

Optima CT520 Series with DoD16

Pre-Installation Manual

OPERATING DOCUMENTATION



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Chapter 10

Radiation Protection Requirements

Section 1.0: Shielding Requirements



NOTICE Engage a **QUALIFIED RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH PHYSICIST** to review your scan room shielding requirements, taking into consideration:

- Scatter radiation levels within the scanning room (see [Figure 10-1](#)).
- Equipment placement.
- Weekly projected work-loads (number of patients/day technique (kvp*ma))
- Materials used for construction of walls, floors, ceiling, doors, and windows.
- Activities in surrounding scan room areas.
- Equipment in surrounding scan room areas (e.g., film developer, film storage)

[Figure 10-1](#) to depict measurable radiation levels within the scanning room while scanning a 32 cm CTDI phantom (body) and a 20 cm water phantom (head) with the technique shown. The mAs, kV and aperture scaling factors shown in [Table 10-1](#) can be used to adjust exposure levels to the scan technique used at the site.

Note: Actual measurements can vary. All measurements have an accuracy of $\pm 20\%$ because of measurement equipment, technique, and system-to-system variation.

Use the correction factors shown in [Table 10-1](#) to adjust exposure levels to the usual scan technique at your site.

Changed Parameter	Multiplication Factor
mAs	new mAs/100
80 kV	0.21
120 kV	0.71
140 kV	1.0
4 x 3.75mm images	0.82
<u>16 x 0.625 LD</u>	<u>0.59</u>
<u>8 x 1.25 LD</u>	
<u>Fluro 5mm</u>	
4 x 1.25 LD 5mm (1i) Fluro 2.5 mm	0.40
1 x 1.25mm images	0.20
2 x 0.625 LD 1 x 1.25	0.10
20 mm aperture	1.00

Table 10-1 Shielding Requirements Scaling



NOTICE The units of measure used for radiation levels have been changed in this publication, from mR (millirads) to μ Gy (micrograys). The conversion factor is:

1 mR = 8.76 μ Gy

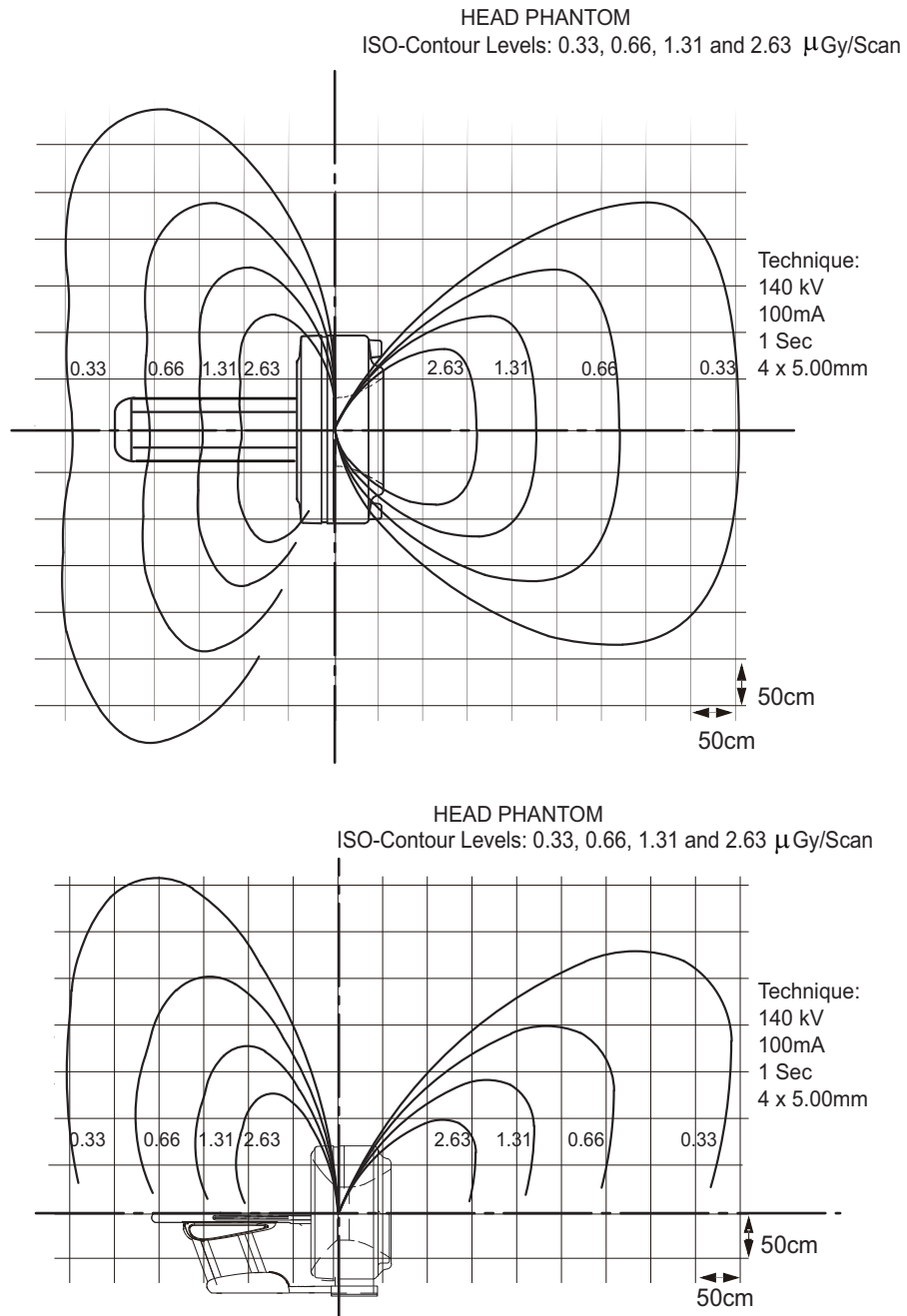


Figure 10-1 Typical Scatter Survey (Head Filter)

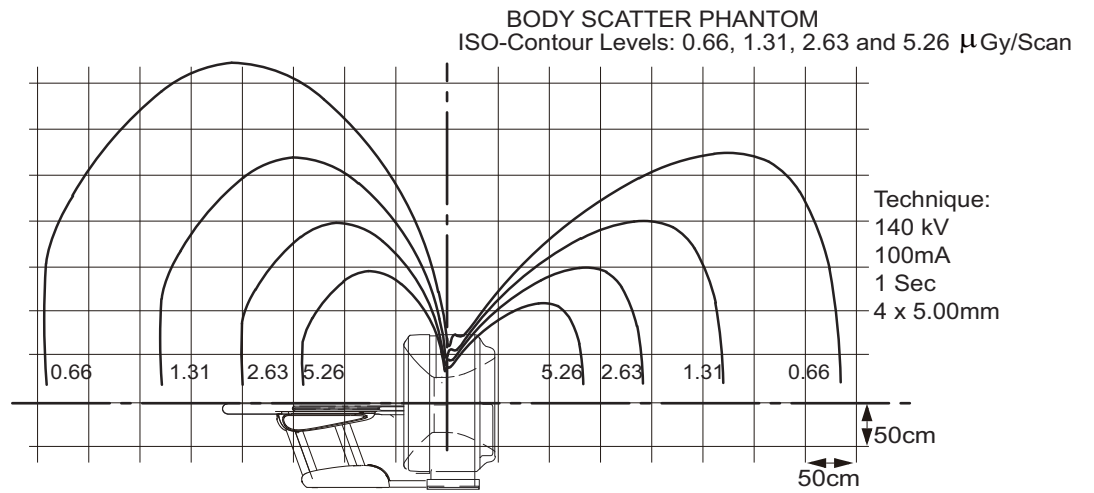
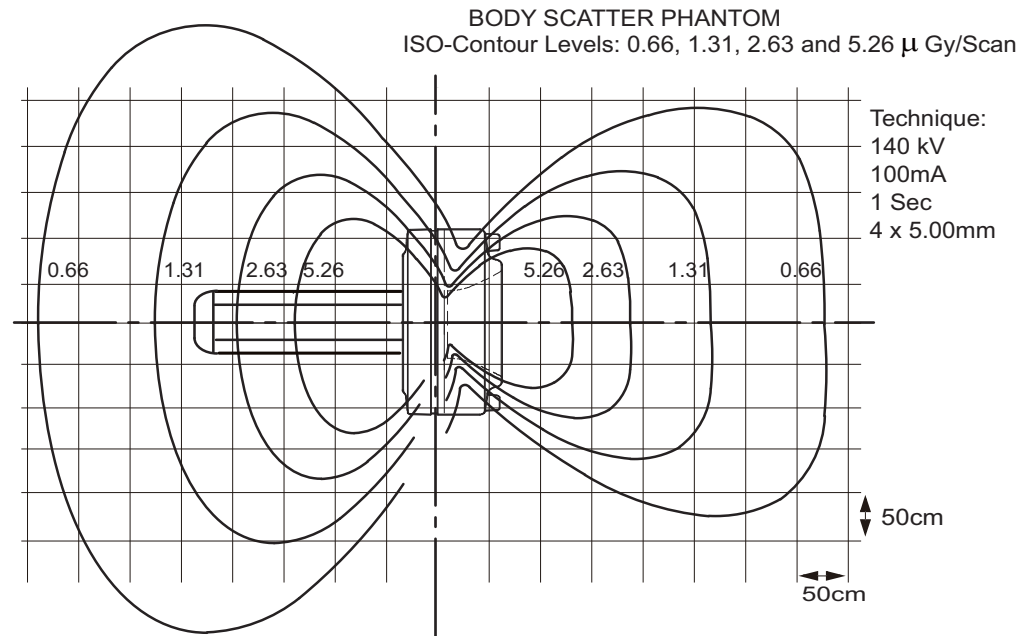


Figure 10-2 Typical Scatter Survey (body Filter)

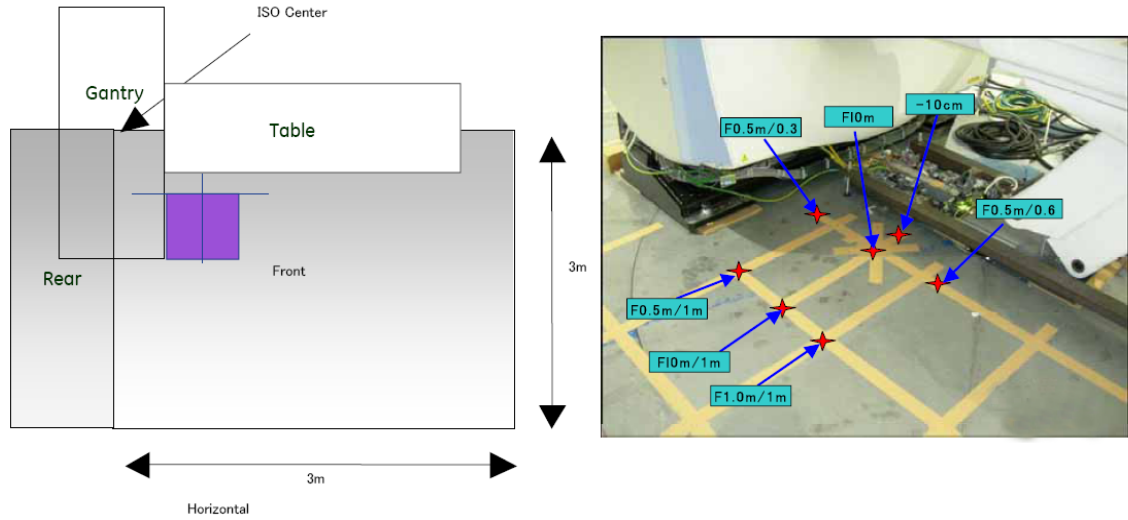


Figure 10-3 Fluoro Stand Position

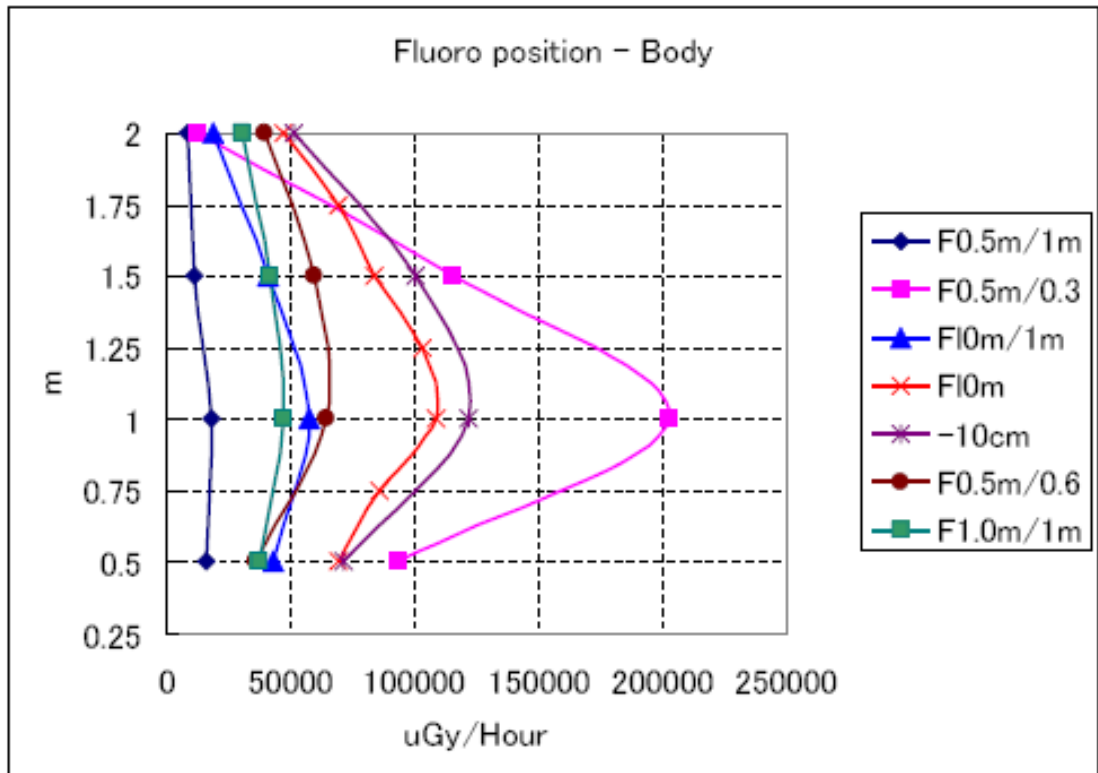


Figure 10-4 Scatter Plot of Fluoro - Body

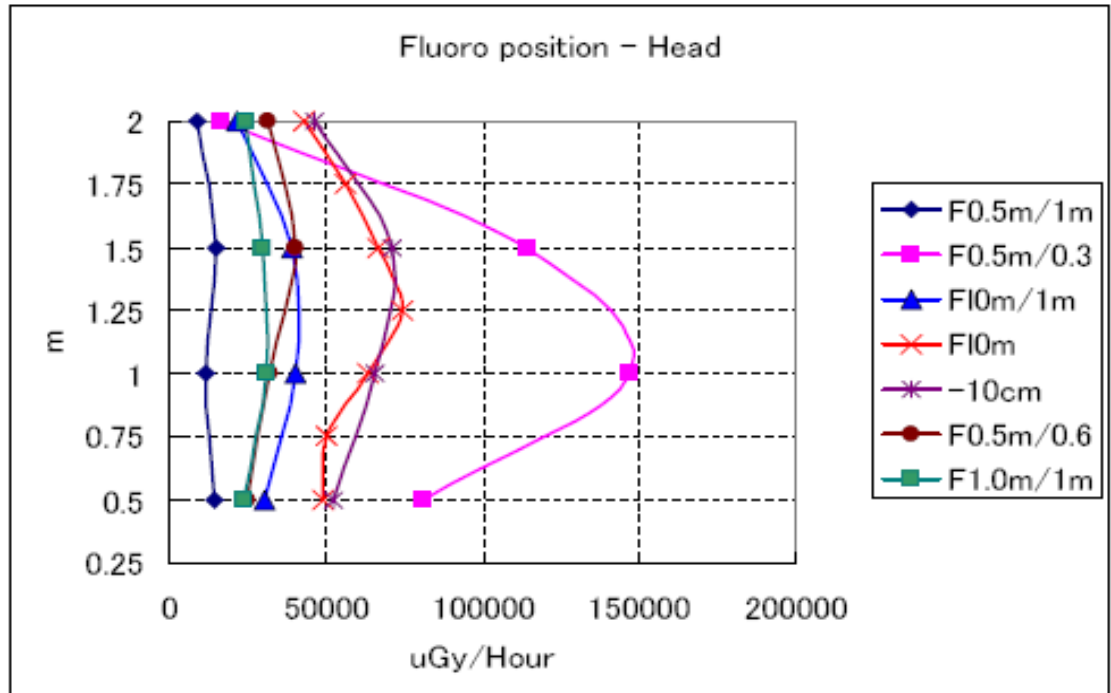


Figure 10-5 Scatter Plot of Fluoro - Head

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