# High Resolution Weld Inspection and All-Purpose

Computed Radiography Scanner



# Inspection Technologies:

# **CRxVision**

Packed with innovative features to increase throughput, extend plate life and provide excellent image quality, the CRxVision is designed specifically for the inspection of welds. The scanner is developed to cover the stringent ISO 17636-2 Class A and B requirements, as well as ASTM, ASME and EN weld standards. Because of its versatility, it can also be used for many other applications across the NDT industry.





# CRxVision: the versatile, new tabletop scanner from GE.



## **Your Benefits:**

- Compliant to ISO 17636-2 Class A and B, ASME, ASTM and EN weld inspection standards.
- The CRxVision has an **extremely wide latitude** eliminating the need for multiple gain settings when exposing over a wide range of thicknesses. This is the result of a 16 bit image processing at selectable **35 or 70 microns resolution**.
- **Exposure times** for welds are equal or better than existing film exposure times (to comply with Code Standards like EN and ASME) and can be reduced by up to ten times for non-code type applications like erosion/corrosion or valve placement.
- Designed for extremely **high throughput:** 90 plates/hr at 70 microns or 28 plates/hr at 35 microns for a 10 × 40 cm (4.5 × 17") plate. The scanner allows multiple imaging plates to be scanned simultaneously ... side-by-side and back-to-back as well as various lengths to be scanned together. This is a result of the straight and flat, in-line scan and erase transport path.
- Ability to scan any shape or size of imaging plate from from 20 to 1500 mm (0.75 to 60") in length. Imaging plates can be exposed in any type of cassette, then simply removed and inserted directly into the scanner without the need of any type of adapter, template or leader.
- A new innovative imaging plate design now provides the GE CRxVision imaging plates with more flexibility. This new design allows each imaging plate the ability to return to a flat state after being constantly bent around pipes for the inspection of welds. This feature also helps improve productivity by allowing the imaging plates to be easily extracted and reinserted into cassettes.
- Plate transport through the scanners is achieved by a **magnetic transportation system**. This new combination of scanner and imaging plate design allows the imaging plate to be transported through the scanner without any mechanical

- handling of the phosphor ultimately extending the overall life of the plate.
- The updated Rhythm RT software simplifies inspection workflow. It now has the ability to **automatically crop the images** by detecting the physical edges of each individual plate when they are processed. Consequently, each individual plate can be separately identified and saved or grouped together and saved as one file.
- The new scanner enjoys all the functionality offered by GE's Rhythm Software giving the inspector the ability to view, enhance, measure, annotate and comment on the images. The CRxVision

- system is completely **DICONDE compliant** and compatible with all existing modules in GE's Rhythm Software platform.
- The CRxVision can be used in **ambient light conditions** with suitable handling as the light cover protects the plates from light exposure during the scan cycle. The cover can be removed for work in darkrooms if required.
- The scanner weighs **less than 45 kg** (99 lbs) and has a footprint of  $560 \times 560$  mm (22 x 22 inches). It extends to  $560 \times 1280$  mm (22 x 50 inches) when the feed and exit tables are attached.
- The light guide can be easily cleaned with an internal brush which is operated by simply turning a set screw. The eraser section of the scanner is **completely sealed** from the optics section to prevent migration of any dust particles into the machine.



## **Applications**

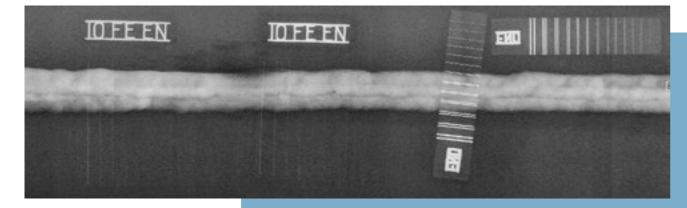
Even though the CRxVision was designed for the inspection of welds, it also has the ability to cover a wide range of industrial radiography applications, from Oil & Gas to Aerospace, and from Power Generation to General NDT.

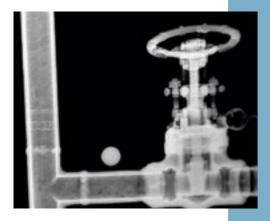
- Weld inspection
- Erosion/Corrosion inspection (CUI, FAC, etc.)
- Castings (In-process and final)
- Valve positioning
- Concrete and Structure inspection
- Government (Arsenals, National Laboratories, Proving Grounds)
- Military (in-service aircraft, ships, etc.)

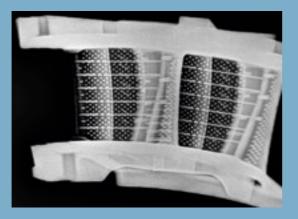


In all applications the CRxVision offers the following significant benefits of digital radiography:

- No darkroom facilities/trucks needed
- Eliminate processing chemicals and chemical disposal/silver recovery
- Improved image interpretation and inspection quality level with Flash!Filters™
- Consistent & operator-independent results with the Automated WT Measurement tool
- High reduction in retakes due to the wide dynamic range of the imaging plates
- No development time, as images are immediately available after scanning
- High reduction in storage space when archiving digital images
- Data management (trending) and data sharing advantages
- Fully DICONDE compliant









# **Rhythm RT for Workflow Optimization**

Both GE's Rhythm RT and Rhythm RT Lite provide a powerful, ASTM DICONDE Compliant operational software platform, which simplifies the overall inspection workflow.

After entering the component and technique data, select the required scan resolution and then the scanner will prompt you to insert the imaging plate. Once the imaging plate is scanned, the image will appear and any Region of Interest (ROI) may then be

identified on the computer screen and enhancements, annotations and measurements applied. The image can then be saved for further review and/or storage. The files can be saved in TIFF, BMP, JPEG, and/or DICONDE formats.

### Rhythm RT workflow

Select the required resolution





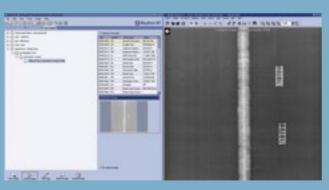
5 Select a specific ROI (if desired)



Insert the imaging plate(s) to start the cycle







# **Imaging Plates**

Four different types of imaging plates with a ferromagnetic back layer have been developed specifically for the CRxVision. This allows the imaging plates to be magnetically transported through the scanner with no phosphor touch points. In addition, this new design helps reduce backscatter which improves the overall quality of the image as well as allows the imaging plate the ability to return to a flat position after being constantly bent around curved objects.

GE's four imaging plate types are as follows:

- IPC2: Standard Resolution & High Speed for general purpose
- IPS: High Resolution & Medium Speed for inspection of welds
- **IPS2:** High Resolution & Medium Speed for inspection of welds Excellent for very low contrast, homogeneity type applications and premium weld quality inspections.
- **IPU:** Extreme High Resolution & Slow Speed for extremely high resolution applications when very low micron range sensitivity is required.

Plates are available in various size formats ranging from 70 mm (2.76") wide to 1500 mm (60") in length.

### **Protective Cassettes**

A range of flexible and hard cassettes are also available. Both versions may be supplied with or without lead, depending on the application.



### **Technical Specifications of CRxVision**

Principle	High performance table-top flatbed scanner wi contactless plate transport		
Eraser	Inline		
Resolution	Standard resolution (SR)	70 μm	
	High resolution (HR)	35 μm	
Maximum basic	Standard resolution (SR)	80 μm (6,25 LP / mm)	
Spatial resolution	High resolution (HR)	40 μm (12,5 LP / mm)	
Scan width		35 cm (14 inch)	
Throughput	Standard resolution (SR)	90 plates/hour	
(10 x 40 cm 4.5 x 17")	High resolution (HR)	28 plates/hour	
Time to image (in Rhythm RT)	Standard resolution (SR)	40 sec	
	High resolution (HR)	147 sec	
LUT (look up table)	Linear (native Square root)		
Bit depth		16 Bit	
Dimensions	Scanner	56 x 56 x 47 cm (22" x 22" x 19")	
	Scanner including I/O table and light cover	128 x 56 x 47 cm (52" x 22" x 19")	
Weight	Scanner	45 kg (99 lbs)	
	Scanner including I/O table and light cover	50 kg (110 lbs)	
Interfaces	Ethernet, RJ45		
	DC voltage, coded 8-pin, female		
Certifications	CE, UL (NRTLus), cUL (cNRTLus), C-Tick, Customs Union Mark		

Environmental Conditions			
Operation	Temp. allowed	15 °C to 35 °C (59 °F to 95 °F)	
	Relative humidity	15% to 80% (non condensed)	
	Magnetic field	Compliant with EN 61000-4-8, Level 2	
Transport	IEC721-3-2 (1997): class 2K2 and 2M3, with following restrictions		
	Temperature	-25 °C to +55 °C (-13 °F to 131 °F)	
	Vibration	5 to 200 Hz (vertical, longitudinal, transversal axis)	
Mechanical conditions for transport	In packaging	IEC 721-3-2 (1997): class 2M2	
Shock specifications	In packaging	IEC TR 60721-4-5 (1997): class 5M2	

Electrical Data		
Operating voltage	Auto-ranging external power supply from 100 V to 240 V, DC Output 24V	
Mains frequency		50/60 Hz
Mains fuse protection	Europe	min. 10 A, max. 16 A
	USA & Japan	min. 10 A, max. 15 A
Power consumption	Standby 110 V - 240 V / 50-60 Hz	max. 22 W
	During operation 110 V - 240 V / 50-60 Hz	max. 140 W (absolute peak)

Application Compliance			
ASME	ASME Code Section V A	ASME Code Section V Article 2	
ISO 17636-2	Class A / Class B (in defined exposure conditions)	Verified with X-ray, Ir-192, Se-75, Co-60	
EN14784-1	IPS, IPS-2: 1/80, IPU: 1/40	Certified by BAM	
EN2446-06	IPS, IPS-2: S/80, IPU: S/40	Certified by BAM	

Accessories	
I/O Table with light cover	Quick mountable, stainless steel, input/output table set with 43 cm (17") tray length and light cover for input side
Long I/O table	Input/output extension for long plates scanning 150 cm (59")
Flight Case	Robust Flight Case with shock-absorbers, wheel, ruggedized handles and compartments for I/O tables, laptop, accessories

Imaging Plates			
IPC2	High speed plate	Use: CRxVision can scan any shape or size	
IPS	High resolution	imaging plate from 20 to 1500 mm (0.75 to 60") in length.	
IPS2	High resolution		
IPU	Extremely high resolution (X-ray)		
Cassettes			
Flexible cassettes	PVC or vinyl envelopes	different sizes	

35 x 43 cm, 20 x 24 cm, 24 x 30 cm, 15 x 30 cm

14" × 17", 8" × 10", 10" × 12", 6" × 12"

Hard cassettes

(for defined exposure conditions)







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