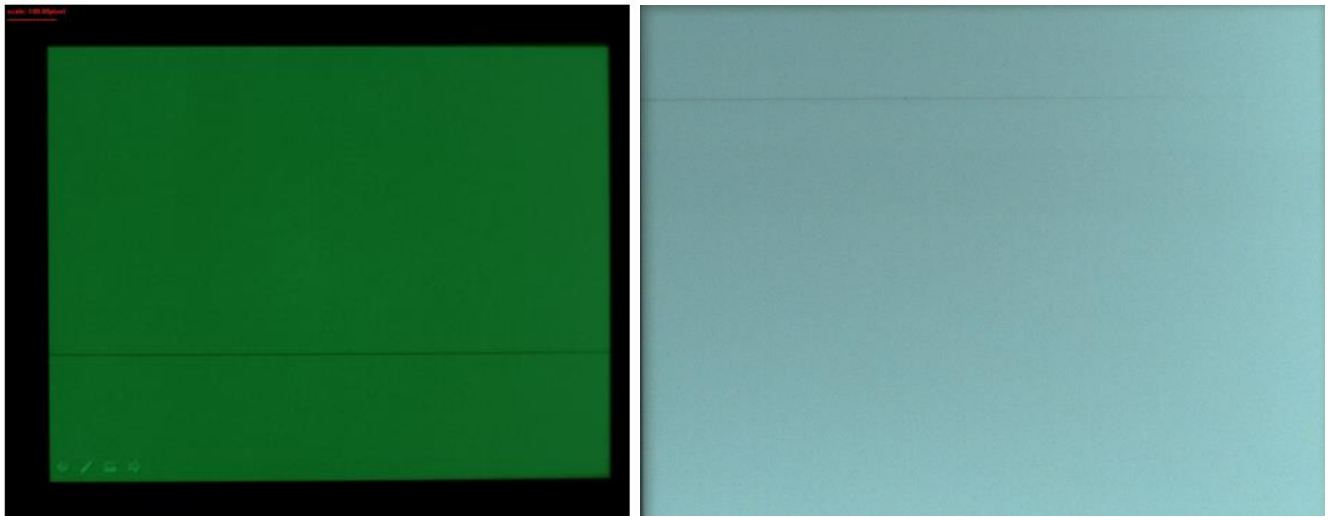


Example of uniformity = Rejects

Stuck-off Row Defect:



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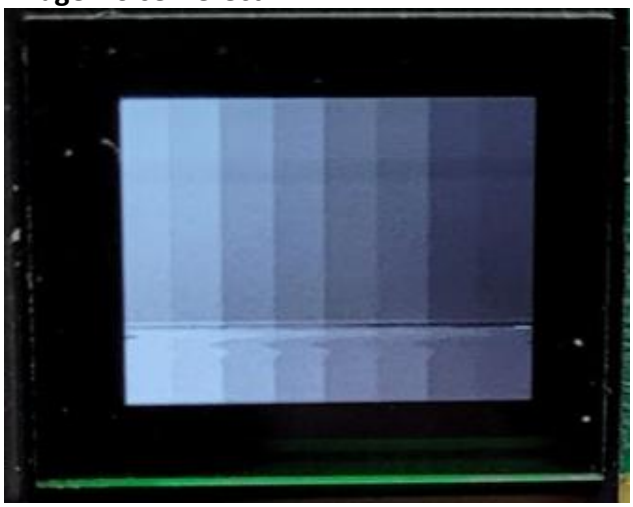
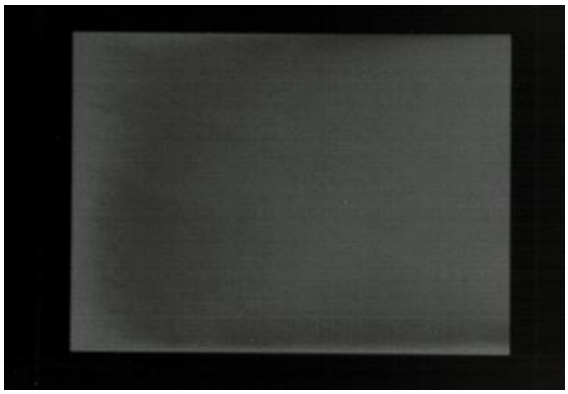


Low Luminance Non-Uniformity Defect:



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