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EN 300328-2 V1.7.1 (10-2006)
EN 301489-1 V1.8.1 (04-2008)
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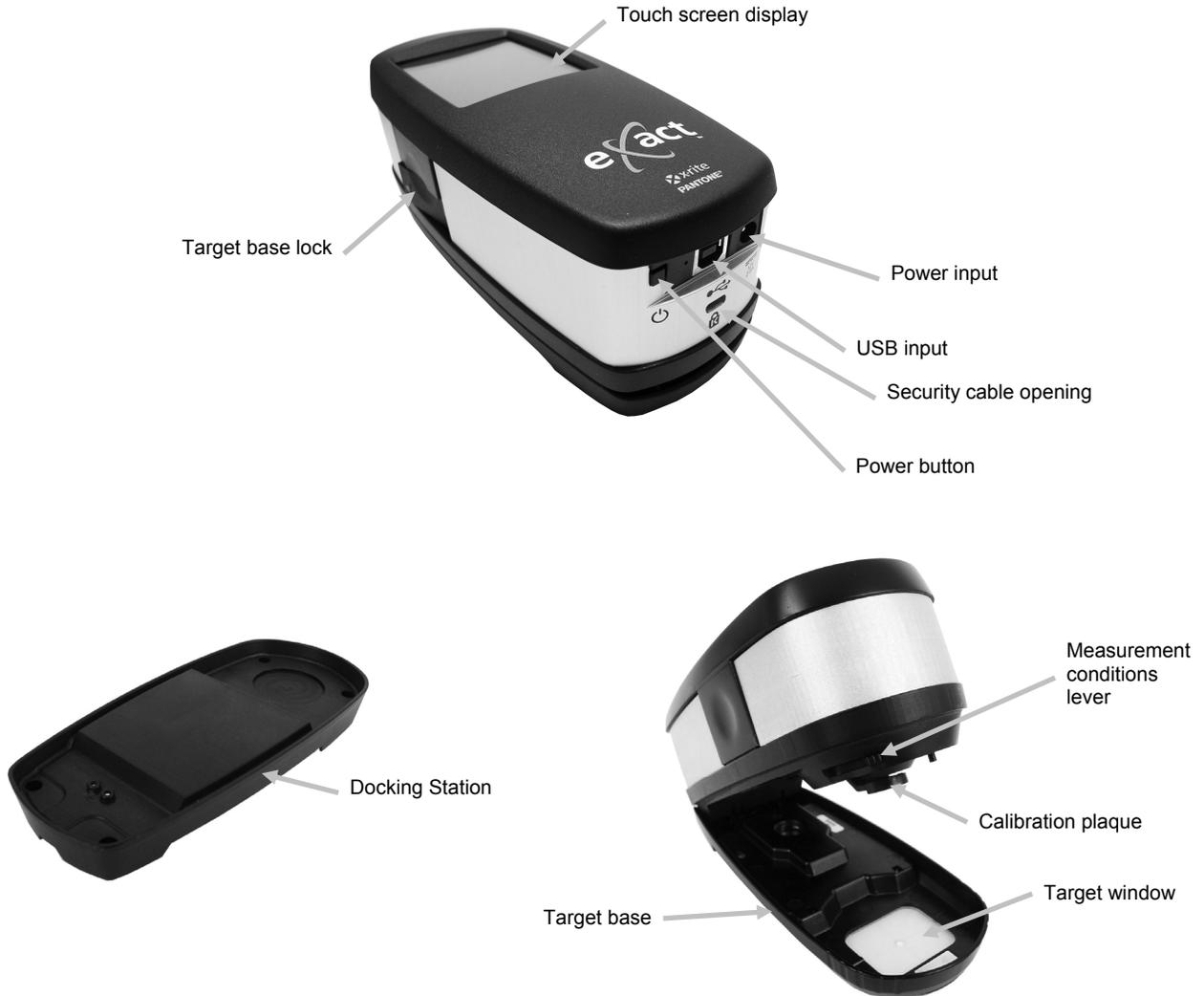
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INTRODUCTION AND SETUP

The X-Rite **eXact**™ addresses the specific need of color measurement in the pressroom and ink labs.

Key features are:

- Color display with touch screen operation
- Automated calibration with Integrated Tile
- Bluetooth technology (optional) for wireless communication
- Supports all measurement modes according to ISO standards (M0, M1, M2, M3) (full M1 part 1 offering true D50 measurement).
- "BestMatch" function to quickly and easily determines if satisfactory matches on-press can be achieved
- Integrated tools to determine if prints are within variety of standards (ISO, JPMA, G7, PSO), as well as in-house standards/processes
- Full solution including software to manage instrument and transfer measurement data



User Manual Information

This manual is intended to provide setup, overview, operation and general maintenance of the instrument. Specific software application information is available in the software help system.

Certain functions and options described in this manual are not available on all **eXact** models and can be disregarded. These functions and options are noted with the following symbols:



This symbol indicates that the function or option is **NOT** available on the X-Rite **eXact** Densitometer instrument.



This symbol indicates that the function or option is **NOT** available on the X-Rite **eXact** Densitometer and X-Rite **eXact** Standard instruments.

Packaging

Your instrument packaging should contain all the items listed below. If any of these items are missing or damaged, contact X-Rite or your Authorized Representative.

- X-Rite **eXact**™ instrument
- Docking station
- USB interface cabling
- AC adapter (X-Rite P/N SE30-177) and line cord
- Carrying case
- Documentation and software CD package
- Bluetooth adapter kit (optional)

Target Base Lock Operation

The instrument is shipped with the target base in the locked position. A toggle button on the side of the instrument is used to lock and unlock the target base.

Releasing the Target Base

Place the instrument on a flat surface. Press in on the front edge of the target base lock (1). The instrument should now lift freely.

Locking the Target Base

Close the instrument to the target base and press on the back edge of the target base lock (2).



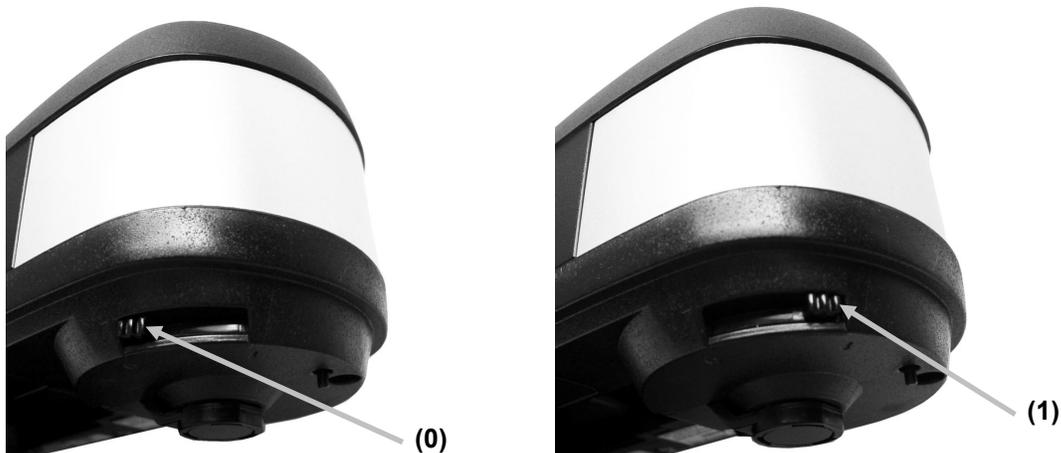
The target base lock is also used to lock the instrument to the target window when measurements are activated from the software application.

Measurement Conditions Selection

A switch is available to select the measurement conditions.

To set multi-mode measurements (multiple spectra out of one measurement) M0, M2 and M3 measurement conditions, slide the switch to the back position (0) until it stops. To set M1 measurement condition, slide the switch to the forward position (1) until it stops.

- M0: Reflectance measured with A Illuminant, previously called: No-Filter, UV-included
- M1: Reflectance measured with D50 Illuminant, previously called: Daylight or D65-Filter
- M2: Reflectance measured with A Illuminant excluding UV component, previously called: UV Cutoff Filter, UV excluded
- M3: Reflectance measured with cross-polarized A Illuminant excluding UV component, previously called: Polarized-Filter



Power Button

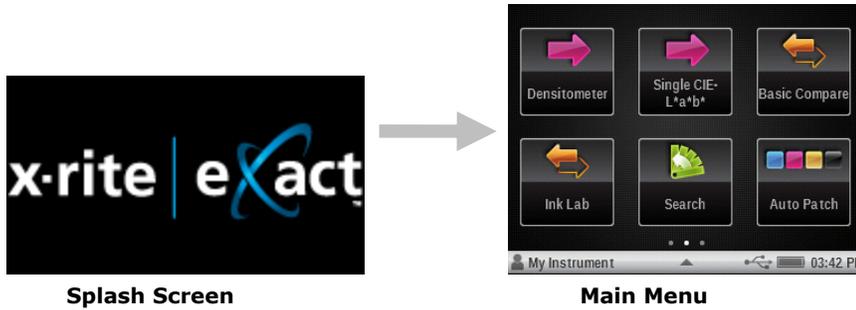
The power button is used to initiate the instrument from a power off state. Simply press the button to turn on the instrument. If the instrument does not power up after pressing the power button (1), the batteries may require charging. Refer to Charging the Battery Pack.



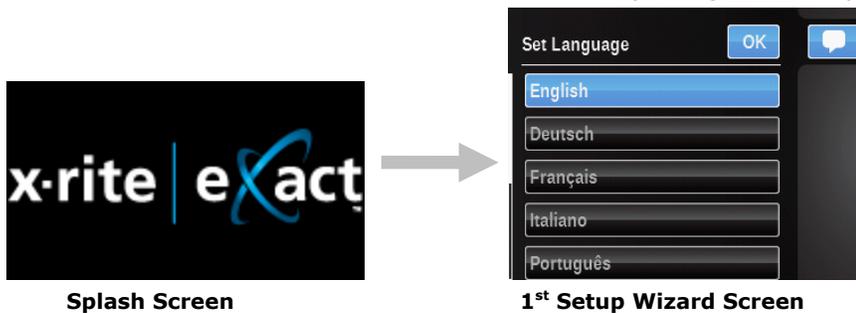
Powering Off

The instrument can be manually powered off by pressing and holding the power button until it shuts off.

When powered up, the instrument goes through a diagnostics test, displays a splash screen before the main menu screen appears. Note: Main menu tools may vary depending on model.



For the very first power up, the instrument displays a setup wizard screen after the splash screen. Refer to the User Interface section for information on completing the Setup Wizard.



eXact Software Applications

The **eXact** CD contains two software applications.

X-Rite eXact™ Manager

Allows you to run and set several instrument configuration options in the instrument, such as:

- View and edit all configuration settings
- Backup/Restore configuration settings
- Review instrument condition and run diagnostics
- Update instrument firmware, color libraries, process tools and more

NOTE: It is recommended that you regularly backup the instrument settings with the X-Rite **eXact™** Manager. Refer to the application help file for the procedure.

DataCatcher

Allows you to capture measurements from tethered **eXact** instruments and transfer the data directly to an application, such as Microsoft® Excel.

NOTE: You should install the software applications before connecting the instrument to your computer.

System Requirements

- Windows XP SP3 (32 bit), RAM 1 GB
- Windows Vista SP2 (32 or 64 bit), RAM 2 GB
- Windows 7 (32 or 64 bit), RAM 2 GB
- Monitor screen resolution of 1024 x 768
- 4 GB hard disk free

Installing the Software

IMPORTANT: You must be logged on as an administrator or a member of the Administrators group in order to install the software on a Windows XP, Vista Business, or 7 Professional system.

1. Insert the software CD into the optical drive and browse to the desired application. Double-click the **.exe** file.
2. Follow the on screen prompts to install the software.
3. Install remaining applications.
4. Refer to the on-line help for information on using the applications.

Charging the Battery Pack

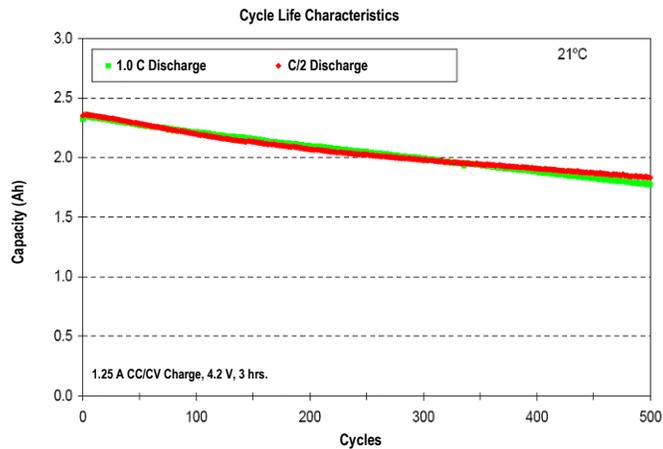
The battery pack for your new instrument comes in a low to medium charge state and should be charged a minimum of three hours before use.

A charged battery pack may eventually lose partial charge if not used for an extended amount of time. You should charge the battery from time to time and store in a cool environment when not in use to maintain battery performance.

The battery pack can be charged in the instrument by connecting the power supply directly to the instrument, or by use of the docking station. Refer to Connecting the Power Supply later in this section.

Battery Lifespan Expectations

Lithium-ion batteries typically decay to 80% capacity after 400 charge cycles (see chart below). A charge cycle can be defined as several partial charges equaling 100%. Partial charge and discharge cycles will help maintain the life of the battery. It is best to avoid full discharge and charge cycles. After roughly 400 charge cycles are reached, the amount of measurements you can expect to achieve from one full charge is reduced. At this point, you may wish to replace the battery pack.



Battery Disposal

Dispose of the battery pack in a designated disposal location for recycling.

Connecting the Power Supply

The power supply can be connected directly to the instrument or to the docking station. The docking station is convenient for storing and charging the instrument when not in use.

Verify the voltage indicated on the AC adapter complies with the AC line voltage in your area.



Operational hazard exists if an AC adapter other than X-Rite SE30-177 is used.

AC Adapter Ratings, Input: 100-240V 50-60 Hz, Output: 12VDC @ 2.5A

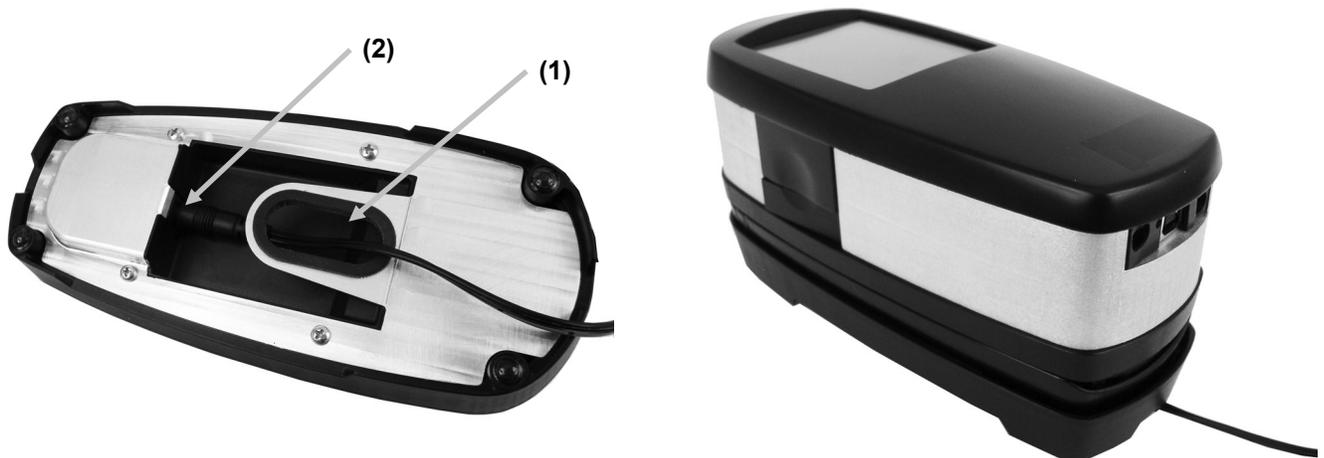
Instrument Connection

1. Insert the small plug from the power supply into the input connector on the instrument (1).
2. Plug the detachable line cord in the power supply and plug the line cord into the wall receptacle.



Docking Station Connection

1. Turn the docking station over and feed the small plug from the power supply through the strain relief (1) in the middle of the station.
2. Plug the small plug into the input connector (2). The power supply cable can be feed out any side of the docking station at the bottom.
3. Plug the detachable line cord in the power supply and plug the line cord into the wall receptacle.
4. Position the instrument on the docking station to charge.



Connecting the USB Cable

IMPORTANT: You must install the software driver before connecting the instrument to your computer.

The instrument communicates with the software through the USB cable or over a wireless Bluetooth® connection (if applicable). Refer to the Wireless Mode section for more information.

1. Install the software application if not already installed. Refer to the software documentation for additional information.
2. Plug the square end of the USB cable into the back of the instrument (1).
3. Plug the USB cable into an available port on your computer.



Bluetooth Wireless Mode

If available, the instrument uses Bluetooth® technology and can communicate wirelessly with your computer. Data from the application can be transmitted to/from the instrument. Connecting a USB cable to the instrument disables the wireless connection.

Many PCs have built in Bluetooth capability. If this is the case with your computer you may use the built in hardware. If not, we have provided a USB Bluetooth device that you may use.

Refer to the Appendices for instructions on installing the Bluetooth device on both Windows XP and Windows 7.



Bluetooth icon appears in the status bar when searching and while connected.

USER INTERFACE

The section will cover the basic use of the touch screen, as well as icon definitions, setup wizard procedure and measurement techniques.

Navigating the Screen

The X-Rite eXact instrument contains a graphical touch screen display. All functionality is accessed directly through the screen.

Opening Tools

The instrument has three main menu screens. The most left is used for Settings and Diagnostic tools, the other 2 are used for measurement tools.

Tap an icon to open the corresponding tool on the screen menu. For this example, Densitometer icon  was tapped. A blue glow appears around the icon when it is tapped. Tapping the Home icon  in the upper right corner returns the screen back to the main menu.



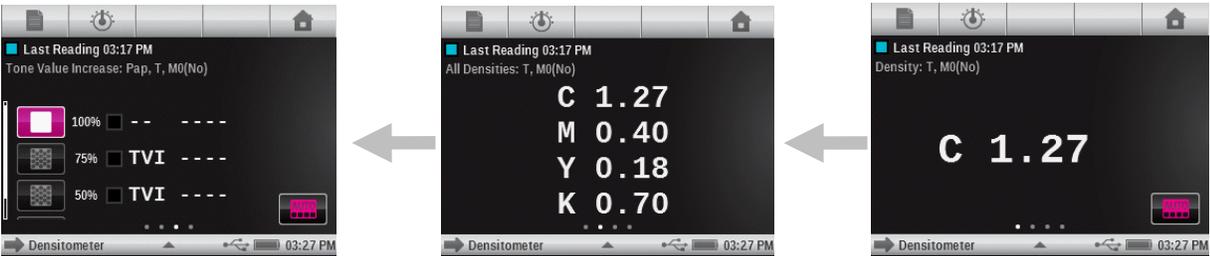
Viewing Menus

Switch between main menu screens by swiping the screen to the right or to the left using your finger. You can tell what main menu screen you are currently on by the row of dots at the bottom center of the screen. The left dot highlighted indicates you are at the main menu on the left. The center dot indicates the center screen and right dot indicates the right main menu screen.



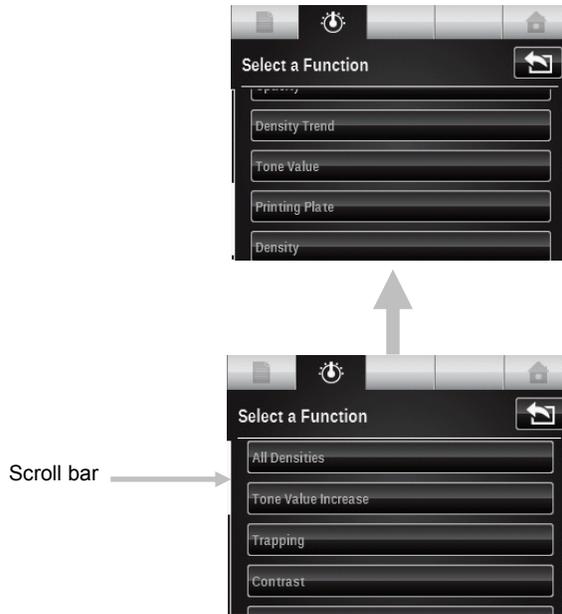
Viewing the Functions

Dots also appear on various measurement tool screens to indicate the number of functions activated for that particular tool. In the example below, four functions are activated for the Basic tool. Just like at the main menu, you swipe the screen to the other available function screens.



Scrolling through Options

A scrolling bar appears on screens when all options cannot be accessed at the main view. A scroll bar on the left indicates additional options are available. Swipe the screen up to view the additional options.

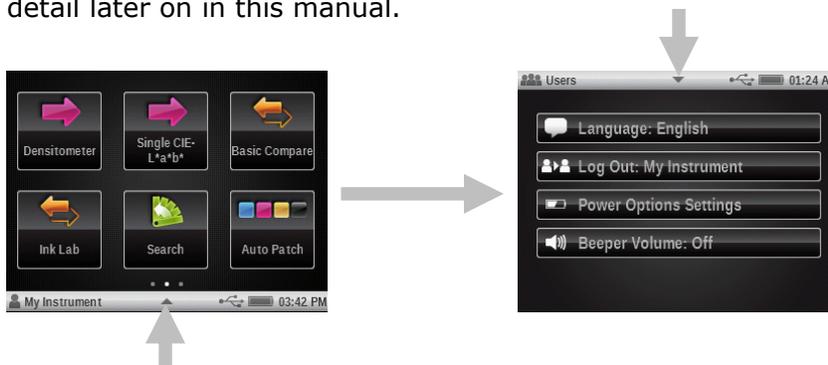


Scrolling can also occur on options screen where values or parameters are selected. In the example below, the wheel would be swiped up or down to select the desired illuminant.



Accessing Current Options

The triangle icon located in the status bar at the bottom of the screen is used to access the instrument settings for the selected user or selected tool. At the main menu level, instrument settings appear when the triangle icon is tapped. When the triangle icon is tapped at a tool screen, tool setup and instrument settings appear for the user. To go back to the previous screen, tap the triangle in the status bar at the top of the screen. The user options are covered in greater detail later on in this manual.



Naming Screen

Naming screens appear where a tool or user name can be changed. Tap the backspace arrow button (<-) to delete one character at a time, or tap the CLEAR button to delete the entire name. Tap the 123 button to access the numeric screen. After entering the new name, tap the OK button to save and exit.



Icon Descriptions

Note: Certain tool availability may vary, depending on the **eXact** model purchased.

Main Menu Tools



User Accounts: Setup new user accounts and edit existing user accounts.



My Settings: Access current user settings where you can edit account options, color defaults, function defaults, operating language and other instrument settings.



Diagnostics: View instrument conditions and run various instrument checks.



Basic: Make simple measurements where no standards are used.



Compare: Make measurements and compare with a standard.



Search: Make measurements and search for the closest color within a color library.



Auto Patch: Make simple measurements with automatic patch recognition, where no standards are used.



Generic Job: Measure jobs with multiple standards (option) and automatic patch type recognition.



PSO Job: Special version of the Job tool, according to the PSO process specifications.



G7 Job: Special version of the Job tool, according to the G7 process specifications.



JapanColor Job: Special version of the Job tool, according to the JapanColor process specifications.



Add: Add new tools to the main menu screens.

Status Bar Symbols



USB: Appears when the instrument is connected to a computer via USB.



Bluetooth: Appears when Bluetooth is activated. Also appears “blue” when the instrument is connected to a computer via Bluetooth.



Battery: Indicates the status of the battery charge.



Charge: Appears, when the instrument is connected to main power.



NetProfiler: Appears “gray” when NetProfiler is activated. Also appears “red” when the profile is expired and needs to be renewed.



Security Lock: Appears when security is activated and enabled.



Security Temporarily Unlocked: Appears when security is activated and temporarily disabled.

One or more of the icons that follow may not appear for various reasons. One of these reasons is that only the icons actually required for the selected measurement or option are displayed. There are also certain icons for optional functions which may not be installed on your instrument. These icons are only available if the optional function has been purchased and installed.

Navigation Bar



Measure Standard: Measure the standard.



Paper Measurement: Measure the paper white for densitometric functions.



Sheet Selection (with number): Job is in “Production Mode”. Number denotes which “sheet” samples are currently stored with.



Sheet Selection: Job is in “Make Ready Mode”. Sample storage is temporarily disabled.



Function Selection: Select the measurement function (e.g. Density, L*a*b*).



Job Report: View the current job report.



Home: Return the screen to the main menu.

Patch Type (for Jobs tools)



Paper: Display or select a paper patch.



Solid: Display or select a solid patch.



Overprint: Display or select an overprint patch.



Tint: Display or select a tint patch.



Gray Balance: Display or select a gray balance patch.

Setup Wizard



Language: Select the operation language.



Screen Direction: Set the hand preference (screen direction).



Region: Select the region and preset the instrument with the according settings.



Date: Set the date.



Time: Set the time.

Main Settings



Language: Select the operation language.



Change User: Log out the current user or log in a new user.



Security: Define the security level.



Bluetooth: Access Bluetooth selection options.



Power Setting: Access battery power saving options.



Beeper Volume: Access beeper volume setting options.

Measurement Screen



Standard: Access the standard selection and view screen.



Change Standard (for Compare and Search tools) or **Change Patch** (for Job tools): Change the selection in case the automatic recognition assigned the measurement to the wrong standard or patch.



Back: Go back to the previous screen.



Auto Color: Indicates auto color or auto patch is selected. Also used to access the color mode or patch recognition screen.



Color: Access the color mode or patch recognition screen.



Delta/Absolute: Switch between Delta and absolute values.

Pass/Fail Indication



Tolerance Pass: Indicates that the sample is within the tolerance set.



Tolerance Action Alert: Indicates that the sample passed. However, it is within the action limit set.



Tolerance Fail Alert: Indicates that the sample failed the tolerance set.

Standard Screen



Color Library: Select a color library.



Information: View information on the current standard (e.g. recipe information).



Tolerance: Access the tolerance settings for the current standard. Values can be edited from this screen.

Library Sort and Search



Search: Access the search a color by name.



Sort Classic View: Sort the standards as they are stored in the library.



Sort Delta E: Sort the standards by delta E.



Sort Alphabetically: Sort the standards alphabetically.

Tool Configuration



Delete: Delete the currently selected tool.



Copy: Copy the currently selected tool.



Move: Move a tool.



Cancel: Cancel a selected action.

Instrument Diagnostics



Calibration: View calibration information and options.



Regional Setting: Access to regional setup option for the instrument.



Information: View instrument type, serial number, firmware version and more.



Hardware Diagnostics: Starts the hardware diagnostic routine and used to obtain an error log.



Battery information: View current battery condition and options.

Message/Information



Alert: Indicates an alert/error message.



Measuring Indication: Indicates a measurement is in progress.



Measuring Complete Indication: Indicates a measurement was ok.

Measurement Condition

M0

Reflectance measured with A Illuminant, previously called: No-Filter, UV-Included.

(No)

M1

Reflectance measured with D50 Illuminant previously called: Daylight or D65-Filter

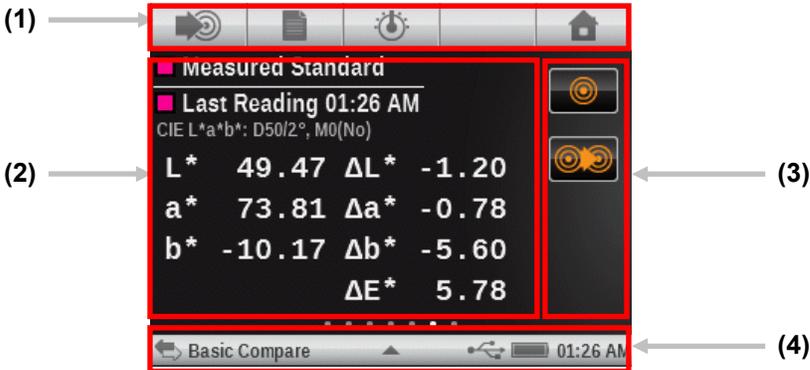
M2

Reflectance measured with A Illuminant excluding UV component, previously called:

- (UVC) UV Cutoff Filter, UV excluded.
- M3** Reflectance measured with cross-polarized A Illuminant excluding UV component, previously called: Polarization-Filter.
- (Pol)

Main Measurement Screen

The main measurement screen consists of four main elements: navigation bar icons (1), data and options area (2), measurement screen icons (3), and status bar icons (4). Refer to the **eXact** Icons section earlier in this manual for a description of all icons.



Navigation Bar Icons (1)

The icons along the top of the screen are used to access screens where measurement or selections can occur. As with the menu tools, simply tap the icon to open its screen.

Data and Options Area (2)

This area displays a simulated color patch of the measurement, measurement data and option selections for the currently selection tool. Data and options vary depending on the tool, settings or analyses.

Measurement Screen Icons (3)

The icons along the right side of the screen are used to change data views or enable further settings. These icon’s color changes based on the tool being used. This helps to quickly identify what tool is currently active. Magenta indicates the Basic tool, orange indicates the Compare tool, green indicates the Search tool, and cyan indicates the Job tool.

Status Bar (4)

The status bar displays the current function selected, connection method (USB or Bluetooth), battery gauge, etc. The triangle icon at the bottom is used to access the settings screen.

- **Tool Indication:** Displays the name of the tool selected.
- **USB or Bluetooth Connection:** The USB icon appears when the instrument is plugged into the USB port on the computer. The Bluetooth® icon appears when searching for a connection and when a connection is established to the computer.
- **Security Icon** (locked or unlocked): Indicates if the security is active for the current user, and if the user currently has security temporarily disabled (unlocked) or active (locked).
- **NetProfiler Icon:** Indicates if the NetProfiler is active, out of date, etc.
- **Battery Gauge:** Depicts the current condition of the battery pack.

 Indicates the battery pack is fully charged.



Indicates the battery pack has a sufficient charge for a substantial number of measurements.



Indicates the battery pack is low, but measurements are still possible. Battery pack should be charged soon.



Indicates the battery pack is **very** low and only a few measurements remain. Battery pack should be charged immediately. Indicator will appear red during this condition.



Indicates the AC adapter is plugged in and the battery pack is charging.



Indicates the AC adapter is plugged in and no battery pack is installed.

- **Triangle Icon:** Accesses the instrument settings screen for the current user or tool.
- **Time:** Displays the current time.

Initial Wizard Setup

Upon initially startup, the **eXact** instrument requires you to specify some basic settings. The settings can be individually changed at a later time.

1. Tap the desired language in the list that you want the instrument to operate in. Tap **OK** to set and continue.



2. Tap the left or right hand icon for the operational direction of the screen. Tap **OK** to set and continue.

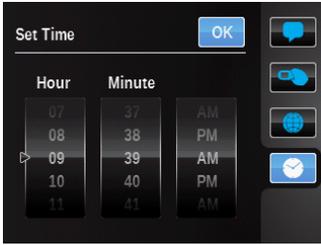


3. Tap the region icon that the instrument is used in. Tap **OK** to set and continue.

NOTE: After this setting, certain color and function settings will be pre-configured to the regional preference.



4. Swipe the minute, hour, and AM/PM icons in the direction needed to set the current time. Tap **OK** to set and continue.



5. Swipe the month, day, and year icons in the direction needed to set the current date. Tap **OK** to set and time.



6. Tap **OK** to close the setup screen.

Note: You can access these regional settings in the Diagnostics tool if you would like to change them at a later time.

Measuring a Sample

Sample Criteria

The instrument can take measures from just about any clean, surface that is reasonably flat. The instrument target base should be able to rest flat and steady on the sample area. If the item to be measured is smaller than the target base, you may want to make a platform—at the same height as the item—for the rest of the instrument’s target base to sit on.

Basic Measurement Procedure

1. Clear the sample surface of any dirt, dust, or moisture.
2. Select the tool and function.
3. Position the target window over the sample to measure. If possible, place the entire instrument on the sample.
4. Press the instrument firmly to the target base. Measuring appears in the display along with the Measurement Condition selected.
5. Hold steady until “Complete!” and measurement data is displayed. This is an indication that the measurement was successful.



6. Release the instrument and view measurement results.



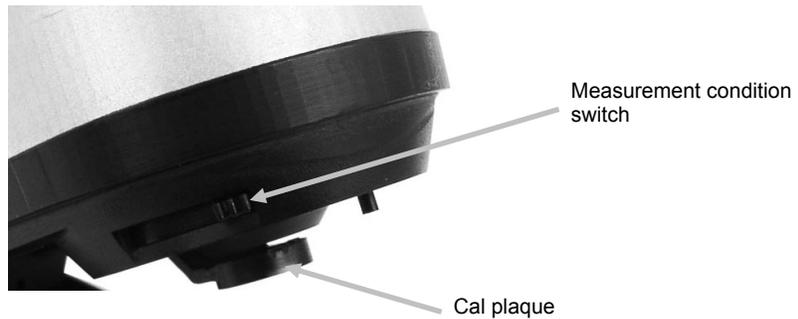
An unsuccessful measurement will be indicated by an error message. See the Troubleshooting section for more details.

Calibration

IMPORTANT: The calibration plaque is dramatically affected by smudge marks and dust, and must be kept clean. It is recommended that the instrument is cleaned regularly. Refer to the Cleaning section later in this manual for procedure on cleaning the calibration plaque and optics.

The instrument has an integrated calibration plaque and will calibrate automatically when required. When calibration is required before a measurement, the instrument will prompt you. This occurs when the instrument is in the open position (not locked) and the previous calibration has timed out. This can also occur when the measurement condition switch is changed and a calibration has not been performed in that position or has timed out.

The calibration plaque is located directly below the optics when the instrument is in the open position (not locked). When a measurement is taken, the calibration plaque swings back out of the way of the optics.



Performing a Calibration

When a calibration is required and the instrument is in the open position (not locked) the following message appears on the instrument. Locate the instrument on a flat surface and tap the START button. The instrument will display a countdown screen and then perform the calibration.



A calibration is also required when the Measurement Condition switch is changed and calibration has not been performed, or has timed out for that position. In this case, tap the START button on the screen to begin the procedure and follow the remaining screen prompts.



MEASUREMENT TOOL SETUP

Each measurement tool has a setup screen where various functions and settings are selected. You should review and edit each tool before measuring. The tools included are: Basic, Compare, Search, Auto Patch and Job. Refer to the Job tools section for information on any job specific functions and on using jobs.

When bringing up the list of active functions for a particular tool, only the active functions that apply to the selected tool will appear. For example, "ΔE Trend" active function will not appear for the Basic tool.

To access the tool setup, tap and hold the desired tool icon on the main menu screen. The example below shows the Densitometer tool. However, all measurement tool setup screens are accessed and edited in the same manner.

NOTE: The tool settings can also be accessed by tapping the triangle icon in the status bar when the tool is selected.



OR



Delete

Used to delete the current tool icon from the main menu.

Copy

Used to make a copy of the current tool with all its settings on the main menu.

Move

Used to move the current tool icon on the main menu to the next available main screen.

Tap the **Cancel** icon  when you are finished to return to the main menu.

Active Functions

Tap the **Active Functions** button to access the screen where up to 10 functions can be activated. Refer to the Measurement Functions section that follows for a complete list on available functions.



Activated functions are available for selection during tool measurements. Functions appear in the order that they are selected. If one or more functions are added to an existing list, those functions will appear at the end of the list when viewing.

When more than 10 functions are required for the tool, you must add a new tool for the additional functions. Refer to Add Tool section later in this manual.

For Job tools, 10 functions can be activated for each available patch type. Refer to the Job Tool section for additional information on activating functions for patch types.

A check mark next to a function indicates that it is currently selected. To activate a function, tap the empty box to add a check mark. To deactivate a function, tap the “checked” box to clear the check mark.

Tap a (?) box to view additional information about the function.

A scroll bar on the left indicates that additional functions are available. Swipe the screen up or down to view the additional functions.

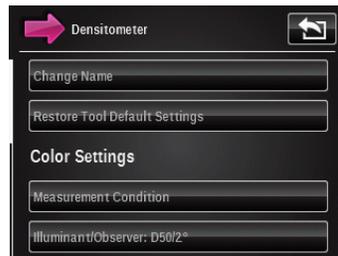
When finished, tap the **Back**  icon to return to the tool edit screen.

Settings

Tap the **Settings** button to access the tool settings options. This screen consists of Change Name, Restore Tool Default Settings, Color Settings, and Function Settings.

A scroll bar on the left indicates that additional color and function settings are available. Swipe the screen up or down to view the additional settings.

When finished with settings, tap the **Back**  icon to return to the tool edit screen.



Change Name

Used to change the name of the measurement tool on the main menu. A total of 20 characters can be used to customize the tool name.

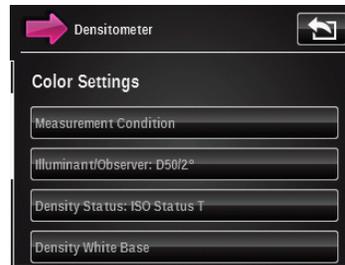
Restore Tool Default Settings

Used to return the tool back to the default settings of the current user profile. Any custom tool settings will be erased.

The following section “Measurement Functions” contain descriptions of each available function and setting.

Color Settings

Color Settings are global for the selected tool and pertain to many different functions. Refer to this section for a list of the available color setting options.



Measurement Condition

Used to select the measurement condition for colorimetric (e.g. CIE L*a*b*) and densitometric (e.g. Density, TVI, Trapping, etc.) functions. Options are:

- M0(No) – No Filters
- M1(D50)
- M2(UVC) – UV Cut Filter
- M3(Pol) – Polarization Filter



Illuminant/Observer

Used to select the illuminant and observer combination.



ΔE Method

Used to select the delta E method for color measurements. Options are: CIE ΔE* (1976), ΔECMC, CIE ΔE* (2000), and CIE ΔE* (1994). When ΔECMC, CIE ΔE* (2000), or CIE ΔE* (1994), you can adjust the belonging constants.

Density Status

Used to select the status for all densitometric functions. Options are: Status A, E, I, T, and G.

Density White Base

Used to set a paper or absolute requirement for various density functions. If you select Paper, as white base, all subsequent measurements will refer exclusively to the printed ink layer, while the paper color effect will not be included. If you select Absolute, besides the printed ink layer, the measurement will also include the paper effect.

To select a paper measurement requirement for all densitometric functions, select the Paper check box. To select no paper requirements, select the Absolute check box. Individual requirements can also be set for each densitometric function by selecting the Custom button. The functions include Density, All Densities, Density Trend, Density & L*a*b*, CMY Balance, Contrast, Hue Error & Grayness, Ink QC, and Gray Balance QC.

Density Format

Used to select the density value display format. Options are: Normal (x.xx) and High (x.xxx).



Ink Order (Auto Patch tools only)

Used to set the process ink order for the Auto Patch Tool.

Tap the up and down arrow buttons to set the order.



Pass/Fail Indication

Used to activate the pass/fail indication for comparison measurements. Options are: On and Off. If activated, pass/fail is indicated in the upper right corner of the screen (near the view standard icon).

Refer to Pass/Fail Measure procedure in the Compare Tool section for additional information.



Averaging

Used to set the number of measurements required to obtain an average. The number of reading can be set from 2 to 5 and off.

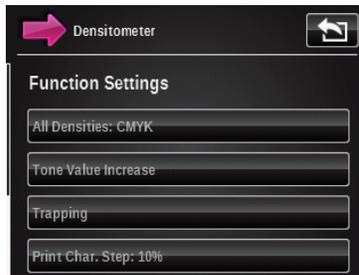
Refer to Averaging Measure procedure in the Compare Tool section for additional information.

Function Settings

Function settings that appear depend on the Active Function selected for a particular tool. For example, BestMatch will not appear as a selectable function setting if BestMatch is not selected as an Active Function.

To edit a function setting, tap the function button and select the desired parameters.

Information on Function Settings can be found within each measurement function that follows.



Gray Balance Patch Setting (for Auto Patch Tool only):

Set up to three tint patch percentages for gray balance patch measurements. Typically, these values are 25%, 50% and 75%, or 40% and 80%, however, you can also enter custom values. These values are used to detect the patches with the Auto Patch Tool.

MEASUREMENT FUNCTIONS

Density

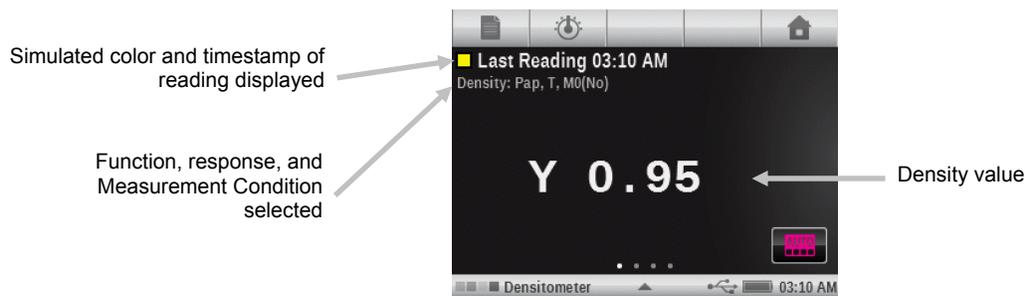
This function is the measure of the ink thickness. For the process colors Cyan, Yellow, Magenta, or Black the desired Density Status (A, E, I, T, G) needs to be configured. For spot Ink's the results is given as the density value at the wavelength of maximum density for the spectral curve. This function can be optionally configured to subtract the white base/substrate. For Basic, Search and Compare tools, you can configure which color responses are shown. Auto color picks the dominant process color response (C, M, Y, or K). Spot color picks the dominant spectral density wavelength. You can manually select the color response as well (C, M, Y, K, or all four CMYK). In Job tools, the color response shown depends on the particular patch measured.

When a standard is present, delta Density values are shown. If the color filter setting is Auto or Spot, then the color response of the standard is shown.

Density Measurement

Displays density values for the selected function and color.

1. Select Density, Density Trend, or All Densities.
2. Measure paper if required.
3. Select color.
4. Measure sample.
5. View data.



Density Trend

This function displays a bar graph of the density values of up to the last ten readings taken towards a particular density color response. A delta button is available in certain tools to allow you to switch between viewing the absolute/delta density per reading. An overall average for that particular density color response is shown at the top for all readings taken in the trend graph (even if more than 10 readings are taken).

Basic Tool: Measurements are only added when a sample is taken directly in this function. It will track each different density response separately, so if you measure 2 cyan samples, then a magenta sample, then measure Cyan again, the graph will show 3 readings for the cyan response. The readings for the trend graph are not cleared out until you exit the Basic tool you are currently using. There is no delta mode for Basic tool since there are no standards for comparing.

Analyze & Compare Tools: The Trend graph will keep track of readings until a new standard is changed, at which time it will clear out the trend graph. All readings will be shown on the graph regardless of what Density Color Response is selected, as all the readings are assumed to be made against the same patch (same standard). Like the Basic tool, readings will only be added to the trend graph if it's the current function on screen.

Job Tools: All readings will be tracked and remembered for each Patch, even if it's not the current active function on screen at the time. For example, if Density Trend is one of the active functions for solid patches, any measurement made against a solid patch will be added to the trend graph. Any readings not stored as a sample for the current sheet will be lost from the trend graph if the Job tool is exited completely. (Any stored samples for the current sheet will be restored to their respective trend graphs upon continuation of a job).

All Densities

This function displays the density values for the measured sample for all filters (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow and Black). This function can be configured to show additionally the density value at the wavelength of maximum density for the spectral curve.

All Densities Tool Function

Tap the All Densities button to select the displayed density values. Options are: CMYK and CMYK+SPOT.

CMY Balance

This function is used to compare a Gray Balance Patch to a defined standard with easy to read graphical indication. This function requires a standard with target CMY density values plus a tolerance function setting.

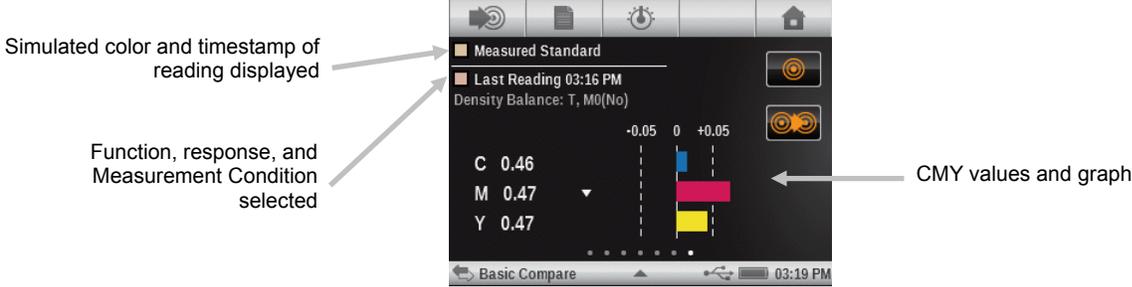
CMY Balance Function Setting

Tap the CMY Balance button and set the value for the density balance. The value can range from 0.01 to 0.99.

CMY Balance Measurement

On the left side of the results are the absolute CMY density values for the sample. If an arrow appears next to the number, it indicates which direction to correct the density value for that ink to match the standard's target density values. On the right half of the results area is a bar graph indicating the delta difference for each ink compared to the target value. The center line of the graph indicates the target value, and the bar in either direction means the sample's density value was higher or lower than it. The outer lines of the graph indicate the plus and minus value of the gray balance tolerance set in the function settings. The goal of this function is to have all three CMY densities of the sample fit within the tolerance around the target which indicates the sample is balanced (gray) and the right color (L value). The sample can still be considered gray if all three values are within balance, but the overall sample might appear too dark or light compared to the target. If the ink values are not within balance, the largest difference between any two inks is greater than the tolerance, then the sample is out of balance, and an icon will appear above the Density Values indicating that the sample is not considered gray enough.

1. Select CMY Balance function.
2. Measure paper if required.
3. Measure the gray balance standard.
4. Measure sample.
5. View data.



Tone Value (Dot Area) Function

This function (also called Dot Area) provides a way to determine the absolute ink coverage (%) of a tint or halftone patch by comparing the density value of the tint patch versus known 0% (Paper/Substrate) and 100% (solid patch) density values. The result can be calculated using either the Murray-Davies or Yule-Nielsen methods.

The Yule-Nielsen nFactor constants can be adjusted separately for each process ink and Spot colors.

Tone Value Function Setting

Used to set the formula for dot calculation to Murray-Davis or Yule-Nielsen. For the Murray-Davies formula, the degree of light optical absorption is predefined. For Yule-Nielsen formula, this can be adapted for different conditions. When Yule-Nielsen formula is selected, Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, and Spot options appear where you set the coefficients.

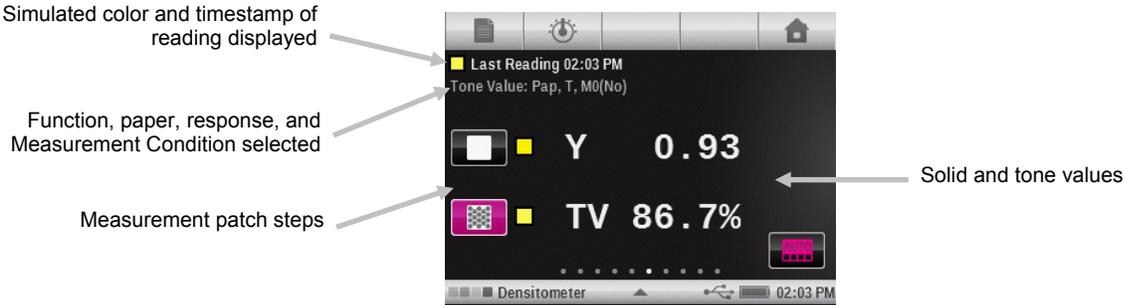
Tap the Tone Value button and make selection.

NOTE: The Yule-Nielsen formula should only be used in special cases, i.e. to determine the physical area coverage.

Tone Value (Dot Area) Measurement

Displays tone value for the selected color. The procedure requires one solid and one tint measurement.

1. Select Tone Value function.
2. Select Color option if required
3. Measure paper. Once paper is measured it is not required until there is a new substrate.
4. Measure solid patch.
5. Measure tint patch that corresponds to the measured solid.
6. View tone value data for the tint patch.
7. Continue with additional tint patches that correspond to the measured solid, or touch the solid patch on the left of the screen and measure another solid patch.



Tone Value Increase (Dot Gain) Function

This function (also called Dot Gain) is the difference between the actual Tone Value % and the theoretical screen % of a tint patch. The theoretical tint percents are configured by the TVI function settings (1 to 3 patches). Job tools will ignore these settings when using a Job template, which will contain its own Tint % definitions.

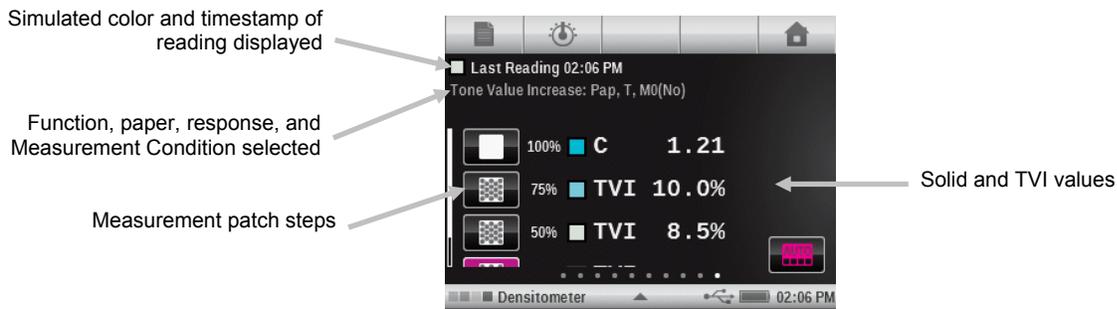
Tone Value Increase Function Setting

Tap the Tone Value Increase button and set up to three tint patch percentages for tint measurements. Typically, these values are 25%, 50% and 75%, or 40% and 80%, however, you can also enter custom values.

Tone Value Increase (Dot Gain) Measurement

Displays tone value increase for the selected color. The TVI settings define how many tint patches are used. Up to 3 tint patches can be specified or a minimum of one. If three patches are specified, a scroll bar appears allowing you to swipe the screen to view the remaining data.

1. Select Tone Value increase (Dot Gain) function.
2. Select Color option if required.
3. Measure paper. Once paper is measured it is not required until there is a new substrate (or every time the tool is entered).
4. Measure the solid patch.
5. Measure tint patch that corresponds to the measured solid. You can either follow the measurement sequence on the screen or manually touch the tint patch on the left of the screen to measure.
6. Continue with additional patches that correspond to the measured solid.
7. View tonal value increase (dot gain) data for the tint patches.



Trapping Function

This function determines how well one solid ink prints over another solid ink (overprinting). Better coverage ensures a better color gamut. Setting the color response to Auto mode will operate Trapping with the process inks; use the Spot setting if using spot colors instead.

Trap is calculated using one of three formulas:

Preucil (GATF) Trap formula (factory default)

$$T_p = \frac{D_{OP} - D_1}{D_2} \times 100$$

Brunner Trap formula

$$T_B = \frac{1 - 10^{-D_{OP}}}{1 - 10^{-(D_1 + D_2)}} \times 100$$

Ritz formula

$$T_R = \frac{1 - 10^{-(D_{OP} - D_1)}}{1 - 10^{-D_2}} \times 100$$

Where:

- D_{OP} = Density of overprint minus paper
- D_2 = Density of 2nd ink minus paper
- D_1 = Density of 1st ink minus paper

Trapping Function Setting

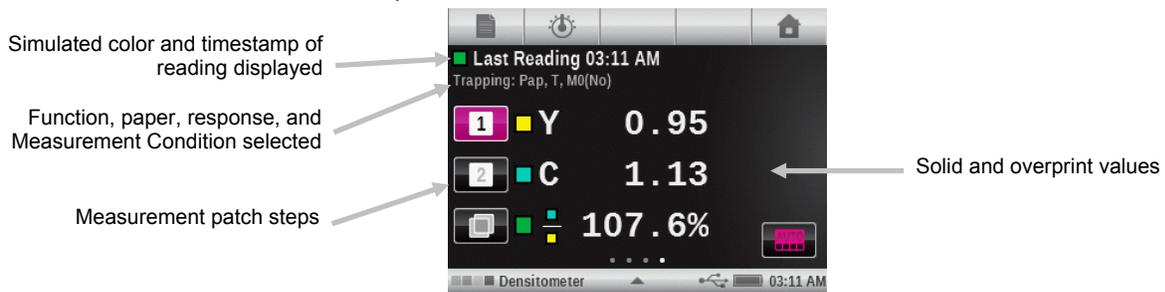
Tap the Trapping button and set the trapping formula. Options are: Preucil, Brunner, and Ritz.

Trapping Measurement

Displays the solid ink densities and overprint values. The procedure requires the first ink down, second ink down, and overprint measurements.

Note: After measuring a patch, you can touch a patch on the left of the screen and remeasure the patch if required.

1. Select Trapping function.
2. Measure paper. Once paper is measured it is not required until there is a new substrate.
3. Measure 1st ink down patch.
4. Measure 2nd ink down patch.
5. Measure overprint patch.
6. View data.
7. Continue with additional trap measurements.



Print Characteristics Function

This function plots out a series of tone value measurements made against a step wedge target. This function can be configured for a tint patch each 5%, 10%, 20%, or 25% from 0 to 100%. You start out reading the solid and then the graph will automatically take you through each defined step. By tapping the arrows on either side of the graph, you can revisit previous measurements to re-measure them or view their results.

Print Characteristics Function Setting

Tap the Print Characteristics button and set the step wedge configuration. Selection options include: 5%, 10%, 20%, and 25%.

Print Characteristics Measurement

Plots a series of tone value measurements on a graph for each patch of a step wedge. The graph ranges from 0 to 100%.

Note: If you want to manually return to a previous measurement to view the results or to remeasure, tap on the graph in the area of the arrows that appear on both sides of the graph.

1. Select Print Characteristics function.
2. Select Color option if required.
3. Measure paper. Once paper is measured it is not required until there is a new substrate.
4. Measure the 100% solid patch.
5. Measure the lowest step patch in the sequence (i.e., 10%).
6. Continue with additional step patches in an incrementing order until finished.
7. View data by tapping the arrow icons to scan through the steps.



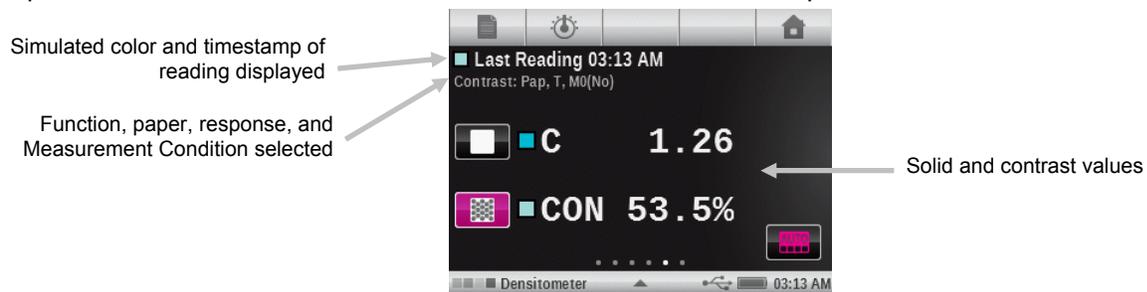
Contrast Function

This function is used for checking the dot quality in the shadow areas. The contrast is calculated from the measured values of the solid ink density and the screen ink density in the shadow area. This function allows two auto color response settings, Auto and Spot; or you can manually set the color response to one of the process colors.

Contrast Measurement

Displays the measured values of the solid ink density and the screen ink density in the shadow area.

1. Select Contrast function.
2. Select Color option.
3. Measure paper if required.
4. Measure solid patch.
5. Measure tint patch that corresponds to the measured solid.
6. View data.
7. Continue with additional tint patches that correspond to the measured solid, or touch the solid patch on the left of the screen and measure another solid patch.



Hue Error and Grayness Function

Hue Error indicates the variation of a printed color from a theoretical pure color. Grayness indicates the presence of gray in a color that makes it appear less saturated. Hue Error and Grayness are used to check for color consistency throughout a press run.

Hue error and grayness are calculated using the following formulas.

$$H = \frac{D_M - D_L}{D_H - D_L} \times 100 \quad G = \frac{D_L}{D_H} \times 100$$

Where: D_H = Highest density of C, M, or Y.

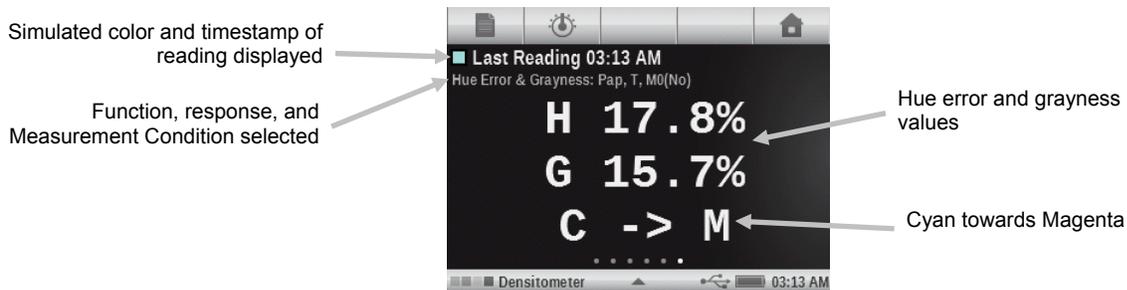
D_M = 2nd highest density of C, M, or Y.

D_L = Lowest density of C, M, or Y.

Hue Error and Grayness Measurement

Displays hue error and grayness with or without paper subtracted. Hue/Gray measures the selected ink through all three filters (cyan, magenta, and yellow). Hue error and grayness values are displayed along with color toward color: V (visual), C (cyan), M (magenta), and Y (yellow). For example, C -> Y indicates the color is cyan toward yellow.

1. Select Hue Error & Grayness function.
2. Measure paper if required.
3. Measure solid patch.
4. View data.



Colormetric Functions

CIE L*a*b*

This function is derived from the CIE 1931 XYZ color space in an effort to be perceptually uniform. The L^* dimension related to Lightness while a^* (red/green) and b^* (yellow/blue) are for color. Perceptually uniform means that a change of the same amount in a color value should produce a change of about the same visual importance. When a valid standard is present, the delta values will be included along with the delta E type that is configured.

CIE L*C*h°

This function is a colorspace equivalent to CIE L*a*b*, the main difference is that in L*a*b* the color values are plotted in a Cartesian coordinate system, while L*C*h° is polar coordinate system. L^* stays the same, but C^* refers to chroma or strength which is the radius and h° is the hue angle. When a valid standard is present, the delta values will be included along with the delta E type that is configured.

CIE XYZ

These tristimulus values of a color are the amounts of three primary colors in a three-component additive model needed to match that test color. CIE XYZ serves as the basis from which many other color spaces are defined. Shows delta XYZ values if a valid standard is present.

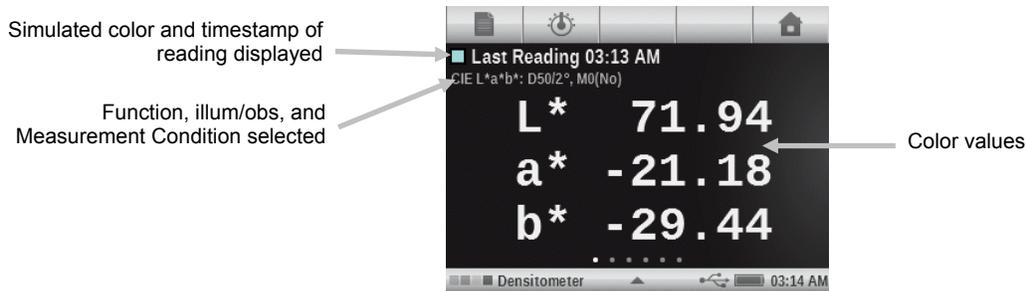
CIE Yxy

This function is directly derived from XYZ values. Y still represents luminance or brightness of a color. The x and y are calculated from the XYZ values to define chromaticity of a color represent normalized values of X and Z. A plot of x and y values for solid and overprint patches can reveal the color gamut that can be achieved. The x and y values are also used as part of other functions for estimating appearances of inks at varying thickness/concentrations. Delta Yxy values are also shown if a valid standard is present.

Colorimetric Measurement

Displays colorimetric measurement data for the selected function.

1. Select L*a*b*, L*C*h°, XYZ, or Yxy colorimetric function.
2. Measure sample.
3. View data.



Paper Indices Function

This function can report data for Yellowness, Whiteness, and CIE Tint. Depending on the function settings, 1 to 4 lines of data can be shown. Up to 4 of the following formulas can be chosen for displaying in this function. Whiteness (E313-98, Berger, Stensby), Yellowness (E313-98, D1925), CIE Tint, and Brightness. Difference values will show up on the right half of the display when a valid standard is present.

Paper Indices Function Setting

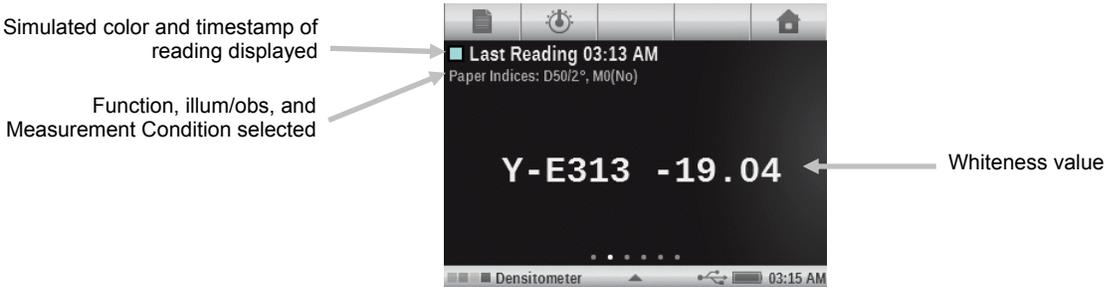
Tap the Paper Indices button and select the paper indices that appear after a measurement. Up to four indices can be selected for the function. Refer below for available options.

- **Yellowness E313 and Yellowness 1925:** used to evaluate white and near-white samples. These samples yield numbers which correlate with visual rating of yellowness.
- **Whiteness E313, Whiteness Berger and Whiteness Stensby:** used to evaluate white and near-white samples. These samples yield numbers which correlate with visual rating of whiteness.
- **CIE Tint:** whiteness and tint play a similar role to a* and b* for white papers. Negative values of tint correspond to reddish shades. Positive values of tint correspond to greenish shades.
- **Brightness** used to determine a blue reflectance of white, near-white, and naturally colored pulp, paper, and paperboard.

Paper Indices Measurement

Paper Indices measurement displays the index value(s) for the measured surface. Up to four indices values can be displayed at one time.

- 1. Select Paper Indices function.
- 2. Measure paper sample.
- 3. View data.



Opacity Function

This function is used to determine how opaque a given ink or material is. It looks at how different the luminance (Y from CIEXYZ) of a given sample changes when printed over a white or black substrate. Once the ink is measured over both substrates, the opacity % result is provided (0 = completely transparent, 100% = completely opaque).

This function is not available in the Job Tool.

Opacity Measurement

The Opacity function displays the percent opacity of a drawn down sample on an opacity card.

- 1. Measure the sample over the black portion of the opacity card.
- 2. Measure the sample over the white portion of the opacity card.
- 3. View data.



Printing Plate Function

This function is used to determine the dot area coverage of a tint or halftone patch on a printing plate. The Yule-Nielsen needs to be configured in the function settings.

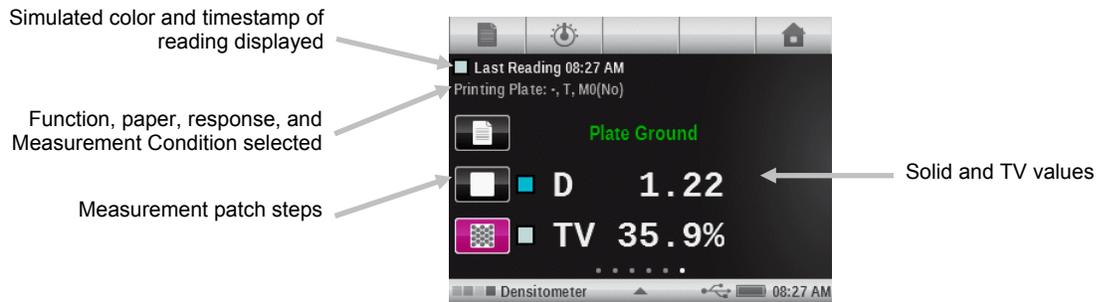
Printing Plate Function Setting

Tap the Printing Plate button and set the plate type (negative or positive) and Yule-Nielson factor that is used to calculate the physical dot area coverage of your printing plate. The factory default value is set at 1.00. The numeric value can range from 0.50 to 9.90.

Printing Plate Measurement

Printing Plate measurement displays the solid patch value and physical dot area value.

1. Select Printing Plate function.
2. Measure the plate ground.
3. Measure solid patch.
4. Measure tint patch that corresponds to the measured solid.
5. View data.
6. Continue with additional tint patches that correspond to the measured solid, or touch the solid patch on the left of the screen and measure another solid patch.



Reflectance Graph Function

This function displays a visual reflectance curve for measured data. Sample and standard are displayed with different colors: sample in white, standard in blue.

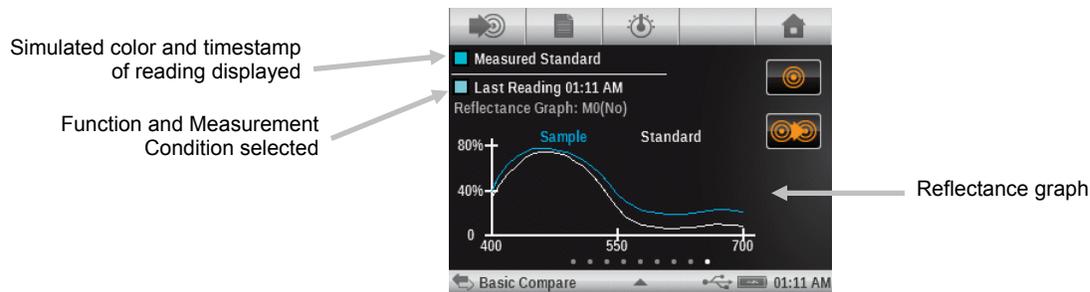
Reflectance Graph Function Setting

Tap the Reflectance Graph button and set the Y-Axis Range for reflectance measurements. Options are: 0% - 100% and 0.00 - 1.00.

Reflectance Graph Measurement

The reflectance graph function displays a reflectance graph for measured data. Reflectance data is displayed in 10nm increments, from 400 to 700 nanometers.

1. Select Reflective Graph function.
2. Measure sample.
3. View data.



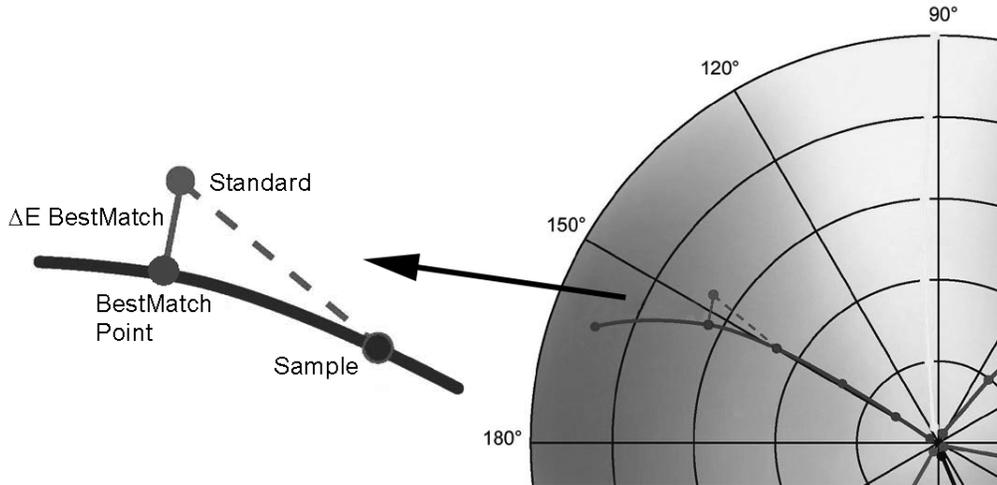
BestMatch Function

This function indicates if you can get a closer match (in Delta E) to a standard color by adjusting the ink thickness (offset printing) or concentration (flexo and gravure printing) on-press.

The illustration below shows the BestMatch function with the aid of the CIELAB color space using an example of two different shades of green.

Color axis: Colorimetric axis to adjust color by ink thickness.

BestMatch point: Best possible color (e.g. green) that can be achieved by adjusting ink thickness or concentration.



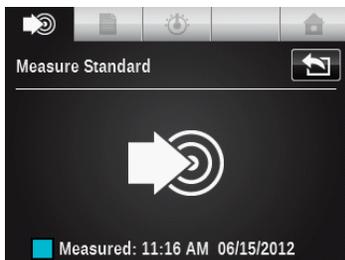
BestMatch Function Setting

Tap the BestMatch button and set the type of substrate that is used for BestMatch measurements. Options are: Uncoated and Coated.

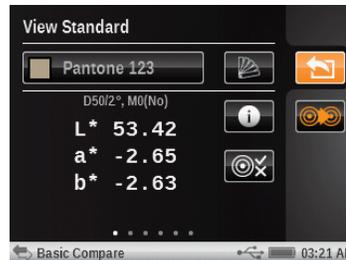
BestMatch Measurement

A BestMatch measurement displays the color difference of a sample to a standard with and without BestMatch corrections applied.

1. Select BestMatch function.
2. Measure paper.
3. Tap the Measure Standard icon  or tap the Standard icon  to access the screen where a standard is measured or selected from the library.
4. Measure the standard, use the last reading, or select from the Pantone library.
5. Tap the Back icon to return to the measurement screen.



OR



6. Measure the sample for comparison.

7. View measurement results.



Left Screen Side (Current)

The first value is the current Delta E of the sample to the current standard. The lower number indicates the density response and value of the solid ink being measured. An arrow indicates which direction the density should be adjusted (see right side).

Coated or Uncoated appear in the lower left corner depending on the function settings selected for BestMatch. This affects the formula on how the corrections are estimated. It should be set based on the substrate (paper type) being measured.

Right Screen Side (BestMatch)

The first value represents the estimated color difference after the suggested adjustment is made. The second value is the suggested density adjustment, positive or negative. This value is useful for offset printers that adjust the ink by thickness. For other type of presses (ie. Flexo), ink adjust are done by concentration (third value).

NOTE: The maximum permitted color difference ΔE is determined for each print job. If the value of ΔE best is greater than the specified ΔE, changing the density will not achieve the desired color quality.



ΔE Trend Function

This function plots the Delta E (uses the active delta E method setting) value of the current and past samples that have been measured to the current standard. The graph will show up to 10 of the latest readings.

Color coding for bar graphs:

- White: past sample to a standard that doesn't have any active Pass/Fail tolerances
- Blue: latest sample/reading. No pass/fail
- Red: sample that failed the current standards Pass/Fail tolerance
- Yellow: sample hasn't failed, but has exceeded the action limit threshold
- Green: pass

Search/Compare tools: Resets if the standard changes, even if the previous standard is returned to. Readings will only be added to the graph if it is the current function on screen.

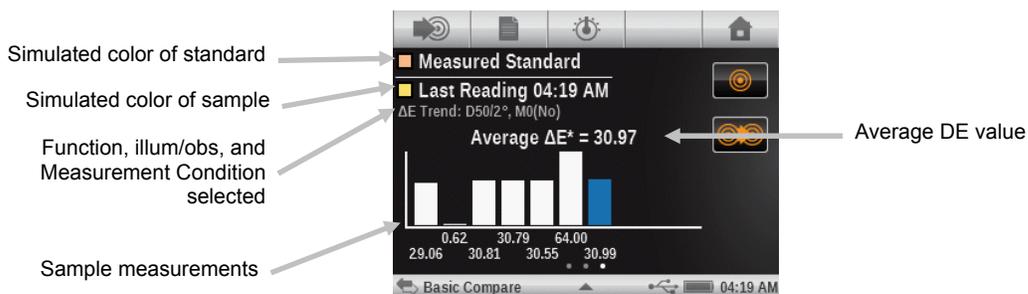
Job Tools: Track measurements for every patch for a particular Patch type. For example, if used as part of the function list for solid patches, the graph will track any measurement made to any of the solid patches the job template contains. The graph does not have to be on screen for it to gather new readings made towards a solid patch.

ΔE Trend Measurement

The graph will show up to 10 of the latest readings. An overall average is shown at the top for all readings taken in the trend graph (even if more than 10 readings are taken).

1. Select ΔE Trend function.
2. Measure paper.

3. Tap the Measure Standard icon  or tap the Standard icon  to access the screen where a standard is measured or selected from the library.
4. Measure the standard, use the last reading, or select from the Pantone library.
5. Tap the Back icon to return to the measurement screen.
6. Measure samples to compare to the standard.
7. View results.



Metamerism Function

The phenomenon where two colors appear to match under one light source, yet do not match under different light sources. Two such colors are called a metameric pair. Up to three Illuminant/observers can be compared to the current Illuminant/observer parameter. These will show up in the results as MI1, MI2, and MI3.

Metamerism Function Setting

Tap the Metamerism button and set the illuminant/observer combinations for metamerism function measurements. By determining the metamerism index you define the mutual color modification of two colors when the illuminant changes. You can set a maximum of three test illuminants.

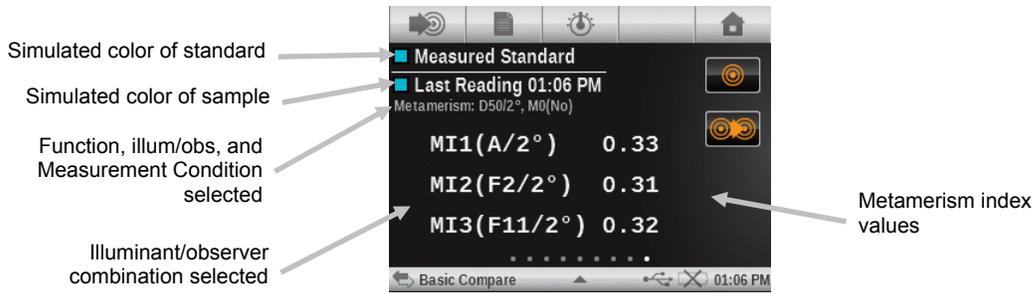
- Tap the observer icon to alternate between 2° and 10°.
- Swipe the illuminant wheel up or down to select the desired illuminant.
- Set the illuminant to "off" if all three are not required.

Metamerism Measurement

A metamerism measurement displays the index values for up to three illuminant/observer combinations.

NOTE: The illuminant and observer parameters for metamerism have to be set before using this function.

1. Select the metamerism function.
2. Measure or select a standard.
3. Measure the sample.
4. View measurement results.



DS Absolute Color Strength Function

The absolute color strength "K/S" is a measure for the concentration of a color.

Color Strength Function Setting

Tap the Color Strength button and set the calculation method and colorant.

To determine the color strength you must first choose one of the available calculation methods:
 Max K/S: K/S is calculated at Point of maximum reflectance in the spectral curve.

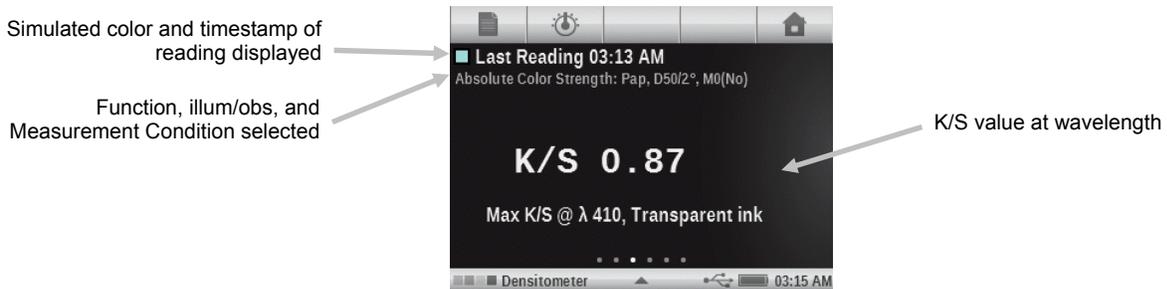
Mean xyz: Calculates color strength by average mean xyz values across the visible spectrum.

Next, select the type of ink that is used to determine the color strength. You can choose Transparent ink, Opaque ink or Textile dye.

Absolute Color Strength Measurement

The absolute color strength function calculates the color strength of the measured sample. Strength is calculated using the method selected in the function settings.

1. Select Absolute Color Strength.
2. Measure paper if required.
3. Measure the sample.
4. View data.



DS Relative Color Strength Function

The relative color strength "DS" is a measure which compares the concentration of a color with the concentration of a standard. DS is the ratio between the absolute color strength K/S of a sample and the absolute color strength K/S of the standard color.

The relative color strength DS indicates the extent to which a color is concentrated in comparison with the standard color. If for example DS = 50% means that the sample color is only half as concentrated as the standard color.

Depending on the circumstances, different formulas can be selected for the calculation of the absolute color strength K/S. For transparent inks, the sample color must be applied in an equally

thick layer as the standard color. Only in this way can a statement be made regarding the color concentration.

Concentration (conc) indicates the extent to which a color should be concentrated to correspond as accurately as possible to the standard. Residual color difference (rsΔE) is used to investigate whether the sample is actually the same as the standard. It compensates the sample to the concentration of the standard and calculates a CIE delta E76 to it.

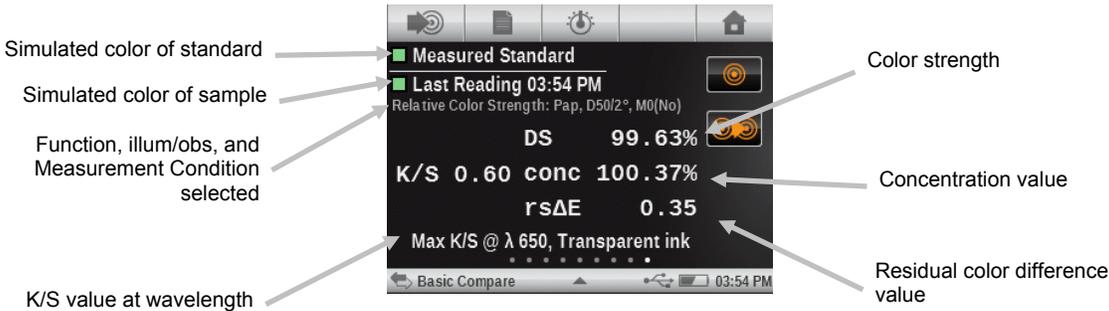
This function requires a valid standard so it cannot be used in the Basic Tool.

Color Strength Function Settings

See Color Strength Function Settings for the Absolute Color Strength Function description.

Relative Color Strength Measurement

1. Select Relative Color Strength.
2. Measure paper if required.
3. Select or measure a standard.
4. Measure the sample.
5. View data.



Paper QC Function (Job tools only)

This function is designed to check the appearance of the substrate when running a job.

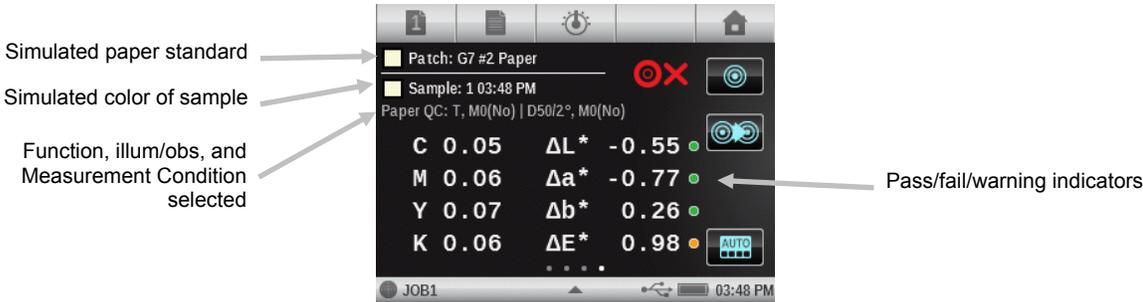
The left side of the screen displays CMYK density values, and the right side either ΔLab & ΔE values or ΔLCH & ΔE, depending on the user configuration.

Paper QC Function Setting (Job only)

Tap the Paper QC button and set the mode the results are displayed. Options are: CIE L*a*b* (as used by G7) and CIE L*C*h° (as used by PSO).

Paper QC Measurement

1. Measure the substrate.
2. View results.



BestMatch Table (Job tools only, Solid functions)

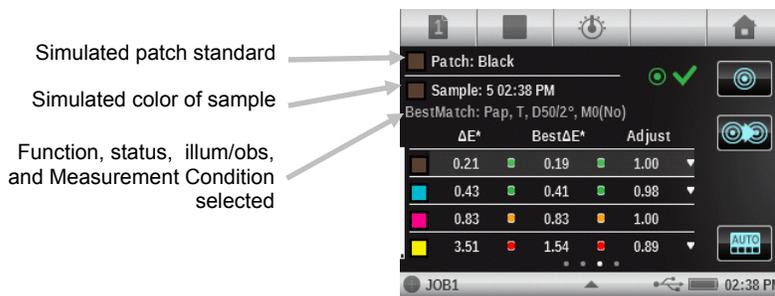
This job function has a table which views the BestMatch results of all colors of a job at once. Each row in the table represents a different solid ink used in that job (table will scroll down if there are more solids than can fit on a single screen). First in each row is a color patch representing which ink, followed by two delta E values (1st current sample, 2nd adjusted delta E). Finally, on each row it shows the recommended density (thickness) adjustment.

BestMatch Function Setting

Tap the BestMatch button and set the type of substrate that is used for BestMatch measurements. Options are: Uncoated and Coated.

BestMatch Table Measurement

1. Measure the solid patches.
2. View results.

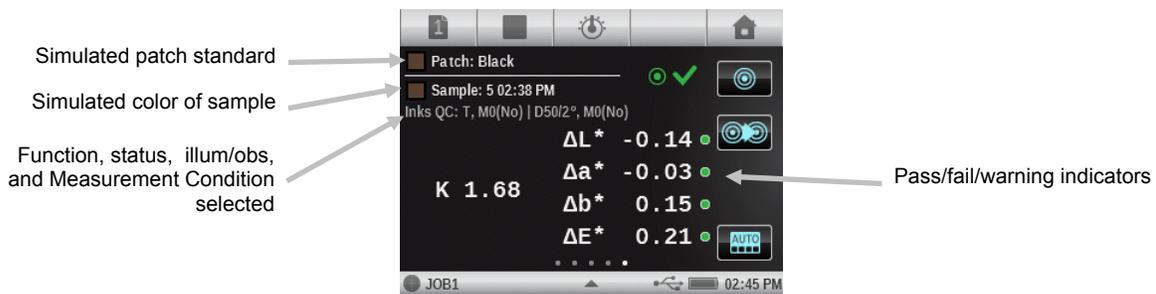


Inks QC (Job tools only, Overprint and Solid functions)

This is a job function where the left half of the display is the density response(s) of the current ink for the patch being measured. For solid inks, only a single density will be shown. For an overprint density responses for each ink of the patch will be shown. The right half displays Delta Lab values, as well as the configured Delta E value.

Inks QC Measurement

1. Measure solid or overprint patch.
2. View results.



TVI Table (Job tools only, Tint functions)

This is a job function that has a table to view the TVI (Tone Value Increase, also called dot gain) results of the last tint measurements of a job at once. Additionally, it shows spread values between the process inks (CMY).

Spread is calculated by subtracting the largest TVI value from the smallest TVI value across the Process color Inks (CMY) at a given screen % (i.e., 50%). The smaller the spread, the better the gray balance. G7 and PSO differ slightly in how they calculate spread.

G7 Spread: Calculates a separate spread value for every defined tint patch.

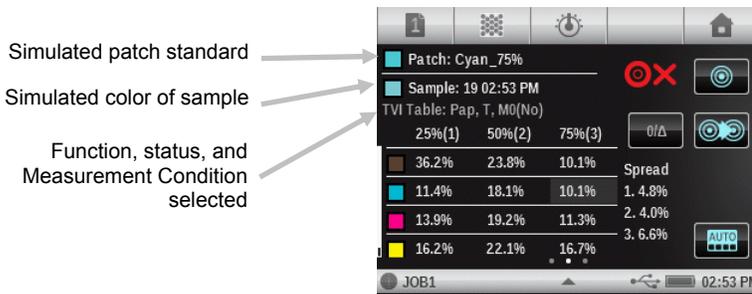
PSO Spread: Only calculates spread for the tint patch that is closest to 50% (halftone).

TVI Table Function Setting (Job only)

Tap the TVI Table button and set the mode the results are displayed. Options are: Halftone and All. The TVI function settings also impact the TVI Table function configuration.

TVI Measurement

1. Measure solid patches.
2. Measure tint patches.
3. View results.



Gray Balance QC (Job tools only, Gray Balance functions)

This job function provides on the left half of the screen C, M, and Y density values of the current sample and on the right colorimetric data.

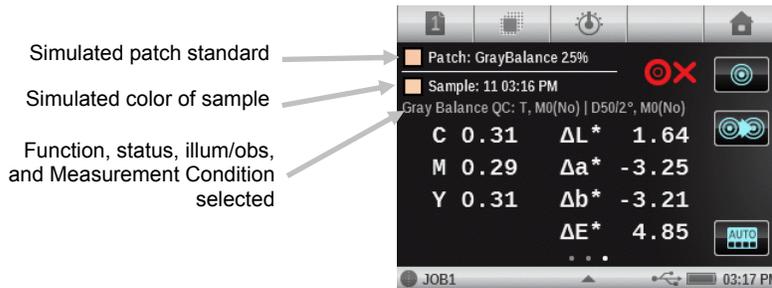
Gray Balance QC Function Setting (Job only)

Tap the Gray Balance QC button and set the method the results are displayed. Options are: $\Delta L^*a^*b^*$, ΔE^* : The right half displays Delta Lab values. This is used by PSO.

ΔL^* , ΔE^* , ΔF : The right half displays Delta L, Delta E, and Delta F (combination of Delta a* and Delta b*) values. This is used by G7.

Gray Balance QC Measurement

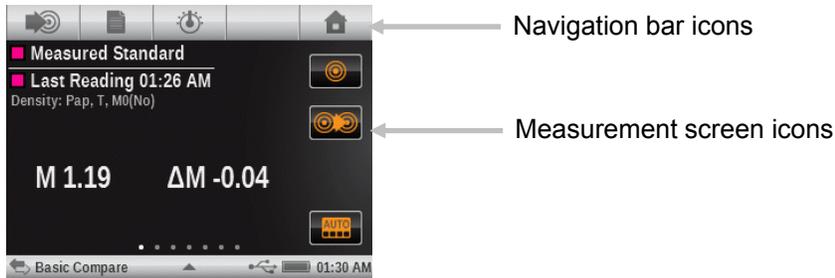
1. Measure gray balance patch.
2. View results.



MEASUREMENT TOOL OPTION ICONS

Each measurement tool has various option icons available in the navigation bar and measurement screen. These icons are used to set up parameters for measurements and viewing.

Note: Certain option icons may not be available depending on the tool selected.



Paper icon



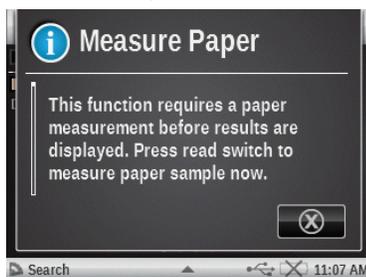
This method of measuring paper is used only for the Basic, Compare and Search tools. In Auto Patch and Jobs, paper is considered one of the patches and must be measured first.

The same paper measurement can be shared across multiple functions and multiple tools (Basic, Compare and Search).

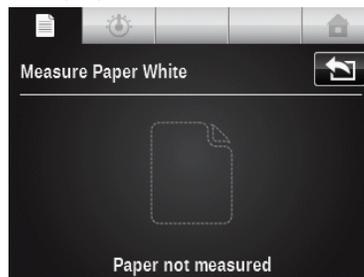
If a current function uses a minus paper reference, it will be shown in the screen just below the sample patch row. -Pap appears along with other parameters such as illuminant/observer, density status, M3, etc.

If a measurement is started in a function that requires a paper reference (but has not been measured), a popup window appears describing that the paper needs to be measured first.

You can tap the cancel icon or measure the paper.



OR



Function icon



Any function activated in the Active Functions setting screen appears on this screen. To select a function, tap the desired button. The screen returns to the main measurement screen after selection.

This allows you to select an individual function directly instead swiping through a list of functions on the main measurement screen.



Measure Standard icon (Compare tool only)



This icon is used to access a screen where a standard is measured. You can also select a standard from an existing color library by selecting the Standard icon.



-Measure the sample at this screen to make it the current standard.

Sheet Selection icons (Job tools only)



Jobs are the only tools that allow samples to be stored. The icon denotes what mode a particular job is in. The current sheet # appears over the paper icon in the navigation bar when in production mode, and no number appears when in make ready mode.

You can easily switch between sample storage on and off by using this screen to go in and out of Production Mode/Make Ready Mode.

Make Ready Mode = Troubleshooting: taking readings without storing samples to allow for adjustments as required.

Production Mode = Sample Storage On: ready to collect readings for further analysis in software for certification or other type of record keeping.

Sheet control allows you to separate a collection of readings for a particular test sheet from a different one while still operating within the current Job.

The numbered icon is used to access the screen where the current sheet can be cleared or a new one saved. Samples stored with the sheet are also deleted if clear is selected.

- Tap the Production Mode check box to enable or disable production mode.
- Tap the Clear Sheet icon to clear out the current sheet's readings if you wanted to start over.
- Tap the New Sheet icon to create a new sheet.



Patch Type icons (Job tools only)



Depending on what patch type is selected in a job tool, a paper, solid, overprint, tint, or gray balance patch can appear. Selecting this icon accesses the screen where a different patch type can be selected. The last measurement taken for the selected patch will be displayed.

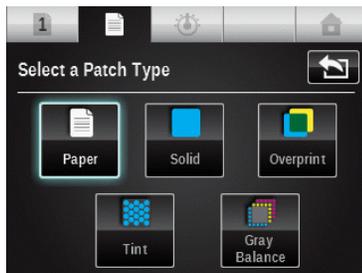
Paper: substrate, non printed patches.

Solid: a single ink printed at 100%.

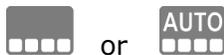
Overprint: a patch of two inks printed at 100%, one over the other. The ink order determines which ink is down first.

Tint: a single ink printed at percent screening.

Gray Balance: a patch with C, M, Y process inks printed at different tint values in order to recreate a gray patch (or match a neutral print density patch = a black tint).



Color Mode icons



The Color icon is used to access color mode for the Basic, Search, and Compare tools. When using a Job tool, it is used to access the auto recognition screen.

When "AUTO" appears in the Color icon, this indicates that auto color or auto patch is selected.

Basic, Search, and Compare tools (Density functions only)

Allows you to select which component(s) for densitometric functions is displayed.

Auto: This selection is used for process. The instrument automatically displays the value for the dominant process color (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow or Black)

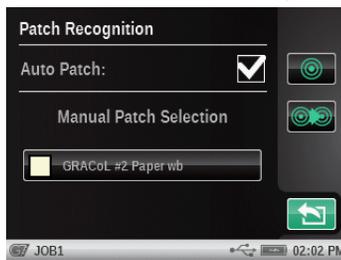
Spot: This selection is used for spot colors. The density value at the dominant wavelength displays.

Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black: For special requirements, the filter for process colors can be manually selected.



Job tools

In Job mode, this icon is used to manually select a new patch from the list (pops up when you tap on the patch button). The Auto Patch check box is automatically deactivated when a manual patch is selected. Any new measurements taken will be compared to the selected patch until Auto Patch is reactivated (checked).



View Standard or Patch icon



For Search and Compare tools, this icon is used to view the current standard or to select a standard from a color library. For Job tools, this icon is used to view the current standard. The dots at the bottom indicate that you can scroll left and right and see color information for the current standard.

For reflectance based standards, the color information is provided in Lab and CMYK values (parameters used will match the current tool's settings, IllumObs, Density Status, etc.).

If a standard is based on color values (no reflectance curves available) then the dots at the bottom indicate how many sets of color values exist for that standard.

-Tap the color library icon to access the library screen where stored color libraries are selected.

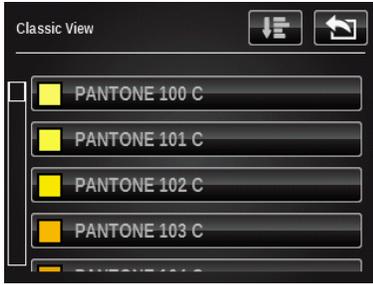
Note: This icon is not available on the job tool. Job templates dictate what colors are used.

-Tap the information icon to view information for the current standard.

-Tap the tolerance icon (if available) to view tolerance settings for the standard. Dots that may appear at the bottom indicate additional tolerance sets (up to eight) are available to view.



-Tap the color patch icon to access the standard selection screen.



From this screen you select a standard from the library for viewing. Standards can be selected by tapping the search icon and entering the name, or by tapping the sort icon and choosing Classic view or Delta E sorting method to find a standard.

Classic view lists the standards of the current library in the order they were loaded into the instrument. You can scroll through the list by swiping up or down on the scroll bar.

Delta E view only lists standards that are within 30 dE of the current sample.

Another feature of the search mode is that you can measure a sample at any time. The screen automatically changes back to Delta E search mode and revises the list for the measures sample.

Note: If you change the patch during a job with auto patch is active, whatever color was selected will not remain active.

Change Standard or Patch icon



For the compare and search tools, this icon is used to access the change standard screen where you can quickly select a different standard that is close in color to the current standard.

For the job tools, this icon is used to access the change patch screen where you can move the last sample measurement to a different patch selected. This is important in job mode because the last reading attached to a particular patch will be used as the basis for finding that patch next time it is measured. If a wrong patch is learned, it could affect how other future patches are detected.

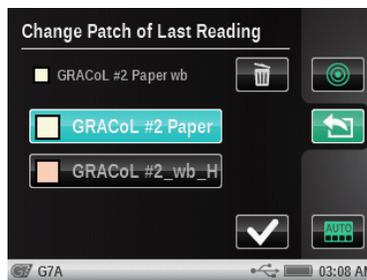
-Tap the color patch icon of the standard or patch you want to select.

-Tap the checkmark icon to select the standard or patch and return to the measurement screen.

Standards



Patches



BASIC TOOL

General Information

The Basic tool allows you to perform various density and color measurements without standards. Measurement screen icons for the Basic tool appear magenta in color.

NOTE: Densitometer is the factory default name of the Basic tool. Your tool may have been renamed.

For additional information on selecting and using the option icons, refer to Measurement Tool Option Icons section earlier in this manual.

Tap the Basic Tool icon  to access the measurement screen.



Dots indicate number of active functions

The dots at the bottom of the screen represent how many function are currently active for the tool. You can switch to another function screen by swiping the screen to the right or left.

Measurement screen icons for the Basic tool appear magenta in color.

Note: The paper icon only appears in the navigation bar if one of the active functions requires a paper reference.

COMPARE TOOL

The Compare tool is a quick method for comparing standard and sample measurements without storing the data. After entering the mode, the first step is to set the standard. Each measurement thereafter is compared to it. The standard can be remeasured whenever desired.

Measurement screen icons for the Compare tool appear orange in color.

NOTE: This section covers the procedure for performing Averaging and Pass/Fail measurements using the Compare tool. For additional information on the navigation and measurement screen option icons, refer to the Measurement Tool Options section earlier in this manual.

Basic Compare Measurement

1. Tap the Compare Tool icon  to access the measurement screen.

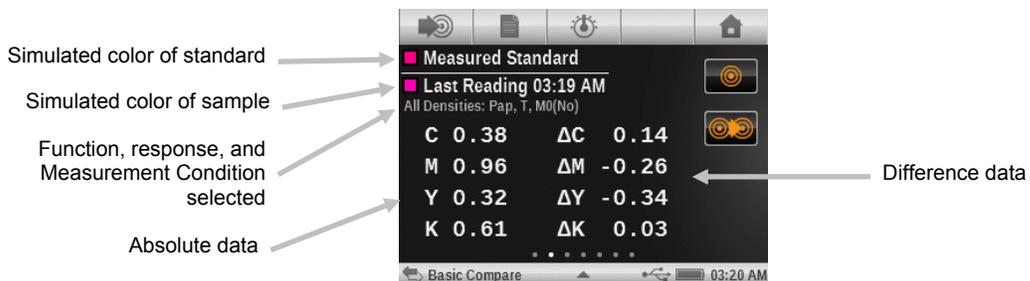


2. Tap the Measure Standard icon  to access the standard screen.
3. Measure the standard.

4. Tap the Back icon  to return to the measurement screen.



5. Tap the Paper icon  and measure paper if required.
6. Tap the Function icon  and select the function to use for comparison.
7. Measure the sample for comparison.
8. View measurement results.



- Continue with additional measurements or select a measurement screen icon to change color option or standard.

Pass/Fail Measurement

A pass/fail indication displays for any standard that has a tolerance set. Refer to the software application for information on setting tolerancing for standards.

Pass/fail is displayed differently based on each function and the tolerance types. In general, the area next to the sample and standard name in the measurement results area will show the overall pass/fail status icon.

If the current function displays a delta value which matches an active tolerance, it will also get a colored circle next to it which indicates a particular tolerance passed/warning/failed status.

NOTE: Pass/Fail Indication must be activated before a pass/fail measurement can be performed. Refer to Settings in the Measurement Tool Setup section earlier in this manual for procedure.

- Select the tool and function for the pass/fail measurement.
- Measure paper if required.
- Tap the Standard icon  to access the screen where a standard is selected from the library.
- Tap the Color Library icon  and select the standard from the library.



Note: If you want to view the tolerance settings for the selected standard, tap the Tolerance icon .

- Tap the Back icon  to return to the measurement screen.
- Measure the sample to be compared.
- View pass/fail results for the measurement.



Pass/fail indication



Averaging Measurement

The instrument can calculate the average of measurements for non-homogeneous samples. Averaging can be set to "Off" or up to "5" measurements.

NOTE: Averaging must be set before measuring. Refer to Settings in the Measurement Tool Setup section earlier in this manual for procedure.

The following example has an average setting of **3**.

1. Select the tool and function for the averaging measurement procedure.
2. Measure paper if required.
3. Position the instrument on the first area of the sample and take a measurement. After the measurement, the instrument displays "1 of 3" in the screen, indicating two more measurement are required for results.

NOTE: You can exit averaging sequence at anytime if you want by tapping the Done button that appears in the Averaging popup screen. This causes the instrument to only average the measurements taken up to the point the button was tapped.



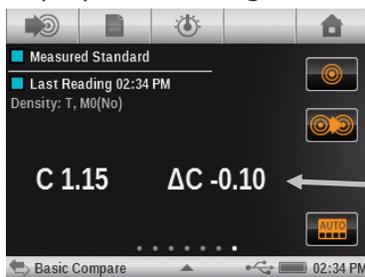
First measurement values

4. Position the instrument on the second area of the sample and take a measurement. After the measurement, the instrument displays "2 of 3" in the screen, indicating one more measurement is required for results.



Two measurement values averaged

5. Position the instrument on the third area of the sample and take a measurement. After the measurement, the instrument displays the averaged data values.



Three measurements values averaged

SEARCH TOOL

The Search function is used to search for the closest color standard within a color library. The resulting color values (actual and difference) are not stored in the instrument.

Measurement screen icons for the Search tool appear green in color.

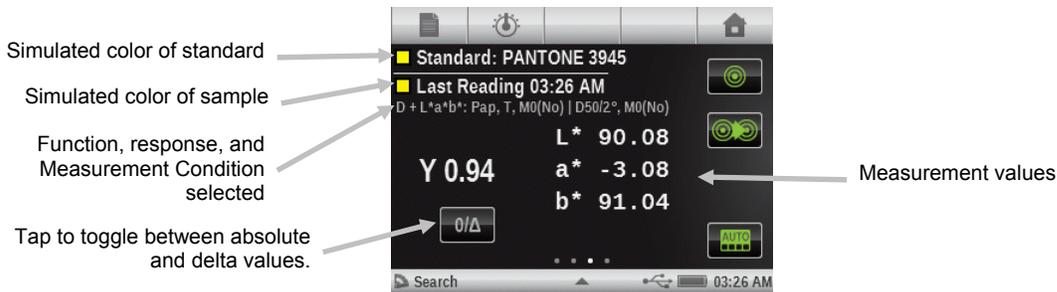
NOTE: This section will cover the procedure for performing a general, measurement using the Search tool. For additional information on the navigation and measurement screen option icons, refer to the Measurement Tool Options section earlier in this manual.

Search Measurement

1. Tap the Search Tool icon  to access the measurement screen.



2. Tap the Standard icon  and select standard from the color library.
3. Tap the Paper icon  and measure paper if required.
4. Tap the Function icon  and select the function for measurement.
5. Tap the Color icon  and select the color if required.
6. Measure sample that is used for the search.
7. View the measurement results.



8. Tap the Standard icon  to view data for the standard that was selected from the library.



Changing the Standard

If the standard automatically selected from the library is not the one required, you can tap the Change Standard icon and manually choose the standard needed. The standards are listed in dE order.

1. Tap the Change Standard icon .



2. Swipe the screen up and down to search for the desired standard.
3. Tap the standard to highlight it once it is located.
4. Tap the checkmark icon  to select the new standard. The display returns back to the measurement screen.

AUTO PATCH TOOL

General Information

The Auto Patch tool allows you to perform various density and color measurements without standards, by using the automatic patch recognition for CMYK jobs.

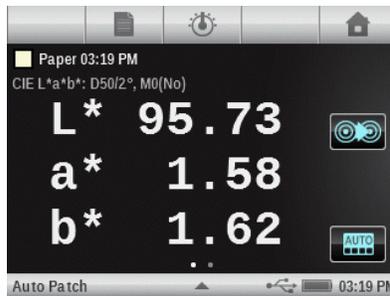
Measurement screen icons for the Auto Patch tool appear cyan in color.

All measurement results will be absolute only (no deltas, no pass/fail, etc).

The instrument will detect the type of patch and learn as each measurement is taken. The instrument will only auto-detect process colors (C, M, Y, K). Below is the list of patch types supported by the Auto Patch Tool.

- Paper
- 4 solids (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black)
- 3 Overprints (CY, CM, MY) (order depending on Ink order settings under color settings, affect which ink goes down first)
- 1-3 tint patches per solid (depending on the TVI function setting under function settings)
- 1-3 Gray Balance patches (depending on the Gray Balance setting under function settings)

Tap the Auto Patch Tool icon  to access the measurement screen.



Patch Recognition

A paper measurement followed by solid patch measurements must be performed first for proper patch recognition to occur. Refer to the Troubleshooting section for additional information on patch recognition.

JOB TOOL

General Information

The main purpose for the Job tool is to automatically detect patch types and colors. Each measurement gets automatically displayed with the function or list of functions determined by a predefined template for different patch types. For example, a process may call for paper measurements to be qualified by Lab and tint measurements by TVI values. A properly configured job means that you will not have to manually switch between functions as they measure different patches in the test strip.

Jobs will appear and operate much differently based on what type of job template that is used. Jobs basically consist of a job tool, a job name and a job template.

With some models, sample measurements may be stored in the instrument and later transferred to iQC Print software.

Job templates are created using the iQC Print application. Once templates are created in iQC Print, they can be exchanged with other instruments utilizing the **eXact** Manager application.

Job Tool

A Job tool defines the process used, active functions, settings and measurement conditions.

Job Name

Job name is used to define a unique label for job identification. The job name can be reselected at a later time to continue a measurement sequence if required.

Job Templates

Job templates are collections of color standards, specifically grouped to run a printing job. It includes tolerances, measurement parameters and contains the standard values for the different patch types (Solids, Tints, Overprints, Gray Balance and/or Paper).

Job templates can contain the standards for industry standard printing processes like G7, PSO and others.

Job templates contain a list of patch references, allowing samples to standard comparisons. The job will only detect the patches defined by the template. Job templates can contain 1 to 16 solid inks.

Patch Recognition

A paper measurement followed by solid patch measurements must be performed first for proper patch recognition to occur. Refer to the Troubleshooting section for additional information on patch recognition.

G7, PSO and JapanColor Tools

These tools behave the same as the generic Job Tool, with the following differences.

The settings of these tools use the definition of its process specifications. These tools do not get preset with the regional settings. However, the settings can be changed manually by the user.

In difference to the other tools, "Restore Tool Default Settings" returns the tool to its original settings, but not to the current user profile settings.

Only job templates defined for these processes get listed (e.g., if a job template was defined for G7, it appears only for the G7 tool).

The following functions are preset and cannot be changed.

G7 Job

Paper QC: Color Space CIE L*a*b* is preset to CIE L*a*b*

Gray Balance QC: Display is preset to ΔL^* , ΔE^* , ΔF

TVI Table Setting: Spread is preset to All

PSO Job

Paper QC: Color Space CIE L*a*b* is preset to CIE L*C*h°

Gray Balance QC: Display is preset to ΔL^* , Δa^* , Δb^* , ΔE^*

TVI Table Setting: Spread is preset to Middle

JapanColor Job

Paper QC: Color Space CIE L*a*b* is preset to CIE L*C*h°

Gray Balance QC: Display is preset to ΔL^* , Δa^* , Δb^* , ΔE^*

TVI Table Setting: Spread is preset to Middle

Reviewing/Editing Job Parameters

Job functions and settings are normally assigned within the selected job tool that is downloaded to the instrument.

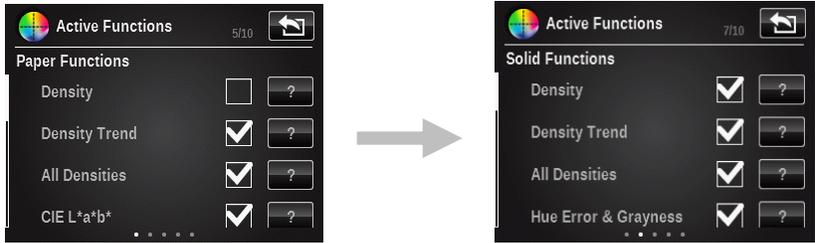
1. Tap and hold the Job tool icon  on the main menu screen to access the tool edit screen.
NOTE: The tool settings can also be accessed by tapping the triangle icon in the status bar when the tool is selected.



OR



2. Tap the Active Functions button to review/edit functions that are available during a measurement.
3. Swipe the screen to the left or right to access the active function list for the different patch types: Paper, Solid, Tint, Overprint and Gray Balance.
4. To activate a function for the selected patch, tap the empty box to add a checkmark. To deactivate a function, tap the "checked" box to clear checkmark. Swipe the screen up or down to view additional functions. Refer to the Measurement Functions section earlier in this manual for a description of all functions. For information on "Job only" functions, refer to Additional Job Functions section later in this manual.



5. Tap the Back button to exit the Active Functions selection.
6. Tap the Setting button to edit various settings if required. Refer to the Measurement Tool Setup section earlier in this manual for a description of all settings.

Sample Storage

Make Ready Mode

In make ready mode (Production Mode box unchecked), no measurements are stored as spot checking or adjustments are being made.

Production Mode

In production mode, any measurements made in a Job tool will be stored to the current sheet number as a sample that can be uploaded to the iQC Print software for further analysis. Samples are stored with the job until they are deleted from the iQC Print application. Samples are stored by checking the Production Mode box.

Production mode is indicated at the bottom and at the top as a number appearing over the Sheet control button in the Navigation bar. All samples measured will be stored to the current indicated sheet until the sheet is cleared or a new sheet is started.



Clear Sheet button: This permanently deletes all samples that may have been stored to the current sheet, and the job mode will operate like no measurements have been made (need to start with reading the paper patch again).

New Sheet button: The sheet number is incremented by one, and any samples that were stored already for the previous sheet are saved. With a new sheet the patches need to be remeasured again starting with paper.

Other Job Options

Patch Icons

Selecting this icon accesses the screen where a different patch type can be selected. The last measurement taken for the selected patch will be displayed.

Tap the Patch icon to manually switch between different patch types.

Note: The icon in this button will change depending on the active patch type.



Available patch types are as follows:

- Paper:** a substrate and non printed patch.
- Solid:** a single ink printed at 100%.
- Overprint:** a patch of two inks printed at 100% one on top the other. The ink order determines which ink is down first.
- Tint:** a single ink printed with screening.
- Gray Balance:** a patch with C, M, Y process inks printed at different tint values in order to recreate a gray patch (or match a neutral print density patch = a black tint).

Function Icon

Any function activated for the job appears on this screen. This allows you to select an individual function directly instead swiping through a list of functions on the main measurement screen.

Tap the Function icon to access the Select a Function screen. Active functions for the selected patch appear.

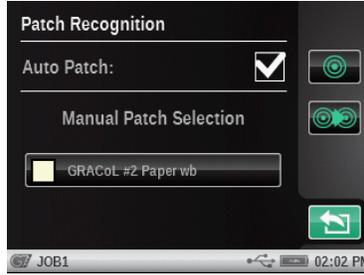


Color Icon

This icon is used to select, to what patch type the next measurement(s) shall be assigned. Tap the Color icon and select Auto Patch or manually select a patch.

Auto Patch: If this is selected, the automatic patch recognition is activated for the next measurement(s).

Manual selection: If a patch type is manually selected from the list, the next measurement(s) get assigned to the selected patch type. The Auto Patch check box is automatically deactivated when a patch is selected. Once auto patch is off, it will remain off until the checkbox is selected again.



Change Patch Icon

This icon is used to access the change patch screen where you can move the last sample measurement to a different patch.

Tap the Change Patch icon if the current patch selected is not the desired patch.

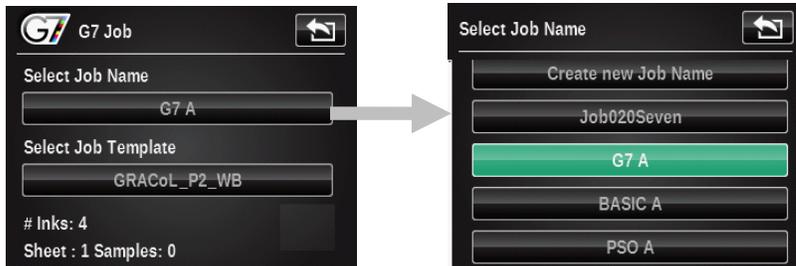
The list will be filled with possible other patch candidates. Use the check box to accept the new selection or the trash icon to completely erase the last reading. If a different patch is selected, it will move that last sample from what it previously thought was correct. The previous reading in that first detected patch is restored to what it was before the latest reading.



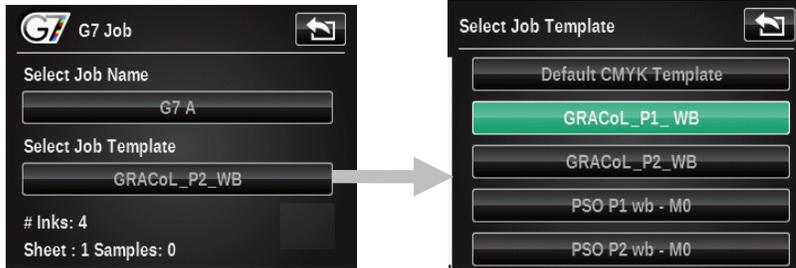
Running a Job

The general operation and workflow is basically the same for all job tools. The following is an example of a G7 job procedure.

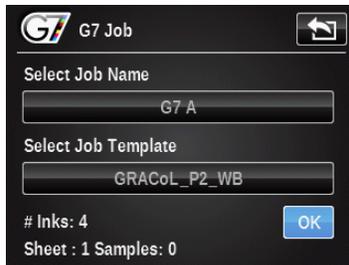
1. Tap the desired Job tool icon on the main menu screen.
2. Tap the Select Job Name button and select an existing job name or create a new Job name. To create a new job name, tap the Create new Job Name button and enter a new name.



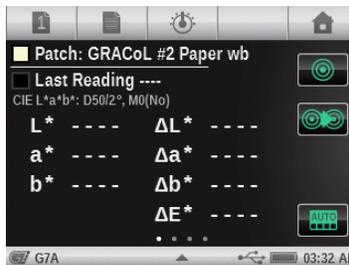
3. Tap the Select Job Template button and select a job template from the list that was downloaded to the instrument.



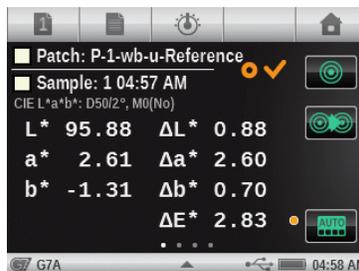
4. Tap the OK button to close the selection screen and advance to the measurement screen.



5. Measure the substrate.



6. The measurement shown would indicate that the measurement is within the warning tolerance set for the paper.



7. Swipe the screen to the left or right to view other available functions for the paper patch.

8. Measure solid patches for the job.

9. Measure other patches as defined for the selected job.

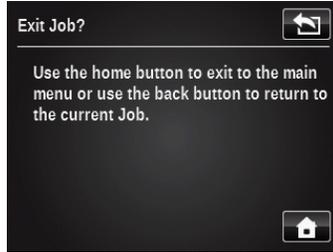
10. When changing from Make Ready to Production Mode, tap the Sheet icon .

11. When finished, exit the job by tapping the Home icon .

NOTE: Any measurements made towards the current sheet in “Make Ready Mode” will be gone if the current job is exited and continued at another time. This means, that paper and solids need to be re-measured if the job is continued. Any samples measured during

“Production Mode” for the current sheet of the job will be restored automatically if the job is exited and continued at another time.

12. Tap the Home button again to continue or tap the Back button to return to the job.



ADD TOOL

The Add tool is used to add a new measurement tool to the current menu. The new tool can then be configured as required. Up to six tools can exist on main menu screens two and three. No measurement tools can be added to main menu screen one.

Creating a Tool

A tool that is created will have default functions and a name defined by the tool type. The settings will use the default settings of the current user’s profile settings.

Note: Once a tool is created, changing the user profile settings will not affect any existing tools that have already been created.

1. Select the menu screen where you want to add the tool.
2. Tap the Add Tool icon  to access the Add a new Tool screen.



3. Tap the tool icon that you would like to add to the main menu screen.
4. Configure the tool as required.

Additional Tool Options

Touch and hold the tool on the main menu until the tool setup screen appears.



Delete

Deletes the selected tool from the main menu screen.

Copy

Creates a copy of the selected tool in the next empty Tool slot (six slots max per menu). The new tool will have the same name, function list and settings as the current tool. Use this if you do not want to start over from the profile’s default settings.

Move

Used to move selected tool to the opposite main menu page. If this tool is currently in menu 2, then it moves it to the first open slot in menu 3. Tool arrangement of the main menu is fairly limited in the instrument. However, if you use the **eXact** Manager software the tools can be arranged in more ways.

USERS TOOL

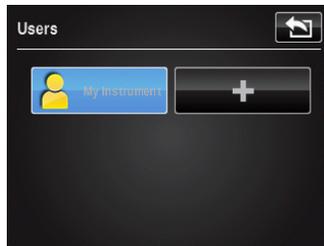
With the Users tool you have the ability to configure your **eXact** for different users. You can create new users, delete or edit the user names, passwords, and security settings.

User defined settings refer to specific functions. If the **eXact** is configured for various users, the settings can be configured independently for each user.

NOTE: Multiple users can also be created using the **eXact** Manager application and then uploaded to the instrument.

Creating a New User

1. Tap the Users tool icon  on the first main menu screen to access the Users screen.
2. Tap the Add icon  to create a new user. New user profiles created with the Add icon here start out with default settings and tools for the current region the instrument is set to.



3. Enter in the desired name for the new user profile. Tap OK when finished.



4. Continue adding additional users or advance to the Editing a User section to set specific parameters for each user profile.

Editing a User

1. Tap the Users icon from the main menu to modify user parameters such as name, password or settings.
2. Touch and hold the specific user icon from the Users screen until the Account screen appears.



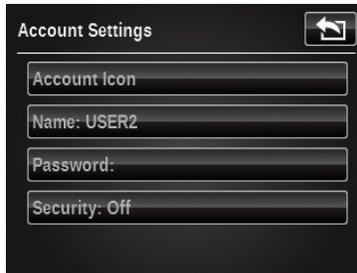
NOTE: User account passwords are optional. If the selected user has a password assigned, you are asked to enter the password prior to accessing the user account. If the password is forgotten, you can use the **eXact** Manager application to reset it, look it up or clear it out.

Each user has an account screen where you can set or modify various parameters. Refer below for information on the account screen.



Account Settings

1. Tap the Account Icon button to access a screen where various colored icons appear. The icon color selected will then be assigned to that user.
2. Tap the Name button to access a screen where the user name can be changed.
3. Tap the Password button to access the screen where the login password is changed.
4. Tap the Security button to access the security setting screen. From here the user can change the security level for the current user account. When security is enabled for this user account, you will not be able to make certain changes (described below per level) unless you temporarily disable security by entering a password (different than the user login password).



- **High:** This user account cannot change any settings. This user can execute jobs and take measurements. However, they cannot change settings on any tool or edit any other user account settings.
- **Low:** The current user can only change settings that affect the current user profile. They will not be able to restore factory defaults, clear the current user profile, change regional settings, or create/remove other user profiles.
- **Off:** No security is activated.
- **Security Password:** The instrument uses the same security password across all user profiles on the instrument. To change this password, use the **eXact** manager software or go to the Diagnostics menu to change.

If security is active for the current user profile, a locked icon appears in the status bar. It is locked because security has not been temporarily disabled by entering in the security password. If security is temporarily disabled by the user (unlocked icon), it can be re-enabled if the user logs back into this user profile (switches back), or re-powers the instrument.

Change User Name

Tap the Change User Name button to access a screen where the user name can be changed.

Delete

The Delete icon is used to delete the selected user from the Users menu screen.

NOTE: If the last user account profile is deleted, a new profile is created in its place and settings revert back to the default settings of the current region settings. One profile always remains in the instrument.

Copy

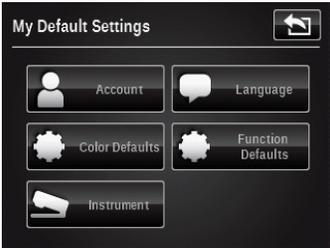
The Copy icon is used to make a copy of the current user. The copy will be added to the Users menu screen with the same name and number appending it.

MY SETTINGS TOOL

This tool is used to customize several default settings for the selected user. These settings are used as the default values when a new tool is created.

NOTE: Settings can also be edited using the **eXact** Manager application and then uploading to the **eXact** instrument.

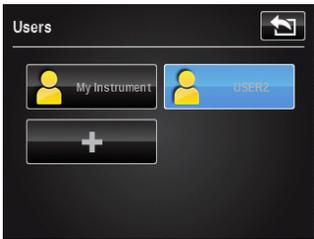
Tap the **My Settings** tool icon  on the first main menu screen to access the setting screen.



NOTE: For the **eXact** Advanced instrument, make sure the desired user is selected before making any changes to the settings.

There are two ways to select the user in the **eXact** Advanced instrument:

- Go to the **User** tool and tap the user icon, or;
- Tap the triangle icon on the bottom status bar of the main screen and select the Log Out button. Then, tap the desired user.



OR



The default settings can be modified for each logged in user. Refer below for information on my default settings screen.

Account

This option is used to modify the icon, name, password, and security setting. Refer the Account Settings in the previous section for specific information on these options.

Language

This option is used to set the language that appears on the instrument. Languages include: English, German, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese Simplified and Traditional, and Japanese.

The scroll bar on the left indicates additional languages are available. Swipe the screen up to view all languages.

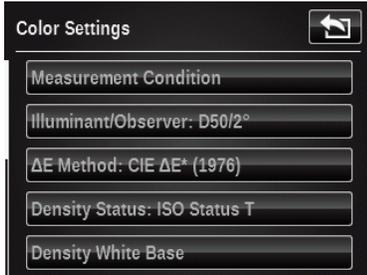
After changing a language (when the back button is tapped), the instrument returns back to the main menu automatically in order to refresh all the text appearing on the screen.

Color Defaults

This option is used to set the color defaults for the selected user and are used for any new tools created. Any changes to settings here will not change the settings in tools already created.

NOTE: Not every tool uses every setting listed in these defaults. If a tool does not use a setting listed here, it will not appear when you edit the tool's settings directly.

The scroll bar on the left indicates additional options are available. Swipe the screen up to view other options.



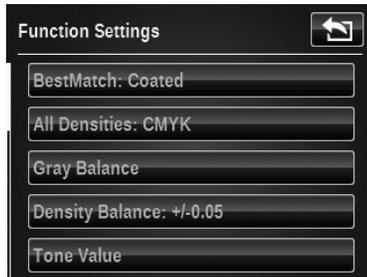
Refer the Color Settings section earlier in the manual for specific information on all of the Color Setting options.

Function Defaults

This option is used to set the function defaults for the selected user. These default function settings are used for any new tools created. Any changes to settings here will not change the settings in tools already created.

NOTE: Not every tool uses every setting listed in these defaults. If a tool does not use a setting listed here, it will not appear when you edit the tool's settings directly.

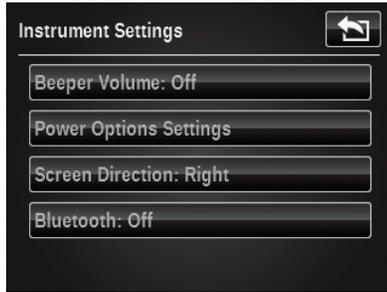
The scroll bar on the left indicates additional options are available. Swipe the screen up to view all options.



Refer the Measurement Functions section earlier in the manual for specific information on all of the Function Setting options.

Instrument

This option is used to set the instrument settings for the selected user.



Beeper Volume: set the instrument beeper volume. Options include: Off, Low, and High.

Power Options: set the amount of time the instrument's screen will stay on during non use (idle) times. Drag the icon to the left to decrease the display on time and to the right to increase the display on time. The scale ranges from 1 minute to 3 hours.

Screen Direction: set at what direction the instrument screen appears. Options include: Left and Right.

Bluetooth: activate Bluetooth in the instrument. When set to "on" the instrument will search for a Bluetooth connection. This option only appears if the instrument is Bluetooth equipped.

NOTE: An installation procedure must first be performed for the Bluetooth function to operate. Refer to the Bluetooth Installation section in the Appendix for the procedure.

DIAGNOSTICS TOOL

This tool is used to view errors or view/edit the regional settings of the instrument.

Tap the **Diagnostics** tool icon  on the first main menu screen to access the diagnostics screen.

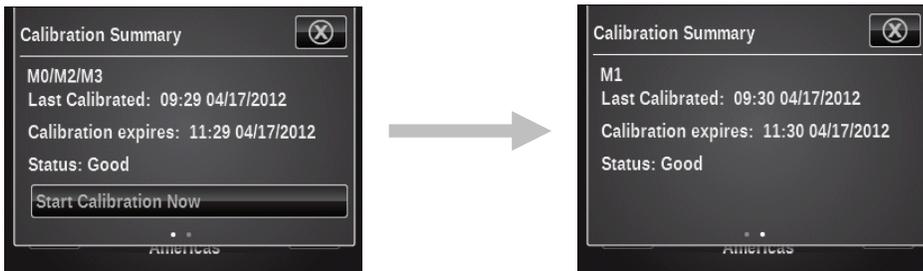
On the diagnostics main screen there are five buttons that provide a profile shot of the instrument. Each button points to an area of the instrument which will have a colored dot to indicate the current status of that area of the instrument (some will just have a line as there is no associated status). Below the instrument image is information displaying the current time and region setting for the instrument. The screen also lists the current position of the measurement condition switch.



Calibration Summary



The calibration option displays the calibration status for the current measurement condition. You can view the other measurement condition calibration status by swiping the screen to the left.



The Calibration button on this screen is used to manually trigger a new calibration, which takes you to the calibration sequence.

Regional Settings



The instrument maintains a set of configuration settings that exist outside of the user profiles, which affect the default settings for any new user profiles created. Regional settings are not unique to different user profiles. Regional settings include the following.

Regional Area: This setting greatly affects all the default settings. (other regional settings, all color and function defaults, even the initial tools and their configuration in the main menu).

The other settings are set to defaults when the region is changed. However, you can override any of the following regional settings if you do not like the default configuration.

- Time
- Time Format
- Date
- Date Format

Instrument Summary



View instrument type, serial number, firmware version and more. You can also restore factory settings from this screen.

Important, initiating a restore will delete all user profiles, settings, tools, color libraries, samples, job names and job templates. When the instrument restarts the setup wizard screen appears.

Instrument Condition



The instrument condition option is used to run a self-diagnostics routine on the instrument's systems.

Battery Summary



This option provides a more detailed description of the current battery. Such as, number of full charges the battery has, current battery voltage, and time/date of last battery replacement. A button is also provided to reset the date/time when the battery is replaced.

APPENDICES

Information

Recertification

X-Rite recommends an annual recertification of the **eXact** spectrophotometer. Contact your X-Rite dealer or the nearest X-Rite Service Center to find out more about recertification.

Warranty Registration

To receive technical support, obtain warranty service, and get the latest updates and product news, register your new **eXact** with eXact Manager (or at: www.xrite.com/register).

Service

Do not try to disassemble the X-Rite **eXact** for any reason. Unauthorized disassembly of the equipment will void all warranty claims. Contact X-Rite Support or the nearest X-Rite Service Center, if you believe that the unit does not work anymore or does not work correctly.

Support

We are confident you will be pleased with your new X-Rite product. At the same time, we understand your need for on-demand support and training in today's complex and rapidly evolving workflows. Because of this we are making the following on-line and free support tools available to registered users.

These support tools are found at: www.xrite.com/support/exact

- Free and unlimited access to the **eXact** interactive training video; available within the **eXact** package too.
- Free and unlimited access to the X-Rite on-line Help Desk, which includes detailed and helpful support articles related to frequently asked questions.
- Free access to X-Rite's e-mail support and call center during the warranty period for issues resulting from general product use provided:
 - You are the original registered user of the product
 - You are using the current version of **eXact** firmware and software
 - You are using currently supported hardware and supported platform (operating system)

Because we recognize the need for advanced support related to using **eXact** and X-Rite products in various workflows, as well as support in post warranty time periods, we are happy to offer fee based support programs and training options delivered by X-Rite's highly experienced Color Experts. For complete information, please visit www.xrite.com/exact/Supportoption.

Cleaning the Instrument

Your instrument requires very little maintenance to achieve years of reliable operation. However, to protect your investment and maintain reading accuracy, a few simple-cleaning procedures should be performed from time to time.

General Cleaning

The exterior of the instrument should only be wiped clean with a cotton cloth dampened (not wet) in water or isopropyl alcohol.

Cleaning the Touch Display

The touch display should only be wiped clean with a cotton cloth dampened (not wet) in water or isopropyl alcohol.

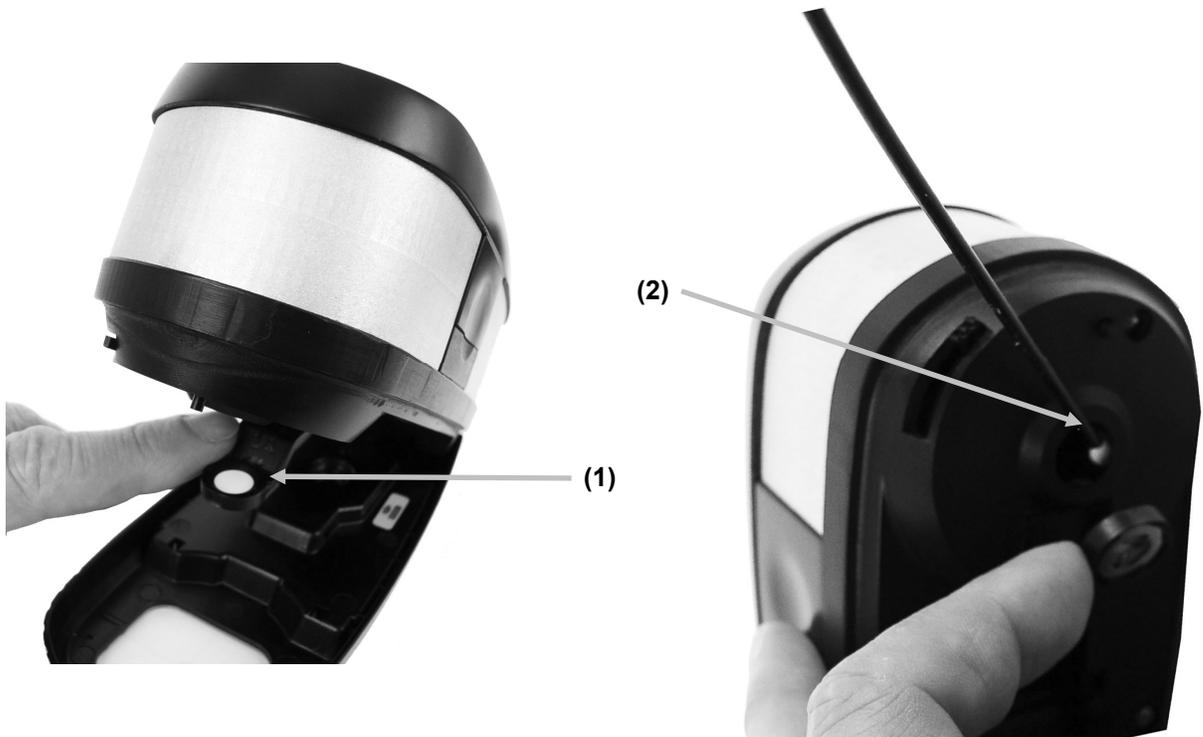
Cleaning the Target Window

The target window should only be cleaned with a cotton cloth dampened (not wet) in water.

Cleaning the Optics

The optics should be cleaned once a week in a normal environment. If the instrument is used in a dirty or dusty environment, more frequent cleaning may be required.

1. Carefully lift the instrument and open the target base.
2. Rotate the reference holder (1) towards the back and hold.
3. Blow short bursts of clean, dry air (2) into the measurement port. This should remove any accumulated debris from the optics.
4. Carefully return the calibration holder to its normal position.



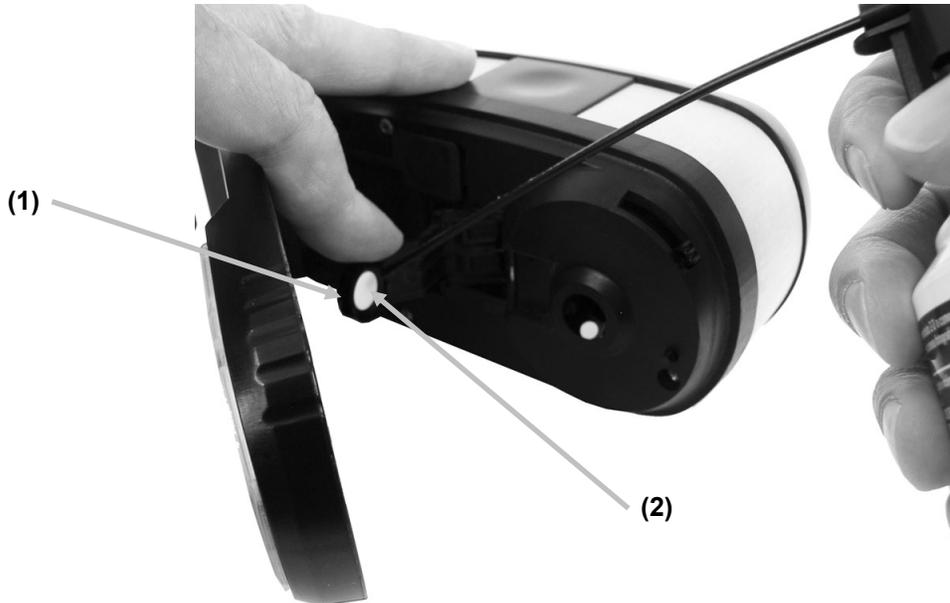
IMPORTANT: If can air is used for cleaning, do not invert or tilt the can during use. This could cause damage to the optics.

Cleaning Calibration Plaque

The calibration plaque should be cleaned periodically.
Do not use solvents or cleaners of any kind.

The calibration tile is embedded in the underside of the reference holder.

1. Rotate the reference holder (1) towards the back and hold.
2. Blow short bursts of clean, dry air (2) onto the calibration tile. This should remove any accumulated debris.



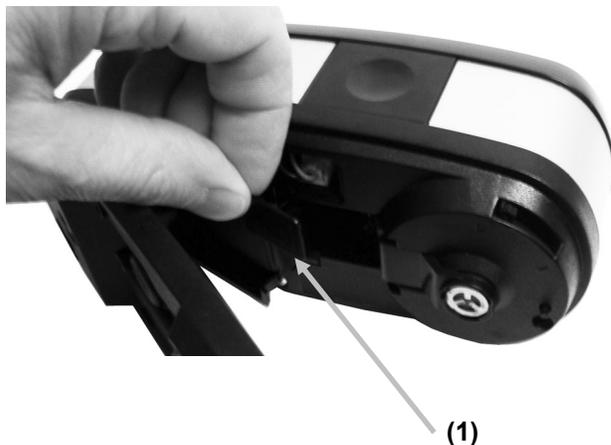
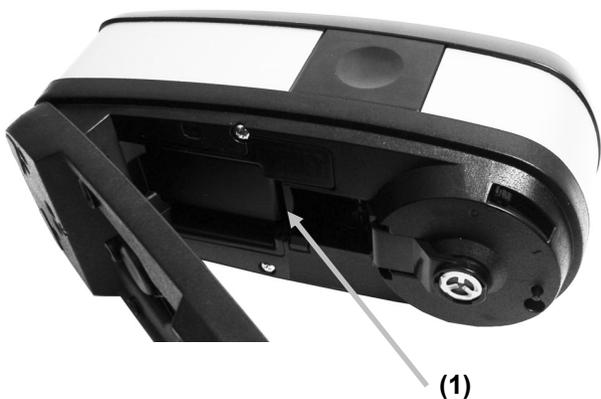
3. Carefully return the calibration holder to its normal position.

Replacing the Battery Pack

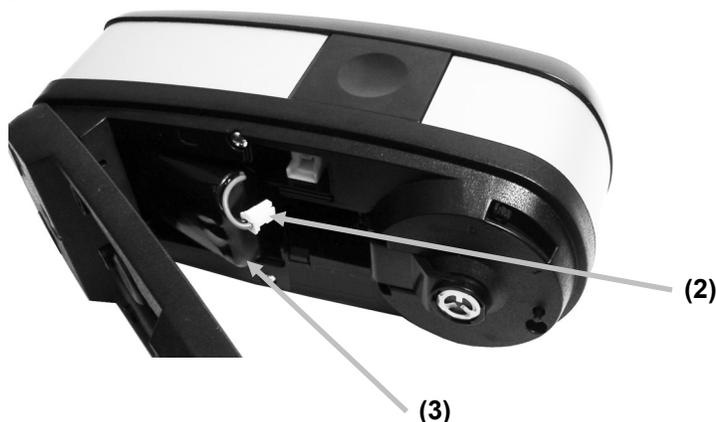


CAUTION: Risk of explosion if battery is replaced by an incorrect type. Replace only with X-Rite part number SE15-44, self protected rechargeable lithium-ion battery pack.

1. Release the target base lock and carefully turn the instrument on its side as shown.
2. Press in on the front edge of the battery access cover (1) while pulling outward to remove.



3. Disconnect the battery connector (2) by pressing in on the locking tab and unplugging the connector. **Do not** disconnect by pulling on the battery wires.
4. Remove the old battery pack (3) from the battery compartment



5. Insert the new battery pack into the battery compartment with the connector facing upwards.
6. Plug the battery into the connector. Press in until the connector is properly seated.
7. Insert the back edge of the access cover into the bottom of the instrument and rotate the cover in until it snaps into position.
8. Reset the battery replacement time. To perform this procedure, tap the Diagnostics tool icon  on the main menu and select the battery icon . Tap the New Battery button.

Bluetooth Installation

The following pages contain instructions for installing the Bluetooth device on both Windows XP and Windows 7. The Windows 7 procedure is shown after the Windows XP procedure.

Windows XP

1. Insert the Bluetooth device into an available USB port. You will see a popup message like the one shown below in the lower right hand corner of your display. Windows will automatically install the correct driver.



2. After installation, click the "Bluetooth" logo in your toolbar.



3. In the next window click the Add button. (Note: you may simply see a list of options instead of a window as shown below. This depends on your version of Windows XP, in either case select "Add".)



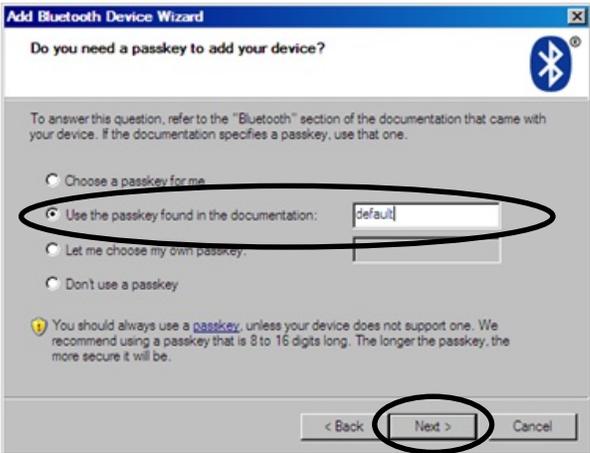
4. You will be prompted to make sure that your instrument is turned on. Make sure that your instrument is turned on and that Bluetooth is active in the instrument settings. Check the "My device is..." option in the window as shown below and click Next to continue.



- 5. Your computer may find multiple devices, click the "eXact_xxxxxx" (xxxxxx = serial number) device to select it. Click Next to continue.



- 6. Click the "Use the passkey found in the documentation" option and enter the word "default" into the open field. Click Next to continue.



- 7. Windows will add the instrument and display a confirmation window. This may also look different depending on your Windows operating system. Click OK or Finish.



- 8. Launch your eXact software and begin using the instrument.

Windows 7

1. Insert the Bluetooth device into an available USB port. You will see a popup message like the one shown below in the lower right hand corner of your display. Windows will automatically install the correct driver.



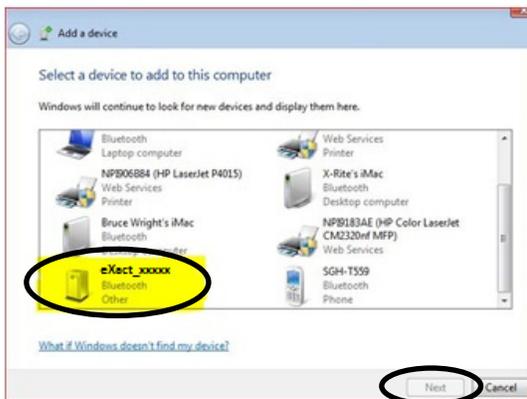
2. After installation, click the "Bluetooth" logo in your toolbar, or go to the Control Panel and select Devices and Printers.



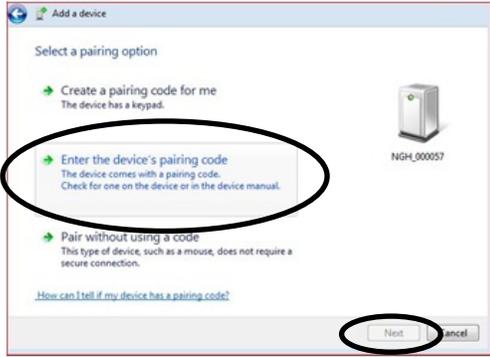
3. Click "Add a device" at the top of the Window. (Note: you may simply see a list of options instead of a window as shown below. This depends on your version of Windows 7, in either case select "Add a device".)



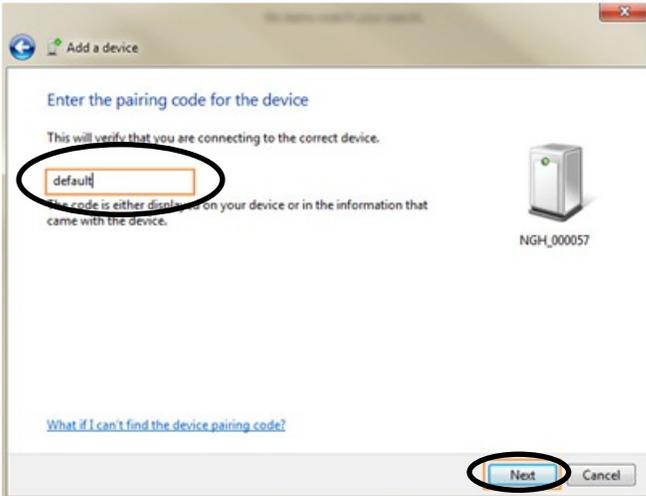
4. The device should be listed as "eXact_XXXXXX" (XXXXXX = serial number). Select the device and click Next to continue.



5. Choose "Enter the device pairing code" option and click Next to continue.



6. Enter the pairing code "default" into the field and click Next to continue.



7. After pairing is successful, you are now ready to use the instrument in wireless mode.

Troubleshooting

Prior to contacting the support department for instrument problems, try the applicable solution(s) described below. If the condition persists, contact us using one of the methods listed in the Service Information section.

You can also refer to the instrument Diagnostics function within the **eXact** Manager application for additional troubleshooting information.

Problem	Cause/Solution
Instrument not responding (no display).	<p><i>Instrument in sleep mode.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Touch display or take measurement. <p><i>Instrument in power down mode.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press the power button until the splash screen appears. <p><i>Battery is very low.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charge the battery.
Instrument and software not communicating (USB connection).	<p><i>Interface cable not connected.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect the interface cable between the computer and the instrument. • Close and restart the software application. If this does not work, reboot the computer. • Remove power from the instrument, reapply power and see if the condition is corrected.
Instrument and software not communicating (wireless connection).	<p><i>Wireless function not activated.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activate Bluetooth wireless connection in the device. Refer to the Bluetooth Installation section for information. • Activate Bluetooth wireless connection on your computer. Refer to the manufacturer's manual of your computer. • Close and restart the software application. If this does not work, reboot the computer.
Calibration procedure fails.	<p><i>Calibration plaque is dirty or damaged.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean the plaque per procedure in Appendix.
Measurement error or results appear inaccurate.	<p><i>Samples being measured is dirty or damaged (e.g. scratched).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain new sample. <p><i>Instrument requires calibration.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform a calibration on the instrument (see Diagnostics tool section). <p><i>Instrument optics are dirty.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean instrument optics (see General Cleaning).
Patch recognition problems.	<p>If the instrument has a problem properly detecting a particular patch the first time, you can manually change the patch (refer to Change Standard or Patch icon section earlier in the manual for details). The instrument will also automatically adjust what it estimates different patches will appear like based on the paper and solid measurements. Therefore, paper should be the first patch measured in any job and then a solid before other patch types. If a wrong measurement is "taught" to the wrong patch type, it</p>

could throw off the proper detection of other patches.

Every effort is made to properly detect patches and predict other patches properly. However, if auto detection does not initially produce satisfactory results, the Change Patch feature should be used along with disabling auto patch. After the learning process is complete, auto patch can be reactivated.

The instrument will prompt you to measure a particular (prerequisite) patch. Below is a list of typical prerequisite patch measurements.

- Paper: First reading of the Job always needs to be paper. If a different patch is detected first, a popup message will occur.
- Solids: After Paper measurement, solids should be measured, as it is a prerequisite for tint and overprint measurements.
- Tints: Paper and solid patches need to be measured first.
- Overprint: Paper and both solid patches for each ink being measured needs to be measured before the overprint.
- Gray Balance: In some cases it helps to measure the Black solid patch after paper as it assists in the patch detection. However, it is not always required. Black is not always used in a job.

Technical Specifications

SPECTRAL ENGINE

Spectral analyzer: DRS spectral engine
Spectral range: 400 nm - 700 nm with 10nm interval

OPTICS

Measurement geometry: 45°/0° ring illumination optics, ISO 5-4:2009(E)
Measurement aperture: 1.5 mm, 2 mm, 4 mm or 6 mm
Light source: Gas filled tungsten (illuminant type A) and UV LED

REFLECTANCE MEASUREMENT

Measurement Conditions: According to ISO 13655:2009):

- M0: Unpolarized, No filter, UV included
- M1: D50
- M2: UV excluded Filter
- M3: Polarization Filter

Calibration: Automatic on integrated white reference

Inter instrument agreement: Average: $0.25 \Delta E^*_{ab}$, Max: $0.45 \Delta E^*_{ab}$ (M3 $0.55 \Delta E^*_{ab}$)
 (Measurements using X-Rite manufacturing standards at a temperature of 23°C +/- 1°C, 40-60% RH for all measurement modes on 12 BCRA color tiles and a white ceramic reference (D50, 2°))

Short term repeatability

White: $0.05 \Delta E^*_{ab}$, (standard deviation) White BCRA
 (Error compared to mean value of 10 measurements every 5 seconds)

Short term repeatability

Density: $\pm 0.01 D$ for CMYK measurements
 (Status E or Status T measurements)
 (Maximum error compared to mean value of 10 measurements every 5 seconds at 2.0 D, except for M3 Yellow at 1.7 D)

OPERATING CONDITIONS

Operating Temperature Range: 50° to 95°F (10° to 35°C)
 30-85% relative humidity maximum (non-condensing)

Storage Temperature Range: -4° to 122°F (-20° to 50°C)

INTERFACE, DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT

Data Interface: USB 2.0
Bluetooth (optional) - Class II

Power supply: X-Rite P/N: SE30-177
100-240VAC 50/60Hz, 12VDC @ 2.5A

Battery: X-Rite P/N: SE15-44
Lithium Ion, 7.4VDC, 2200mAh

Physical Dimensions: 3.0”H (7.6 cm) 3.1”W (7.8 cm) 7.1”L (18 cm)

Weight: 1.6 lbs. (0.7 kg)

ENVIRONMENTAL

Usage: Indoor only

Altitude: 2000m

Pollution Degree: 2

Overvoltage: Category II

ACCESSORIES PROVIDED

USB cable, Power Supply, CD with software and documentation, Docking/Charging Station, Quick Start Guide, Carrying case

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