

Understanding HD & 3G-SDI Video

EYE

EYE DIAGRAM
The eye diagram is constructed by overlaying portions of the sampled data stream until enough data transitions produce the familiar display. A unit interval (U) is defined as the time between two adjacent signal transitions. The reciprocal of clock frequency, U , is 3.7 ns for digital component 525 (SDI 25M), 673.4 ps for digital high-definition (SDI 292) and 336.7 ps for 3G-SDI serial digital (SDI 424M) as shown in Table 1. A serial receiver determines if the signal is "high" or "low" in the center of each eye, and detects the serial data. As noise and jitter in the signal increase through the serial transmission channel, the best decision point is in the center of the eye, although some receivers select a point at a fixed time after each transition point. Any effect which closes the eye may reduce the usefulness of the received signal.

SDI standard 424M (3G-SDI), 292 (High Definition SD) and 256 (Standard Definition SD) defines a range of specifications for the physical layer for the eye diagram. The DC offset is defined by the mid-amplitude point of the signal and should be 0.0 V ± 0.5 V. The amplitude of the signal is specified as 800 mV ±10% Signal

amplitude is important because of its relation to noise, and because the receiver estimates the required high-frequency compensation (equalization) based on the remaining high-clock frequency as the signal arrives. Incorrect amplitude at the sending end could result in an incorrect equalization applied at the receiving end, thus causing signal distortions. Overshoot of the rising and falling edge should not exceed 10% of the waveform for SDI (Serial Digital Interface) formats. Overshoot could be the result of incorrect rise time, but is more likely caused by impedance discontinuities or poor return loss at the receiving or sending terminations. The rise and fall times determine the 20% and 80% points shown in greater than 135 ps and shall not differ by more than 50 ps for 3G-SDI, shall be no greater than 270 ps and shall not differ by more than 100 ps for HD and shall be no less than 0.4 ns, no greater than 1.5 ns, and shall not differ by more than 0.5 ns for SD as summarized in Table 2. Incorrect rise time could cause signal distortions such as ringing and overshoot, or, if too slow, could reduce the time available for sampling within the eye.

Table 1. Unit Interval

	SD	HD	3G-SDI
(25M)	(292)	(424M)	
3.7ns	673.4ps	336.7ps	

Table 2. Rise/Fall Time

	Rise/Fall Time	Max (292)	Max (424M)
Max (292)	0.8 Volts ± 10%	0.8 Volts ± 10%	0.8 Volts ± 10%
Should be no less than 4 ns, no greater than 10 ns, and shall not differ by more than 50 ps	Should be no less than 270 ps and shall not differ by more than 100 ps	Should be no greater than 35 ps and shall not differ by more than 50 ps	
1.5ns, and shall not differ by more than 50 ps	20% to 80% Retime	20% to 80% Retime	
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The 3G-SDI eye diagram is displayed on the WFM8300 with option PH1 and shows a 3G-SDI signal connected on a short cable from the TS707 using the HD367 to generate a color bar signal. Amplitude cursors can be used to measure the amplitude of the signal that should be within ±10% of the 800 mV reference level. P-Fitter cursors can be used to measure the jitter of the signal. For simplicity a jitter bar measurement is made giving a direct readout of jitter. The PH1 option also allows automatic measurement readouts of the eye display is in full mode. When making these measurements, a short piece of high-quality cable should be used between the device under test and the measurement instrument. A non stressing signal should be generated from the device such as 75% or 100% color bars.

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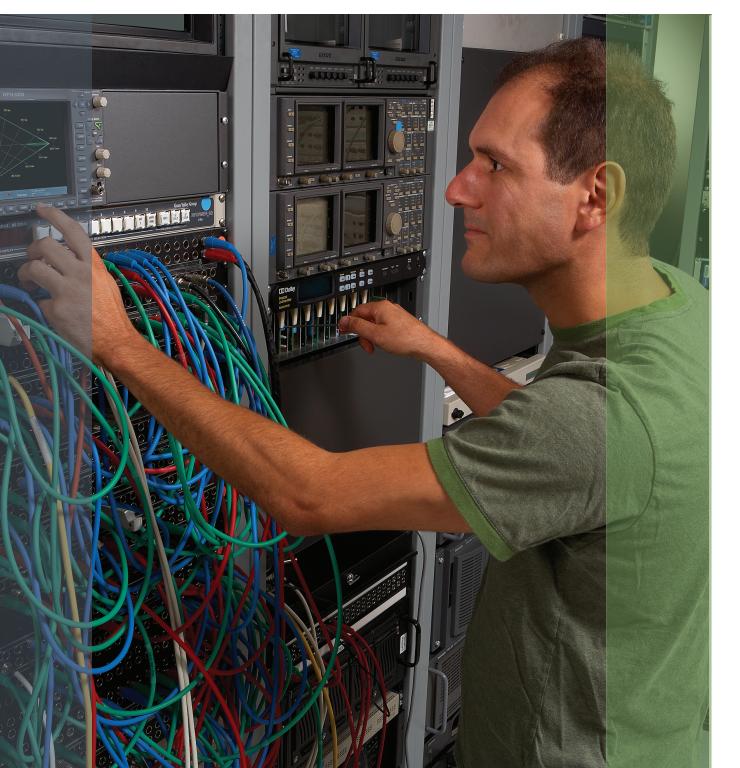
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