
When does Drop Frame Timecode drop numbers?

Regular time code counts 30 frames (60 interlaced fields) per second. **Color television has, in fact, 29.97 frames per second (.01% slowdown from 30).**

In drop frame time code, frames 00 and 01 are dropped from the counter every minute, except multiples of 10 minutes (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 00).

Therefore, 108 frame numbers are dropped every hour (**3.6 seconds**), or **one frame number about every 33.3 seconds**.

Note that it is **digits** from the numbering system that are dropped, **not actual frames of video!** You still have all of your video information with drop frame time code.

