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1. Scope—The purpose of this standard is to define and provide for the control of colors employed in motor vehicle external lighting equipment. The specification applies to the overall effective color of light emitted by the device and not to the color of the light from a small area of the lens. It does not apply to any pilot, indicator, or tell-tale lights.

2. Definitions—Fundamental definitions of color are expressed by Chromaticity Coordinates according to the CIE (1931) standard colorimetric system. (See Fig. 1.)

ϕ **2.1 Red**—The color of light emitted from the device shall fall within the following boundaries:

y = 0.33 (yellow boundary)
y = 0.98 - x (purple boundary)

2.2 Yellow (Amber)—The color of light emitted from the device shall fall within the following boundaries:

y = 0.39 (red boundary)
y = 0.79 −0.67x (white boundary)
y = x −0.12 (green boundary)

ϕ **2.3 White (Achromatic)**—The color of light emitted from the device shall fall within the following boundaries:

x = 0.31 (blue boundary)
x = 0.50 (yellow boundary)
y = 0.15 + 0.64x (green boundary)
y = 0.44 (green boundary)
y = 0.38 (red boundary)
y = 0.05 + 0.75x (purple boundary)

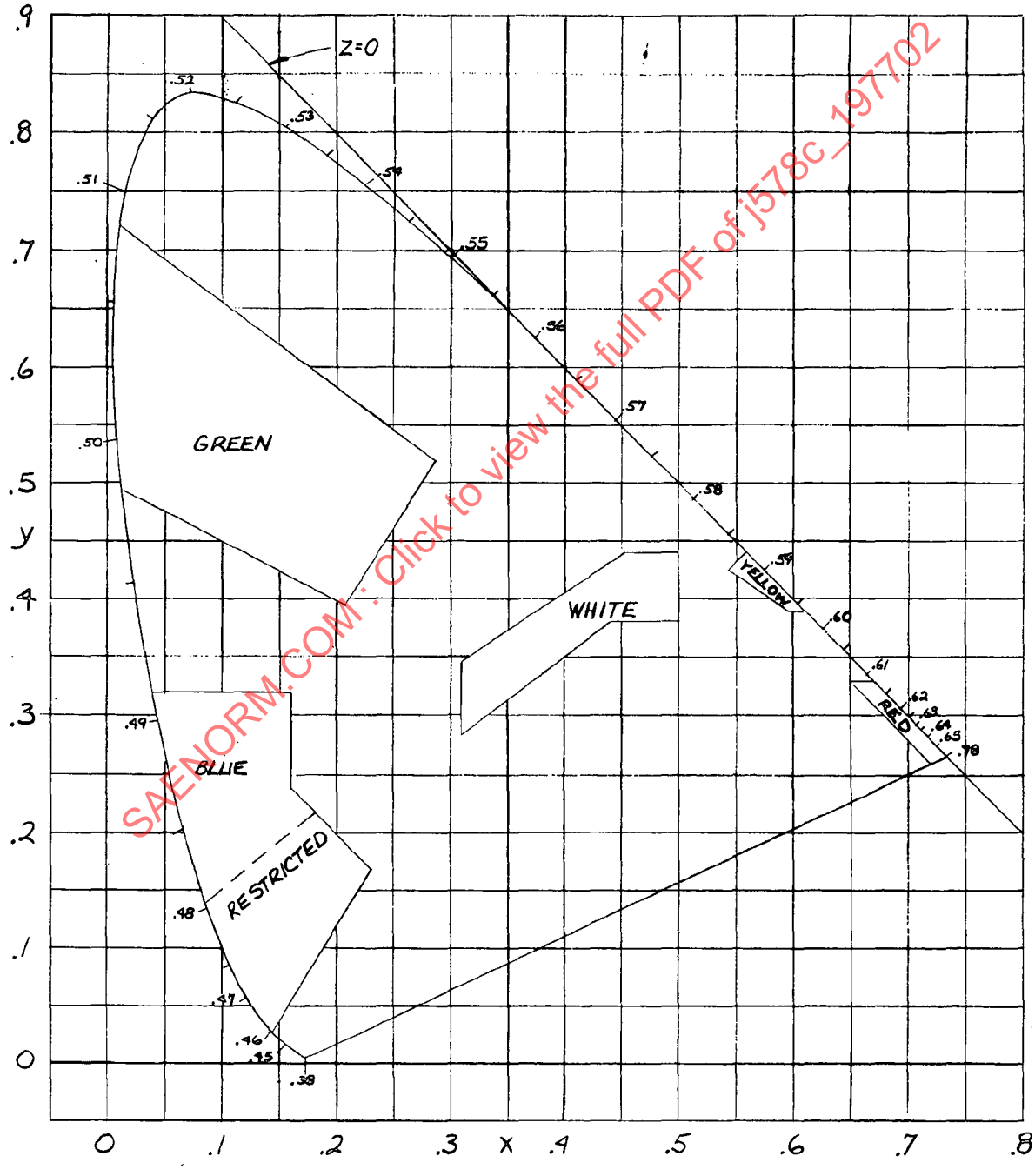

FIG 1—CHROMATICITY DIAGRAM