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Precautions:

-  Mac OS only) Do not use the ColorSync control panel to switch between different monitor calibrations by selecting different monitor color profiles. Always use the MultiProfiler application to configure the display profile. This is because all of the necessary color adjustments, including the Look Up Tables, are stored in the display monitor and these must be set by MultiProfiler. The ColorSync profiles generated by MultiProfiler contain linear Look Up Tables for the video graphics adapter.
- Extreme care should be taken when using the DisplaySync Pro with certain USB devices such as flash memory sticks and hard drives, as data can be lost or corrupted if the device is switched between upstream ports while write operations are being performed. Always use the device “eject” function on the host PC before switching upstream ports with these types of devices.

Note:

This document covers both the Mac OS and Windows versions of the MultiProfiler software. The features and functions of both versions are identical unless noted otherwise. The majority of the User Interface screen images in this document show the Mac OS version, however the Windows version is identical in layout unless noted otherwise.

Supported Display Monitors

MultiProfiler supports the following NEC display monitor models:

- MultiSync P232W – 23” standard color gamut LCD monitor
- MultiSync PA231W – 23” standard color gamut LCD monitor
- MultiSync P241W – 24” standard color gamut LCD monitor
- MultiSync PA241W – 24” wide color gamut LCD monitor
- MultiSync PA271W – 27” wide color gamut LCD monitor
- MultiSync PA301W – 30” wide color gamut LCD monitor
- MultiSync MD301C4 – 30” wide color gamut medical LCD monitor

MultiSync PA231W, P232W and P241W Important Note:

The color gamut of the PA231W, P232W and P241W displays are not wide color gamut, and are closer to sRGB.

For this reason, certain preset color gamuts such as AdobeRGB and DCI are not available, since they far exceed the color gamut of the display. Although MultiProfiler will allow the Picture Mode settings to be modified to include large color gamuts, keep in mind that the actual color gamut of the display is smaller, and will not be able to display colors outside of this gamut.



The PA231W and P232W displays do not have an internal luminance stabilization circuit. It is therefore not able to automatically set and maintain the luminance at an absolute value.

For this reason, the Brightness and Black Level controls are shown as a percentage values within MultiProfiler.

The DICOM mode is called DICOM Sim (simulation) because the lack of an absolute level for Brightness and Black Level means approximate values are used. True DICOM requires absolute values for Brightness and Black Level in order to create a very accurate response curve.

System Requirements

MultiProfiler has the following system requirements:

	 Mac OS	 Microsoft Windows
Operating System	Apple Mac OS X v10.5 or higher. Mac OS 10.5.2 or higher required for some Mac models. See README file for details.	Microsoft Windows XP, XP x64, Server 2003, Vista and Vista x64, Windows 7 and Windows 7 x64.
Video Graphics Adapter	All Apple standard video graphics cards, including most newer PowerBooks. Digital (DVI or DisplayPort) output is highly recommended. See the README file and NEC website for the latest information on Macs with DisplayPort video output.	Most recent ATI, Nvidia, Matrox, S3 Graphics, and Intel graphics adapters. Digital (DVI or DisplayPort) output is highly recommended. See README file for details.
Video Color Depth	At least 24 bit color (Millions of colors).	At least 24 bit color.
Video Resolution	Monitor native resolution highly recommended (1920x1080, 1920x1200 , 2560x1440, or 2560x1600 depending on model).	Monitor native resolution highly recommended (1920x1080, 1920x1200 , 2560x1440, or 2560x1600 depending on model).
USB (optional)	At least one available USB port and USB 2.0 cable (not included) if using USB to control the display instead of DDC/CI, or using the USB hub on the monitor.	At least one available USB port and USB 2.0 cable (not included) if using USB to control the display instead of DDC/CI, or using the USB hub on the monitor.
Software (optional)	Adobe Color Management Module available from: http://www.adobe.com/downloads/	

1 Introduction to MultiProfiler

Overview

MultiProfiler is designed as a companion to NEC MultiSync PA Series monitors. It provides complete control over the powerful and sophisticated technology in these models in an easy-to-use application.

NEC MultiSync PA Series monitors feature a custom-designed color processor called the SpectraView Engine. This sophisticated processor, combined with internal luminance, temperature and time monitoring of the monitor, and individual characterization and calibration of each unit during production, results in an unparalleled level of color control, accuracy and stability.

The wide color gamut and high-contrast LCD panel used on the monitor, coupled with the SpectraView Engine, provide the utmost in versatility; from the ability to accurately emulate colorspace such as AdobeRGB and sRGB, to performing printer output emulations using ICC Profiles and internal 3D Look Up Tables.

Main Features and Benefits

MultiProfiler provides a simple, intuitive interface to perform the following functions:

- **Picture Mode preset configuration:** Multiple color modes can be quickly configured and selected using MultiProfiler. Choose from the simplicity of built-in sRGB, Adobe RGB, DCI, DICOM, REC-BT709 and High Brightness modes, or load a device ICC profile for color matching a printer or even another monitor. A powerful Wizard interface helps guide you through creating and customizing different custom Picture Mode configurations, including controlling every aspect of the monitor such as the gamma characteristics, color gamut, white point, and brightness.
- **Picture-in-Picture (PIP) configuration:** The powerful video processor in the MultiSync PA Series allows two video signals to be viewed at once in a secondary PIP or Picture-by-Picture (PBP) window configuration. The picture of the secondary window can even be configured to display in a different colorspace, allowing functions like simultaneous viewing of printer emulations, or even human color vision deficiencies.
- **DisplaySync Pro and USB hub configuration:** The USB hub integrated into the MultiSync PA Series can also be managed through MultiProfiler to function as a Keyboard / Video / Mouse (KVM) switch. This feature allows the mapping of the two USB upstream ports to the various monitor inputs, which is useful for managing multiple computers attached to the unit.
- **Automatic generation of ICC/ColorSync profiles:** MultiProfiler automatically generates and updates ICC profiles for the monitor as the color modes are selected or adjusted. This activity, coupled with the internal stabilization and highly accurate characterization and calibration of each monitor during production, reduces the need for a profiling package to profile the monitor.
- **Flexible:** Communications with the monitor can be performed either through the video cable using the Display Data Channel / Command Interface (DDC/CI), or via an USB upstream connection to the unit (using optional USB cable). This allows for better compatibility with different host PC platforms.

2 Dialogs, Settings and Options

Main MultiProfiler window

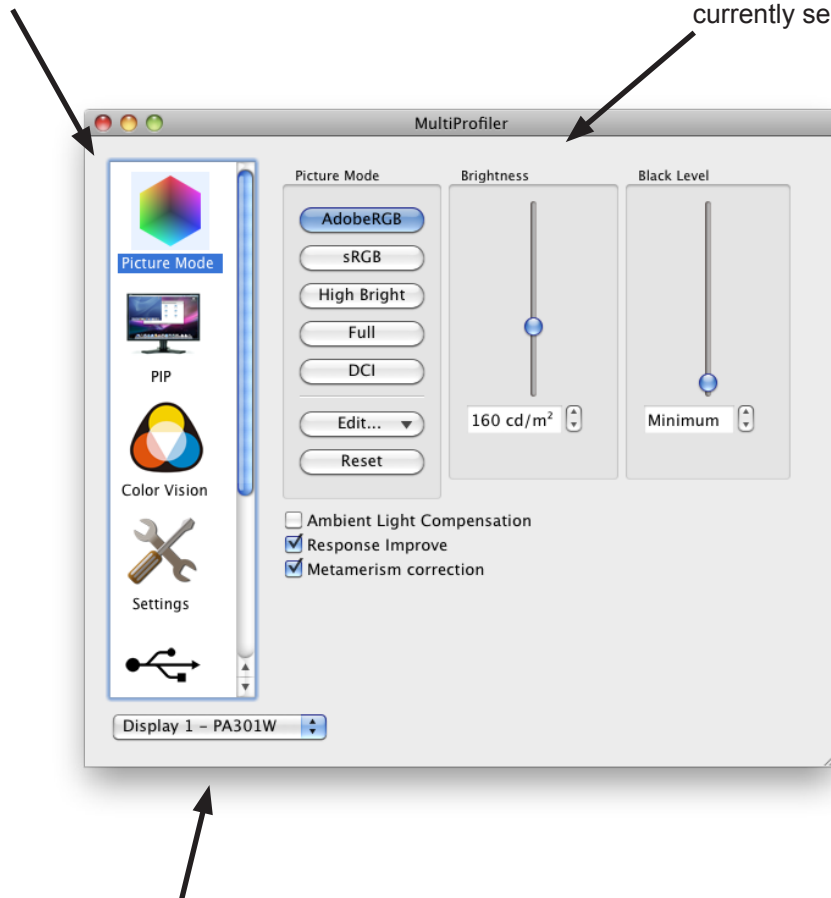
The **MultiProfiler** window shows the current settings and status of the monitor. All of the features of MultiProfiler are accessed from this window.

Function list

Selects different function panels.

Function panel

Shows the controls for the currently selected function.



Display listbox

Selects the monitor to control if more than one is present.

Function Panels



Picture Mode - This panel has controls for selecting the current Picture Mode, editing Picture Modes and adjusting the screen Brightness and Black Level.



PIP - This panel is used to manage the Picture-In-Picture (PIP) settings, including the video input and Picture Mode used for the PIP function.



Color Vision - This panel selects the Color Vision Emulation settings for simulating human vision deficiencies.



Settings - This panel has controls for configuring the power indicator LED color and brightness, Digital Uniformity Correction, and ICC profile generation.



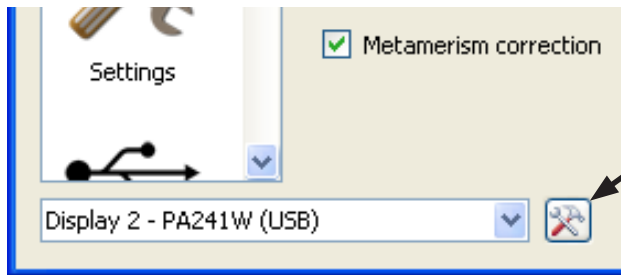
USB - This panel has controls for setting the DisplaySync Pro USB hub configuration used for mapping the two USB upstream ports to the various monitor inputs.



Shortcuts - This panel is used to configure keyboard shortcuts that can be used to control various functions within MultiProfiler via the keyboard, even when using other applications.

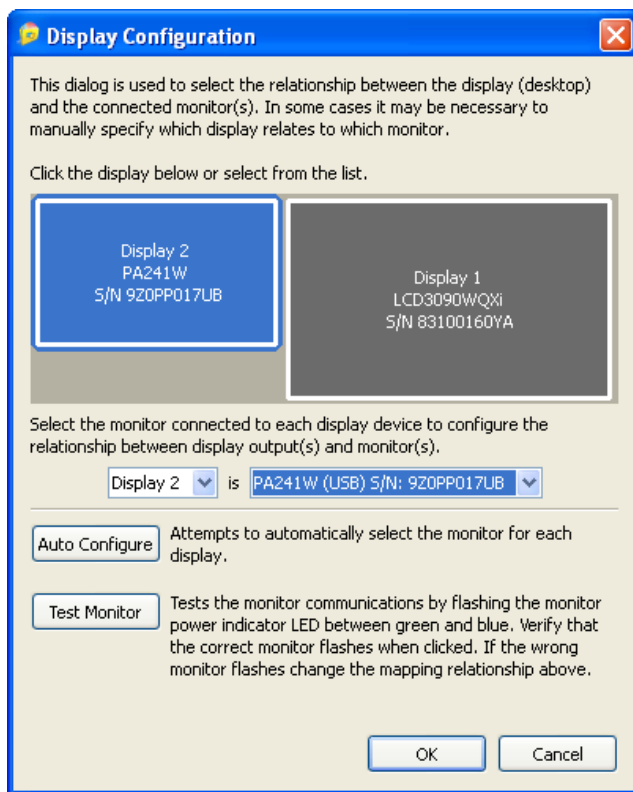


Status - This panel shows the current version of the software, and the status of the currently selected monitor, as well as providing an easy way to check if updates to the software are available from NEC.



Display Configuration button (🖥️ Windows version only) opens the **Display Configuration** dialog, which is used to configure MultiProfiler if more than one monitor is used on the system, or to select between using DDC/CI and USB interfaces to communicate with the monitor.

Display Configuration dialog (🖥️ Windows version only)



This **Display Configuration** dialog is accessed by clicking the **Display: Configure** button in the main MultiProfiler window.

If more than one display is being used on Windows, it may be necessary to manually configure the relationship between the display layout on the Windows desktop, and the display that are connected to the system. Correct configuration of this relationship is necessary so that the display adjustments are sent to the correct unit, and that the generated ICC profile is associated with the correct display.

A diagram depicting the display desktop layout is shown and the display associated with each desktop screen is shown. The monitor associated with each screen can be selected using the listboxes.

Clicking on the display rectangles will also select different displays on the Windows desktop.

If the display is connected to the host PC by using a USB cable (not supplied) then it can also be controlled by USB instead of the default DDC/CI interface. If a USB connection is detected, the display name will be followed by "(USB)" in the listbox. Select this to use the USB connection.

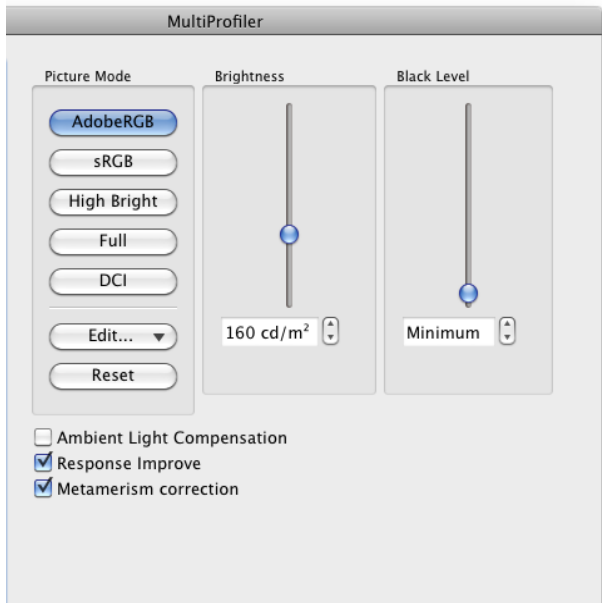
Note: Some video graphics adapters may show several duplicate displays due to issues with the video drivers for that adapter. In this case the duplicate displays can be selected to "None".

Auto Configure - Attempts to automatically detect and configure the display to the display layout on the Windows desktop. In most cases this will correctly configure the correct relationship, but in some cases it may be necessary to manually configure.

Test Monitor - Tests the communications with the currently selected display. Clicking this button will send a command to flash the display power indicator LED between green and blue. If the wrong display flashes, then change the monitor associated with the display by using the listboxes to select.



Picture Mode panel



The **Picture Mode** panel controls the settings for the various Picture Modes that the monitor supports, as well as adjusting the Brightness and Black Level.

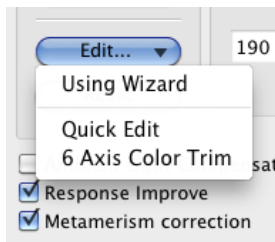
The monitor supports 5 different configurable Picture Modes that can be quickly selected by clicking on the relevant buttons.

As different Picture Modes are selected, MultiProfiler will automatically generate an ICC/ColorSync profile for the new color settings of the selected Picture Mode. This profile will be automatically registered with the Color Management System.

See the Picture Modes section for a more detailed description.

Each Picture Mode can be configured with different color settings by selecting the desired Picture Mode to modify, and then clicking the **Edit...** button.

There are three ways to edit the Picture Mode from the Edit button:



1. Selecting **Using Wizard** will open the **Color Configuration Wizard**. This Wizard will provide guidance for each adjustment step.
2. Selecting **Quick Edit** allows the color gamut, white point, brightness and black level to be quickly adjusted without having to use the wizard.
3. Selecting **6 Axis Color Trim** provides access to advanced color controls for adjusting the hue, saturation and offset to six ranges of color hues (reds, yellows, greens, cyans, blues, and magentas).

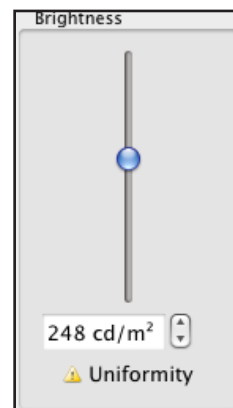
Brightness

The **Brightness** slider and spinbox controls adjust the monitor brightness. The brightness is indicated in Candelas per square meter (cd/m^2) and represents an absolute value. The SpectraView Engine automatically calculates and compensates the brightness value as color settings such as white point are changed.



Too High - Is shown when the Brightness level setting is too high and can not be achieved by the monitor with the current setting. Lower the setting until the message disappears. It takes several seconds to update the level warning.

Note: The monitor takes a few minutes after powering on for the maximum brightness to stabilize.

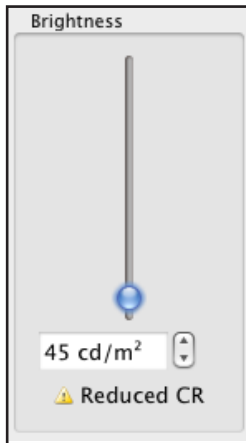


Uniformity - Is shown when the Brightness control is set above the range that the monitor can achieve with the current Digital Uniformity Compensation setting.

In this case the monitor will automatically reduce the Uniformity correction level in order to achieve the brightness setting level.

See the Digital Uniformity section for more information.

The Brightness control will indicate when any range limits have been reached that impact the screen performance:



Reduced CR - Is shown when the Brightness control is set to a level where it impacts the Contrast Ratio of the screen image. This occurs when the brightness setting is below that which can be controlled using the LCD CCFL backlights alone.

When this range is entered, the monitor will automatically begin to reduce the brightness to the requested value by using the internal 14-bit LUTs to scale the video signal. Since this scaling is done internally to a high bit depth it will not introduce color banding, however it will reduce the contrast ratio of the monitor.

The reason for this reduction in contrast ratio is because the black level is being maintained constant (it is a fixed property of the LCD panel once the minimum LCD CCFL backlight level has been reached), but the white level is being scaled down - so the ratio of white to black levels will be reduced.

Note: On the MultiSync PA231W and P232W models, the Brightness and Black Level controls are shown as percentages instead of absolute luminance values. This is because the display does not have an internal luminance stabilization circuit.

Black Level

The **Black Level** slider and spinbox controls adjust the luminance of black on the screen and is set as an absolute value in Candelas per square meter (cd/m²).

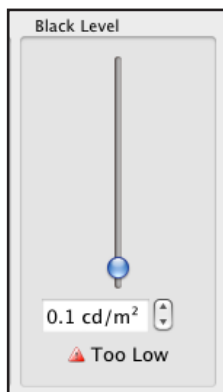
The Black Level, together with the Brightness setting determines the contrast ratio of the screen image. There is a maximum limit to the contrast ratio of the screen, which is determined by the characteristics of the LCD panel, in combination with ambient light scattering on the screen, which produces glare. Glare reduces the perceived contrast ratio by raising the black level of the surface of the screen.

To achieve the maximum possible contrast ratio, set the Black Level control to 0.0 cd. The control will display **Minimum** indicating that the Black Level will be set by the SpectraView Engine to be as low as possible.

Set the Black Level to a non-zero value to set the Black Level to a specific value.

If the **Ambient Light Compensation** setting is currently enabled, then the Black Level control will factor in the impact of the ambient lighting glare on the screen on the perceived black level and adjust the monitor accordingly.

The Black Level control will indicate when the selected value can not be achieved:



Too Low - Is shown if the current Black Level setting can not be achieved either because:

- The setting is lower than that of the characteristics of the LCD panel with the current Brightness setting.
- If **Ambient Light Compensation** is enabled, the setting is lower than that of the combined ambient lighting glare on the screen and characteristics of the LCD panel with the current Brightness setting.

In either case, increase the Black Level control level to a point where the warning icon disappears, which indicates the display can achieve the current Black Level value, or set the control to 0.0 cd to select the lowest possible Black Level.

*Note: The **Ambient Light Compensation** is only updated whenever the Brightness, Black Level or Picture Mode controls are changed. The monitor will not otherwise update the black level based on the ambient light sensor reading.*

Reset

Clicking the **Reset** button will restore the default Picture Mode settings for the currently selected Picture Mode.

Ambient Light Compensation

Selecting the **Ambient Light Compensation** will enable the ambient light sensor located on the front of the monitor. If enabled, the current measured ambient light level will be used to calculate the Black Level of the monitor. See the previous section on Black Level for more details.

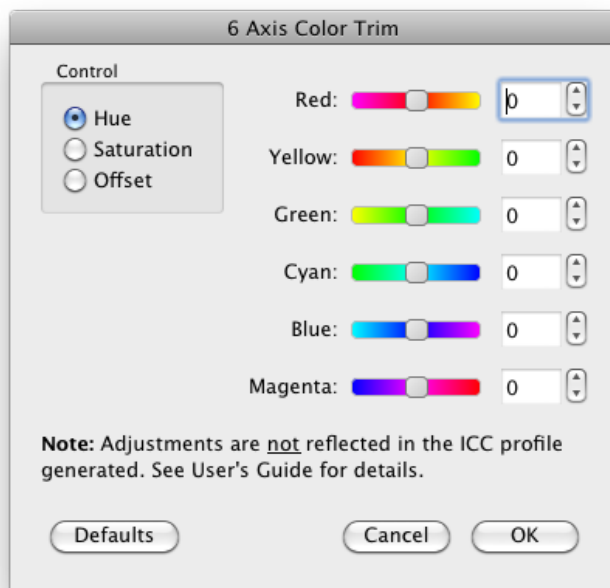
Response Improve

Selecting the **Response Improve** setting helps reduce blurring that can occur in fast-moving images.

Metamerism correction

Selecting the **Metamerism correction** setting can improve the white point color matching when the monitor is used side-by-side with a standard color gamut monitor. This feature compensates for the way the human eye perceives colors slightly differently compared to the scientific instrument used to adjust the monitor during calibration. This difference is due to the different spectrum of light that makes up the screen image on the wide color gamut compared to that of a standard color gamut monitor.

6 Axis Color Trim



The 6 Axis Color Trim control is accessed from the *Edit* menu in the *Picture Mode* panel.

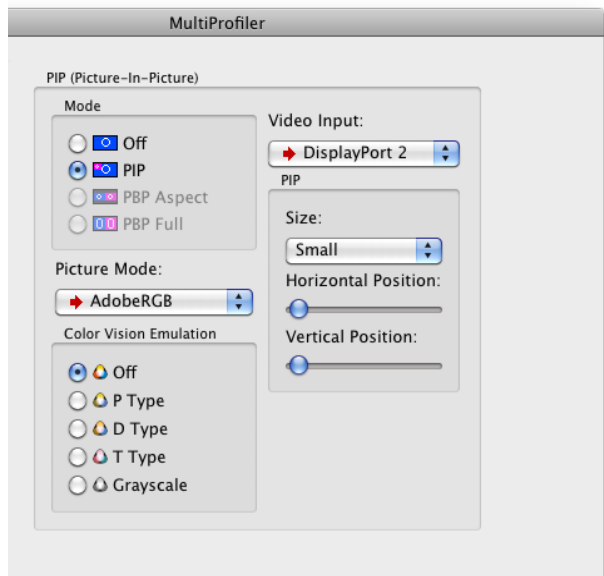
The controls in this dialog allow for the adjustment of the hue, saturation and offset to six ranges of color hues (reds, yellows, greens, cyans, blues, and magentas).

The white point of the screen is not changed, and only colors within each of the six color ranges are impacted.

These controls are considered advanced and should be used in situations where it is necessary to fine tune certain colors, for example to match a proof sample. In most situations these controls should be left at the default or 0 positions.



PIP panel



The **PIP** panel controls the settings for the Picture-In-Picture feature on the monitor.

The PIP window feature allows:

- Two different video inputs to be viewed simultaneously. For example, if you have two PCs connected to the monitor, you can view the video from both at the same time.
- Two different Picture Modes to be viewed simultaneously with either the same or different video inputs. For example, if you want to view and compare the current screen image as if it were displayed on an sRGB gamut monitor.
- A Color Vision Emulation to be applied. This is useful for viewing how the screen image will be perceived by someone with a color vision deficiency.

The PIP mode can be configured as follows:

- **Off** - Turns off the PIP function.
- **PIP (Picture-In-Picture)** - The secondary picture appears inside the main screen area. The size and position of the picture window can be changed using the **Horizontal and Vertical Position** controls.
- **PBP Full (Picture-By-Picture)** - The secondary picture appears to the left of the main screen area and the main screen is sized to half of the entire screen area. Both screen images are scaled to fit the each half of the screen. If the monitor is rotated into portrait orientation, the screen images will be shown at the top and bottom of the screen.
- **PBP Aspect (Picture-By-Picture)** - The secondary picture appears next to the main screen area and the main screen is sized to half of the entire screen area. The aspect ratio of both screen images are maintained from their original.

Video Input is used to select the video input to be shown on the PIP window. A red arrow in the list indicates the current video input for the main screen. Using this function it possible to view video from two different sources simultaneously.

Picture Mode selects the Picture Mode to be applied on the PIP window. The red arrow in the list indicates the current Picture Mode used on the main screen. This function makes it possible to view the PIP or PBP window in a different colorspace.

Horizontal and Vertical Position - these controls adjust the location of the PIP window on the main screen.

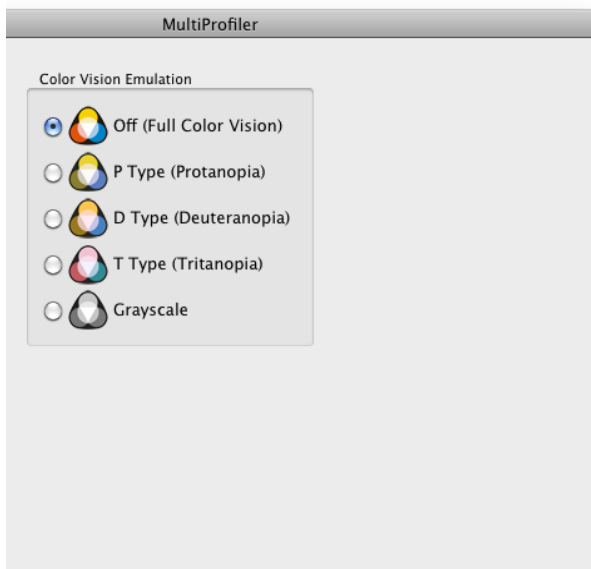
Color Vision Emulation - this control selects the type of color vision deficiency emulation that is applied to the PIP window. Using this function in a PIP or PBP allows simultaneous viewing of the normal and color vision deficiency emulation versions of the same image. See the following section for a more detailed description of this function.

Note 1: MultiProfiler sets the ICC/ColorSync profile for the main screen and not the PIP window. Therefore some color-managed applications may not display as expected in the PIP window because the ICC/ColorSync profile for the main screen is being used.

Note 2: Dual 3D LUT limitation - The MultiSync PA Series SpectraView Engine is limited to using one set of 3D LUTs at a time. This means that the PIP feature can not be used to correctly show a Picture Mode that uses a 3D LUT at the same time that a 3D LUT Picture Mode is used on the main screen. 3D LUTs are only used for the Custom Picture Modes created for Print Emulation.



Color Vision panel



The **Color Vision** panel controls the Color Vision Emulation settings used to emulate several modes of color vision deficiency, also known as color blindness.

This function can be used to help determine how people with such deficiencies will perceive colors.

As an example, this feature is useful when designing a user interface that relies on color for differentiation, in order to make sure that someone with a color vision deficiency can adequately perceive the color differences.

Click the corresponding selection to activate the different emulation modes.

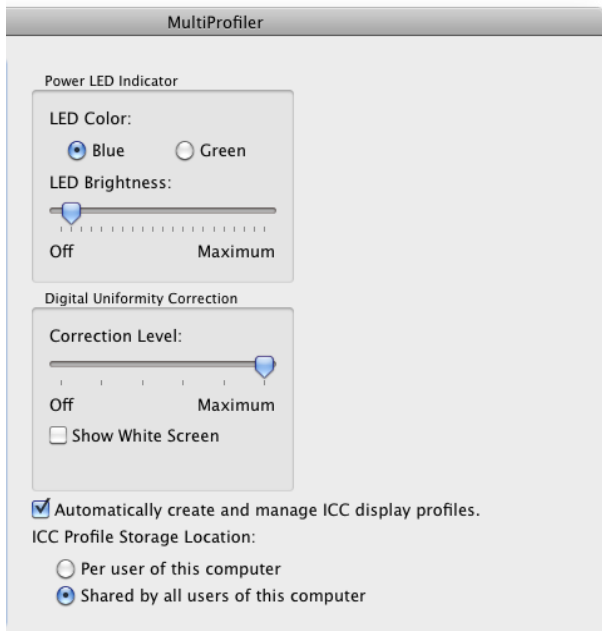
The monitor can emulate color vision dichromacy types:

- P (Protanopia)
- D (Deutanopia)
- T (Tritanopia)

Additionally a Grayscale mode can be used for evaluating contrast legibility.



Settings panel



The **Settings** panel controls some of the monitor features.

The **Power LED Indicator** controls can be used to change the color of the LED between blue and green, and also adjust the LED brightness. For example, the LED brightness can be reduced as necessary in dim environments if it is distracting.

The **Digital Uniformity Correction** control adjusts the screen uniformity correction applied to the monitor in order to improve the screen luminance and color uniformity.

This compensation is done at the expense of some screen brightness. A higher level of correction will give a more uniform screen, but the maximum brightness that can be achieved will be lower.

Selecting **Show White Screen** will display a white test pattern over the entire screen area. Use this pattern to easily judge the impact of the Digital Uniformity Correction level on the uniformity or evenness of the screen.

See the following section for a more detailed description of how the Digital Uniformity Correction feature works.

When **Automatically create and manage ICC display profiles** is selected, MultiProfiler will create an ICC/ColorSync profile for the current Picture Mode, and automatically register it with the Color Management System whenever the Picture Mode is changed. Deselect this to prevent MultiProfiler from automatically changing the ICC/ColorSync profile for the display.

Storage Location (Mac OS only) - specifies where the generated ICC/ColorSync profiles are stored. Options are:

- **Per User of this computer** - the profile is stored in the User's profile folder. Profiles in this folder are typically not accessible from other user accounts.
- **Shared by all users of this computer** - the profile is stored in the shared profile folder that is accessible by all user accounts.

About Digital Uniformity Correction

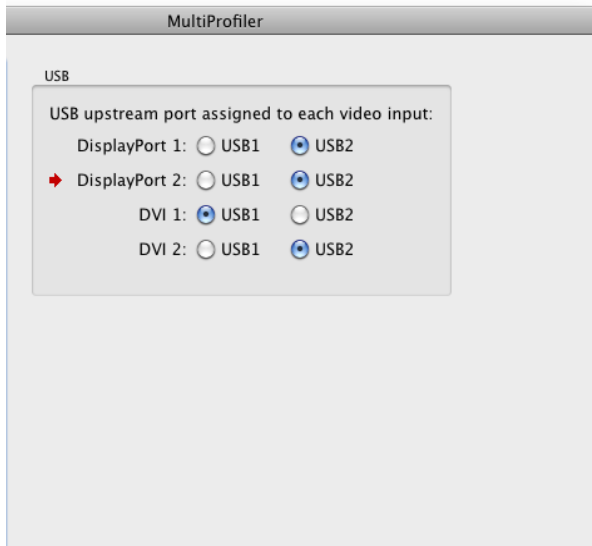
Every LCD panel will have some form of color and luminance non-uniformity across the screen. Even though the panel used in the monitor has been carefully selected and sorted during production, there will be some remaining non-uniformity. To reduce the impact of this, each NEC MultiSync PA Series monitor is individually measured and characterized during production to map areas of non-uniformity. This data is then used to build an internal three-dimensional correction table and stored in the display. Screen non-uniformity is significantly reduced when this correction is applied using the Digital Uniformity Correction circuit.

This circuit works by reducing the luminance levels of areas of the screen that are brighter than others. This is done for red, green, and blue so that uniform color as well as brightness is achieved. As a consequence of this correction, the maximum brightness or luminance from the display is reduced when this feature is used. The level of Digital Uniformity Correction that is applied to the display can be controlled using the Correction Level control and should be set to a level that gives the best balance of uniformity versus brightness reduction.

The PA Series will intelligently adapt the level of Digital Uniformity Correction as the Brightness control is changed. If a Brightness level higher than that which can be achieved with the current Digital Uniformity Correction level is selected, then the correction level will be reduced in order to best achieve the selected Brightness. A warning icon will be shown next to the Brightness control in this case to indicate that the level of Digital Uniformity Correction has been reduced due to the current Brightness setting.



USB panel



The **USB** panel controls the DisplaySync Pro settings.

MultiProfiler allows the mapping relationship of the two upstream (inputs) USB ports to the video inputs to be configured.

The current video input is indicated by a red arrow.

In the example shown on the left, the current video input, DVI-2, will select upstream port USB1. When the video input is changed to the D-SUB (VGA) input, the upstream port USB2 will be selected and all connected USB devices will be switched over.

The setting can also be used to immediately switch the upstream USB port for the current video input. This is useful, for example, when you want to change the connected USB devices between two host PCs without changing the video input.

*Note: The USB upstream port assignment is not updated until the current video input is changed. To immediately change the USB upstream port, hold down the **INPUT** button on the front of the monitor until the shortcut menu appears, then select the USB port.*

About DisplaySync Pro

The NEC MultiSync PA Series displays feature an integrated USB 2.0 hub with 3 downstream (outputs) and dual upstream (input) USB ports.

The dual upstream USB ports allows the integrated USB hub to switch between two different host PCs. Devices connected to the USB outputs on the monitor will be switched between the two upstream ports. This switching can be linked to the video input selection on the monitor so that as the video input is switched from one host PC to the other, any USB devices connected to the monitor, such as a keyboard and mouse, will also be switched along with the video.

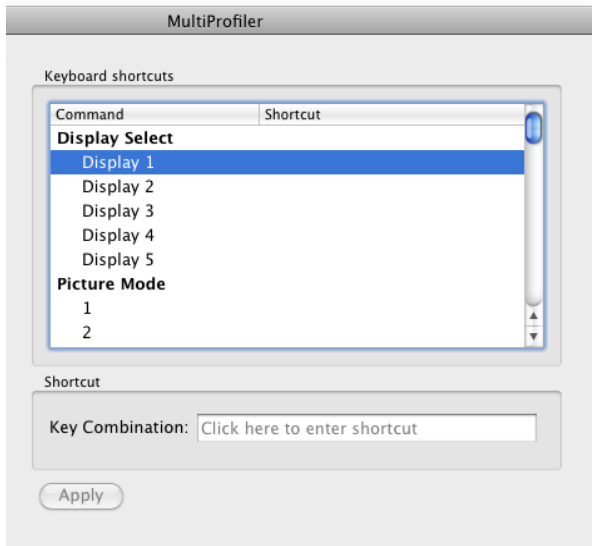
This feature allows the monitor to function as a KVM (Keyboard Video Mouse) switch. The **INPUT** button on the front of the monitor can be used to quickly switch between different video inputs. The attached USB devices will follow the current video input selection.

Note: Once devices are switched to another host PC, they will no longer be accessible on the original PC until the input is switched back.

Important: Extreme care should be taken when using the DisplaySync Pro with certain USB devices such as flash memory sticks and hard drives, as data can be lost or corrupted if the device is switched between upstream ports while write operations are being performed. Always use the device "eject" function on the host PC before switching upstream ports with these types of devices.



Shortcuts panel




The **Shortcuts** panel is used to configure keyboard shortcuts that can be used to control various functions within MultiProfiler via the keyboard. This makes it possible to control MultiProfiler from within other applications simply by selecting a customizable key combination on the keyboard.

MultiProfiler will respond to registered keyboard shortcuts even when it is not in the foreground.

The following command functions are available:

- **Display Select** - If there is more than one supported NEC display model connected, this command can be used to select which display other commands will be applied to. Selecting up to 5 different connected displays is supported.
- **Picture Mode** - Selects which of the 5 Picture Modes to apply.
- **Color Vision PIP (Picture-In-Picture)** - Selects the Color Vision mode for the Picture-In-Picture window.
- **PIP Picture Mode** - Selects which of the 5 Picture Modes to apply to the Picture-In-Picture window.
- **PIP Color Vision** - Selects the Color Vision mode for the Picture-In-Picture window.
- **PIP Video Input** - Selects the Video Input to show in the Picture-In-Picture window.
- **Video Input** - Selects the main Video Input to the display.

Keyboard modifiers can be used together with a standard key to create more unique key combinations. The following modifiers can be used in combination:

- Shift key
- CTRL key (Control key on Macs)
- ALT key (Option key ⌥ on Macs)
- Windows key  (Command ⌘ / Apple key on Macs)

Different key combinations can be configured for each command, or the same combination can be assigned to multiple commands. When the same combination is assigned to multiple options within a command, then the function will alternate between the selected options with each shortcut keypress.

The same key combination can also be assigned to multiple different commands. In this case all of the commands will be performed with each shortcut keypress. For example if the key combination ALT+Shift+1 is assigned to Color Vision *Off* and Picture Mode 1, then both operations will be performed when the key combination is pressed.

To configure the key combination for a command, first select it in the command list. Next click in the Shortcut Key Combination entry area and then press the desired combination of keyboard keys for the shortcut. The key combination will be shown. Next click the Apply button to enable the new key combinations.

To remove a shortcut key combination, first select it in the command list, then click the “x” button. Finally click the Apply button to update the keyboard shortcuts.

Notes:

1. The keystrokes for a shortcut will be “consumed” by MultiProfiler and will not be relayed to other applications. Be careful when assigning keyboard shortcuts not to assign common key combinations, or combinations that may be used in other applications. For example assigning the key “1” to a function in MultiProfiler will cause all key presses of the letter “1” to disappear if MultiProfiler is running. It is better to use a key combination such as “ALT+SHIFT+1” to avoid this.

2. Not all keyboard shortcut combinations can be used with MultiProfiler due to system restrictions. Be sure to test the combination first.

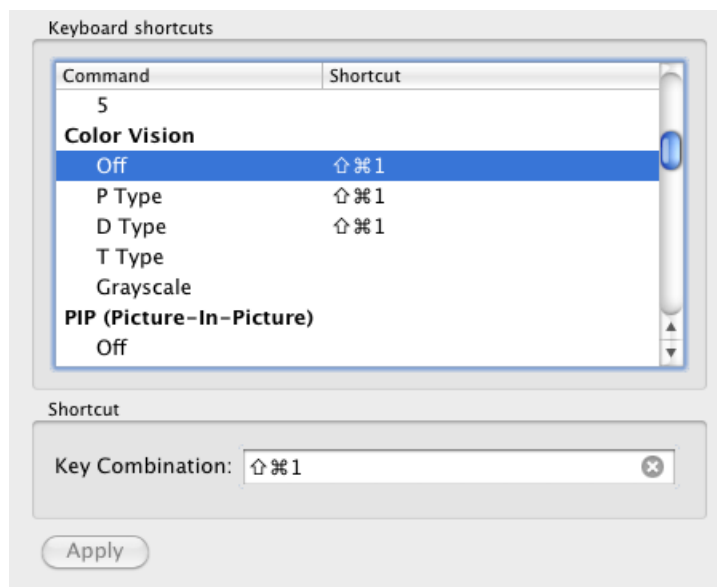
3. MultiProfiler must be running in order for the keyboard shortcuts to function, but does not need to be the foreground application.

Example - Color Vision Shortcuts

An example of using this feature would be when using the Color Vision emulation modes in the display to quickly check for how the colors in a document will be perceived by someone with a color vision deficiency, without having to switch from the document application. In this case a unique keyboard shortcut is created in MultiProfiler for the various Color Vision modes, and the display will switch between them, even when MultiProfiler is not in the foreground.

In this example the key combination Command (Apple key)+Shift+1 is assigned to Color Vision Off, P Type, and D Type.

The Color Vision setting will alternate between each of the three selected Color Vision settings, advancing to the next with each subsequent shortcut keypress.



To create the shortcut:

1. First select Color Vision Off in the list of commands.
2. Next click in the Key Combination area.
3. Next press the Command ⌘, Shift and 1 keys simultaneously to capture the key combination.
4. Repeat these two steps for the P Type and D Type commands.
5. Click the Apply button to register the new keyboard shortcuts.



Status panel



The **Status** panel shows various aspects of the current software and connected monitor.

Software Version shows the version information for the MultiProfiler software.

The **Check for Software Updates** button will directly query the NEC website to see if a newer version of the software is available. If a newer version is available, a message will be shown listing the new version, and a link to download. This function requires an Internet connection and may not function if a proxy setting is being used on the system, or if a firewall or security application blocks network access from MultiProfiler.

The **Re-Synchronize Color Settings** button will query the Picture Mode settings on the monitor to make sure that the modes listed in MultiProfiler reflect those of the monitor. During this process, the screen will flash and change color for approximately 30 seconds.

For example, if the monitor was manually adjusted using the On Screen Display controls, then the monitor settings may become out of sync with those shown in MultiProfiler. In this case, use this feature to re-synchronize the MultiProfiler settings.

Display Information

Model Name shows the model name of the currently selected monitor.

Serial Number shows the serial number of the currently selected monitor.

Operating Hours shows the total number of hours that the currently selected monitor has been in use.

Firmware Version shows the internal firmware version of the currently selected monitor.

Display Profile shows the ICC/ColorSync profile that is currently associated with the selected monitor in the Operating System's Color Management System.

3 Picture Modes

About Picture Modes

The NEC MultiSync PA Series feature 5 selectable Picture Modes which can be individually configured to different color settings. Picture Modes allow quick switching between different color settings, or when using the PIP (Picture-In-Picture) or PBP (Picture-By-Picture) feature, to view two different picture mode settings simultaneously.

Each Picture Mode can be individually configured using MultiProfiler, and an ICC/ColorSync profile will be automatically generated for the current picture mode as it is changed.

A Picture Mode specifies the color characteristics of the monitor. These color characteristics include:

- **Brightness**
- **Black Level**
- **White Point**
- **Gamma Response**
- **Color Gamut**
- **Ambient Light Compensation, Response Improve, and Metamerism Correction Settings**

The monitor has several preset modes which can be used directly, or modified as necessary. These presets are:

- **sRGB**
- **AdobeRGB ***
- **DCI ***
- **REC-BT709**
- **DICOM ****
- **High Brightness**
- **Full**

** not available on the MultiSync PA231W, P232W or P241W models.*

*** shown as DICOM Sim on the MultiSync PA231W and P232W models.*

In addition to the preset modes, there are 3 or 5 (depending on the monitor model) special **Custom** Picture Modes which can be fully customized and given a custom name of up to 13 characters. The custom name will be shown on the Picture Mode selection buttons in MultiProfiler, and on the monitor's OSD for easy identification and selection.

These Custom Picture Modes feature all of the configurable color characteristics listed above, and can also be used to create modes that emulate the output of printers. Emulating the output of a printer requires a three-dimensional Look-Up-Table (3D LUT) that modifies the color response of the monitor to mimic that of the printer. MultiProfiler can create a 3D LUT of a particular printer by using an ICC/ColorSync profile of the device. See the Print Emulation section for more information.

The color characteristics that can be modified for each preset and custom picture mode are shown in the following table:

Picture Mode Preset	Color Characteristics						
	Brightness	Black Level	Gamma Response	White Point	Color Gamut	3D LUT (Printer Emulation)	Custom Name
sRGB	●	●	♦ sRGB	♦ D65	♦ sRGB		
AdobeRGB	●	●	♦ 2.2	♦ D65	♦ ARGB		
DCI	●	●	♦ 2.6	♦ DCI	♦ DCI		
REC-BT709	●	●	♦ 2.2	♦ D65	♦ sRGB		
DICOM	●	●	♦DICOM	●	●		
High Brightness	●	●	●	Native	●		
Full	●	●	●	●	●		
Custom 1,2,3,4,5	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

● Adjustable

♦ Fixed

The 5 selectable Picture Modes can be configured to use completely different or shared color settings with different settings for brightness, black level, and other settings depending on the Picture Mode. For example, it is possible to create two *sRGB* picture modes, but with different brightness settings. This would, for example, allow for easy switching of brightness levels if the monitor is used in a bright environment during the day, but a dark environment at night.

The color settings for each Picture Mode can be configured using the **Color Configuration Wizard**. This is accessed from the Picture Mode panel by clicking the **Edit...** button and will configure the currently selected Picture Mode.

Hint: Keep in mind that only 5 different Picture Modes are available at once, and editing the currently selected picture mode will replace the color settings for that mode. Therefore, if you want to create a new Picture Mode, first select a Picture Mode that you will not be using, and edit that.

Using the Color Configuration Wizard

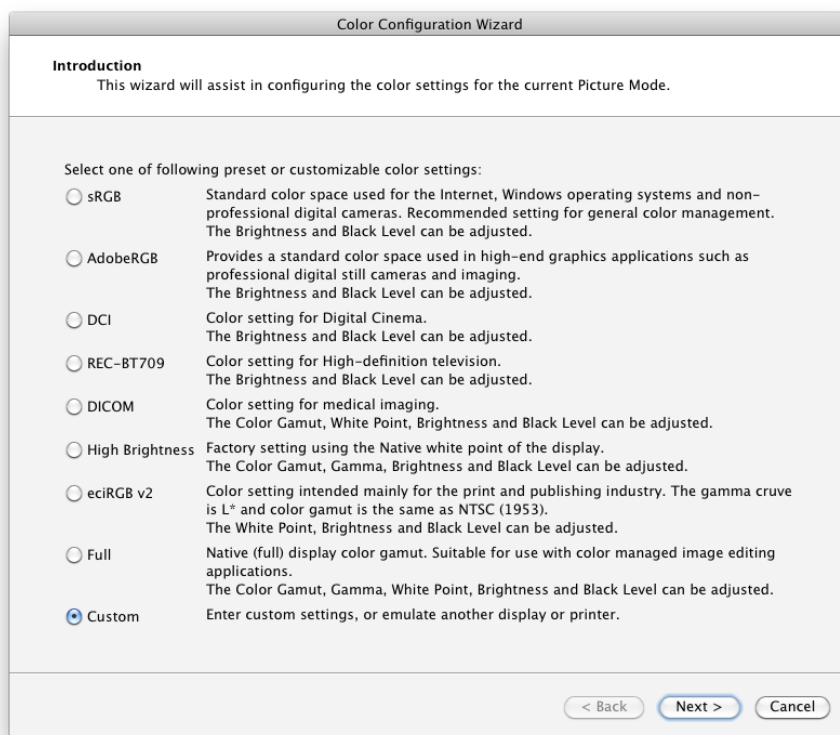
The Color Configuration Wizard is used to configure the color characteristics of the currently selected Picture Mode. There are 5 Picture Modes that can be configured and selected either using the MultiProfiler software, or using the On Screen Display (OSD) controls.

Introduction wizard page

The first wizard page is used to select the type of preset or customizable Picture Mode. The selection made will determine which wizard pages follow and the color characteristics that can be adjusted. Refer to the previous table to determine which color characteristics are fixed or adjustable for each type of Picture Mode.

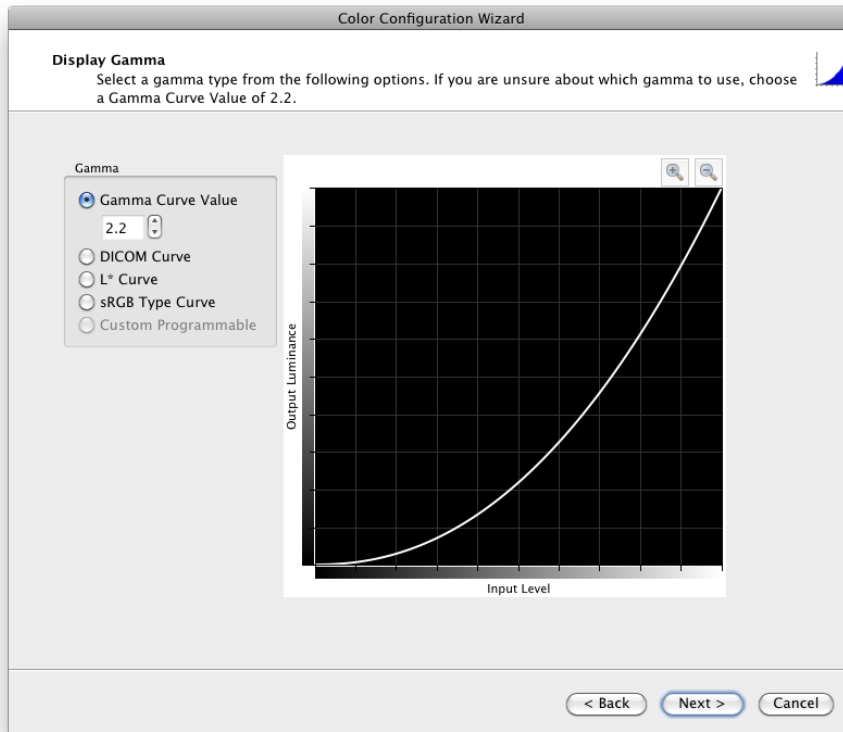
The choice of which Picture Mode preset or custom mode to select will depend on the application. For example, the Presets **sRGB** and **AdobeRGB** offer quick access for creating a Picture Mode with the color characteristics specified by each standard, which will be suitable for many applications. Other Picture Modes such as **Full** offer more flexibility, in that the Color Gamut and White Point can also be adjusted.

The **Custom 1, 2, 3** (and **4 & 5** - if supported by the monitor model) modes offer the ultimate flexibility in that all color characteristics can be adjusted and the mode can be given a custom name. These modes can also be used to emulate another monitor or even a printer using the 3D LUT feature.



Display Gamma adjustment wizard page

The **Display Gamma** page is available with the **High Brightness** and **Full** presets, and **Custom** Picture Modes. For all other Picture Modes the gamma is fixed to the value defined by the particular preset's standard (for example, AdobeRGB specifies a fixed gamma of 2.2).



The gamma of a display is the relationship between the video input signal level and the light output (luminance or brightness) displayed on the monitor.

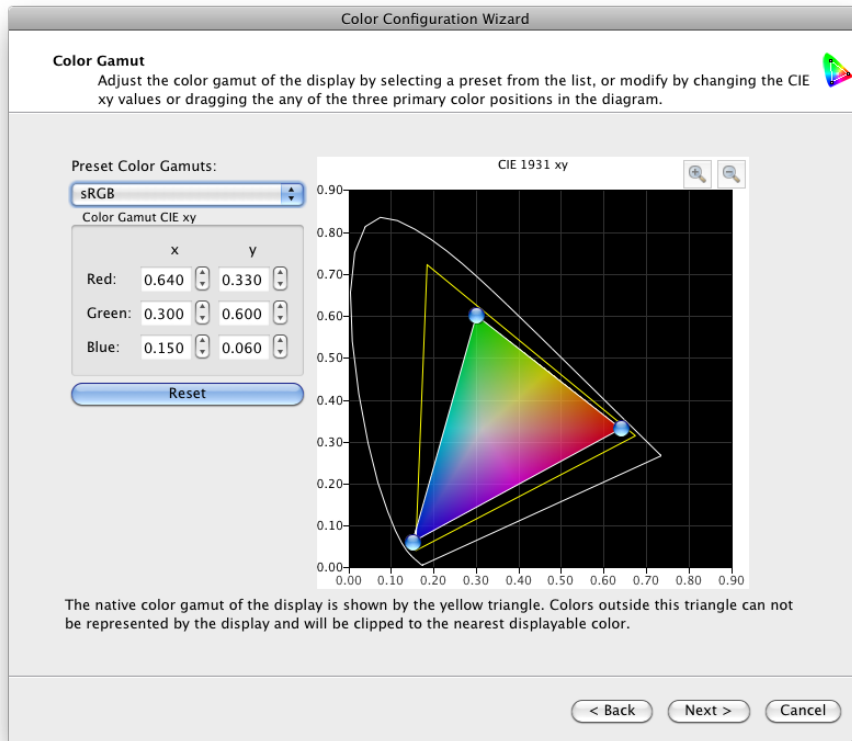
The choice of gamma type and value will depend on the application.

Different types of Gamma responses can be selected:

- **Gamma Curve Value** - The response curve will follow a simple gamma curve. Values between 0.5 and 4.0 can be entered. A gamma value of 2.2 is commonly used for most applications.
- **DICOM Curve** - The response curve follows the DICOM (Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine) specification. This response curve is aimed at medical use, however it can be used for other applications. The goal of the DICOM response curve is to have a visually linear display response.
- **L* Curve** - A curve based on L* in the Lab specification. The L* curve is intended to be more perceptually uniform than a simple gamma value curve.
- **sRGB Type Curve** - A curve based on the sRGB specification that includes the offset, transition and slope components.
- **Custom** - Only available when emulating another display when the gamma response in the ICC/ColorSync profile does not fit a simple gamma curve value.

Color Gamut adjustment wizard page

The **Color Gamut** page is available with the **DICOM**, **High Brightness** and **Full** presets, and **Custom** Picture Modes. For all other Picture Modes the color gamut is fixed to the value defined by the particular preset's standard.



The color gamut is the range of colors that can be displayed by the monitor. The color gamut of a monitor is defined and bounded by the red, green and blue primaries which together make up all other colors. The SpectraView Engine in the MultiSync PA Series is capable of manipulating these primary colors in order to display different colorspace.

The LCD panels used in the NEC MultiSync PA Series are known as *wide color gamut* panels, meaning they can display a much wider range of colors than typical monitors.

However, for some applications, it is not desirable to use such a wide color gamut, and in these cases, the Color Gamut control can be used to manipulate the color gamut size and shape.

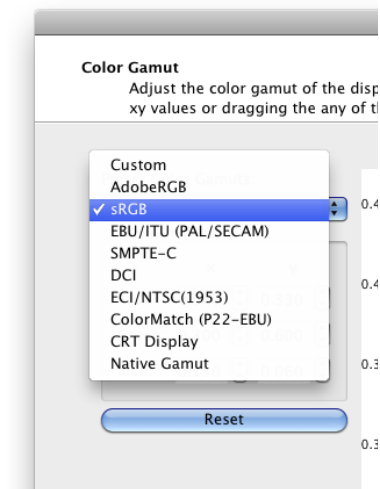
In other instances it is desirable for the monitor to behave as though it has an even larger color gamut than it actually has. In this case colors that lie outside the displayable range of the LCD panel will be clipped to the nearest displayable color. An example is the DCI colorspace used for Digital Cinema applications. Parts of this colorspace lie outside the range of displayable colors.

The native color gamut of the monitor is shown as a yellow triangle on the CIE xy chromaticity diagram on the wizard page. This triangle represents the limits for displayable colors, and colors outside it can not be represented correctly by the display.

The color gamut of the monitor can be altered by changing the positions of the red, green and blue primary colors. This can be done on the wizard page by either clicking and dragging the positioning controls on the CIE xy diagram, or by modifying the CIE xy values for each color.

Several standard color gamuts are available and can be selected from the **Preset Color Gamuts** list.

The choice of color gamut will depend on the application.



To get the widest possible range of displayable colors, select the **Native Gamut**. This is the most suitable when using color-managed applications and working with images or output devices that have a wide color gamut. For example, if you are using RAW files with a digital camera, and printing to an inkjet printer, then **Native Gamut** is a good choice since it will allow the maximum range of colors to be displayed.

For video applications, presets such as **SMPTE-C**, **sRGB** and **EBU/ITU (PAL/SECAM)** are suitable.

*Note: Although a preset for **NTSC (1953)** is available, do not use it for video applications because this color gamut, although defined as part of the original NTSC 1953 specification, was never actually implemented in practice. **SMPTE-C** or **sRGB** should be used instead.*

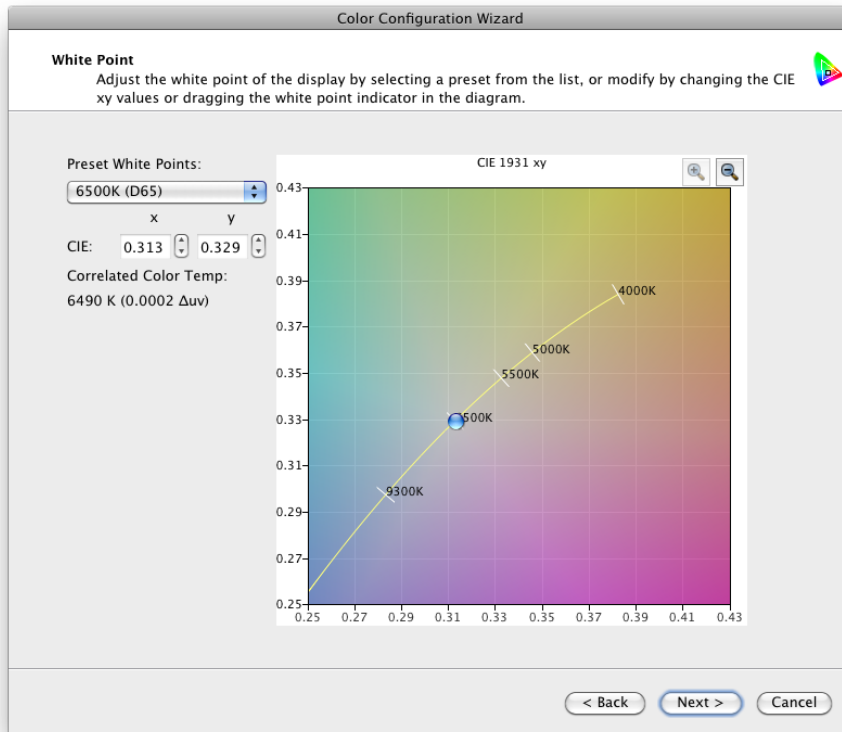
The sRGB and CRT Display presets are suitable for emulating the color gamut of a traditional standard gamut LCD or CRT monitor. These can be useful, for example, when it is necessary to visualize how images will be viewed by others using such types of monitors.

Note: The presets listed on the Color Gamut page only set the color gamut of the monitor. So, for example, selecting sRGB will only set the color gamut to that of the sRGB specification, and will not set the other specification parameters such as white point, brightness etc.

White Point adjustment wizard page

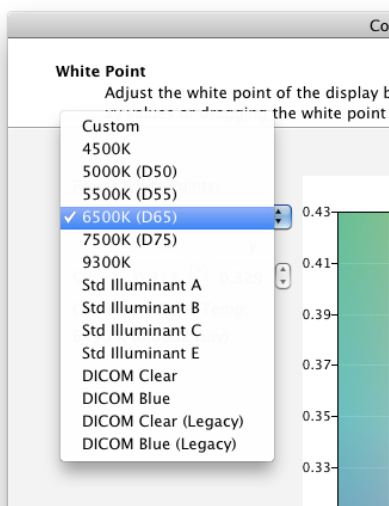
The **White Point** page is available with the **DICOM** and **Full** presets, and **Custom** Picture Modes. For all other Picture Modes the white point is fixed to the value defined by the particular preset's standard.

The white point of the monitor can be altered using the wizard by either clicking and dragging the positioning control on the CIE xy diagram, or by modifying the **CIE x** and **y** values.



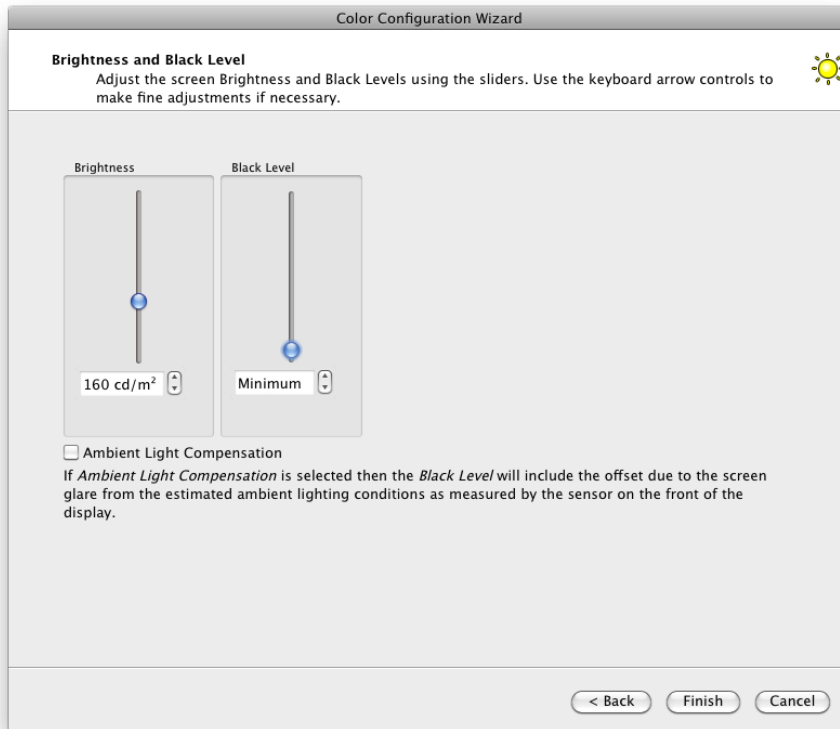
Several standard white points are available and can be selected from the **Preset White Points** list.

The choice of white point will depend on the application and viewing environment.



Brightness and Black Level adjustment wizard page

The **Brightness and Black Level** page is available with all preset and **Custom** Picture Modes.



The **Brightness** slider and spinbox controls adjust the monitor brightness. The brightness is indicated in Candelas per square meter (cd/m^2) and represents an absolute value.

The SpectraView Engine automatically calculates and compensates the brightness value as color settings such as white point are changed.

The **Black Level** slider and spinbox controls adjust the luminance of black on the screen and are set as an absolute value in Candelas per square meter (cd/m^2).

Selecting the **Ambient Light Compensation** will enable the light sensor located on the front of the monitor. The current measured ambient light level will be factored in to calculate the Black Level of the monitor shown on the control.

See the **Brightness and Black Level** section for more details of these controls.

Select Custom type adjustment wizard page

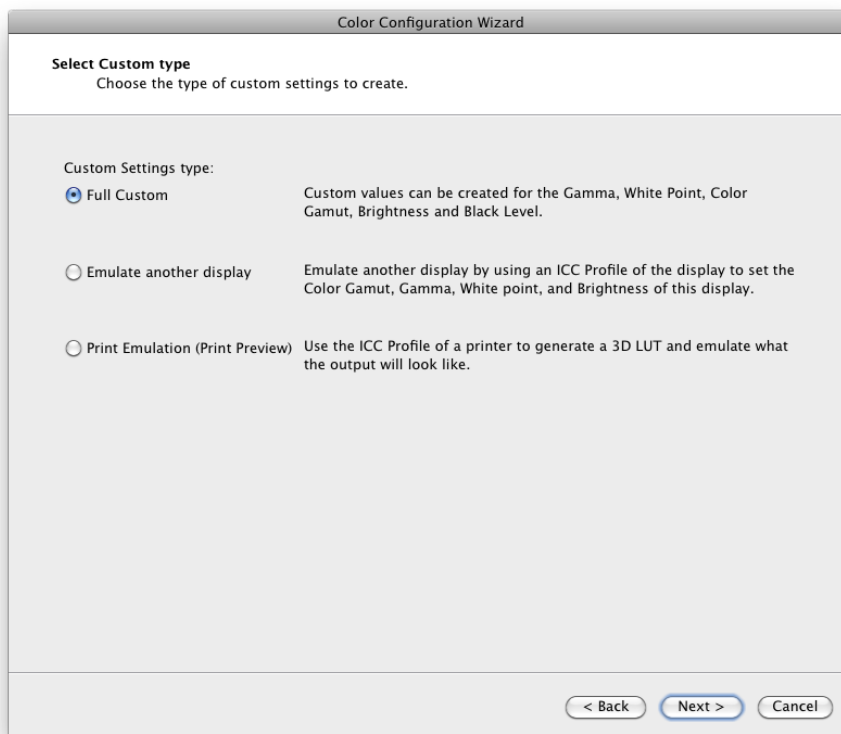
The **Select Custom type** page is shown when **Custom** Picture Mode is selected in the first wizard page, and is used to select the type of Custom Picture Mode. These modes allow a custom name to be entered for easy identification.

The Custom Picture Mode can be used for three different ways.

These are:

- **Full Custom** - In this mode, custom values and settings can be created for the Gamma, White Point, Color Gamut, Brightness and Black Level. The functionality of this mode is exactly the same as the **Full** Picture Mode, with the addition that it can be given a custom name.
- **Emulate another display** - In this mode, the monitor can be made to emulate another monitor by using the ICC/ColorSync profile of that monitor to set the Gamma, White Point, Color Gamut, and Brightness. This can be useful for applications in which the monitor needs to emulate the color characteristics of another type for legacy purposes.
- **Print Emulation** - In this mode, the monitor can emulate the output of a printer by using the ICC/ColorSync profile for the printer to create a 3D LUT (Look-Up-Table) in the monitor. This is useful for use with applications that do not offer print previews or softproofing of a printer. This mode is normally used together with a normal (non-3D LUT) Picture Mode to switch between normal and print emulation views using MultProfiler or the OSD (On Screen Display) controls.

The wizard pages that follow will depend on the mode selected on this page.



Name Preset

The **Name Preset** page is shown if a **Custom** Picture Mode is selected on the first wizard page, and is used to select which of the 3 or 5 available memory locations to use to store the custom mode settings, and to enter a custom name for the mode.

Depending on the monitor model being used, there are either 3 or 5 available memory locations which can be selected in this page. Note that the current settings in the selected memory location will be overwritten at the next stage, so choose a memory location containing a Custom Picture Mode setting that you do not currently need.

The Custom Picture mode will be created in whichever of the 5 Picture Modes that was selected when the wizard was started.

Color Configuration Wizard

Name Preset
Select the memory location to store the new settings in. Current settings in the location chosen will be overwritten.

Memory location:

- ☒ Custom 1
Name:
- ☐ Custom 2
Name:
- ☐ Custom 3
Name:
- ☐ Custom 4
Name:
- ☐ Custom 5
Name:

A name for the new custom Picture Mode setting can be entered and will be used to identify the new setting on the On Screen Display (OSD) and Picture Mode list.

< Back Next > Cancel

About Custom Picture Modes

There are 5 available Picture Modes that can be selected from the Picture Mode page in MultiProfiler. Each of these Picture Modes can be customized to either be a preset (such as sRGB, or AdobeRGB), or as a Custom mode.

Depending on the display model, there are either 3 or 5 memory locations in which to store Custom modes. The MultiSync PA241W supports 3 or 5 (depending on production date and firmware version), and all other models support 5.

If the display model supports 3 memory locations, then up to 3 of the 5 Picture Modes can be used as unique Custom modes.

If the display model supports 5 memory locations, then each of the 5 Picture Modes can be used as unique Custom modes.

It is also possible to have more than one Picture Mode using the same Custom mode, for example, with different brightness settings.

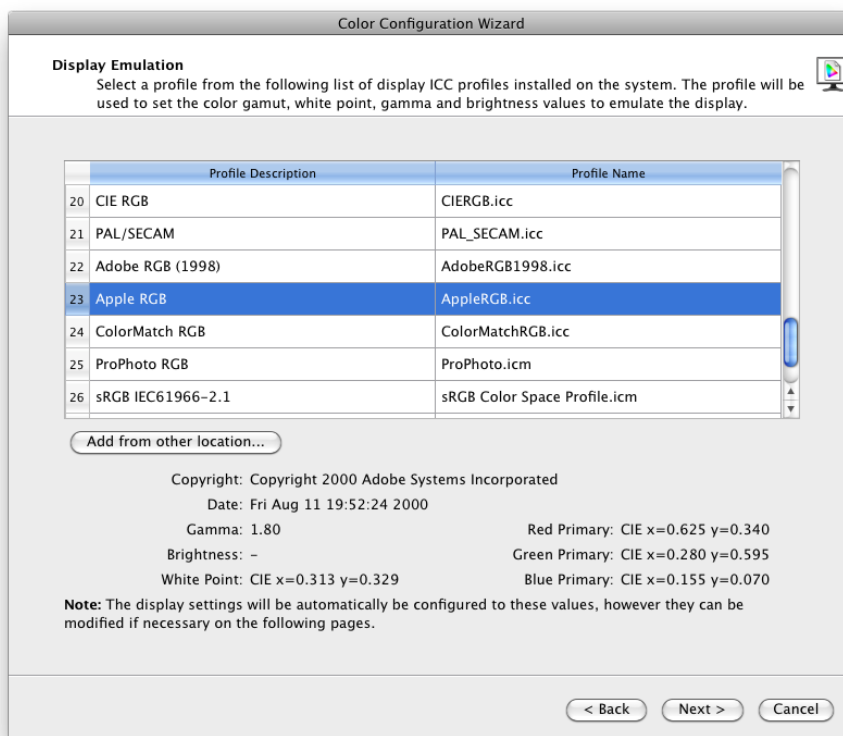
Display Emulation

The **Display Emulation** page is shown if a **Custom** Picture Mode is selected on the first wizard page, and **Emulate another display** is chosen as the custom type.

This feature can be used to configure the color settings on the monitor according to the color characteristics of another display or colorspace from an ICC/ColorSync profile. A list of display and RGB colorspace ICC/ColorSync profiles installed on the system is shown. The color characteristics and information about the currently selected profile in the list is shown on the page.

Select the desired profile from the list, or click **Add from other location...** to read a profile from a location other than the default system profile locations.

MultiProfiler will read the color characteristics from the ICC/ColorSync profile for the gamma response, brightness, white point, and color gamut and automatically configure the monitor color settings accordingly. These settings can be modified manually on the wizard pages that follow.



Print Emulation

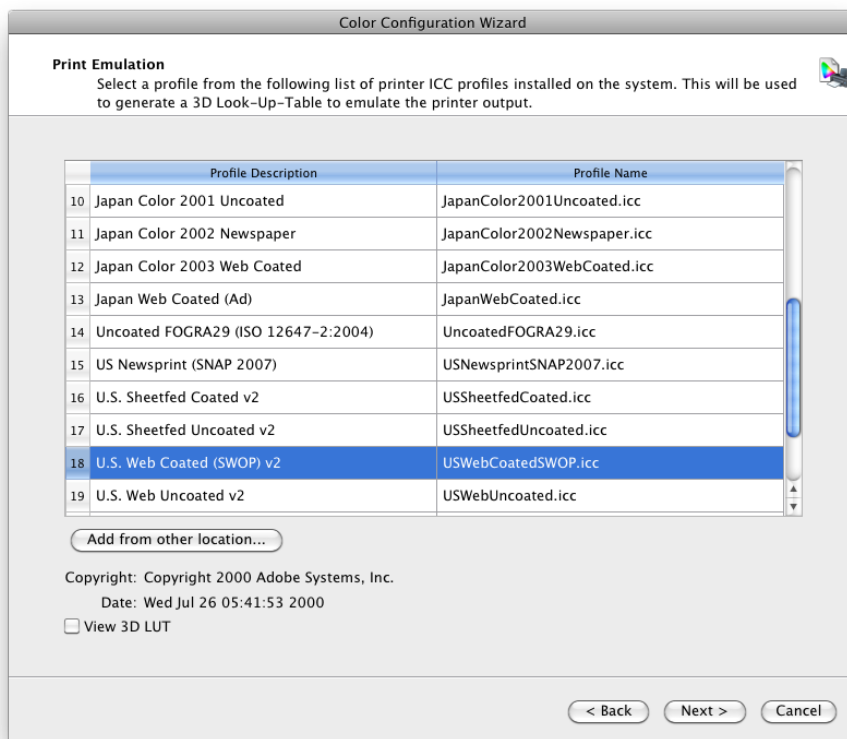
The **Print Emulation** page is shown if a **Custom** Picture Mode is selected on the first wizard page, and **Print Emulation (Print Preview)** is chosen as the custom type.

A list of printer ICC/ColorSync profiles installed on the system is shown. The date and copyright information about the currently selected profile in the list is shown on the page.

Select the desired profile from the list, or click **Add from other location...** to read a profile from a location other than the default system profile locations.

MultiProfiler will read the color characteristics from the ICC/ColorSync profile and create a 3D LUT in the monitor which will be used to transform the colorspace of the monitor to emulate that of the printer.

The **View 3D LUT** selection will open a separate window to show the 3D LUT created by MultiProfiler using the current settings. This is useful to visualize how the color gamut of the monitor is altered to emulate that of the printer.



About 3D Look-Up-Tables (LUTs)

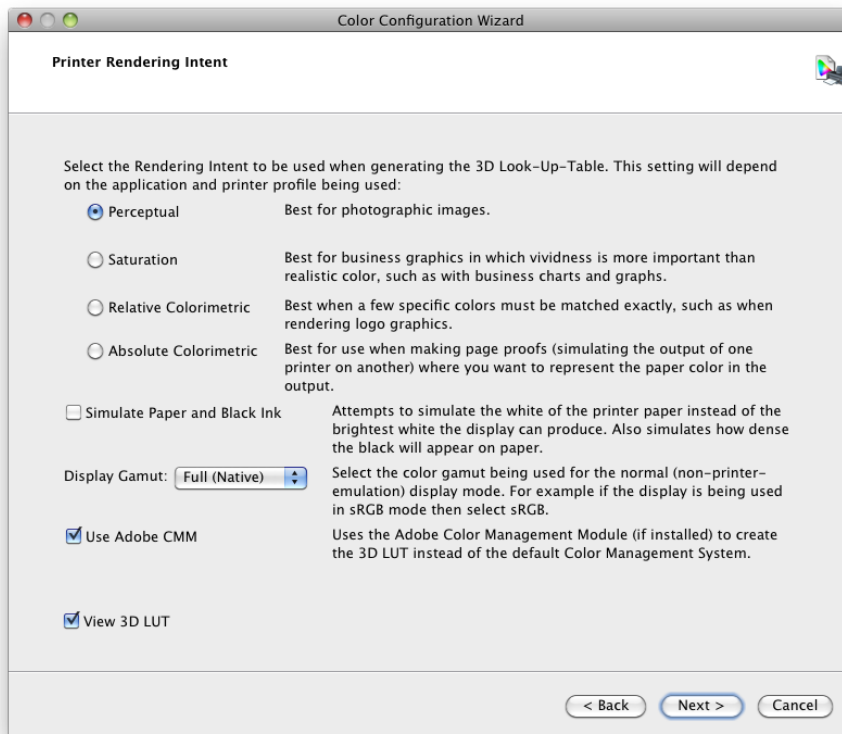
The SpectraView Engine in the NEC MultiSync PA Series monitors allows complex color gamuts such as those of color printers to be emulated on the monitor directly. This allows print previews to be performed with applications that do not support this feature directly.

The 3D LUT is a three-dimensional table that maps colors into a different colorspace. The MultiProfiler application creates 3D LUTs that emulate a printer, based on the ICC/ColorSync profile of the printer. The software will use the Color Management System on the host system, combined with the printer ICC/ColorSync profile, and the current color settings and characteristics of the display to generate the 3D LUT.

Print Rendering Intent

The **Print Rendering Intent** page is shown after the **Print Emulation** page if a **Custom** Picture Mode is selected on the first wizard page, and **Print Emulation (Print Preview)** is chosen as the custom type.

This page is used to configure how the printer ICC/ColorSync profile is used to create the 3D LUT in the monitor for the print preview.



The first item to configure is the **Rendering Intent**. This setting determines how colors are converted to the color gamut of the printer. The Rendering Intent setting should match that used in the application, printer configuration and/or system preferences.

The selection of Rendering Intent depends on many factors such as:

- The application being used to view, edit and print images.
- The color settings for the actual printer output (which may be in the image application being used or the printer setup.)
- The type of print being made and the color qualities that need to be maintained when converting colors to the gamut of the printer.

The **Simulate Paper and Black Ink** setting attempts to simulate the white of the paper instead of being the brightest white that the monitor can produce. It also simulates how dense black appears on the paper.

The **Display Gamut** selection is used to select the color gamut that the monitor will normally be used in when not performing a print emulation. This is used to calculate how colors must be transformed to display correctly even if the monitor is not being used in its **Full (Native)** color gamut. If you are using the monitor in **AdobeRGB** or **sRGB** modes then select the appropriate gamut. For example, if you are using the monitor as an sRGB display by creating an sRGB Picture Mode for when you view images, then select sRGB.

Important: This setting is not the same as the working colorspace or document colorspace in applications like Adobe Photoshop.

The **Use Adobe CMM** selection will use the Adobe Color Management Module to create the 3D LUT for the print emulation instead of the default Color Management System (ColorSync on Mac OS, and ICM on Windows). The Adobe CMM must be installed on the system for this item to be enabled.

The **View 3D LUT** selection will open a separate window to show the 3D LUT created by MultiProfiler using the current settings. This is useful to visualize how the color gamut of the monitor is altered to emulate that of the printer, and the impact of each of the settings.

Using the Adobe Color Management Module (CMM)

It is highly recommended to use the Adobe CMM with MultiProfiler if you are using Adobe applications because it will mean that the color management system is used to create the 3D LUT for the print emulation, will be the same as that used within the application to actually generate the prints.

The *Use Adobe CMM* selection will be disabled if the Adobe CMM is not installed on the system.

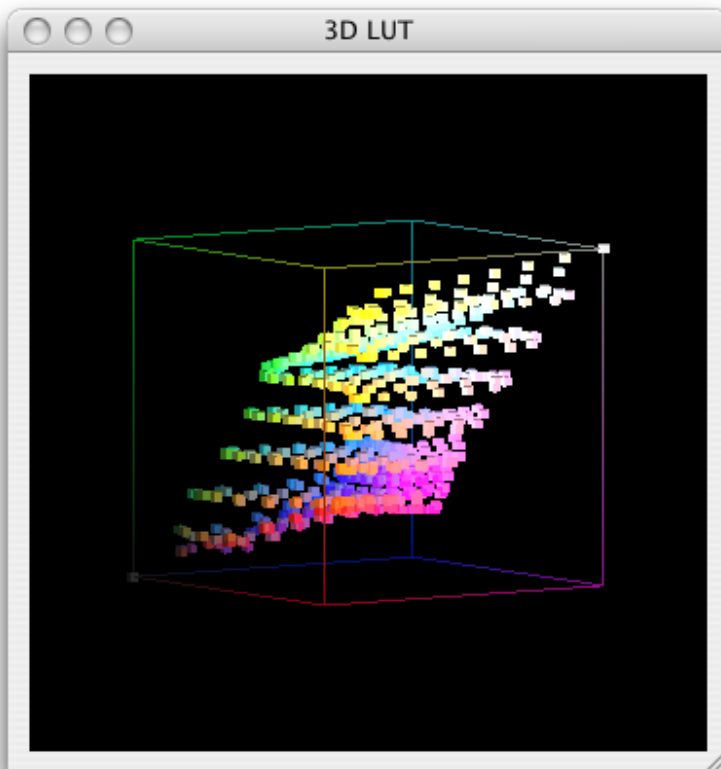
Note that even though an Adobe application is installed on your system, the separate Adobe CMM must also be installed because 3rd party applications such as MultiProfiler can not use the standard Adobe CMM. The Adobe CMM is available for download for Mac OS and Windows from Adobe at: <http://www.adobe.com/downloads/>

3D LUT sub-window

The **3D LUT** sub-window can be shown during the Print Emulation configuration by selecting **View 3D LUT**. This window shows a three-dimensional representation of the Look Up Tables that are created based on the current printer profile and settings such as rendering intent. The points on the plot show how individual colors are transformed from the RGB colorspace of the monitor, so they represent that of the printer colorspace.

This feature is useful to help visualize the impact of each of the settings and how the printer gamut relates to that of the monitor.

The 3D plot can be rotated in multiple directions by clicking and dragging. To stop the rotation click the plot twice.



4 Example Usage Scenarios

Color Managed Workflow with Print Emulation

In this example, the monitor will be configured for use in a color managed workflow that utilizes the full color gamut of the monitor, and a print emulation for SWOP will also be configured.

Since in this example the monitor will be used in a color-managed workflow (meaning all of the applications being used are color managed), the monitor will be set up to use its full (native) color gamut. This will provide the maximum possible color gamut and not be artificially limited by using a set colorspace such as AdobeRGB or sRGB. The color management within the applications being used will automatically convert colors as necessary by using the ICC/ColorSync profile created by MultiProfiler.

Note: If the color workflow is not color managed, then for some applications, it may be beneficial to use a set colorspace such as sRGB.

Two picture modes will be created, one for normal viewing, and one for the print emulation preview. The two modes can be toggled using MultiProfiler or using the monitor's OSD controls.

Note: Since both of the modes being created are based on using the same full color gamut of the display, it is acceptable to switch between picture modes using the OSD controls on the monitor, because the ICC/ColorSync profile is the same between the two modes.

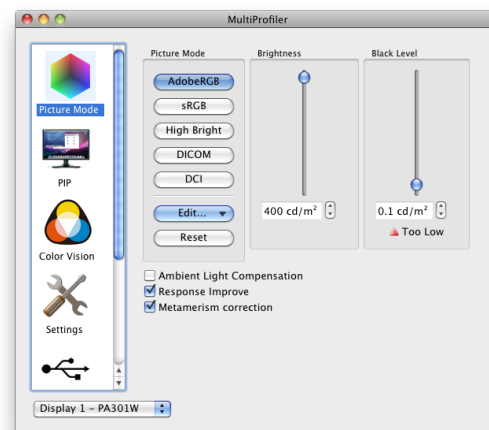
Profiles will only be automatically updated when using MultiProfiler. Profiles can not be changed using the OSD controls.

On the **Picture Mode** panel, select the **Picture Mode** that will be used to store the full color gamut settings. The choice of which of the 5 Picture Modes is a personal preference since they can all be configured in the same way.

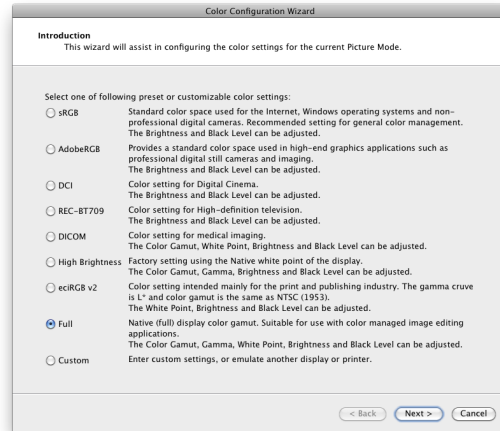
In this example, the first Picture Mode is selected. The settings for this mode will be replaced by the edits made next.

The **Metamerism correction** setting can be turned off if the monitor is not being used with a second standard color gamut monitor.

Click **Edit...** to start the **Color Configuration Wizard**.

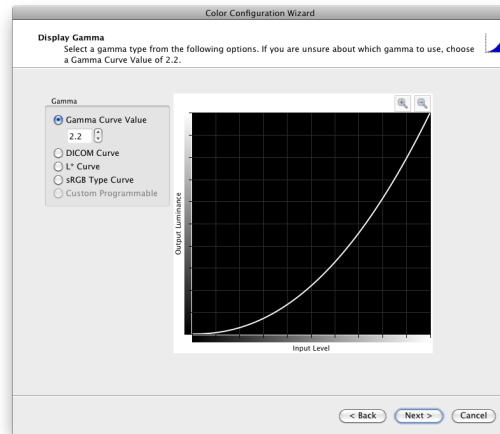


On the **Introduction** page, select the **Full** preset.
Click **Next** to move to the next wizard page.



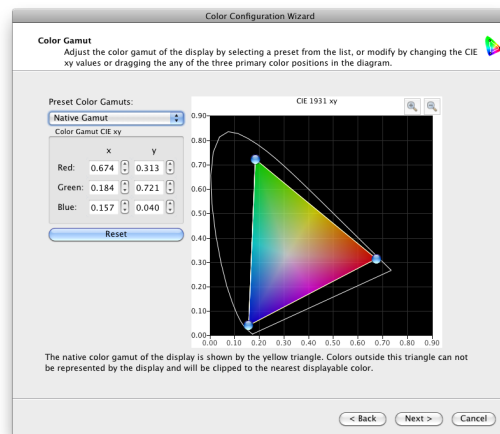
On the **Display Gamma** page, select **Gamma Curve Value**, and enter **2.2**.

Click **Next** to move to the next wizard page.



On the **Color Gamut** page, select **Native Gamut** from the list.

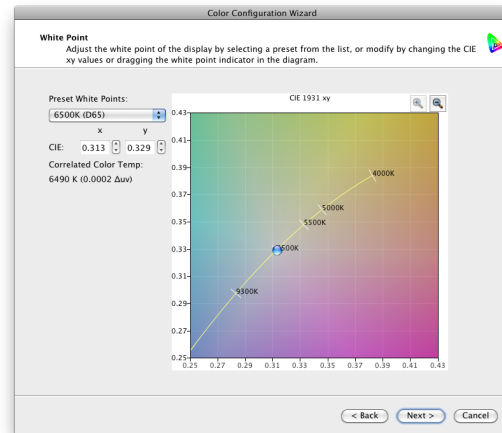
Click **Next** to move to the next wizard page.



On the **White Point** page, select **6500K (D65)** from the list.

The choice here will depend on the application, but 6500K is a good choice for most applications.

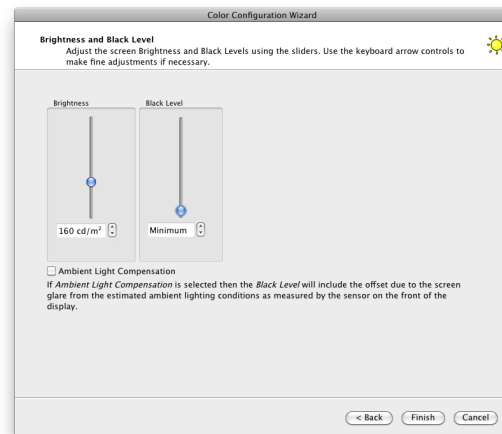
Click **Next** to move to the next wizard page.



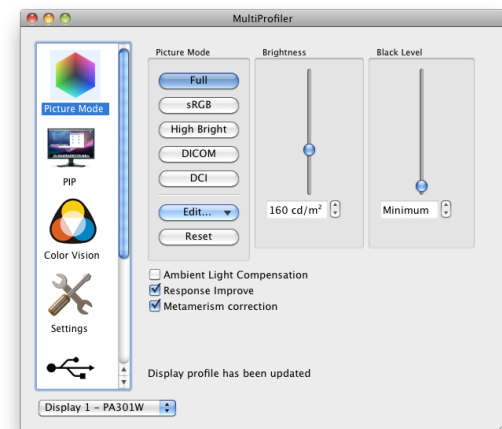
On the **Brightness and Black Level** page, adjust the brightness to a comfortable level.

If you are viewing prints next to the display monitor, you can adjust the brightness level to be similar to the lighting on the printer paper.

Click **Finish** to complete the wizard.



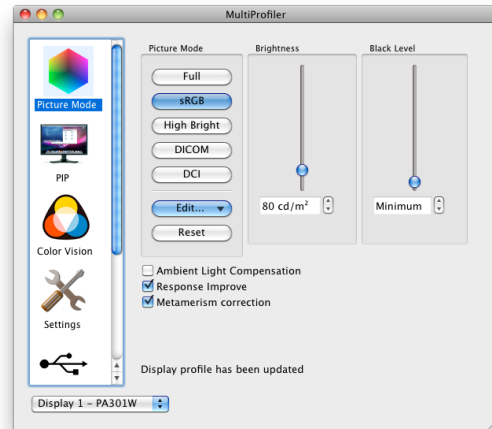
The new **Full** Picture Mode will appear on the Picture Mode panel buttons.



Next configure the Picture Mode for the print emulation, by first clicking on the Picture Mode to be used to store the settings.

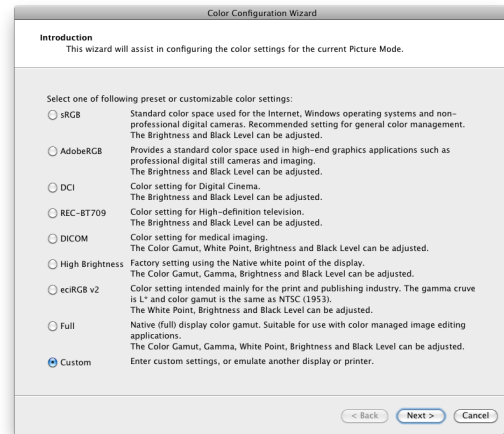
In this example, the second **Picture Mode** is selected. The settings for this mode will be replaced by the edits made next.

Click **Edit...** to start the **Color Configuration Wizard**.



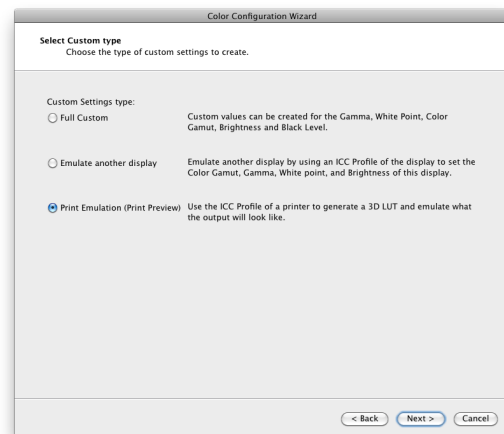
On the **Introduction** page, select **Custom**.

Click **Next** to move to the next wizard page.



On the **Select Custom type** page, select **Print Emulation**.

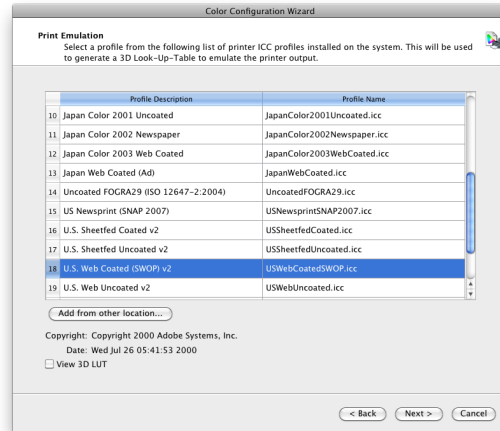
Click **Next** to move to the next wizard page.



On the **Print Emulation** page, select the ICC/ColorSync profile for the printer to be used.

In this example, a SWOP profile is used.

Click **Next** to move to the next wizard page.



On the **Printer Rendering Intent** page, select the rendering intent to be used when printing.

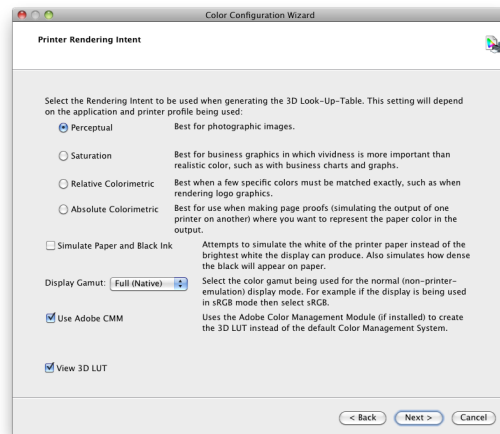
The choice will normally depend on several factors such as the application, color workflow and image type.

In this example a **Perceptual** rendering intent is used, which is best for photographic images. This selection must match the settings in the application being used to make the prints.

To preview the brightness and ink density of the printer paper and ink combination, select **Simulate Paper and Black Ink**.

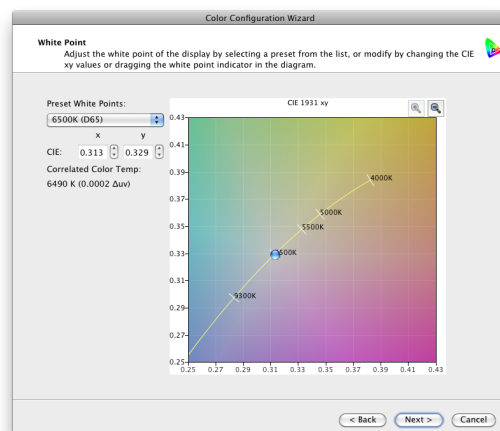
Since the normal viewing mode (created earlier) is using the full color gamut of the display, select **Full (Native)** for the **Display Gamut**.

Click **Next** to move to the next wizard page.



On the **White Point** page, select **6500K (D65)** from the list, or choose the same value used for the Full Picture Mode.

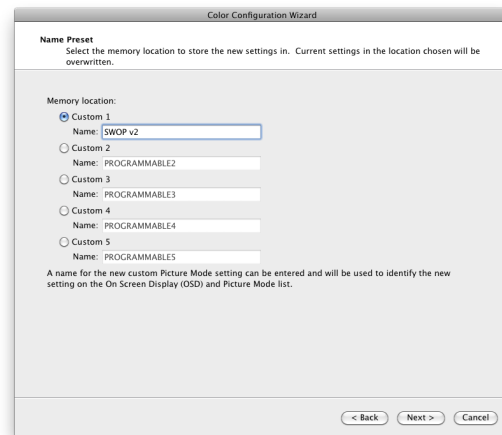
Click **Next** to move to the next wizard page.



On the **Name Preset** page, select a memory location that is not being used for another purpose, since the current settings in that location will be overwritten.

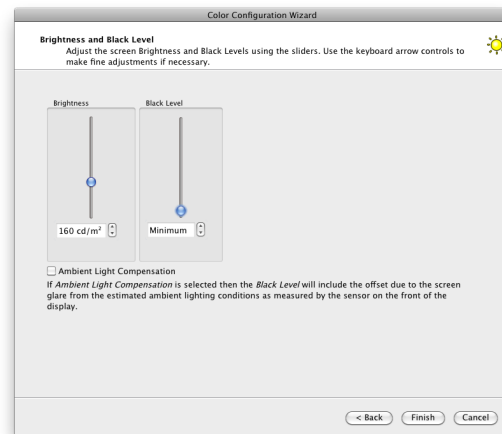
Enter a name to identify the custom picture mode. In this example, **Custom 1** was selected and the name **SWOP v2** entered.

Click **Next** to move to the next wizard page.



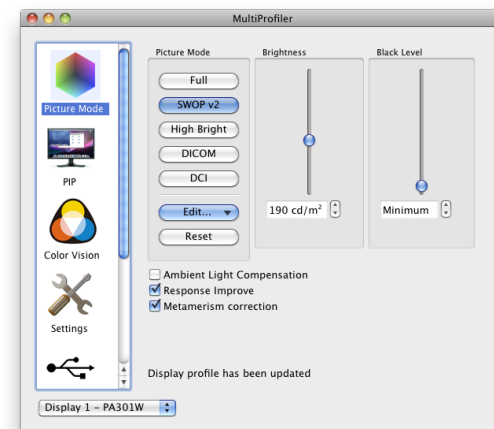
On the **Brightness and Black Level** page, adjust the brightness to a comfortable level. If you are viewing prints next to the display monitor, you can adjust the brightness level to be similar to the lighting on the printer paper.

Click **Finish** to complete the wizard.



The new custom **SWOP v2** Picture Mode will appear on the **Picture Mode** panel buttons.

The two Picture Modes can now be toggled either using MultiProfiler or the monitor OSD controls.



5 Outside of MultiProfiler

Using ICC/ColorSync Monitor Profiles

The ICC/ColorSync monitor profiles generated by MultiProfiler are used to inform the Color Management System of the color characteristics of the monitor.

Color Management Systems use this information to determine how to display images on-screen. Depending on the image editing software package being used, profiles for printers and scanners can also be utilized to create accurate image prints and scans.

The exact method of loading ICC monitor profiles into the Color Management System will depend on the software application being used. Most software applications rely on the operating system (Mac OS or Microsoft Windows) to provide the current profile information. However, some applications may have a color management setup where the monitor profile can be selected.

MultiProfiler will automatically create and associate the generated ICC/ColorSync monitor profiles with the system's Color Management System.

Refer to the instructions for the particular software package being used to determine how to correctly load and use the ICC/ColorSync monitor profiles generated by MultiProfiler.

The ICC/ColorSync monitor profiles generated by MultiProfiler are named with the monitor model name, followed by the serial number, and "MultiProfiler".

Important note: MultiProfiler will automatically update the current ICC/ColorSync monitor profile as necessary when the picture mode is changed in the software. Some color-managed applications may not be able to notice this change of profile while they are running and may need to be restarted. Some applications such as Adobe Photoshop do not update the contents of document windows to reflect the new display profile until the document window is clicked.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Can I use the OSD controls on the monitor to change the current Picture Mode?

Answer: Yes. When there is no OSD shown on the screen, press the up or down arrow buttons on the right side of the monitor to quickly access the Picture Mode.

However, be aware that the ICC/ColorSync profile for the newly selected Picture Mode will not be generated and registered with the Color Management System if the OSD is used rather than the MultiProfiler application. If you are not using a color managed workflow then this is not normally an issue.

Also, if you are switching between color modes based on the same basic color settings (gamma, color gamut and white point), or between a normal Picture Mode and a Print Emulation based on that normal Picture Mode, then the ICC/ColorSync profiles will be the same and the OSD can be used.

Question: How can I changed the Brightness on the OSD when using a Custom Picture Mode?

Answer: It is not possible to use the OSD controls to adjust the Custom Picture Mode settings. Use MultiProfiler to make any adjustments.

Question: When I create a Custom Print Emulation Picture Mode, what is the ICC/ColorSync profile that is created and registered with the Color Management System?

Answer: The profile is still a display profile, and represents the color gamut of the monitor as selected on the Print Emulation pages of the Color Configuration Wizard. So, for example, if you selected that the Display Gamut is sRGB, then the profile created will reflect a color gamut of sRGB.

Question: How does the monitor calculate colors and luminance values?

Answer: NEC MultiSync PA Series monitors are individually factory calibrated using a highly accurate lab-grade color measurement device. This calibration is combined with internal luminance, temperature and time monitoring of the display monitor in order to provide stable and accurate color. The internal SpectraView Engine color processor takes these factory measurements together with the internal sensor values and automatically calculates and compensates for color changes, and allows color values such as white point and brightness to be specified in absolute values.

Question: Is it possible to calibrate the monitor using an external color sensor?

Answer: Yes. The SpectraView software is available to calibrate the monitor if necessary. In addition, the OSD or MultiProfiler controls can be used together with a 3rd party application to manually adjust the monitor together with an external color sensors if necessary.

Question: Why is the eciRGB V2 Picture Mode preset not enabled?

Answer: This preset is being added to newer production units and is not available on older units. The same functionality can be gained by manually creating a Picture Mode with the same color characteristics. Select a Color Gamut of *ECI/NTSC (1953)*, and a gamma of *L* curve*.

7 Troubleshooting

Installation and Setup

Problem: No supported monitor was detected.

Solution:

- Verify that the monitor connected is a model supported by MultiProfiler.
- If more than one video output is present on the computer, try connecting to the other output connector.
- Always use a DVI video output if possible.



Mac OS:

- Connect a USB cable (not supplied) between the Mac and one of the USB inputs (upstream ports) on the display. Make sure the correct USB input is selected on the OSD. MultiProfiler will automatically select the USB connection instead of DDC/CI when the USB connection is detected.
- See the README file included with the software for further information about any specific incompatibilities or issues. Note that some Macs require at least OS 10.5.2 in order to support the functionality necessary with MultiProfiler when using DDC/CI instead of USB.



Windows:

- Connect a USB cable (not supplied) between the host PC and one of the USB inputs (upstream ports) on the display. Make sure the correct USB input is selected on the OSD. Open the Display Configuration dialog and select the USB display from the list so MultiProfiler will use the USB connection instead of DDC/CI.

When using DDC/CI instead of USB:

- Some video graphics adapter cards may not support the necessary functions for MultiProfiler to communicate with the monitor. For Windows systems, verify that the video graphics adapter is supported by MultiProfiler by checking the Windows Graphics Chipset Compatibility Information. See the README file included with the software for further information.
- Install the latest video drivers for the video graphics adapter card.
- Check the display configuration by clicking the **Display Configuration** button. In the Display Configuration dialog, confirm that your model of monitor is listed. If it is not listed, then there is a problem communicating with and detecting the monitor. If it is listed, confirm that the monitor is associated with the correct Windows desktop display.

Problem: The Picture Modes shown in MultiProfiler do not match those on the monitor's On Screen Display (OSD).

Solution: If the monitor was manually adjusted using the OSD controls, then the monitor settings may become out of sync with those shown in MultiProfiler. In this case, use the **Re-Synchronize Color Settings** feature on the Status panel to re-synchronize the MultiProfiler settings.

Problem: I receive a communications error message when making some adjustments.

Solution:

- Try connecting a USB cable between one of the upstream ports on the monitor and the host PC. In the Display Configuration dialog, select the USB connection to the monitor.
- Communications with the display is not completely reliable on some video graphics adapter cards. If you are using a DisplayPort connection to the monitor, try using a DVI video connection instead if possible.

Problem (Windows): I receive the following error message when changing the Picture Mode:
“Error: Unable to save the ICC profile. The file appears to be in use by another application.”

Solution:

- This issue may occur if there are multiple users assigned to the machine. An ICC profile created by a user can normally only be updated and replaced by that user, or an administrator. Starting with Windows Vista, even if you are currently an Administrator, applications do not normally allow full administrative privileges by default.

You can either delete the current ICC profile manually (in which case Windows will ask for administrative level credentials or permissions), or you can re-run MultiProfiler “as Administrator” by right-clicking the application icon and selecting “Run as administrator”. This process needs to be done once each time the user who created the last ICC profile for the display is changed.

- This issue may also occur if another application is currently using the ICC profile. For example if the Windows Advanced Display Settings control panel is open, the ICC profile may be locked. Be sure to close any applications that may be using the profile.
- If you are not an administrator on the machine, try changing the folder permissions on the following folder to allow write and read access: “C:\Windows\System32\spool\drivers\color”
- Make sure that no applications that may be using the display color profile are currently open. This may include such applications as Firefox.

Problem (Windows): The ICC profile generated by MultiProfiler does not appear to be correctly installed and recognized in Windows.

Solution:

- This problem may occur especially when using a multi-monitor configuration. In some cases updating the video driver may fix this issue.
- The profile can be manually assigned if necessary as follows:
 1. In the Windows **Display Properties** control panel, select the **Settings** tab and click **Advanced**.
 2. Select the **Color Management** tab on the **Display Properties** dialog.
 3. Find the color profile generated by SpectraView and use **Set As Default**.
- A more advanced control panel is available from Microsoft for Windows XP which is much more reliable for checking the assigned monitor profile. On the www.microsoft.com website, search for “Color Control Panel Applet”.

Glossary

3D Look Up Table (LUT) – A three dimensional table used to translate input colors to output colors. The dimensions of the table represent red, green and blue.

Achromatic – Neutral in color (having no hue).

Additive Primaries – Red, green, and blue light that when combined in different relative intensities, produces different colors. (See also Subtractive Primaries)

Backlight – the internal light source for a Liquid Crystal Display, such as fluorescent lamps or array of LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes).

Blackbody – A hypothetical object that absorbs all incident radiation, thus any radiation (e.g. light) coming from a blackbody must be emitted from it and not reflected.

Blackbody Radiator Locus – The curved formed when the color of light radiated from a blackbody is plotted at different temperatures on a color space such as CIE xyY.

Black Level – The luminance or “brightness” of black when displayed on the screen.

Calibration – The process of bringing a device such as a monitor to an absolute standard to ensure consistency over time and with other similarly calibrated devices.

Candelas (cd) – An international unit of light intensity. Luminance can be described in units of Candelas per meter squared (cd/m^2) but is often referred to as just Candelas or Nits for sake of brevity.

CIE – The Commission Internationale d’Eclairage (International Commission on Illumination). An organization that sets many of the standards used in color and color measurement.

CIE Lab – A color space that is relative to a reference white point. The L value represents lightness, a represents Red/Green and b represents Yellow/Blue. Lab is almost perceptually uniform in that differences between colors expressed in Lab correlate to equally perceived color differences.

CIE uv chromaticity coordinates – Coordinates in the CIE uv color space which are derived directly from CIE xyY color space. CIE uv is more perceptually uniform than CIE xy.

CIE xy chromaticity coordinates – Coordinates in the CIE xyY color space representing color independent of luminance.

CIE xyY – A standard color space in which the Y component represents luminance. The x and y components represent color.

Color Gamut – (See Gamut)

Colorimeter – An optical measurement device used to measure color that responds to light by separating it into red, green, and blue components.

Color Management Module (CMM) – See CMS.

Color Management System (CMS) – Software used to control the handling of color between scanner, monitor, and printer. ColorSync is an example of a CMS used on the Macintosh. Microsoft Image Color Management (ICM) is an example of a CMS used on Windows systems.

Color Separation – The separating of a color image into the cyan, magenta, yellow, and black color layers used for printing.

Color Separation Tables – A set of conversion tables used to calculate the separating of RGB images into the CMYK layers necessary for printing.

Color Space – A three-dimensional representation of colors. Examples are RGB, CIE xyY, and CIE Lab.

ColorSync – The Color Management System built into the Macintosh Operating System (Mac OS).

Color Temperature – The color of light given off by an object, known as a blackbody, as it is heated to a given temperature in degrees Kelvin. Low color temperatures such as 5000K are red-dish, while higher color temperatures such as 9300K are bluish. A color temperature of 6500K is considered to be “neutral” white.

Contrast Ratio – The ratio of the white luminance (Intensity or brightness) and black luminance (Black Level) of the display.

Correlated Color Temperature – The closest matching color, expressed in Kelvin, of a white point that does not lie exactly on the blackbody locus.

CMYK – The subtractive colors used in printing: Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, and Black. Note that Black is referred to using “K” to avoid confusion with “blue”.

D Illuminants – CIE Daylight Standard Illuminants based on approximating daylight. The subscript denotes the correlated color temperature of the illuminant. For example, D50 has a correlated color temperature of 5000K.

Delta-E (ΔE) – A measurement of how different two colors are to each other. In MultiProfiler, Delta-E values are derived by calculating the distance between two colors in Lab color space using the CIE 94 formula. A Delta-E value of 1 indicates a just perceptual difference between two colors.

Delta-uv (Δuv) – A measure of how different two colors are, irrespective of luminance. In MultiProfiler, Delta-uv values are used to indicate how far a white point is from the blackbody locus. CIE uv color space is used instead of CIE xy because it is more perceptually uniform or linear.

Device Dependent Color – A color space that is tied to the color-rendering capabilities of a specific device. Examples are RGB color spaces that depend on the phosphor or filter colors used on the display. Another example is CMYK color spaces that are dependent on the types of inks and paper used.

Device Gamut – The range of colors that a device can produce.

Device Independent Color – A color space that can describe color independently of the capabilities of a specific device. An example is the CIE xy color space.

DDC/CI – Display Data Channel Command Interface is a two-way communications link between the video graphics adapter and display monitor using the video signal cable.

DICOM – Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine.

Downstream (USB connection) – The output connection from a USB hub device.

Foot Lamberts (fL) – A unit of luminance. One foot Lambert is equal to 1 Candela per meter squared divided by $10.76/\pi$ (approximately 3.43) .

Gamma – The relationship between the input video signal to a display monitor and the screen output luminance. Typically the screen luminance follows a mathematical power function of the input video signal, the exponent of which is called the gamma.

Gamut – The range of colors that can be reproduced on a particular device such as a monitor or printer, or that can be distinguished by a sensing device such as a scanner or the human eye.

Hue – The basic attribute of color such as red, green, yellow, blue or purple.

ICC – International Color Consortium, a color industry group working on standards for color management technology.

ICC Profile – A file conforming to the standards set by the ICC that contains a description of the color characteristics of a device such as a monitor, printer, or scanner. In Windows and Mac OS, ICC profiles utilize the file extensions “.icm” or “.icc”.

Image Color Management (ICM) – The Color Management System built into the Microsoft Windows operating systems.

Intensity – Intensity specifies the luminance or brightness of white when displayed on the screen.

Kelvin – An absolute temperature scale denoted by K. Zero Kelvin (0K) is equivalent to -273° Celsius.

Lab – (See CIE Lab)

LED – Light Emitting Diode.

LCD – Liquid Crystal Display.

Lightbox – An enclosure with controlled lighting conditions used to evaluate proofs, transparencies and other printed materials. Typically a lightbox is illuminated to approximate a standard illuminant such as D50 or D65.

Luminance – A measure of the brightness or intensity of light, usually expressed in units of Candelas per meter squared (cd/m^2) or foot Lamberts.

Look Up Table (LUT) – A table used to translate input values to output values.

Metamerism – A phenomenon in which two color samples appear to match in color under certain lighting conditions but not in others.

MPCD (Minimum Perceptible Color Difference) – A unit of measure, developed by the CIE, to define the change in light and color required to be just noticeable to the human eye.

Nit – A unit of luminance equal to Candelas per meter squared (cd/m^2).

NTSC – National Television Standards Committee. A standard for encoding video signals used widely in North America and Japan.

PAL – Phase Alternation by Line. A standard for encoding video signals used in Western Europe and parts of Asia.

Phosphors – Materials that emit light when struck by radiation of certain wavelengths. CRT dis-

plays use phosphors that give off red, green, and blue light to display an image on the screen.

Profile – A file containing a description of the color characteristics of a device such as a monitor, printer, or scanner.

Refresh Rate – The number of times the display screen is electronically scanned or “painted” each second. Expressed in Hertz (Hz).

Saturation – An expression of the amount a color deviates from being achromatic (neutral in color, such as gray). For example, red is a saturated color, while pink is less saturated, and white has no saturation.

SECAM – Sequentiel Couleur Avec Mémoire (Sequential Color with Memory). A standard for encoding video signals used mainly in France and Eastern Europe.

Soft Proof – Previewing on a display monitor what an image will actually look like when printed on a particular printer.

Subtractive Primaries – Cyan, magenta, and yellow colors, such as dyes or inks that subtract light reflecting off objects giving the appearance of color. For example magenta ink subtracts green light. When combined together, cyan, magenta, and yellow produce black.

Tone Response Curve – A graph representing the relationship between the input and output of a system or device. In MultiProfiler, Tone Response Curves represent the relationship between the intensity of a color within an application and the light intensity displayed on the monitor.

Upstream (USB connection) – The input connection to a USB hub device.

USB – Universal Serial Bus. A communication bus used to connect up to 127 devices such as keyboards, mice, scanners, color sensors, etc.

Viewing Booth – (See Lightbox)

White point – Specifies the color of pure “white” on a display, usually as a Color Temperature expressed in Kelvin or as CIE xy chromaticity coordinates.



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