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GHOST CANCELING REFERENCE SIGNAL FOR NTSC

1. Scope

This document describes a ghost canceling reference (GCR) signal for NTSC television signals.

2. Specification of the GCR Signal

The GCR signal permits detection of ghosts from -3 μsec to +45 μsec. The signal has a flat spectrum and high energy up to 4.1 MHz and has a very low level of energy beyond 4.3 MHz (Figure 1). The normalized GCR signal as a function of time is shown in Figure 2.

The GCR signal shall be placed on line 19* of the vertical blanking interval on a 30 IRE pedestal. The pedestal has a rising transition from 0 IRE to 30 IRE 9.5 μsec after the leading edge of horizontal sync (defined at the 50% point). The falling transition from 30 IRE to 0 IRE is 58.5 μsec after the leading edge of horizontal sync. Both transitions have a 4T transition curve.

The GCR signal has a time duration of 35.5 μsec (measured at 1% of the maximum value) and begins 12.0 μsec after the leading edge of horizontal sync. The first peak (positive or negative) is 16.7 μsec after the leading edge of horizontal sync. The GCR signal varies from -10 to +70 IRE (the pedestal is the average of these extreme values).

Waveforms of the GCR signal on the pedestal are shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4 and represent line A and line B, respectively. Line A and line B have the same 30 IRE pedestal but the GCR polarity is inverted from line A to line B. The line A and line B signals are contained in an 8-field sequence as follows:

field 1 - line A; field 2 - line B; field 3 - line A; field 4 - line B;
 field 5 - line B; field 6 - line A; field 7 - line B; field 8 - line A.

Numerical values of the GCR signal as a function of time are given in Annex I. These values were calculated from (1).

$$f(t) = \frac{A}{2p} \left\{ \int_0^{\Omega} [\cos(bw^2) + j \sin(bw^2)] W(w) e^{jw^2 t} dw + \int_{-\Omega}^0 [\cos(bw^2) - j \sin(bw^2)] W(w) e^{jw^2 t} dw \right\} \quad (1)$$

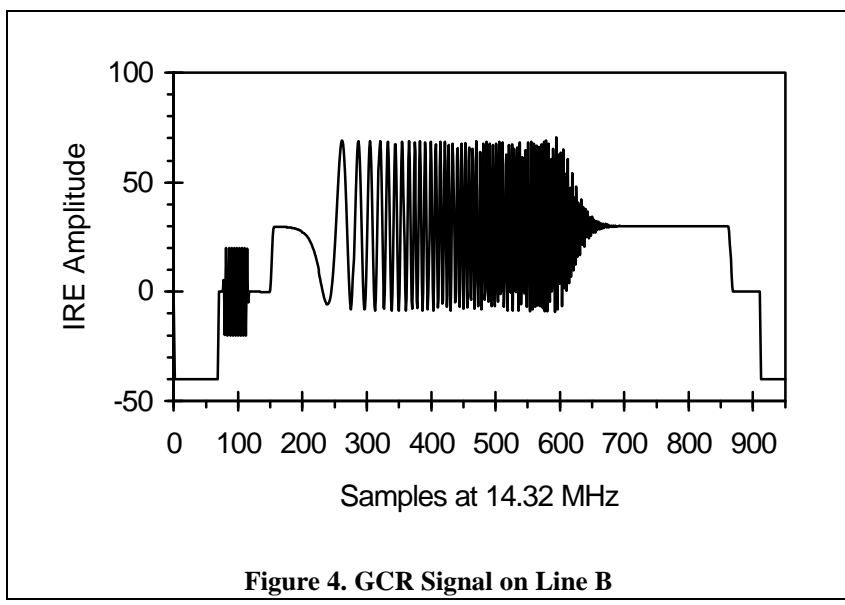
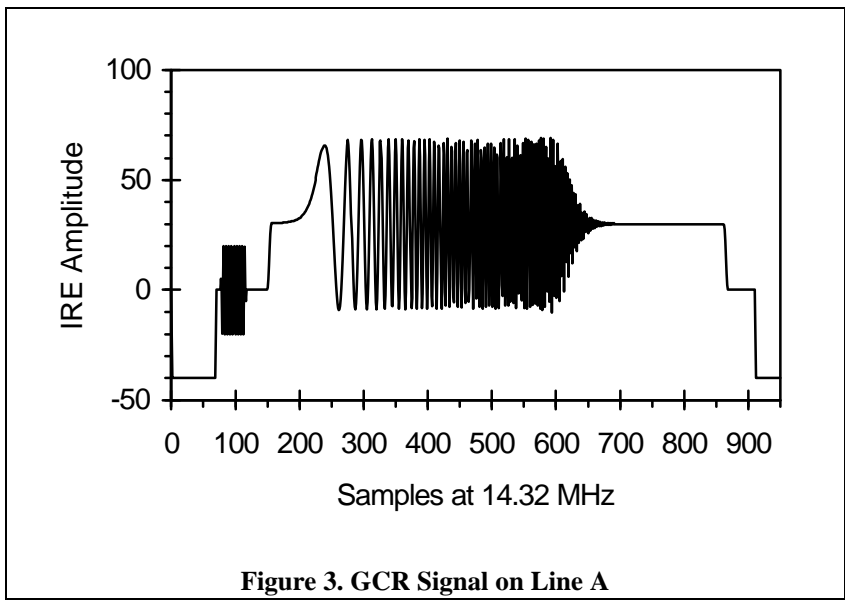
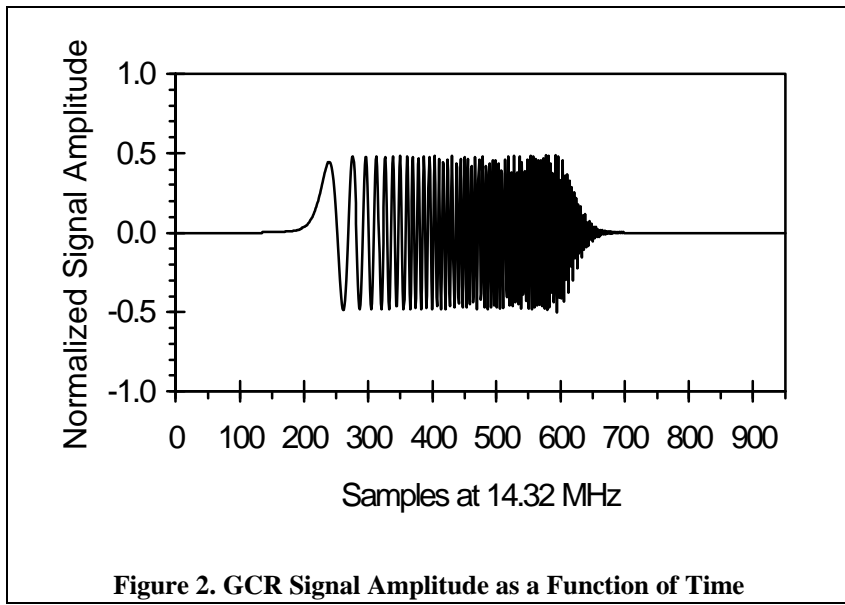
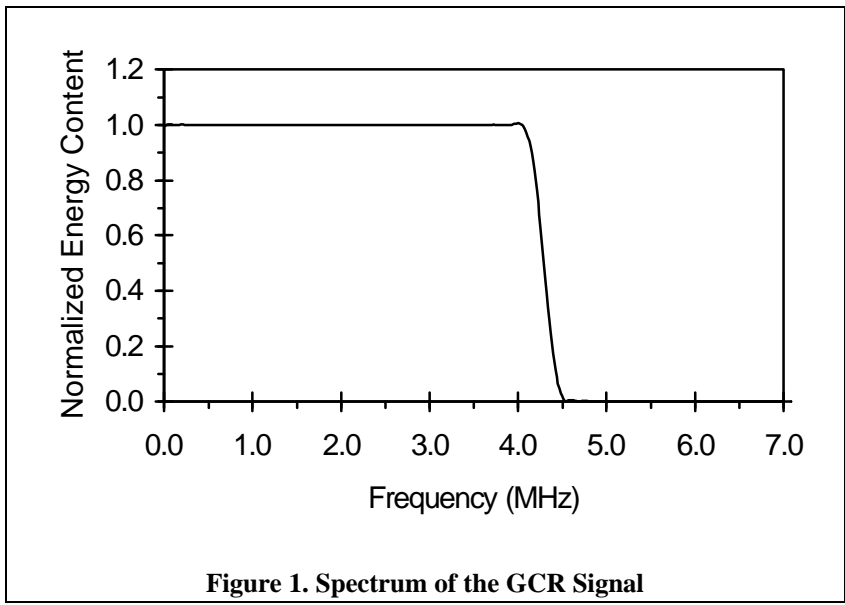
where $A = 9.0$, $b = 110.0$, and $\Omega = \frac{4.3}{7.16} \pi$ radians/second. $W(\omega)$ is the window function (2).

$$W(w) = \int_{\frac{-p}{c}}^{\frac{p}{c}} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(ct) \right) \left(\frac{1}{2p} \int_{-\Omega_1}^{\Omega_1} e^{jg^2} dg \right) \right] e^{-jw^2 t} dt \quad (2)$$

where $c = \frac{p}{49.0}$ radians/second and $\Omega_1 = \frac{4.15}{7.16} \pi$ radians/second.

* Subject to reservation of line 19 by the FCC exclusively for the optional placement of the GCR signal.

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Annex I

This Annex contains the GCR signal values. The 910 data values were sampled at 14.3 MHz (4 times color subcarrier) and represent a complete GCR waveform in a full TV line (63.5 μ sec). The first sample is coincident with the 50% point of the leading edge of horizontal sync. The data are normalized to 1.0 unit peak to peak and represent the GCR signal with positive polarity. A negative polarity GCR signal can be obtained by multiplying all the data by -1.

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