

Object Colors

Blue

Objects that appear blue in a scan are dense. These include metals, hard plastics, alloys, and dense ceramics. As most weapons will show up on the scan in blue, these are the first items you should look at closely while examining a scan.

Green

Objects that appear green are less dense. They are typically softer plastic, less dense alloys, or inorganic materials. Objects like electronics, which have a mix of dense and medium dense parts, often appear green and blue.

Orange

These objects are low density, and include fabric, food, liquids and clothes. Orange items can be deceptively dangerous, as many explosive materials appear orange in the scan.

Common and Past Names

TSA X-ray ORT

TSA X-ray Image Interpretation Test

TSA Object Recognition Test

Computer-Based Training (CBT) Test

TSA CBT Test / TSO CBT Test

TSA / TSO Screener Test



The TSA Exam includes two sections: (1) x-ray or object recognition and (2) English skills. Candidates who pass the test are allowed to move forward in the hiring process.



Organizations that Use X-Ray ORT

UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and the British International Freight Association (BIFA)

The Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA-ACTSA)

ISS Australia

The International Air Transport Association (IATA)

TSA CBT XRAY Test Tips

1

Stay calm and relaxed so you can focus clearly on the test



2

Get better practicing with XRAY sample questions



3

Study in advance the look of mechanical objects



4

Pay attention to the image from different angles



5

You lose a point for every wrong answer



Test Administration

Test Location

The TSA CBT test is taken at a TSA facility testing center.

Test Format

Computer simulation

Cost

None

Retake Policy

Can be retaken once, after six months, up to 2 failures

Test Schedule

Test takes place after you find an open TSO position and submit an online application

Test Materials

Computer

Critical reading

48 questions, 50 minutes