

# Multi-Energy CT Phantom

In collaboration with The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Gammex has developed a phantom to ensure the performance and consistency of your multi-energy scans.

- Features 18 solid inserts representing different dimensions and concentrations of iodine, calcium, blood, and other materials of particular interest to multi-energy CT
- Enables comprehensive tests of Multi-Energy CT performance



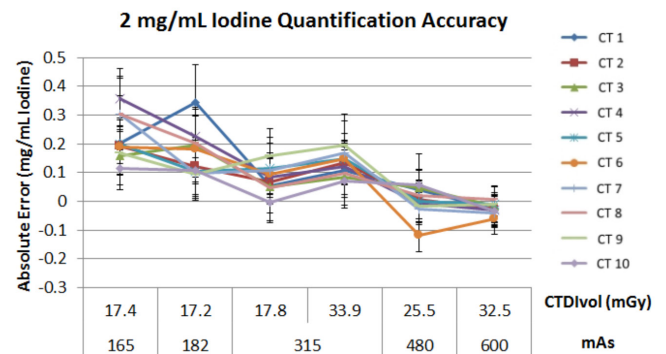
Multi-Energy CT scanners have enabled improved clinical differentiations, such as distinguishing blood from calcification and calcification from iodinated contrast<sup>1,2</sup>. They can also create virtual mono-energetic images for clinical evaluation. However, the ability to achieve these benefits can greatly depend not only on one's equipment, but also on the protocols used.

The Multi-Energy CT Phantom will enable robust evaluation of scanner performance.

- Test material discrimination using solid rods representing iodine, calcium, blood, adipose, and more
- Ensure the efficacy of clinical protocols for multi-energy analysis
- Verify the quantitative accuracy of multi-energy scans
- Compare the consistency and stability across different scanners
- Check for artifacts in an extended field-of-view

## Ensure the accuracy you need

Accuracy can vary based upon scanner hardware, the dual energy post-processing, and the mAs used. Without an appropriate phantom, neither scanner accuracy nor variability are well known. Use of the calibrated high-Z inserts enables such quantification. Additionally, protocols that appropriately balance patient dose with system performance can be identified.



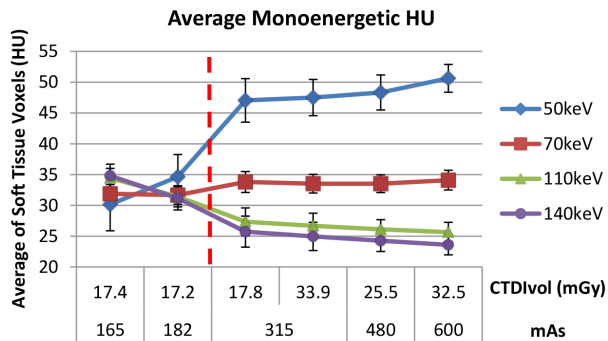
2mg/mL iodine rod quantification accuracy by mAs for 10 fast-kVp switching Multi-Energy CT scanners. Accuracy averaged over a 1 year period.

Availability not yet determined. Specifications subject to change.

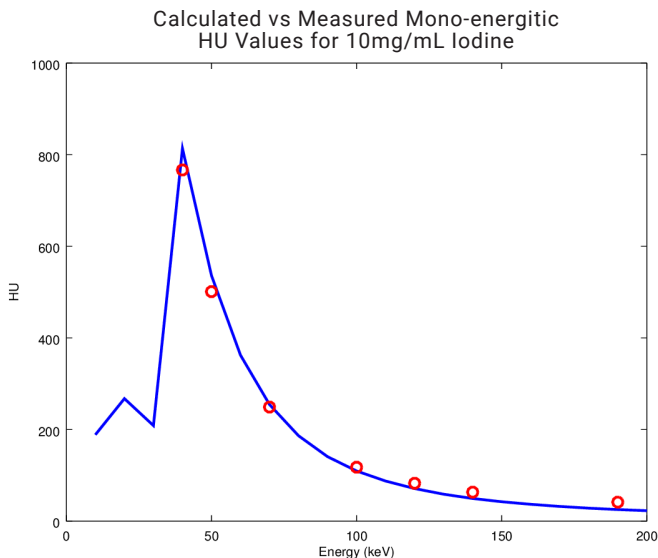


## Enhance confidence in your virtual mono-energetic images

Monochromatic HU numbers have been shown to vary between scanners.<sup>3</sup> Moreover, the performance of multi-energy algorithms can be compromised by insufficient mAs. By utilizing a tissue-mimicking material that replicates expected HU dependencies from 40-200 keV, the Multi-Energy CT Phantom lets you quantify these effects and define effective operating parameters.



Average soft tissue monoenergetic HU for 50, 70, 110, and 140 keV reconstructions versus mAs, averaged over a 1 year period. Protocols left of the red dashed line were insufficient to provide reliable HU values.



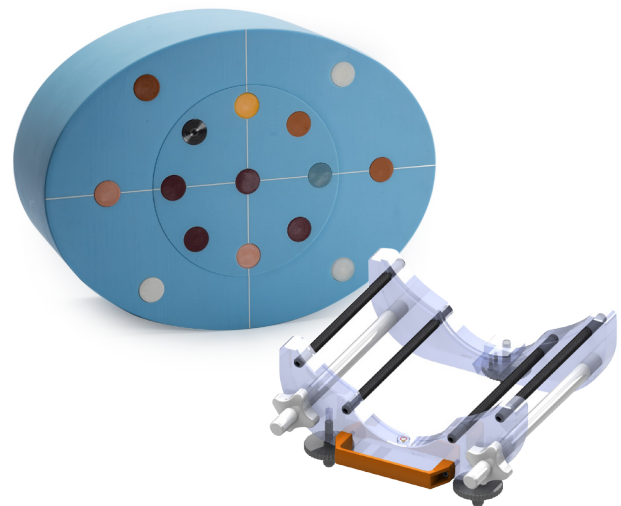
HU values of iodinated rod for mono-energetic reconstructions. Calculated values based on material compositions and NIST values (blue curve) vs HU values from mono-energetic reconstructions (red circles).

## Evaluate an extended field-of-view

The ACR Quality Control Manual recommends checking for artifacts in a larger phantom on a weekly or monthly basis. The 40 cm extended field size of the Multi-Energy CT phantom enables this artifact check to be performed concurrently with other evaluations, efficiently fitting into your workflow.

## Specifications

<b>In-plane Dimensions:</b>	40.0 cm (15.7 in) x 30.0 cm (11.8 in)
<b>Depth:</b>	16.5 cm (6.3 in), up to 26.5 cm (10.2 in) with extension plates
<b>Diameter of Removable Head Section:</b>	20.0 cm (7.87 in)
<b>Material:</b>	Energy-Matched CT HE Solid Water
<b>Interchangeable Inserts:</b>	18 solid inserts plus 1 true water container
<b>Iodine Inserts with Variable Concentrations:</b>	4 inserts with concentrations of 2.0, 5.0, 10.0, and 15.0 mg/mL
<b>Iodine Inserts with Variable Diameters:</b>	5.0 mg/mL concentration at diameters of 2.0, 5.0, and 10.0 mm
<b>Calcium Inserts:</b>	Calcium concentrations of 50, 100, and 300 mg/mL
<b>Blood [iron] Inserts:</b>	Blood-mimicking material at relative electron densities of 1.03, 1.07, and 1.10
<b>Blood [iron] with Iodine Inserts:</b>	Blood-mimicking material plus iodine at 2.0 and 4.0 mg/mL
<b>Additional Inserts:</b>	High-Equivalency Brain, High-Equivalency Adipose, High-Equivalency CT Solid Water
<b>Weight:</b>	15.5 kg (34.1 lbs)
<b>Case:</b>	Wheeled case is included
<b>Stand:</b>	Stand is included



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