



# Monitor calibration Preparation guide for our clients

You have retained the services of *Horses for Courses* for the calibration of your monitors. A member of our team will soon visit your facilities to calibrate one or more monitors.

Here is what you need to prepare before our calibration specialist arrives:

## When Scheduling Your Appointment

**Monitor Identification:** Ensure that the **manufacturers and models** of all monitors are correctly identified on the quote. This allows us to arrive with the appropriate equipment.

**Calibration Standards:** Confirm that the defined calibration standards (Rec709, P3, HDR10, etc.) match your production needs for each monitor.

**Number of Devices:** Verify that the exact number of monitors to be calibrated is mentioned on the quote.

**Availability:** Ensure that all devices will be available and accessible on the scheduled appointment date.

## On Calibration Day

To optimize our specialist's work, please follow these recommendations:

**Monitor Warm-up:** Turn on the devices to be calibrated **1 hour before** the technician's arrival. We suggest displaying images during this warm-up period.

**Network Access:** Our technician will need **WiFi access** and possibly wired (Ethernet) access to your network.

**Visual Validation:** If multiple monitors in the same room need to be calibrated in a matching manner, designate a team member (ideally a colorist or finishing artist) to validate the perceptual matching of the monitors before the technician's departure.

## Calibration Method

Here are the steps we will follow to ensure the accuracy of our work:

- 1. Monitor Warm-up :** Monitors and their colors generally become stable after 30 to 60 minutes of use. We ensure that monitors are turned on for at least 60 minutes before calibration begins.
- 2. Connection Verification :** We verify that the connections being used are those that will deliver the best results.
- 3. Software Verification and Updates :** It is sometimes necessary to perform updates to optimize monitor performance or ensure compatibility with our calibration system. Any changes will be submitted in advance for approval to your technical manager.
- 4. Calibration Equipment Installation :** Our equipment typically includes a spectrophotometer/colorimeter pair, an image generator, and a laptop computer. We may need Internet access to enable communication between these devices and your monitors.
- 5. Monitor Condition Assessment :** We first perform a visual inspection to verify monitor uniformity and detect any imperfections or scratches. We then create a pre-calibration profile to determine your monitor's colorimetric state before calibration.
- 6. Calibration to Standards :** We calibrate the requested profiles according to the required standards for viewing on the device.
- 7. Verification :** We validate that the calibration meets acceptable standards and tolerances.
- 8. Demonstration :** The calibration specialist provides a demonstration to a technical representative from your company and adjusts perceptual matching parameters to harmonize the calibration of multiple monitors if necessary.

**9. Report :** A detailed report on the condition of all monitors is produced after each intervention by our team.

**10. Follow-up :** The specialist can perform follow-up and schedule an appointment for calibration maintenance. We recommend maintenance every 6 months or before any major new project.

The Horses for Courses team thanks you for entrusting us with the calibration of your monitors.

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