DRAFT ADA Screen Resolution Guidelines

















Designing Digital for Accessibility

WMATA now has a full design style guide specifically for signage that dictates the guidelines for maintaining consistency across all signs and public-facing points of contact.

The Digital Signage Manual contains all WMATA's digital signage guidelines and requirements.

It is critical that these guidelines are followed, particularly when it comes to contrast, to maintain legibility for all riders.





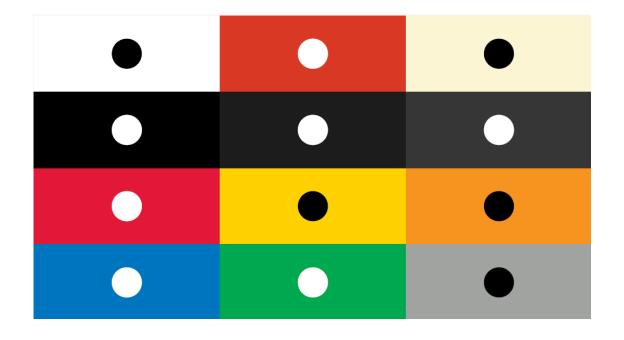
Contrast Guidelines

Our contrast guidelines are:

- Contrast ratio must be at least 3:1
- Smaller lettering must be at least 4.5:1
- Typography should be black or white whenever possible to maintain contrast
- Background colors should always match our design guidelines
- Typeface should always be Helvetica, per the guidelines



Examples - Graphics



- Use white or black graphics on colored backgrounds
- Maintain contrast ratio
- Avoid lighter backgrounds
- Use high contrast values like black or white whenever possible to ensure graphic elements are understood
- According to ADA compliance requirements, graphic elements must have at least a 3:1 contrast ratio

Examples - Typography

Aa	Aa	Aa
Aa	Aa	Aa
Aa	Aa	Aa
Aa	Aa	Aa

- Use white or black text on colored backgrounds
- Maintain contrast ratio
- Avoid lighter backgrounds
- Always set type in either black or white to ensure legibility
- According to ADA compliance requirements, large text must have at least a 3:1 contrast ratio and small text must be at least 4.5:1



Examples - Typography



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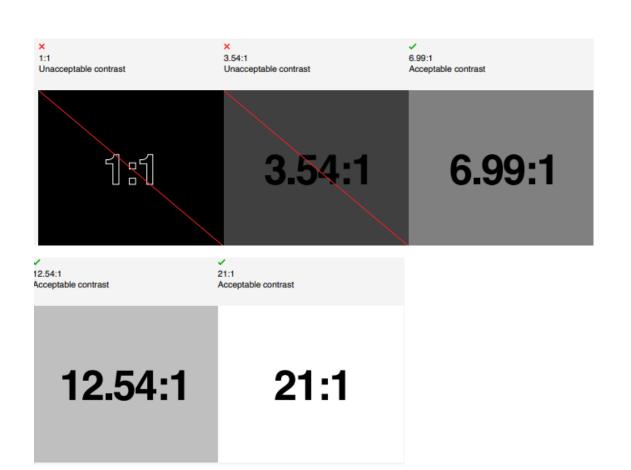


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- To the left are examples of Best Practices for using color with typography, and maintaining an acceptable contrast ratio
- Contrast ratios must be met when using type
- Set in either black or white whenever possible and avoid using color or low contrast values

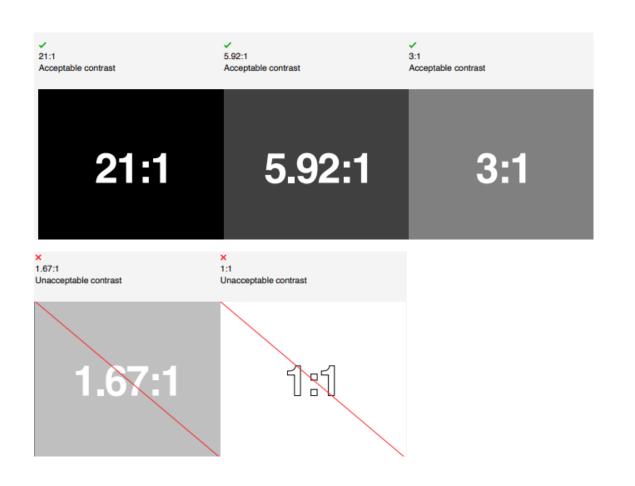


Examples – Black text on various backgrounds



- ADA compliance states the presentation of text and image must have a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1 for small text and at least 3:1 for large text.
- Use the examples to the left as a reference for acceptable or unacceptable contrast.

Examples – White text on various backgrounds



- ADA compliance states the presentation of text and image must have a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1 for small text and at least 3:1 for large text.
- Use the examples to the left as a reference for acceptable or unacceptable contrast.



Thank you!

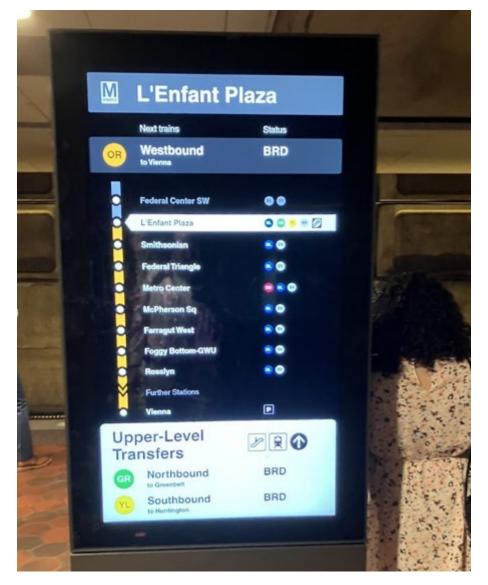
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Appendix – Screen Examples



55" CID



Active Display Area: 55" (1211.6 x 682.4 mm)

Backlight: LED

Resolution: 1920 x 1080

Pixel Pitch (mm): 0.63 mm (H) x 0.63 mm (V)

Brightness: 2500 cd/m2 (Typ)

Contrast Ratio: 5000:1

Viewing Angle: 176° (H) 178° (V) with CR ≥ 10

Display Colors: 16.7 Million colors (Max)



42" 2-line PID



Active Display Area: 42" (1040 x 260 mm)

Backlight: LED

Resolution: 1920 x 1080

Pixel Pitch (mm): 0.53 mm (H) x 0.53 mm (V)

Brightness: 1200 cd/m2 (Typ)

Contrast Ratio: 4000:1

Viewing Angle: 176° (H) 178° (V) with CR ≥ 10

Display Colors: 16.7 Million colors (Max)



46" KID



Active Display Area: 46" (1018.08 x 572.67 mm)

Backlight: LED

Resolution: 1920 x 1080

Pixel Pitch (mm): 0.53 mm (H) x 0.53 mm (V)

Brightness: 1500 cd/m2 (Typ)

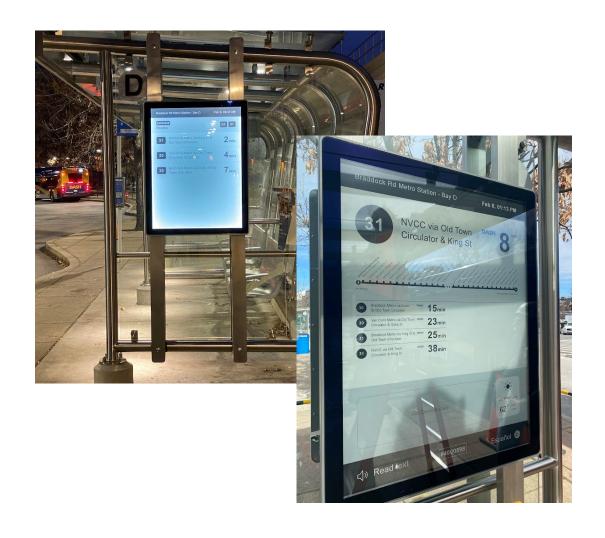
Contrast Ratio: 4000:1

Viewing Angle: 176° (H) 178° (V) with CR ≥ 10

Display Colors: 16.7 Million colors (Max)



42" ePaper



Active Display Area: 854 x 637

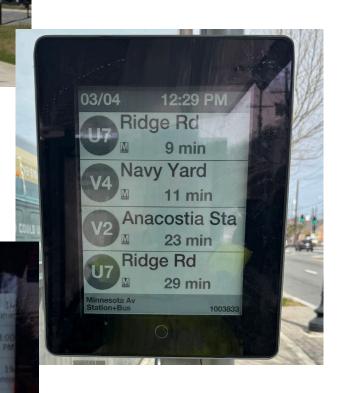
mm (H x W)

Lighting: Embedded LED front illumination, adjustable

Resolution: 2880 x 2160

Display Colors: 16 levels of gray

13" ePaper



Active Display Area: 203.2 mm x 269.2 mm, 8.0" x 10.6" (W x H)

Backlight: Electrophoretic

Resolution: 1600 x 1200 pixels

Contrast Ratio: 12:1 in direct sunlight

Viewing Angle: 70° horizontal and vertical (typical)

Display Colors: Black, white, dark gray, light gray

24" On-Bus CleverVision





Active Display Area: 24"

Backlight: LED, with auto-dimming

capability

Resolution: 1920 x 1080 pixels

Display Colors: 16.7

Million colors (Max)



7k On-Rail



Backlight: LED

Resolution: 1600 x 1200 pixels

Display Colors: 16.7 Million colors

(Max)