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Chapter One

How the User's Manual is Organized

Welcome to the ColorQuest XE with Touch Screen User's Manual! Take some time now to read through the manual before you begin using the instrument.

The User's Manual is divided into the following chapters:

- Introduction to Your ColorQuest XE with Touch Screen System
- Installation
- Operation
- Lessons
- Color Measurement Notes
- Maintenance and Testing
- Specifications
- Instrument Replacement, Repair, Problems, and Questions
- Measurement Values

The "Introduction" chapter describes the instrument, its features, and the accessories and options that may accompany the instrument.

The "Installation" chapter provides specific instructions on setting up the instrument.

The "Operation" chapter describes how to standardize the instrument, load the desired applet, and then take readings.

The "Lessons" chapter provides five examples of instrument operation that can be used for practice.

The "Color Measurement Notes" chapter gives guidelines on measuring different types of samples using the ColorQuest XE with Touch Screen.

The "Maintenance and Testing" chapter explains the maintenance that needs to be performed on the instrument and its standards and describes the available diagnostics.

The "Specifications" chapter provides the various instrumental specifications.

“Instrument Replacement, Repair, Problems, and Questions” outlines your instrument warranty and how to get technical support and/or service for your instrument.

“Measurement Values” explains the various color scales and indices that are available with this instrument.

The three appendices explain how you can program your own applets and provide a glossary and bibliographical references.

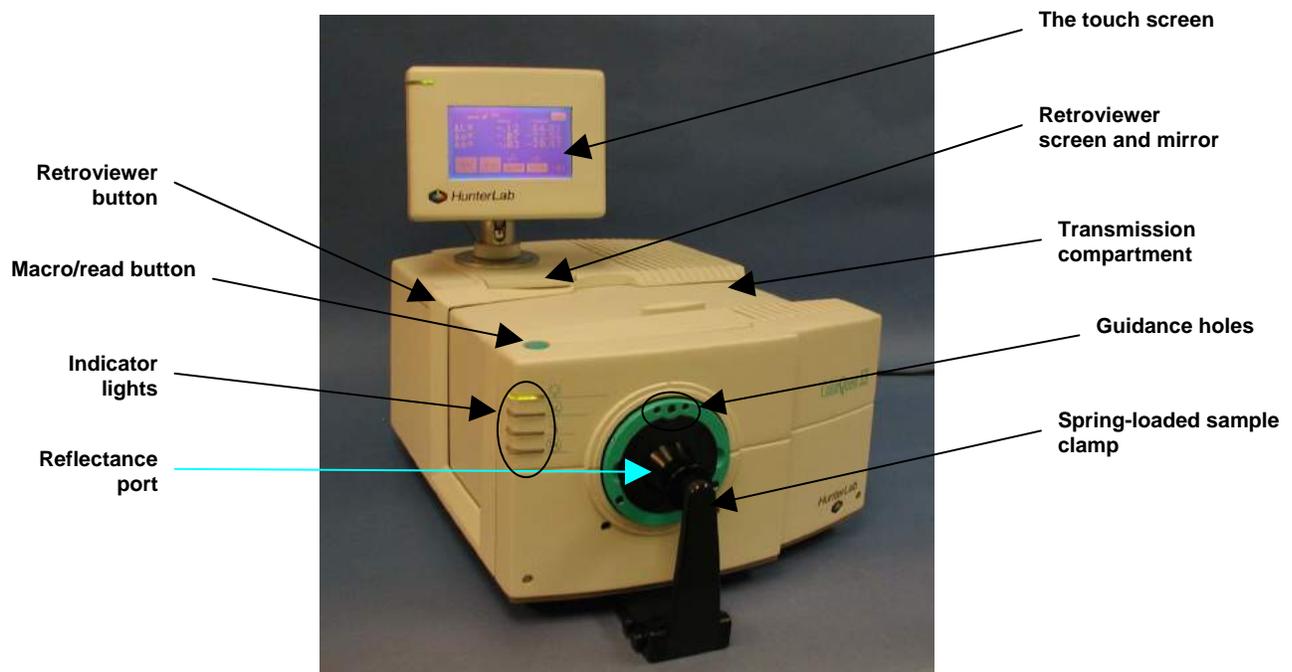
Chapter Two

Introduction to Your ColorQuest XE with Touch Screen System

Notice: Use of this equipment in a manner not specified by the manufacturer may impair the protection afforded by the equipment.

The ColorQuest XE is a dual beam xenon flash spectrophotometer with a wavelength range from 400 to 700 nanometers (nm). All tristimulus integrations are based on a triangular bandpass of ten nm and a wavelength interval of ten nm. The instrument can measure either reflected or transmitted color of a product.

The sensor uses a plastic integrating sphere that is six inches (152.4 mm) in diameter and coated with Spectrafect™, which diffuses the light from the lamp. The light illuminates the sample and is either reflected from it or transmitted through it. A lens is located at an angle of 8° from the perpendicular to the sample surface. The lens collects the reflected or transmitted light and directs it to a diffraction grating which separates the light into its component wavelengths. These components are then measured by a diode array and converted into usable data.



The ColorQuest XE

ColorQuest XE Features

The ColorQuest XE possesses the following default features:

Touch Screen

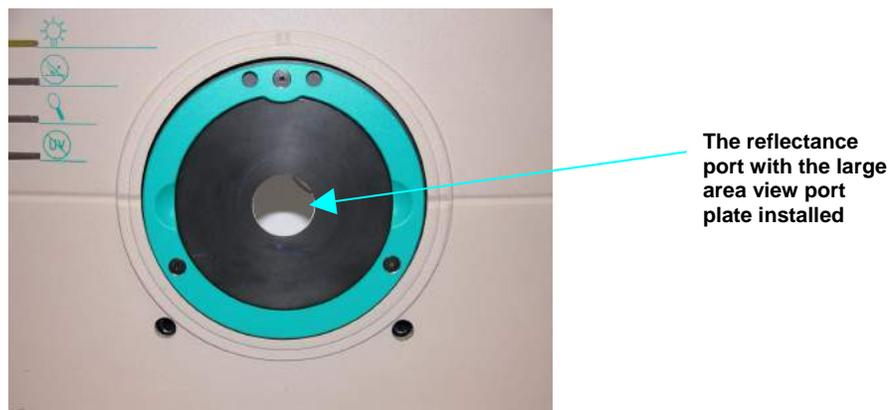
The touch screen assembly allows commands to be given to the sensor and then displays the data received back from the sensor, such as the color scale values for a read sample. The backlit liquid crystal display (LCD) shows 240 x 128 pixels. The screen may be swiveled and tilted to the most convenient position for operation and viewing.

In order to give commands to the instrument and respond to prompts, you will need to literally touch designated areas of the screen. A highlighted, labeled area of the screen that performs a specific function will be called a “button” or “key” in this manual for instructional purposes, even though there is no physical raised area or moving part actually present. You may touch a button or key using a fingertip or a stylus such as a pencil eraser. You need not press the button hard in order to activate its command. Each proper button touch causes the screen assembly to beep.

The touch screen automatically powers down if it is not touched for four consecutive minutes. Touch anywhere on the screen to reactivate it.

Reflectance Port

The reflectance port is located at the front of the sensor. The port is covered by a spring-loaded sample clamp which is used to hold the specimen in place during measurement. Two guidance holes are also present to aid in placement of the white tile and light trap at the reflectance port. When the small area view lens is in use, the small area port plate must be installed at the reflectance port.



Sample Clamp

The ColorQuest XE includes a spring-loaded sample clamp that can be used to hold samples flat and securely at the reflectance port. The clamp has two buttons, one which raises and lowers the arm, and one that moves the clamp toward and away from the reflectance port.



A magnetic white ceramic disk on the face of the clamp provides a consistent white background for measurements. A non-slip black pad (also magnetic) is also included that can be used to replace the white disk for applications that require a non-slip or dark backing. To change to the pad, simply pop out the white disk and insert the non-slip pad.

Transmission Compartment

The transmission compartment located in the middle of the sensor is used for measuring the transmitted color of transparent solids and liquids. The transmission compartment door must be closed while standardizing and taking measurements.



Specular Included/Excluded Port

The ColorQuest XE sphere contains a specular exclusion port door which is closed during specular included and transmission measurements and opened during specular excluded measurements. The position of the door is controlled through the applets. See the “Operation” chapter for more information on the various measurement modes.



The specular exclusion port closed

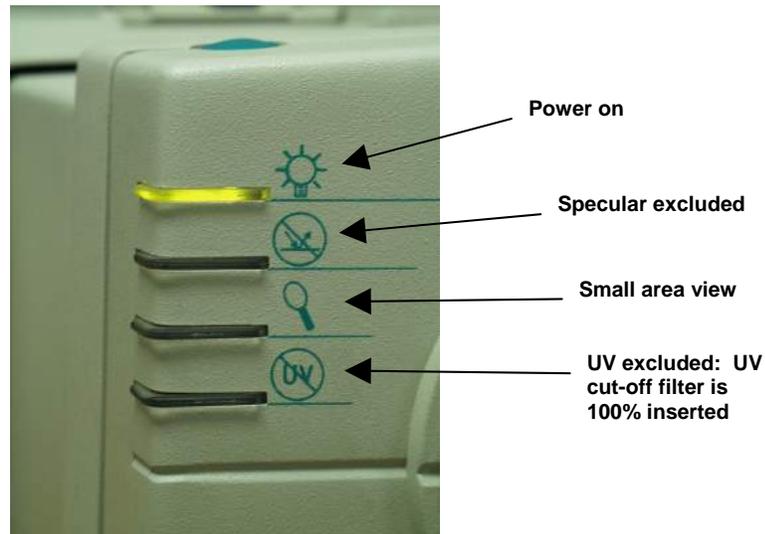


and open

The ColorQuest XE features automated specular included/excluded port control and sensing. This feature allows you to set the port to the desired position from the touch screen. The screen reports the position, thereby allowing errorless measurements.

Indicator Lights

The ColorQuest XE's indicator lights let you know what mode of standardization is currently in use. The top light indicates that power is on. The second light indicates that the specular exclusion port is open. The third light indicates that small area view is in use, and the bottom light indicates that the UV cut-off filter is 100% inserted.



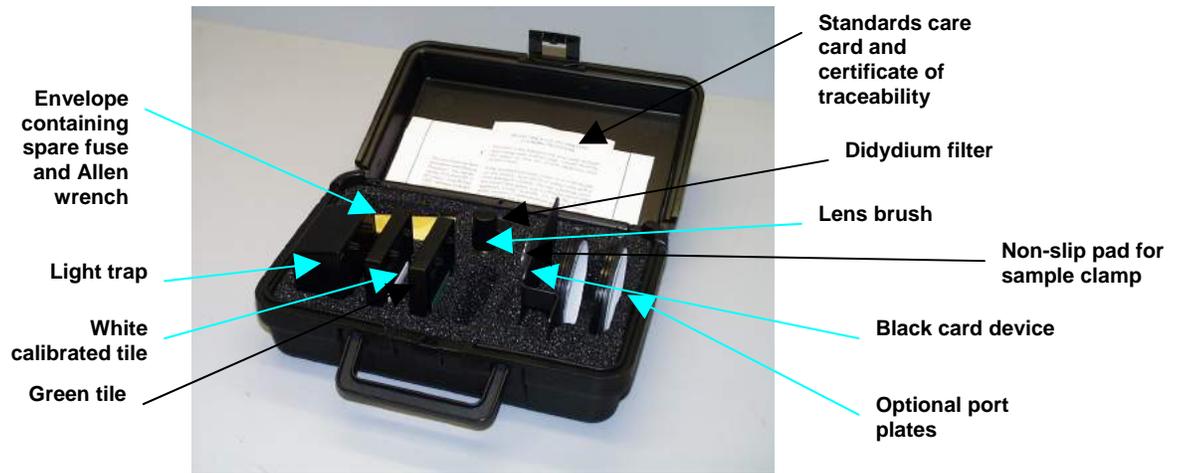
Macro/Read Button

The Macro/Read button initiates a sample measurement and acts as the **OK** button when the screen shows a standardization prompt.

ColorQuest XE Accessories

The following accessories are provided with the ColorQuest XE with Touch Screen system and can be found in the standards case:

- White calibrated tile - placed at the reflectance port (with pegs in the guidance holes) during standardization. This tile is traceable to National Physical Laboratory (NPL) [England] primary standards.
- Light trap - placed at the reflectance port (with pegs in the guidance holes) during standardization in reflectance modes.
- Black card device - placed in the transmission compartment during standardization in transmittance modes.
- Green tile - placed at the reflectance port (with pegs in the guidance holes) to check instrument performance.
- Didymium filter - screwed into the lens as a check for wavelength accuracy.
- Tile data sheet - gives calibration information for the standard tiles.
- Non-slip pad for sample clamp - can be placed into the sample clamp as a replacement for the white disk for applications that require a non-slip or dark backing.
- Standards care card - gives instructions on how to clean the standards.
- Fuses - two 3-amp fuses are provided as spares.
- Allen wrench - one 1/8" wrench is provided.
- Lens brush.
- RS-232 communications cable.
- Power cord.
- Certificate of traceability for the standard tile.
- Applet manager - this computer program is described in Appendix A.
- Diagnostics software CD.



ColorQuest XE Options and Sample Devices

There are many options and devices available for positioning samples at the measurement ports of the ColorQuest XE and for making the instrument easier to use. Any or all of the following options and sample devices may be purchased for use with your ColorQuest XE. HunterLab part numbers are included for your convenience in ordering.

- Automated UV control (included with CQXE/SAV/UV and CQXE/SAV/UV-2 instrument configurations, or can be ordered separately as UV-CQXE),
- Small area view (included with CQXE/SAV/UV and CQXE/SAV instrument configurations),
- Retroviewer (HL#RETRO-CQXE),
- Foot switch assembly (HL#D02-1010-327),
- Compression clamp kit (HL#D02-1011-131),
- Skein holder (HL#02-7396-00),
- 1-inch port plate with glass (HL#A02-1011-124),
- 4-mm port plate (HL#A02-1011-184),
- Reflectance sample shelf with light cover (HL#B02-1005-172, D02-1013-326 for shelf only),
- Semi-micro powder holder (HL#D02-1012-313),
- Reflectance preform holder (HL#D02-1011-841),
- Transmission clamp (HL#C02-1005-444),
- Transmission cell holder (HL#C02-1005-481),
- Transmission cells (HL#13-8573-20 for 50-mm, B04-1003-801 for 33-mm, 04-4592-00 for 20-mm, 13-8573-40 for 10-mm),
- Transmission cells with two screw tops (HL#D12-1011-893 for 10-mm, D12-1011-890 for 20-mm, D12-1011-891 for 33-mm, D12-1011-892 for 50-mm),
- Transmission spill tray (HL#D02-1011-568),
- Tall transmission cells [set of 3] (HL#B04-1002-672),
- Flow-through transmission cell holder and cells (HL#D02-1009-960 for holder, C04-1001-960 for 50-mm cell, C04-1001-959 for 20-mm cell, C04-1001-958 for 10-mm cell),
- Holder for small volume transmission cells and 10-mm small volume transmission cells (HL#D02-1011-886 for holder, A13-1011-613 for cell),

- Cylindrical cell holder (HL#D02-1011-550),
- Semi-micro cell holder and optical assembly (HL#L02-1012-202),
- Transmission preform holder (HL#D02-1011-833),
- Blue denim tile assembly (HL#D02-1011-085),
- External serial printer (HL#L01-1010-678 for 110V, L01-1010-679 for 220V),
- Applets (various part numbers),
- EasyMatch Quality Control Software (HL#EZMQC-INS).

Automated UV Control

Two UV exclusion filters are options to the ColorQuest XE. The 460-nm cutoff filter excludes all source light below 460 nm and the 420-nm cutoff filter eliminates light below 420 nm. Together, the filter set is used to control the UV content of the source lamp. The filter set can be out/nominal, in, or calibrated. The positions of both filters are controlled through the applets. The instrument should be standardized in the chosen configuration before measurements are made. A white fluorescent standard is used in the UV calibration and checking process.

For the measurement of optical brighteners or UV-induced fluorescence, the calibration and control of the source UV energy is important. UV-induced fluorescence can vary based on the geometry of the instrument used, the spectral properties of the simulated source (usually D65), the condition of the instrument's lamp, and the fluorescent characteristics of the sample. Using the variable UV filter set available on the ColorQuest XE, the proper ratio of the energy in the UV region of the electromagnetic spectrum to that in the visible region of the spectrum can be achieved and maintained. This improves the agreement of the illumination between different instruments.

Transfer standards marked with known values are used to set the correct illumination conditions. These standards are stable, white plastic samples traceable to a four-step cotton white scale from Hohenstein Institute in Germany. Their use keeps illumination constant as a lamp ages or after a lamp change.

Instructions for using UV control are provided in the “Operation” chapter.

Note: It is necessary to know what type of fluorescence is involved for the samples being measured. Some materials fluoresce due to excitation by visible rather than ultraviolet wavelengths. The UV-absorbing filters do not eliminate this type of fluorescence.

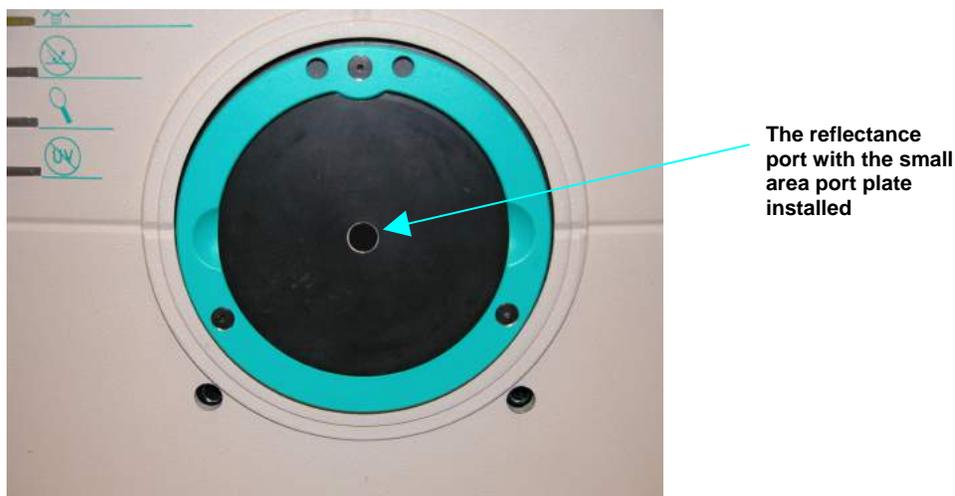
Small Area View

The small area view option includes a small area view lens and port plate. The small area view lens must be installed at the factory. To use the small area view option:

1. Remove the original port plate from the reflectance port and replace it with the small area port plate.
2. Standardize the instrument. Be sure to select SAV as the lens position on the Instrument Standardization screen. The lens will automatically adjust.

3. Place the sample at the reflectance port.
4. Be sure that the sample completely covers the reflectance port. (Use the retroviewer if you purchased that option.) Adjust the position of the sample if necessary.
5. Read the sample.

Note: The instrument flashes multiple times per measurement when the small area view option is employed.



Retroviewer

The retroviewer is a lamp in the sphere that allows you to view the sample that is currently at the reflectance port on a screen. This helps you to determine when the sample is properly placed for measurement. Turn on the lamp as described below. The sample at the reflectance port is then illuminated and an image of it appears on the retroviewer screen. If necessary, adjust the door above the screen to see a mirror image of the screen display. The retroviewer lamp must be installed at the factory.

The retroviewer lamp has two modes of operation:

1. The lamp stays on between readings.
2. The lamp remains off after each reading.

Select the desired mode of operation using the retroviewer button as follows:

- **Lamp Stay On Mode:** Press and hold the retroviewer button until a beep is heard. To turn the lamp off, press and immediately release the retroviewer button three times in a row.
- **Lamp Stay Off Mode:** Press and immediately release the retroviewer button. The lamp will automatically turn itself off when you take a reading.

Note: In order to prevent heat build-up, the lamp will turn off automatically after one minute of inactivity, regardless of selected mode.

Foot Switch Assembly

Pressing the foot switch initiates a sample reading and acts as the **OK** button when the screen shows a standardization prompt. The foot switch assembly performs the same actions as the Macro/Read button on the sensor. Install the foot switch by plugging it into the round connector on the back of the ColorQuest XE.



Compression Clamp Kit

This option provides a compression clamp assembly for the ColorQuest XE. This assembly is used for compressing fibers into a compact mass that permits repeatable color analysis. The assembly, sans modified port insert and glass sample cup, may also be used to hold carpet, fabric, and other soft samples at the reflectance port with constant pressure.

The option consists of the following components:

- Modified port insert
- Protective cap for port plate
- Glass 2.5-inch (64-mm) sample cup



- Modified sample clamp
- Ten feet of 1/4-inch tubing line
- Pressure valve.

A compressed air source and filter dryer are also required.

To install the compression clamp assembly,

1. Remove the original port insert and replace it with the modified port insert (after removing the protective cap). The white lining of the insert should face in toward the instrument.
2. Replace the original sample clamp with the modified sample clamp.

3. Connect the air compressor to the lower input port of the modified sample clamp assembly using the 1/4" tubing. Also connect the compressor to a power source.

To operate the compression clamp assembly:

1. Temporarily replace the modified port insert with the original port insert.
2. Standardize the instrument and then return the modified port insert to the port.
3. Weigh the specified amount of sample material into the sample cup. The fibers should completely fill the sample cup. For comparability of measurements, the same weight of sample should always be used.
4. Place the sample cup into the cup holder port plate. Adjust the location of the sample clamp to hold the cup in place. The front button on the arm raises and lowers the arm, while the back button moves the clamp in and out.
5. Turn on the flow of clean, dry, compressed air to the clamp. You should attach a filter dryer to the assembly.
6. Pull out the knob on the sample clamp and turn it until the desired pressure is obtained as shown on the pressure gauge. The recommended pressure is 30-40 psi, but must not exceed 100 psi. Push the knob back in. For comparability of measurements, all samples should be measured under the same pressure. Monitor the pressure so that fluctuations that might affect measurements are known.
7. Flip the pressure switch on the sample clamp to the on position (up). The clamp will compress the sample into the sample cup.
8. Initiate a reading.
9. Turn off the air pressure, remove the sample from the port, and continue with measurement of additional samples.

Note: Always return the modified port insert to its protective cap after use.

Skein Holder



This is a device for measuring yarn skeins. Wind the yarn around the skein holder in multiple taut layers until it is effectively opaque and is as flat as possible. Secure it in place with the detachable arms on the sides of the skein holder. Place the skein holder at the reflectance port and back it with the sample clamp or a white backing tile to provide a consistent background and pressure. Make several measurements of the skein, rotating the holder 90° between measurements and averaging the readings for the final result.



1-inch Port Plate with Glass

This option provides a snap-in port plate with an opening one inch in diameter that is covered with glass. The glass insert protects the inside of the instrument from sample and airborne particles.

To install the port insert,

1. Remove the standard port insert by pulling it out of the port insert retainer. Replace it with the desired port insert, making sure that the flat portion of the insert is facing outward with the beveled portion toward the interior of the sensor.
2. Standardize the instrument. When using the glass cover, standardize the instrument with the glass in place. However, you should check measurements of the green and white tiles and perform any other diagnostics without the glass cover. Difference measurements using the glass cover will be more accurate than absolute measurements.



4-mm Port Plate



This option provides a modified port plate with a 4-mm round opening. This port plate should only be used when the small area view option is available and in use. To install the port plate, remove the standard port plate and snap the modified port plate into place at the reflectance port. Standardize the instrument in a reflectance mode using small area view.

Note: This port plate has an opening that is smaller than the usual 1-inch port plate. Performance specifications (i.e., factory-supplied color values, stability, accuracy) are based on the standard 1-inch round port plate. These specifications will not be met with the modified port plate. The change of geometry that occurs will cause a slight shift in the color values of the calibration standards.

Reflectance Sample Shelf with Light Cover

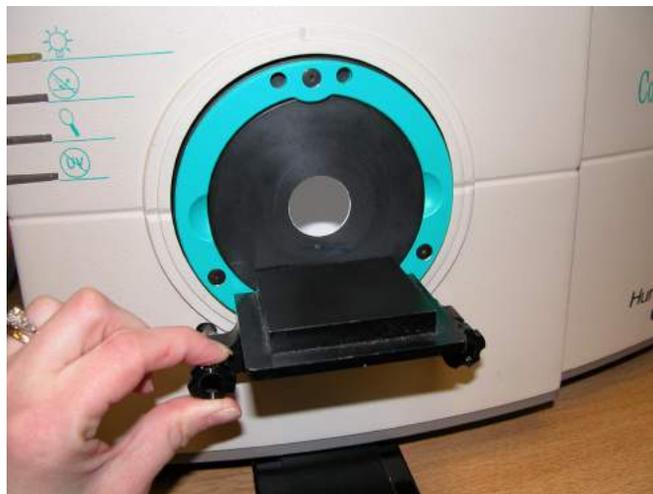
The optional reflectance sample shelf with light cover can be placed at the reflectance port for measurement of powders, granules, pastes, or liquids held in a transmission cell (10-mm, 20-mm, 33-mm, or 50-mm). An opaque cover is also provided to prevent ambient room light from affecting the measurement.

To install the reflectance sample shelf:

1. Lower the sample clamp as far as it will go.
2. Insert the two finger clamps of the sample shelf into the guidance holes located below the reflectance port on the front of the ColorQuest XE.



3. Tighten the sample shelf into place by turning both knobs clockwise.



4. Place your sample on the shelf and cover it with the light cover.



5. Measure the sample.

Semi-micro Powder Holder

This option provides a holder and special port plate that allow the measurement of small quantities (approximately 0.4 cc) of packed powder.

To install and use the powder holder, complete the steps below.

1. Install the small area view port plate and standardize the ColorQuest XE in a reflectance mode for SAV.
2. Replace the standard port plate with the modified port plate.



3. Place the powder to be read into the powder holder.



4. Pack the powder down using the plunger. Do not overtighten the powder holder. The powder should be at least 1/2-cm deep in the holder.



5. Place the powder holder into the port plate.



6. Measure the sample.

Note: *The powder holder should be used ONLY for color difference measurements.*

7. Between measurements, remove the powder holder, unscrew the top, and clean the glass. The glass insert may be removed from the powder holder for cleaning or replacement. Replacement inserts may be purchased from HunterLab. No adhesive is required.

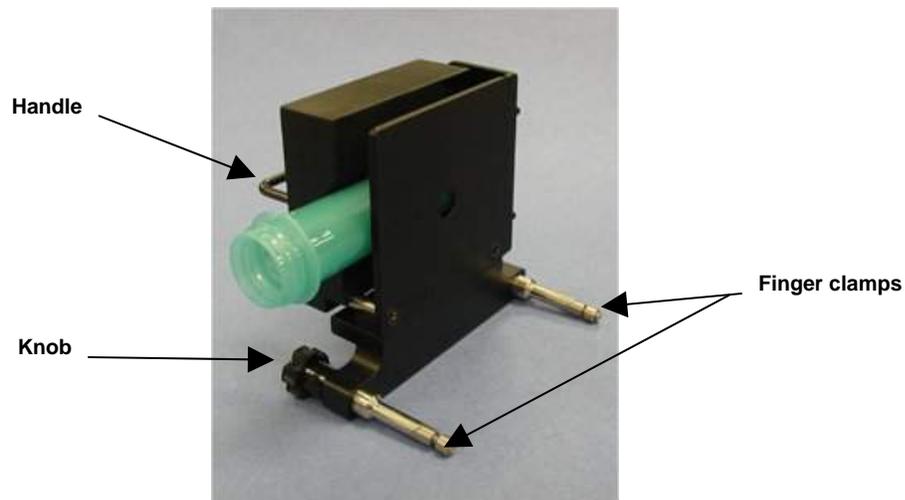


Reflectance Preform Holder

This option provides an adjustable holder for measuring translucent and opaque preforms at the reflectance port of the ColorQuest XE. The holder is appropriate for preforms with a shaft diameter between 15 and 40 mm and a length of at least 50 mm.

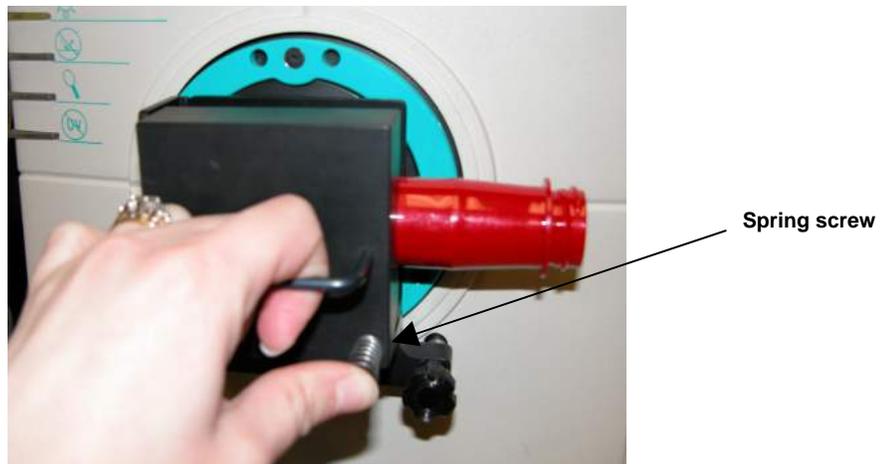
Complete the following steps to install the holder onto the instrument.

1. Lower the sample clamp as far as it will go.
2. Insert the two finger clamps of the preform holder into the guidance holes located below the reflectance port on the front of the instrument.
3. Tighten the holder into place by turning both knobs clockwise.



Use the preform holder as follows:

1. Standardize the instrument in RSIN mode using **SAV as the area view**. You will need to remove the preform holder to standardize or else standardize before installing the holder.
2. Open the holder. It is easiest to do this by placing your fingers around the handle and resting the thumb of the same hand on the end of one of the spring screws. Pull the handle toward the thumb until the holder provides an opening large enough for insertion of the desired preform.
3. Insert the preform into the holder as far as the preform will go with the threads to the right. Then close the holder and confirm that the preform is held securely in place.



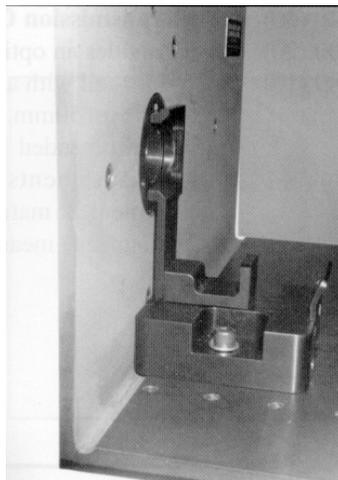
4. Make your measurement.
5. Rotate the preform and measure it again.
6. Repeat step 5 until the preform has been measured the desired number of times.

Transmission Clamp

The optional transmission clamp holds transparent film or sheets in position for regular or total transmission measurements.

For measurements in Regular Transmission:

1. Position the transmission clamp so that the curved opening is aligned at the **lens port** located at the back of the transmission compartment. The inner curvature of the clamp should align with the outer curvature of the lens.
2. When properly aligned, the holes in the bottom of the clamp assembly will align with holes in the floor of the transmission compartment. Place a washer and one 1/4-20 7/8-inch screw in each of the holes and tighten by turning the screw clockwise. (You may finger-tighten the screws or you may use the Allen wrench that is included with the transmission clamp.)
3. Use the touch screen to standardize in regular transmission (RTRAN).
4. Place the film sample at the lens port by pulling forward on the tab at the bottom of the clamp and sliding the transmission clamp holder forward. Place the film at the lens and release the tab. The rubber grommet at the rear of the transmission clamp will firmly hold the sample in place for measurement.
5. Close the transmission compartment door and make the measurement.



Transmission clamp as placed in the transmission compartment for measurements in regular transmission. The clamp is placed flat at the lens.

For measurements in Total Transmission:

1. Position the transmission clamp so that the curved opening is aligned at the opening of the **sphere** at the front the transmission compartment. The inner curvature of the clamp should align with the outer curvature of the sphere.
2. When properly aligned, the holes in the bottom of the clamp assembly will align with holes in the floor of the transmission compartment. Place a washer and one 1/4-20 7/8-inch screw in each of the holes and tighten by turning the screw clockwise. (You may finger-tighten the screws or you may use the Allen wrench that is included with the transmission clamp.)
3. Use the touch screen to standardize in total transmission (TTRAN).

4. Place the film sample at the sphere opening by pulling back on the tab at the bottom of the clamp and sliding the transmission clamp holder backward. Place the film at the sphere opening and release the tab. The rubber grommet at the front of the transmission clamp will firmly hold the sample in place for measurement.
5. Close the transmission compartment door and make the measurement.

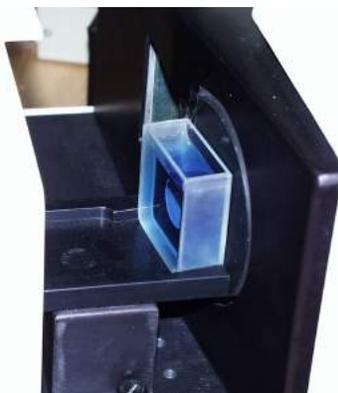
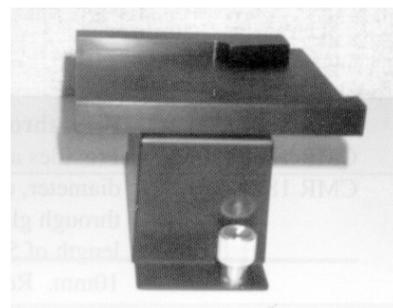
Transmission clamp as placed in the transmission compartment for measurements in total transmission. The clamp is placed flat at the sphere.



Transmission Cell Holder

The optional transmission cell holder permits measurement of liquids in 10-mm, 20-mm, 33-mm, or 50-mm transmission cells.

To install it, slide the transmission cell holder into the transmission compartment at the center, widest part of the transmission compartment. To use the transmission cell holder, position the holder inside the transmission compartment so that the flat end of the holder is aligned with the rear wall of the transmission compartment. Ensure that the holder is flush against the sphere wall. Depress and turn the captive screws clockwise. If the holder is slightly off-line, reposition it so that the screws align properly in the holes on the floor of the transmission compartment.



The transmission cell holder holding a 20-mm cell at the sphere opening.

You may use the holder for measurements in either total or regular transmission by following the touch screen prompts to standardize in the desired mode. If you are using total transmission (TTRAN), place the cell at the **sphere** opening at the front of the transmission compartment. If you are using regular transmission (RTRAN), place the cell at the **lens port** at the rear of the transmission compartment.

Transmission Cells

The transmission cell option provides an optically-clear glass cell with a fixed path length of 50 mm, 33 mm, 20 mm, or 10 mm. Transmission cells are recommended for transmission measurements of lightly-pigmented materials and some reflectance measurements. When used for transmission measurements of liquids, the cell filled with distilled water or another clear solvent should be used during standardization to set the top of the scale.

For transmission measurements, use the cell size recommended by your measurement specification (such as an ASTM method), or use the general rule that smaller path lengths should be used for more concentrated colorants.



The dimensions and volumes of the various transmission cells are as follows:

Path Length (mm)	Minimum Sample Volume for Measurement (mL)	Dimensions of Measurement Face (Width x Height in mm)
10	20	55 x 57
20	40	55 x 57
33	70	55 x 57
50	100	55 x 57

Transmission Cells with Two Screw Tops

This option provides an optically-clear glass transmission cell with a fixed path length of 50 mm, 33 mm, 20 mm, or 10 mm that is enclosed and has two Teflon[®]-lined screw caps for injecting and removing volatile liquids from the cell. Otherwise, these transmission cells are used in exactly the same manner as those described above.



Transmission Spill Tray

The transmission spill tray, when installed in the ColorQuest XE's transmission compartment, protects the compartment from spills of liquid samples. The tray can hold up to 600 mL of liquid. The top portion of the spill tray simulates the function of the transmission cell holder.



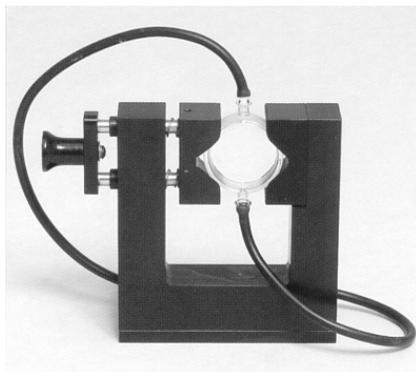
Slide the spill tray into the transmission compartment at the center, widest part of the transmission compartment. Position it so that the flat end of the transmission cell holder portion is aligned with the back wall of the transmission compartment. The slanted end will be at the sphere wall at the front of the compartment. Ensure that the holder is flush against the sphere wall. Depress and turn the spill tray's captive screws clockwise. If it is slightly off-line, reposition it so that the screws align properly in the holes on the floor of the transmission compartment. Then use the transmission cell holder portion as you would the normal transmission cell holder device.



Tall Transmission Cells

This option provides a set of three transmission cells that have path lengths of 20 mm, but that are 40 mm wide and 204 mm tall, quite a bit taller than the standard transmission cells.

Flow-Through Transmission Cell Holder and Cells



This option provides an optically clear, 2-inch diameter, 10-mm, 20-mm, or 50-mm-path length flow-through cell for use with the ColorQuest XE flow-through cell holder. The flow-through cell is placed in the holder at the sphere transmission port or at the lens. Flexible plastic tubing with an inside diameter of 4.8 mm is connected from the liquid source to the inlet (lower) tube of the cell and from the outlet (upper) tube to a drain. Using a vacuum pump, the liquid is pumped into the cell until the cell is filled. A sample reading is then taken and the liquid pumped from the cell to the drain.

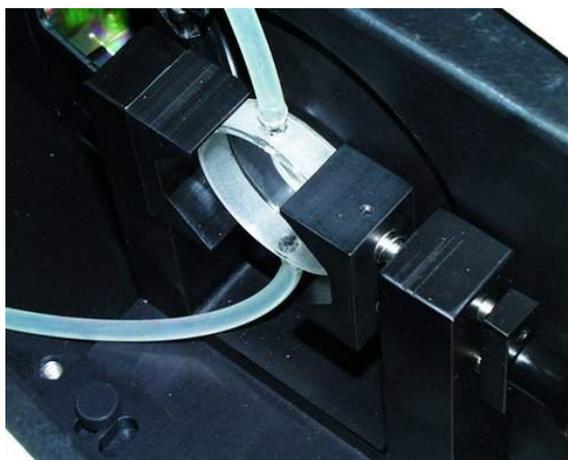
The dimensions and volumes of the various flow-through transmission cells are as follows:

Path Length (mm)	Minimum Sample Volume for Measurement (mL)	Diameter of Measurement Face (mm)
10	20	51
20	35	51
50	90	51

The flow-through transmission cell can be used with manual or automated pumps, such as peristaltic pumps, to inject the liquid into or extract the liquid from the cell.

To install the flow-through cell and holder,

1. Place the instrument on a level surface.
2. Open the instrument transmission compartment door. If you have a transmission sample holder installed, remove it. Be sure that the specular exclusion port door is closed.
3. Place the flow-through transmission cell in the cell holder using the handle on the right side of the cell holder to open and close the holder. Orient the inlet and outlet tubes vertically.
4. If you wish to make total transmission measurements, place the cell holder into the instrument transmission compartment and orient the cell holder so that the cell is almost touching the **sphere**. The cell must be centered over the instrument transmission port. If you will be making regular transmittance measurements, place the cell holder against the **lens** in the opposite orientation.
5. Locate the two 1/4-20 tapped mounting holes inside the instrument transmission compartment and fasten the cell holder to the instrument with the two thumb screws. Be sure that the screws are snug and that the cell holder is held securely in place.



To operate the flow-through cell assembly,

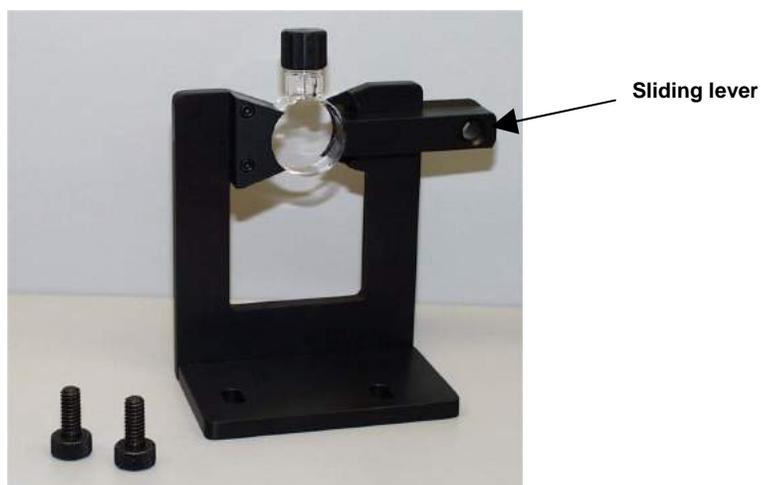
1. Standardize the instrument in a transmittance mode. The flow-through cell should be filled with distilled water or another clear solvent to set the top of scale.
2. Inject the sample to be measured into the cell.
3. Measure the sample.
4. Drain the sample from the cell.

CAUTION
Do not standardize in RSEX with the flow-through cell assembly in place. This may damage the cell and/or instrument.

The flow-through transmission cell may need to be cleaned periodically. Use a glass cleaner on the exterior of the cell and distilled water pumped through the cell for the interior.

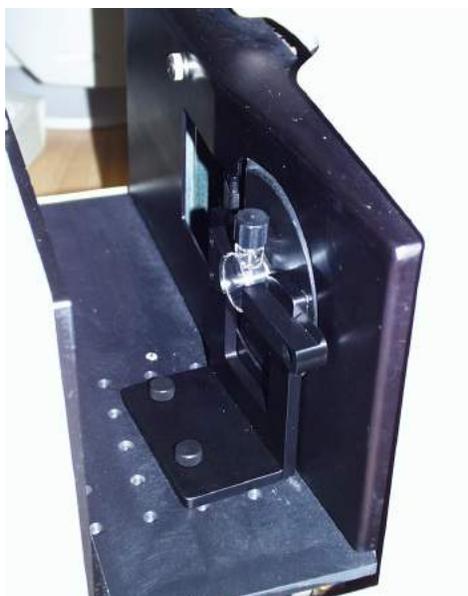
Holder for Small Volume Transmission Cells and 10-mm Small Volume Transmission Cells

This option provides a holder for a cylindrical small volume transmission cell. Each cell is shipped with two caps, one that is solid and screws on, and one that is threaded and covered with injectable Teflon[®]. The cell has an outside diameter of 28 mm, an inside diameter of 25 mm, and a 10-mm path length. The cell and holder together are used for total transmission measurements of small quantities of liquids.



To install the holder, position it so that the holes in its base are down toward the floor of the transmission compartment and the cutout in the vertical section is at the transmission port (hole in the sphere). The base holes should be positioned over two of the threaded holes in the transmission compartment floor. Insert the two thumbscrews provided and tighten.

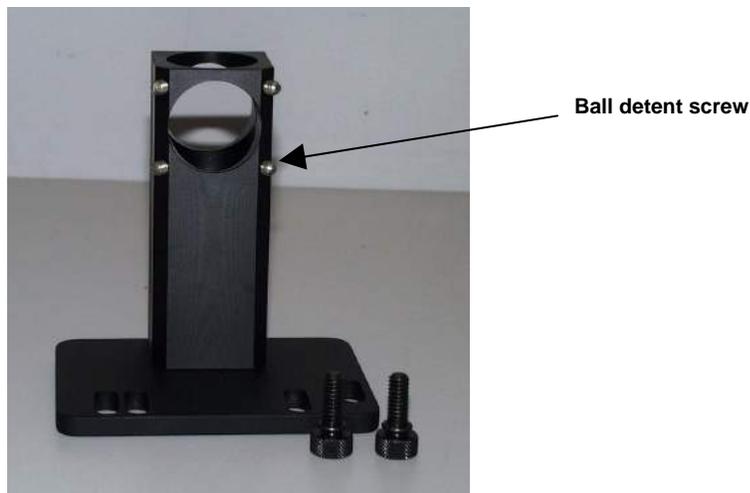
To operate, fill the cylindrical cell with the clear solvent that is to be used as a blank for standardization. Then, slide the lever of the cell holder out to open the space for the cell. Insert the cell into the holder and gently release the lever until the cell is held securely in place. Standardize the instrument in TTRAN mode using the blank to set the top of scale. Remove the solvent from the cell and replace it with the sample liquid. Return the cell to the holder and measure the sample.



CAUTION
Do not standardize in RSEX mode with the small volume cell holder in place. This may damage the cell and/or instrument.

Cylindrical Cell Holder

This option provides a holder for 27-mm to 30-mm (OD) cylindrical sample tubes at the instrument transmission port. This holder may be used for measurement of transparent liquids in cylindrical glass tubes with 20-mL, 40-mL, or 60-mL volumes (not sold by HunterLab).



Complete the following steps to install and use the tube holder:

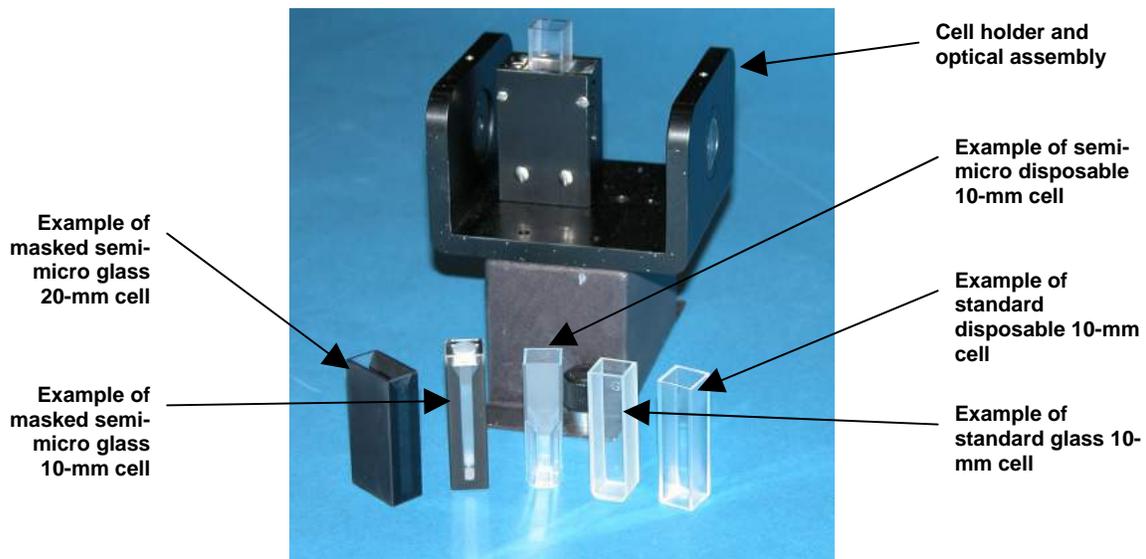
1. Place the tube holder in the transmission compartment, orienting the holder so that the slotted portion of the base faces away from the sphere with the flat side at the sphere. The open viewing hole in the holder must be centered over the hole in the sphere.
2. Locate the appropriate two mounting holes in the transmission compartment floor and fasten the tube holder to the instrument using the two thumb screws provided.
3. Standardize the instrument in TTRAN mode using the large area of view. When prompted to read the black card, slide it between the tube holder and the transmission port. Use a tube of the type you will be using for samples filled with distilled water (for water solution samples) or a clear organic solvent (for organic solution samples) as your standardization blank.
4. Remove the blank liquid and fill the glass tube with sample and then insert the tube into the open column in the tube holder. If needed, adjust the ball detent screws until the tube is held snugly in place. Read the sample.



Semi-micro Cell Holder and Optical Assembly

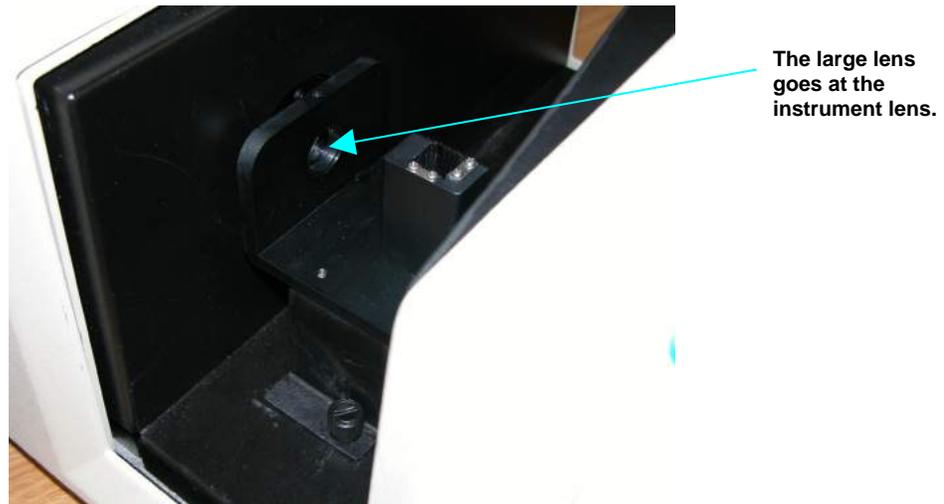
This option provides an optical assembly and holder that center 10-mm and 20-mm standard and semi-micro analytical cells (cuvettes) in the transmission compartment for measurement of small and semi-micro volumes of clear liquids. The analytical cells to be used with this holder are not sold by HunterLab, though several semi-micro disposable 10-mm cells are included as examples. Approximate sample volumes required for the various types of cells are as follows:

Path Length (mm)	Cell Type	Minimum Sample Volume for Measurement (mL)
10	Standard	4.0
10	Semi-Micro	0.4
20	Standard	8.0
20	Semi-Micro	0.8



Complete the following steps to install and use the semi-micro cell holder.

1. Slide the semi-micro cell holder and optical assembly into the transmission compartment at the center, widest part of the transmission compartment with the large lens of the optical assembly toward the instrument lens and the small lens of the optical assembly toward the opening in the sphere.



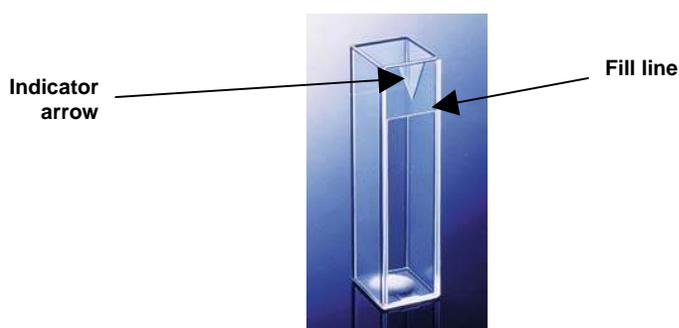
2. Ensure that the holder is in a straight line between the instrument lens and the hole in the sphere. Depress and turn the captive thumbscrews clockwise into holes in the transmission compartment floor. If the holder is slightly off-line, reposition it so that the screws align properly with the holes on the floor of the transmission compartment.



3. Initiate standardization in TTRAN mode for LAV, sliding the black card device between the cell holder and the hole in the sphere when prompted for the black card.



4. When prompted for the cell blank, fill the desired analytical cell with distilled water or another clear liquid you would like to use as your top of scale. Some cells will have a fill line. The liquid should at least reach this line.



5. Slide the transmission cell into the cell holder as far as it will go. If your cell has an indicator arrow, point it toward the hole in the instrument sphere.



6. Complete the standardization by measuring the cell blank as the top of scale.
7. Remove the cell from the cell holder and rinse it with the sample to be measured. Fill the cell with the sample and measure it the same way you did the blank.

Note: It is important, particularly when using disposable cells, that the same cell used during standardization be used for sample measurements.

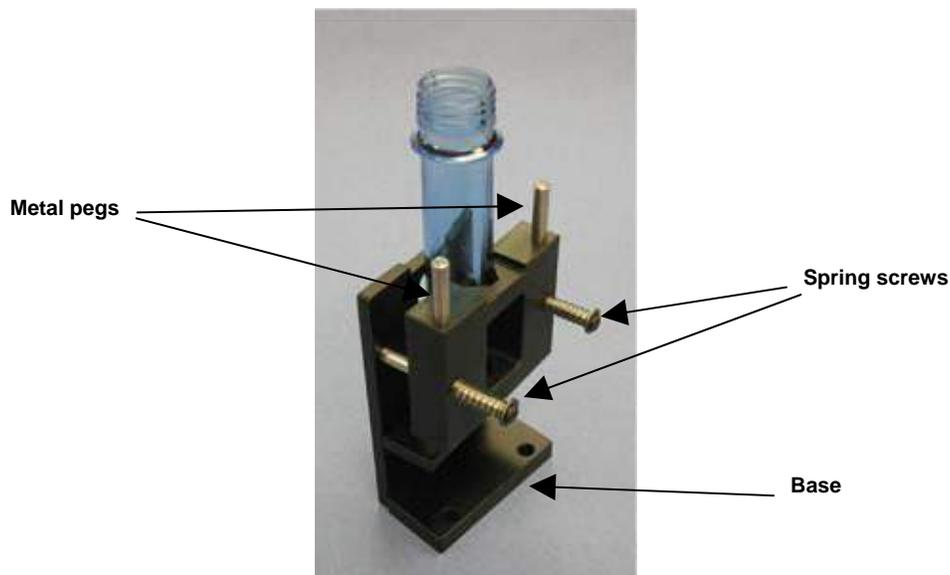
8. Periodically clean the two lenses on the cell holder with isopropyl alcohol and a cotton swab.

Transmission Preform Holder

This option provides an adjustable holder for measuring transparent preforms at the transmission port of the ColorQuest XE. The holder is appropriate for preforms with a shaft diameter between 10 and 40 mm and a length of at least 50 mm.

Complete the following steps to install the holder into the instrument.

1. Position the holder so that the flat side is aligned at the opening of the sphere at the front of the transmission compartment. The base should be down on the floor of the transmission compartment with the spring screws facing out into the transmission compartment.
2. When properly aligned, the holes in the base of the holder will align with holes in the floor of the transmission compartment. Place a thumbscrew in each of the holes and tighten until snug.



Use the preform holder as follows:

1. Standardize the instrument in TTRAN mode on air, using **SAV as the area view**. When prompted for the black card, slide it between the preform holder and the transmission port.
2. Open the holder. It is easiest to do this by placing an index finger between one of the metal pegs on top of the holder and the transmission port and resting the thumb of the same hand on the end of the corresponding spring screw. Pull the index finger toward the thumb until the holder provides an opening large enough for insertion of the desired preform.
3. Insert the preform into the holder as far as it will go with the threads up. Then close the holder and confirm that the preform is held securely in place.



4. If possible, close the transmission compartment door, and then make your measurement.
5. Open the transmission compartment door, rotate the preform, and measure it again.
6. Repeat step 5 until the preform has been measured the desired number of times.

Blue Denim Tile Assembly

This option provides a “blue denim” tile housed in a tile holder like the one housing the standard white tile. The blue denim tile is intended for checking the instrument’s repeatability on dark colors.

External Serial Printer



The external serial printer connects to the port labeled “PRN” on the ColorQuest XE’s touch screen and prints the measurement data when the **Print** area of the touch screen is pressed. The serial printer sold by HunterLab is a dot matrix printer that operates at 9600 baud. The communications cable supplied with the printer must be used to connect the printer to the ColorQuest XE. More information on the serial printer is provided in its separate User’s Manual.



Applets

The following applets are included in the loaded memory of your ColorQuest XE with Touch Screen system by default:

- Color
- Remote
- Spectral Data
- UV Calibration.

The following additional applets are included in the archived memory of your ColorQuest XE with touch screen system by default:

- APHA
- Haze.

The following applets are included only on your Applet Manager CD and may be loaded as desired using the Applet Manager:

- 3 Points (of spectral data)
- Absorbance
- ADMI
- ASBC/EBC
- ASTM Color
- Energy
- Gardner
- Saybolt.

Operation of these applets is discussed in detail in the Operation, Lessons, and Maintenance and Testing chapters.

Personalized applets may also be special-ordered from HunterLab or created using the built-in applet language and a text editor.

EasyMatch QC Software

EasyMatch QC is a 32-bit Windows-based computer program that performs numerical calculations on data measured by the ColorQuest XE, stores sample measurements, and provides graphical representations of data. The ColorQuest XE may be directly controlled by the software if all touch screen applets are exited and then the Remote applet is chosen. Instructions for using EasyMatch QC are provided in its separate User's Manual.

Chapter Three

ColorQuest XE Installation

The ColorQuest XE is simple to set up. Installation instructions are provided below.

Notice: The ColorQuest XE should be lifted from under the base plate, near the center of the unit. It should not be carried by grasping any part of the plastic housing.

The following instructions guide you through the initial installation of your ColorQuest XE with Touch Screen system.

1. Unpack all cartons and remove wrappings and cable ties. Inspect for damage and notify the carrier and HunterLab immediately if any is discovered. Save the packing material in case it becomes necessary to return the instrument to the factory.
2. Place the main body of the ColorQuest XE on a flat working surface where the measurements will be made. If you are using the optional printer, place it in close proximity to the sensor, preferably to its left.
3. Ensure that the on/off switch on the back of the sensor is set to off.
4. Locate the touch screen assembly, which is packed separately.



5. Standing in front of the instrument or on its left side, hold the touch screen assembly so that the screen is facing you and place the ball of the touch screen's stand into the detent in the mounting port.
6. Turn the bottom of the touch screen's stand so that the open portion faces the front of the instrument and then screw the stand's knob down firmly over the mounting port. You will need to hold the touch screen with one hand while you screw the stand knob down with the other hand.

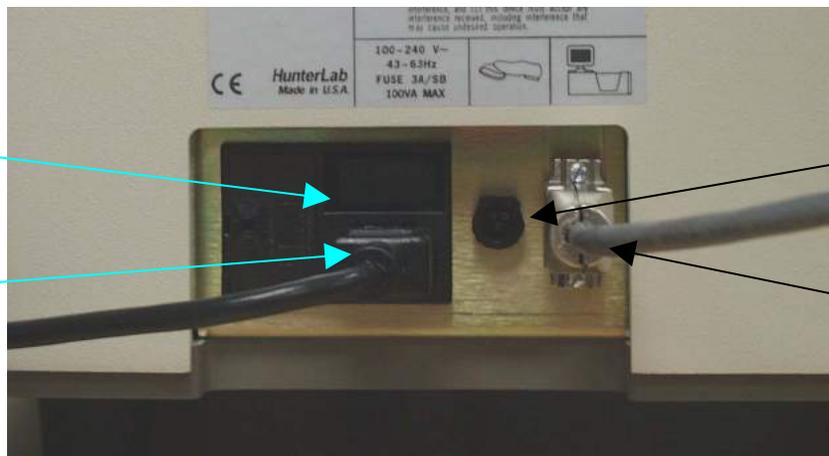


Touch screen stand - opening should face front.

Stand knob - screw down firmly.

Touch screen mounting port

7. Plug one end of the supplied short, “curly” 9-pin-to-9-pin serial cable into the port labeled “Sensor” on the back of the touch screen. Connect the other end to the serial port on the back of the sensor.



On/off switch

Power cord receptor

Jack for optional foot switch

Serial port - connects to touch screen

8. If the optional serial printer was purchased, connect the 25-to-9-pin printer cable to the optional printer and to the port labeled “Prn” on the back of the ColorQuest XE’s touch screen. Plug the printer’s power cable in and turn the printer on.
9. Remove the tape covering the reflectance port and the exterior of the sphere in the transmission compartment.
10. Place the desired port plate at the reflectance port and snap it into place.
11. Connect the power cord to the sensor and plug it into a power outlet.

Note: Refer to the ColorQuest XE Specifications chapter for recommendations concerning the power line and its conditioning.

CAUTION

Use only the power cord included with this instrument or a replacement obtained from HunterLab (HL#10-0000-55 for 110V, A13-1002-656 for 220V). Be certain that the power cord is in good condition before connecting it.

The ColorQuest XE is grounded using the grounding portion of this power cord. Only plug this cord into a properly grounded power outlet. Do not use an inappropriate adapter to plug the instrument into an ungrounded outlet or electric shock may occur. More information on the wiring of the power cord can be found in the ColorQuest XE Specifications chapter.

12. Turn on the ColorQuest XE by switching the on/off switch on the back of the sensor to the on position. Allow the instrument to warm up for 2 hours before use.

Notice: Do not block the vents in the top cover of the ColorQuest XE or the instrument may overheat.

Chapter Four

ColorQuest XE Operation

Note: Custom applets may operate differently than the default ones described here.

Loading Applets

There are two types of memory in your ColorQuest XE, loaded memory and archived memory. Loaded memory holds the applets you have requested and configured for immediate use. Archived memory holds the default factory versions of all the applets available to you. Archived applets must be transferred to loaded memory before use.

When the instrument is turned on, the touch screen first displays the instrument name and firmware version, then you are shown a list of the applets that are currently loaded into your unit and available for use.



You may use the **up and down arrow keys** to highlight one of the loaded applets. Use the **Unload key** to remove the currently-highlighted applet from loaded memory, but NOT from permanent (archived) memory. Use the **Load key** to transfer to the Applet Archive where you can load additional applets. Use the **Diag key** to move to the Diagnostics screen. The Diagnostics screen and its functions are described in Chapter 7. Touch the **Lock** icon in the bottom right corner of the screen to lock the unit and prevent loading or unloading of applets. Diagnostics may still be performed in the locked state, however. (Press the **Lock** icon again and enter the system password [page 7-20] to unlock this screen again.)

The following applets are included in the loaded memory of your ColorQuest XE with Touch Screen system by default:

- Color
- Remote
- Spectral Data

- UV Calibration.

The following additional applets are included in the archived memory of your ColorQuest XE with touch screen system by default:

- APHA
- Haze.

The following applets are included only on your Applet Manager CD and may be loaded as desired using the Applet Manager (see Appendix A):

- 3 Points (of spectral data)
- Absorbance
- ADMI
- ASBC/EBC
- ASTM Color
- Energy
- Gardner
- Saybolt.

Additional customized applets may be purchased separately from HunterLab. You may also use a text editor and the built-in ColorQuest XE applet language to create your own applets as described in Appendix A. Any applets purchased from HunterLab, however, are marked as read-only and may not be altered.

The number of applets you can archive and load onto your system is limited only by the available memory, 128 KB for loaded applets and 256 KB for applet archives. Only one applet can be active and controlling the ColorQuest XE at any given time, however.

To transfer an archived applet to loaded memory for use, complete the following steps:

1. Press the **Load** button. The following screen is displayed, listing all the applets available in your instrument and their versions.



2. Touch the name of the applet you wish to load. (You may need to use one of the arrow keys to find the applet in the list.) The chosen applet is loaded into memory and available for use. When you touch **Return**, you will see that its name is added to the Select an Applet screen.

Note: The applet will not be loaded if there is not enough available memory.

Note: You may also load applets using the Applet Manager described in Appendix A.

Standardization

The ColorQuest XE must be standardized on a regular basis to keep it operating properly. Instructions on standardization are given below.

General

Standardization sets the top and bottom of the photometric scale. During standardization, the bottom of the scale is set first. For this, you simulate the case where all the light is absorbed by the sample. For the ColorQuest XE, the bottom of the scale is set with the light trap for the reflectance modes. The black card device is used to set the bottom of the scale for transmittance measurements.



Standardizing on the light trap



Standardizing on the black card device for TTRAN mode. (The transmission compartment door may be closed down to the device handle.)



Standardizing on the black card device for RTRAN mode.

The top of the scale is then set by measuring the light which is reflected from or transmitted through a calibrated standard. This is done using a calibrated white tile for reflectance measurements and air or a solvent-filled cell for transmittance measurements. On-screen messages built into the applets will prompt you through the standardization procedure.



Standardizing on the white tile

It is recommended that the instrument be standardized at least once every eight hours. Also, standardize the instrument whenever the hardware changes, such as the placement of the UV filter, or with environmental, such as temperature, changes. Then you may proceed with sample measurement.

Standardization Modes

Four modes of measurement are available when you standardize the instrument:

- RSIN: Reflectance - Specular Included,
- RSEX: Reflectance - Specular Excluded,
- TTRAN: Total Transmittance,
- RTRAN: Regular Transmittance.

Taking into account varying hardware configurations such as UV filter in/out and small area/large area view, there are many ways to standardize the ColorQuest XE. The instrument can be standardized at any time by entering the applet of interest and then touching the **Stdz** button. You are first prompted to indicate the instrument configuration.

Note: Be sure that the transmission compartment door is closed while standardizing.

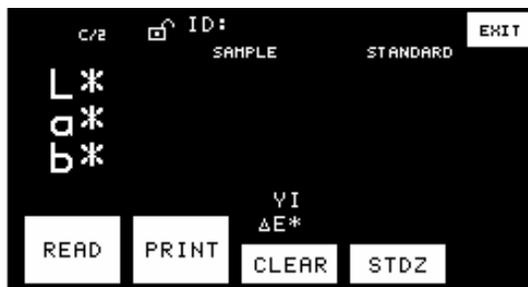
When standardizing in transmittance modes you are prompted to place the white calibrated standard at the reflectance port. Alternatively, a plug of barium sulfate (BaSO_4) or magnesium oxide (MgO) may be used to more closely approximate the actual sphere wall reflectance. When taking transmittance measurements, the calibrated white tile or the plug used during standardization must be kept at the reflectance port. When the instrument is to be used for transmission measurements of liquids, a clear liquid (distilled water for water-based samples, toluene or benzene for resins, or mineral oil for oils) in a cell of the desired size should be used to set the top of the scale. Place the cell in the transmission compartment as close to the **sphere** as possible for measuring total transmittance. Place it as close to the **lens** as possible when measuring regular transmittance.

When you're measuring solid samples such as film or glass, you may use air (no sample) for setting the top of the scale.

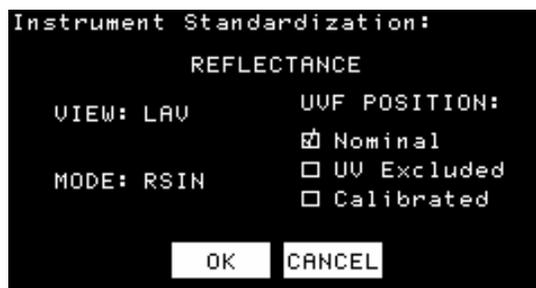
Standardizing in a Reflectance Mode

Standardize the ColorQuest XE in either RSIN or RSEX mode as follows:

1. Move to the Select an Applet screen by touching the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen).
2. From the Select an Applet screen, touch the name of one of the applets for which reflectance mode applies (Color, Spectral Data, or 3 Points) to move to its measurement screen. The example below shows a screen in the Color applet.



3. Touch the **Stdz** button to begin the standardization process. The following screen appears.



4. Touch the area just below “Instrument Standardization:” (where it says “Reflectance” in the example above) until “Reflectance” appears. Touching this area toggles you between Reflectance and Transmittance.
5. Touch the area next to “View:” to open the list of choices for area of view. Touch LAV for large area view or SAV for small area view.
6. Touch the area next to “Mode:” to open the list of choices for the specular included/excluded port door position. Touch RSIN or RSEX to select that mode.
7. In the area under “UVF Position:” touch the UV control option desired. UV Excluded means that the UV filters are all the way in the light path, excluding all the UV light. Nominal places the UV filters in the nominal position determined for this instrument at the factory to best simulate daylight. Calibrated, which is only available if the UV control option was purchased, places the UV filters in their calibrated position. This position is determined using the UV calibration procedure described later in this section.

The example screen below would cause the instrument to be standardized as follows:

- RSIN mode
- Large area view
- UV calibrated



8. Touch **OK** to begin. The following prompt appears.



9. Mount the light trap at the reflectance port as instructed and either touch **OK** or press the Macro/Read button on the instrument. The ColorQuest XE reads and then the following prompt appears.

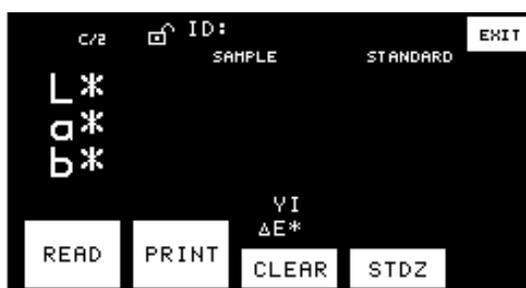


10. Mount the white tile at the reflectance port as instructed and either touch **OK** or press the Macro/Read button on the instrument. The ColorQuest XE reads and then returns you to your measurement screen. Standardization is complete.

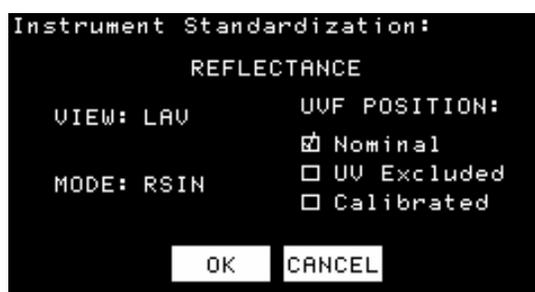
Standardizing in a Transmittance Mode

Standardize the instrument in either TTRAN or RTRAN mode as follows:

1. Move to the Select an Applet screen by touching the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen).
2. From the Select an Applet screen, touch the name of one of the applets (all applets may be run in transmittance mode) to move to its measurement screen. The example below shows a screen in the Color applet.



3. Touch the **Stdz** button to begin the standardization process. The following screen appears first.

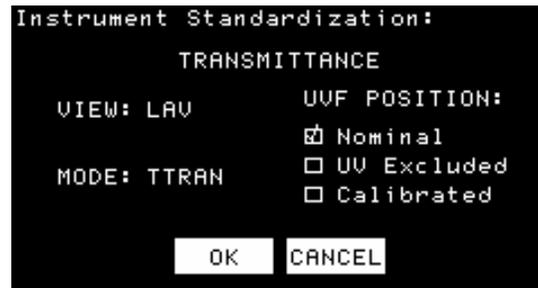


4. Touch the area just below “Instrument Standardization:” (where it says “Reflectance” in the example above) until “Transmittance” appears. Touching this area toggles you between Reflectance and Transmittance.
5. Touch the area next to “View:” to open the list of choices for area of view. Touch LAV for large area view.

6. Touch the area next to “Mode:” to open the list of choices for standardization mode. Touch TTRAN or RTRAN to select the desired mode.
7. In the area under “UV Filter:” touch Nominal.

The example screen below would cause the instrument to be standardized as follows:

- Transmittance, TTRAN mode, UV filter nominal.



8. Touch **OK** to begin. The following screen appears.



9. If you wish to standardize in TTRAN mode, place the black card flat against the transmission port (hole in the **sphere**). If you wish to standardize in RTRAN mode, place the black card flat against the **lens**. Then touch **OK** or press the Macro/Read button on the instrument. The ColorQuest XE reads and then the following prompt appears:



10. Remove the black card device from the transmission compartment and then place the blank if you are using one. Place the blank at the **transmission port** for TTRAN standardization and at the **lens** for RTRAN standardization. Also place the white tile at the reflectance port. Close the transmission compartment door and then touch **OK** or press the Macro/Read button on the instrument. After the instrument flashes, the display will return to the applet’s measurement screen and you may remove the blank from the transmission compartment. Standardization is complete. Leave the calibrated white tile in place while you make your measurements.

Note: Closing the transmission compartment door while making transmittance measurements is the best practice for this instrument. However, when measuring the transmittance of liquids that are volatile and/or toxic, it may be more important to measure the samples quickly than to eliminate ambient room light. To see if leaving the door open will adversely affect your color measurements, standardize the instrument in the desired transmittance mode with the transmission compartment door closed, then measure either air or a typical sample with the door open and then with the door closed. Compare the measurements. If the difference is acceptable under your measurement method, you may measure your samples with the door open. This test should be repeated if the instrument is moved to a new location.

Calibrating the UV Filter

Also complete the steps below if you purchased the UV Control option and wish to use the “Calibrated” UV filter position.

1. Move to the Select an Applet screen by touching the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen).
2. From the Select an Applet screen, touch UV Calibration. The following prompt appears.



3. Mount the light trap at the reflectance port and then touch **OK**. The ColorQuest XE reads and then the following prompt appears.



4. Mount the instrument white tile at the reflectance port and then touch **OK**. The ColorQuest XE reads and then the following prompt appears.



- Place the fluorescent standard at the reflectance port, centering spot 3 at the port. Use the dotted guides on the labeled side of the standard to properly center the standard under the sample clamp. Touch **OK** and then the following screen appears.



- Touch **Bksp** the number of times required to delete the Target Ganz Whiteness value displayed if it does not match the calibrated value given on the back of your fluorescent standard. Type in the appropriate value and then click **OK** to enter it.
- The UV filter autocalibrates and data on its progress is displayed until the filter is in the proper position. Then you are prompted to remove the fluorescent standard from the reflectance port. Do so and then touch **OK** to complete the UV calibration process.



- Enter the applet you wish to use for your measurements and standardize the ColorQuest XE in a reflectance mode, indicating “Calibrated” for the UV filter position. Then make your measurements.
- Measure both spot 3 of the standard and spot 4 every six months. Compare the results. If spot 3 has faded beyond tolerable limits for your application, use spot 4 for UV control from this point on and order a new fluorescent standard (HunterLab Part Number A02-1011-126 [calibrated] or A04-1008-388 [uncalibrated]).

Note: If you choose to employ the “calibrated” filter position, this position should be employed for all routine measurements using this instrument.

Note: If you calibrated the UV filter with an open port and then you wish to use a cover glass, you must recalibrate the UV filter with the cover glass in place.

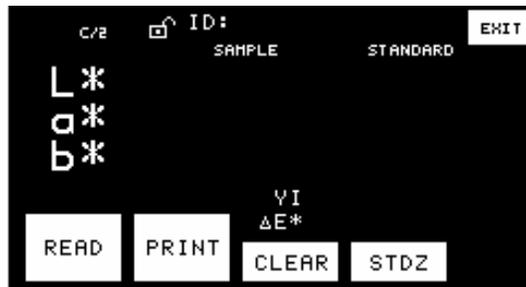
Taking Readings

Using the Color Applet

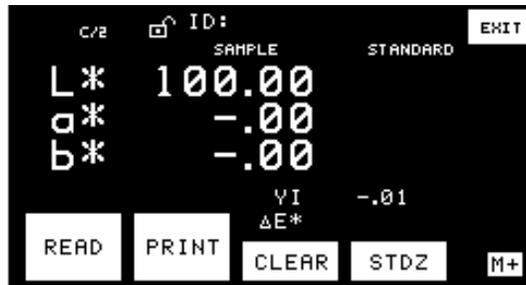
The Color applet shows color scale and index information with the color scale values prominent.

Move to the Select an Applet screen by touching the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen). From the Select an Applet screen, touch the name of the Color applet to move to its measurement screen.

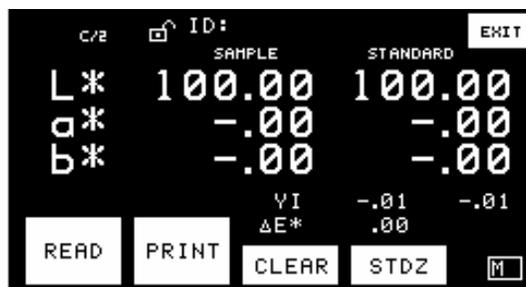
Note: You may need to load the applet before you can select it.



To initiate a reading, either touch the **Read** button on the touch screen or press the Macro/Read button on the body of the ColorQuest XE. The sample will be read and its absolute tristimulus values displayed.

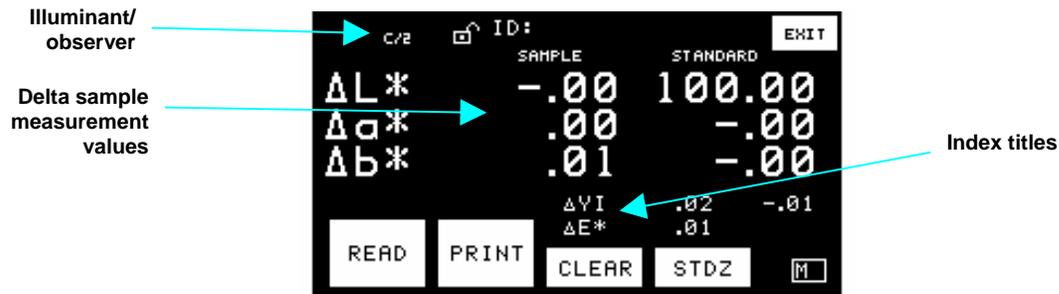


If you wish this measurement to be stored as the standard, touch the **M+** button to store it. The **M+** button changes to an "M" indicating that a standard has been stored and the measurement values move to the standard column. This standard will be available whenever this applet is used until you clear it using the **Clear** button. (Touch **Clear** once to clear the standard if only a standard has been read or touch **Clear** twice to clear first the sample then the standard if both have been read.)



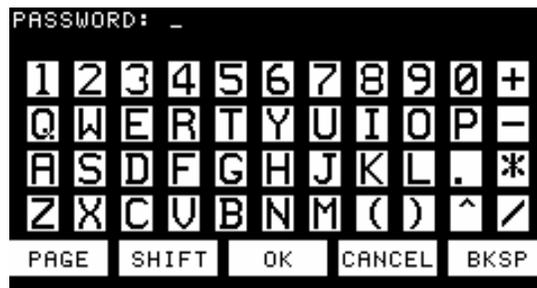
Touch **Read** or the Macro/Read button again to read a sample. The sample's absolute color values will now be shown beside the standard values.

Touch the sample measurement values to toggle between absolute color values and difference values from the standard. Touch the color scale title to toggle through the available color scales and touch the index titles at the bottom right of the screen toggle through the available indices. The displayed data will adjust accordingly. You may also touch the illuminant/observer area to toggle between the C/2° and D65/10° choices.

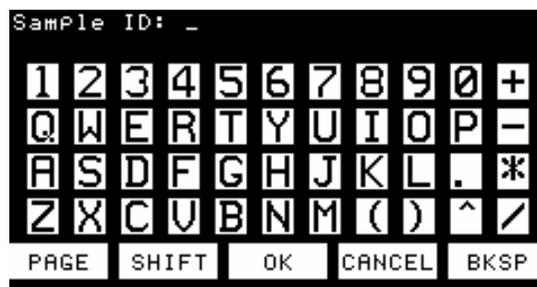


On the measurement screen, you may touch the **Stdz** button to initiate instrument standardization as described earlier in this chapter. Touch the **Print** key if you are using the optional printer and wish to print the measurements as currently displayed. You may also touch the **Clear** key once to clear the sample reading and then again to clear the standard reading. Touching **Exit** returns you to the Select an Applet screen.

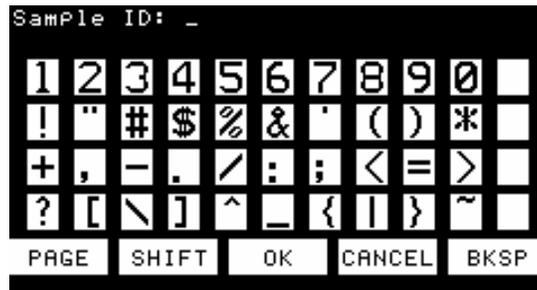
Touch the padlock icon if you wish to lock the displayed parameters so that they cannot be changed. When the screen is locked, the padlock icon closes. Then, in order to unlock the screen again, you must enter the system password and touch **OK**. The system password is set as described on page 7-20.



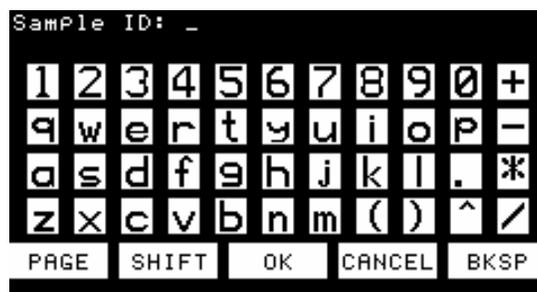
To assign an ID to the last measurement, touch the ID area at the top right of the screen. A keypad will appear on the screen.



Type in the desired ID and then touch **OK** to apply it. IDs may consist of up to fourteen alphanumeric characters unless you are using a custom applet that has defined a different number of characters. You may touch the **Page** button to move to a second page of available characters.



You may touch the **Shift** button to change the case of the available characters.



You may also cancel the assignment of an ID by touching the **Cancel** button or backspace to correct an entry mistake by touching the **Bksp** button.

For practice taking and displaying color measurements, perform Lesson 2 in the next chapter.

Using the Haze Applet

The haze applet displays color scale and haze information with the haze values prominent. Two readings per sample are required for the measurement of Haze.

Move to the Select an Applet screen by touching the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen). From the Select an Applet screen, touch Haze to move to its measurement screen.

Note: You may need to load the applet desired before you can select it.



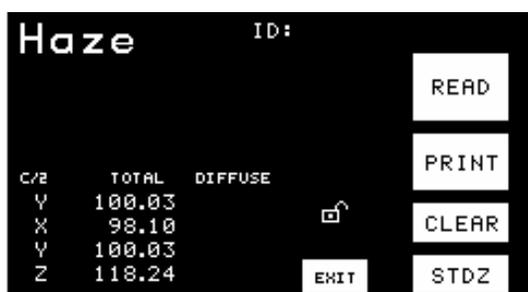
First, standardize the instrument in TTRAN mode by touching **Stdz** and following the on-screen prompts. In the haze applet only, a third prompt is added to the standardization process as shown below. It requires you to mount the light trap at the reflectance port.



To initiate a reading, either touch the **Read** button on the touch screen or press the Macro/Read button on the body of the ColorQuest XE. You are first prompted to read the sample with white at the reflectance port. To do so, place your sample at the transmission port and then mount the instrument white tile at the reflectance port.



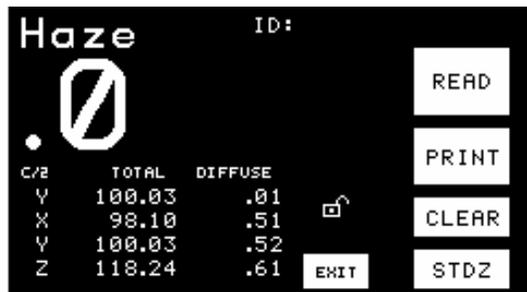
Touch **OK** to measure the sample with white at the reflectance port and display the total transmittance value.



You are prompted to read the sample with black at the reflectance port. Leave your sample at the transmission port and then mount the light trap at the reflectance port.



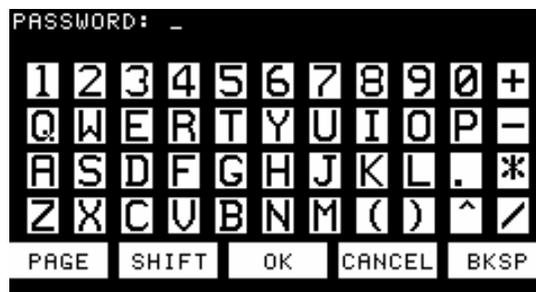
Touch **OK** to measure the sample with black at the reflectance port and display the diffuse transmittance and haze values.



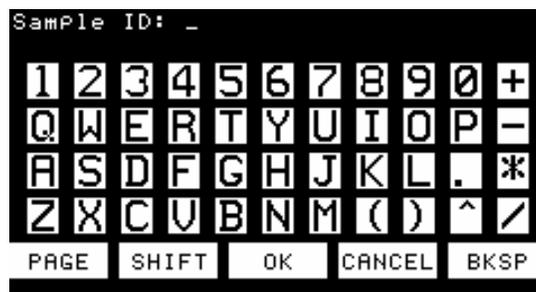
Touch the color scale title to toggle through the available color scales. The displayed data will adjust accordingly. You may also touch the illuminant/observer area to toggle between the C/2° and D65/10° choices.

On the measurement screen, you may touch the **Stdz** button to initiate instrument standardization as described earlier in this chapter. Touch the **Print** key if you are using the optional printer and wish to print the measurements as currently displayed. You may also touch the **Clear** key to clear the last sample reading (which will be either diffuse or total transmittance). Touching **Exit** returns you to the Select an Applet screen.

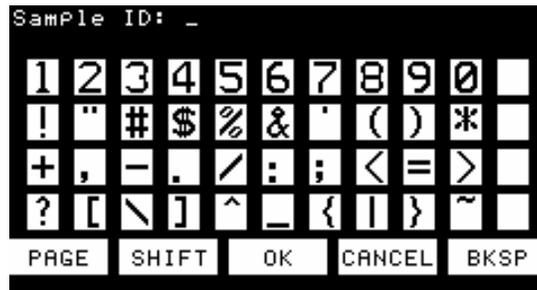
Touch the padlock icon if you wish to lock the displayed parameters so that they cannot be changed. When the screen is locked, the padlock icon closes. Then, in order to unlock the screen again, you must enter the system password and touch **OK**. The system password is set as described on page 7-20.



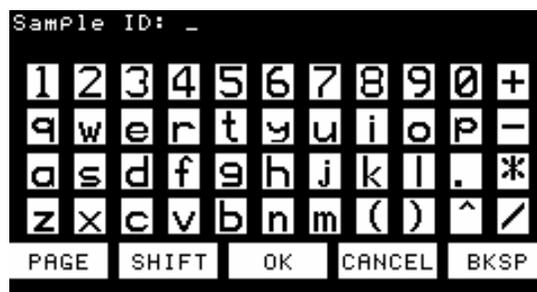
To assign an ID to the last measurement, touch the ID area at the top right of the screen. A keypad will appear on the screen.



Type in the desired ID and then touch **OK** to apply it. IDs may consist of up to fourteen alphanumeric characters unless you are using a custom applet that has defined a different number of characters. You may touch the **Page** button to move to a second page of available characters.



You may touch the **Shift** button to change the case of the available characters.



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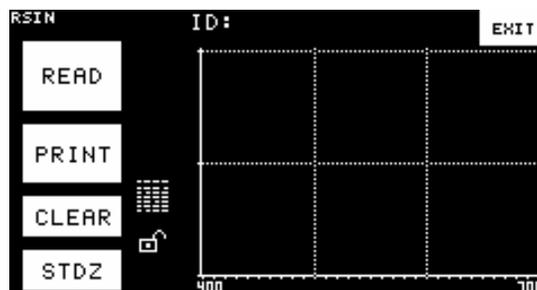
For practice taking and displaying haze measurements, perform Lesson 3 in the next chapter.

Using the Spectral Applets

The spectral applets are those that display spectral reflectance, absorbance, or transmittance plots and values. These include the 3 Point, Absorbance, and Spectral Data applets.

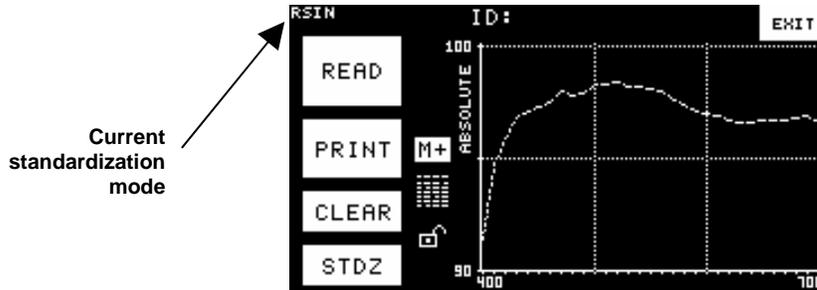
Move to the Select an Applet screen by touching the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen). From the Select an Applet screen, touch 3 Point, Absorbance, or Spectral Data, as desired, to move to its measurement screen. These instructions show screens in the Spectral Data applet.

Note: You may need to load the applet before you can select it.



Touch **Stdz** and follow the on-screen prompts to standardize the ColorQuest XE in the desired mode.

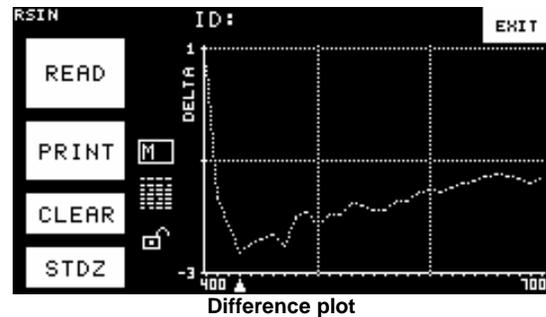
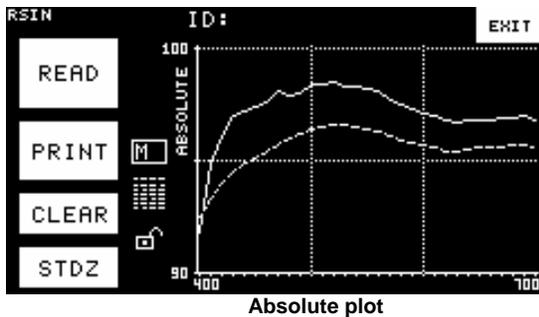
To initiate a reading, either touch the **Read** button on the touch screen or press the Macro/Read button on the body of the ColorQuest XE. The sample will be read and its reflectance versus wavelength plot (if you standardized in reflectance) or transmittance versus wavelength plot (if you standardized in transmittance) displayed. The examples shown below display reflectance measurements.



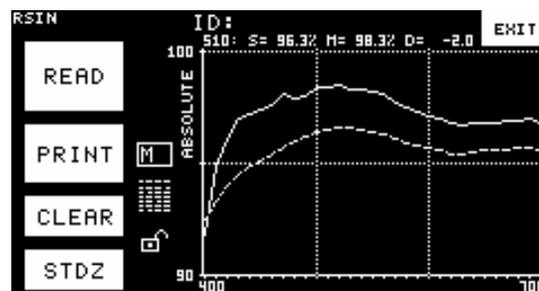
If you wish this measurement to be stored as the standard, touch the **M+** button to store it. The **M+** button changes to an **M** indicating that a standard has been stored. This standard will be available whenever this applet is used until you clear it using the **Clear** button.

Touch **Read** or the Macro/Read button again to read a sample. The sample will now be plotted along with the standard.

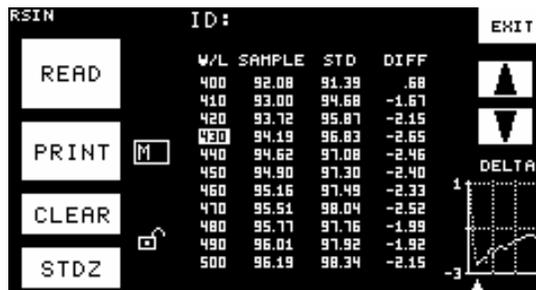
Touch the “Absolute” label to toggle between the absolute plot of the sample and standard data and a difference plot of the sample versus the standard.



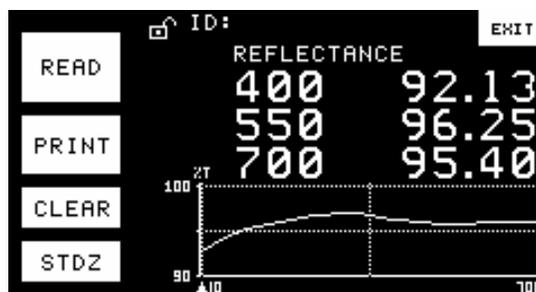
Touch any wavelength on the plot to show the sample, standard, and delta reflectance or transmittance for that wavelength. “S” indicates the sample, “M” indicates the standard, and “D” indicates the delta, or difference, data.



Press the miniature table icon to show the actual reflectance or transmittance values. To go back to the plot screen, press the miniature plot at the bottom right of this screen. Use the **up and down arrow** buttons to scroll upward and downward through the data.

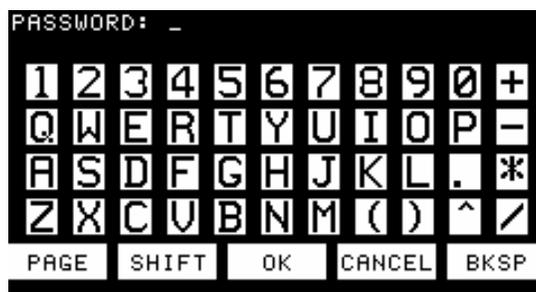


In the 3 Points applet, you may touch any of the three displayed wavelengths to increase its value by 10 nm.

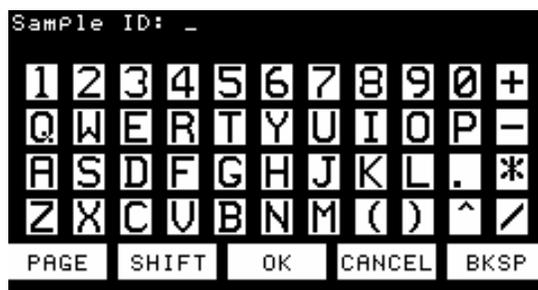


On the measurement screen, you may touch the **Stdz** button to initiate instrument standardization as described earlier in this chapter. Touch the **Print** key if you are using the optional printer and wish to print the measurements as currently displayed. You may also touch the **Clear** key once to clear the sample reading and then again to clear the standard reading, if there is one. Touching **Exit** returns you to the Select an Applet screen.

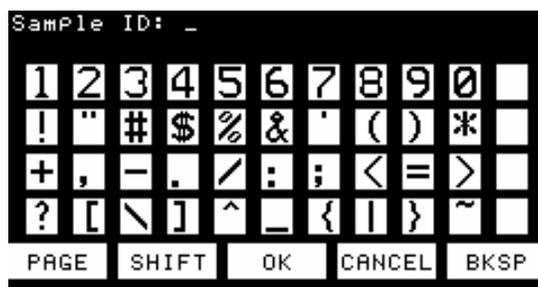
Touch the padlock icon if you wish to lock the displayed parameters so that they cannot be changed. When the screen is locked, the padlock icon closes. Then, in order to unlock the screen again, you must enter the system password and touch **OK**. The system password is set as described on page 7-20.



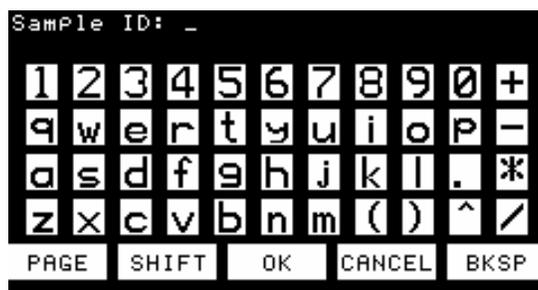
To assign an ID to the last measurement, touch the ID area at the top right of the screen. A keypad will appear on the screen.



Type in the desired ID and then touch **OK** to apply it. IDs may consist of up to fourteen alphanumeric characters unless you are using a custom applet that has defined a different number of characters. You may touch the **Page** button to move to a second page of available characters.



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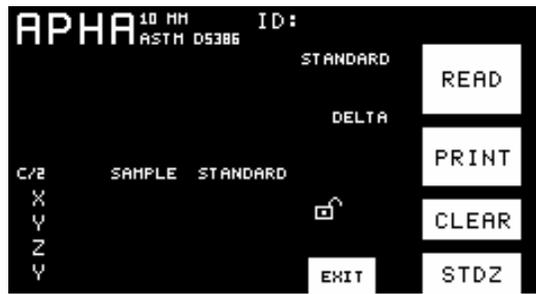
For practice taking and displaying spectral measurements, perform Lesson 4 in the next chapter.

Using the Index Applets

The index applets are those that display color scale and index information with the index values prominent. These include the ADMI, APHA, ASBC/EBC, ASTM Color, Gardner, and Saybolt applets.

Move to the Select an Applet screen by touching the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen). From the Select an Applet screen, touch the name of one of the applets to move to its measurement screen. The example below shows a screen in the APHA applet.

Note: You may need to load the applet desired before you can select it.



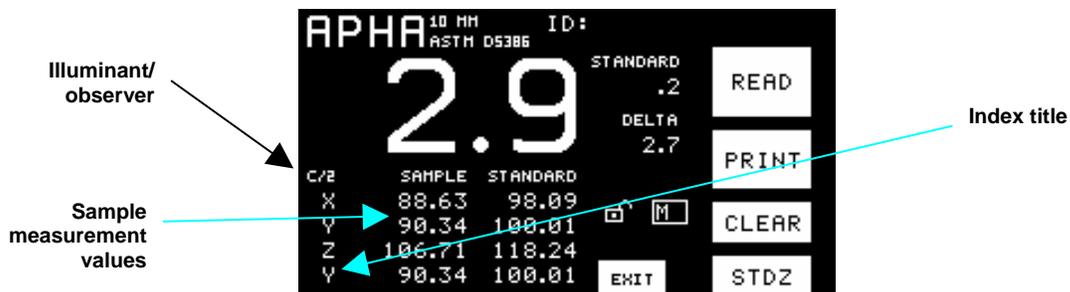
To initiate a reading, either touch the **Read** button on the touch screen or press the Macro/Read button on the body of the ColorQuest XE. The sample will be read and its absolute tristimulus values and index data displayed.



If you wish this measurement to be stored as the standard, touch the **M+** button to store it. The **M+** button changes to an “M” indicating that a standard has been stored and the measurement values move to the standard column. This standard will be available whenever this applet is used until you clear it using the **Clear** button.



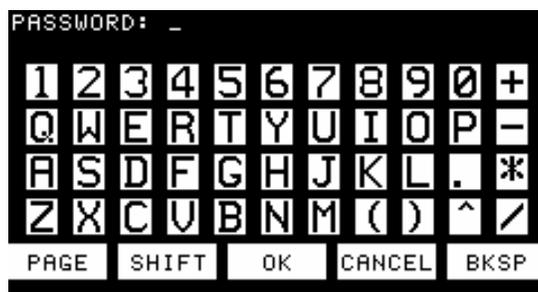
Touch the **Read** button on the touch screen again or press the Macro/Read button on the body of the ColorQuest XE to read a sample. The sample will be read and its absolute tristimulus values and index data displayed. The value for the main index of interest (APHA in this example) will also be shown in large numerals at the top of the screen.



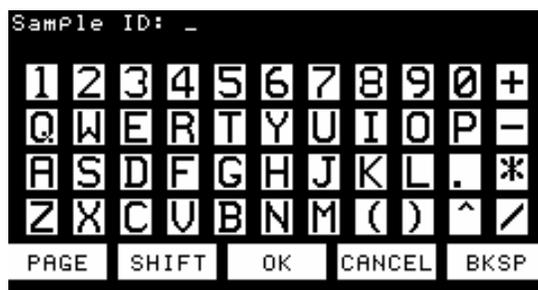
Touch the sample measurement values to toggle between absolute color values and difference values from the standard. Touch the color scale title to toggle through the available color scales and touch the index title to toggle through the available indices. The displayed data will adjust accordingly. You may also touch the illuminant/observer area to toggle between the C/2° and D65/10° choices and touch the title of the main index of interest (APHA in this example) to toggle between the available permutations of the scale. For instance, for APHA, 10-mm, 20-mm, and 50-mm versions of the scale are available. Touching the title of the main index of interest while in the Saybolt applet ONLY allows you to enter custom formula factors for that index. More information on entering the custom Saybolt factors are given in the Measurement Values chapter.

On the measurement screen, you may touch the **Stdz** button to initiate instrument standardization as described earlier in this chapter. Touch the **Print** button if you are using the optional printer and wish to print the measurements as currently displayed. You may also touch the **Clear** button once to clear the sample reading and then again to clear the standard reading. Touching **Exit** returns you to the Select an Applet screen.

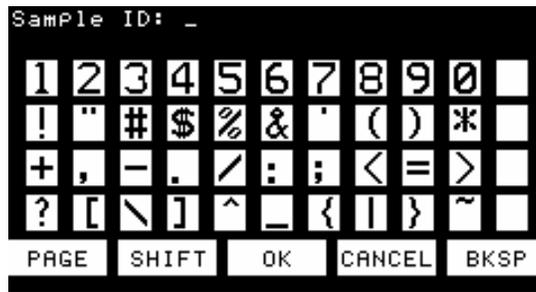
Touch the padlock icon if you wish to lock the displayed parameters so that they cannot be changed. When the screen is locked, the padlock icon closes. Then, in order to unlock the screen again, you must enter the system password and touch **OK**. The system password is set as described on page 7-20.



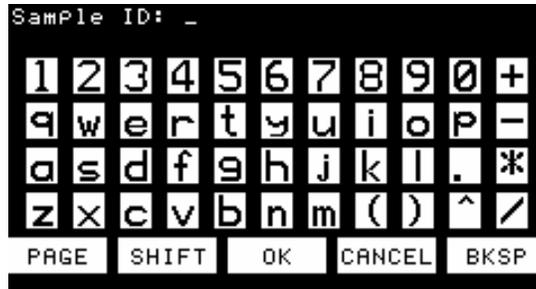
To assign an ID to the last measurement, touch the ID area at the top right of the screen. A keypad will appear on the screen.



Type in the desired ID and then touch **OK** to apply it. IDs may consist of up to fourteen alphanumeric characters unless you are using a custom applet that has defined a different number of characters. You may touch the **Page** button to move to a second page of available characters.



You may touch the **Shift** button to change the case of the available characters.



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For practice taking and displaying index measurements, perform Lesson 5 in the next chapter.

Chapter Five

Lessons

This chapter provides five lessons that walk you step-by-step through some procedures you will often use with the ColorQuest XE with Touch Screen.

You may use samples of your product for measurements while working through these lessons.

Note: The setups created using these lessons are examples only. You may personalize these setups to include your desired color scale, display type, etc.

Lesson 1. Loading an Applet

This lesson will have you load the Color applet, which you will then use in Lesson 2.

1. Go to the Select an Applet screen either by turning the instrument off and back on or by touching the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen) until the Select an Applet screen is reached. Your Select an Applet screen may or may not already have applets displayed. Ensure that the padlock icon at the bottom right of the screen is in the unlocked position. (If it is not, touch the icon and enter the system password [page 7-20] to unlock it.)



2. Touch the **Load** button. The list of applets available for your instrument will appear.



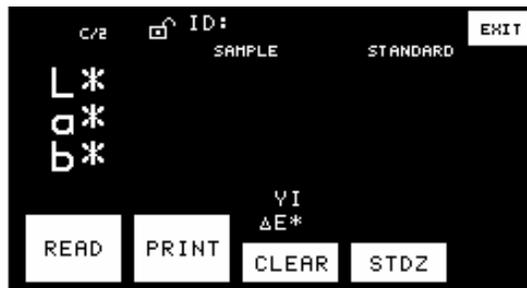
3. Touch the name of the applet to load. For this lesson, touch Color. (You may need to use one of the arrow keys to find the applet in the list.) The applet will load and you will obtain a message stating that it was loaded (or that it was already loaded).
4. Touch **Return** to go back to the Select an Applet screen. Color is now added to the list if it was not already there. The Memory Used percentage in the upper right corner should have increased if Color was not already loaded.



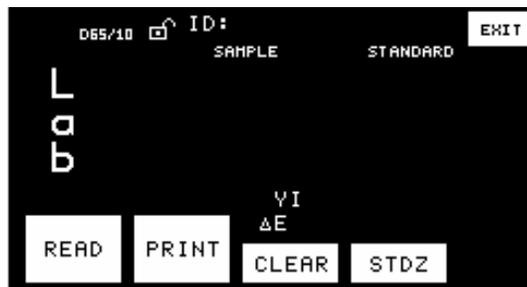
Lesson 2. Measuring and Displaying Color Data

In this lesson, we will make standard and sample measurements and display delta Hunter L, a, b values and ΔE using D65/10°.

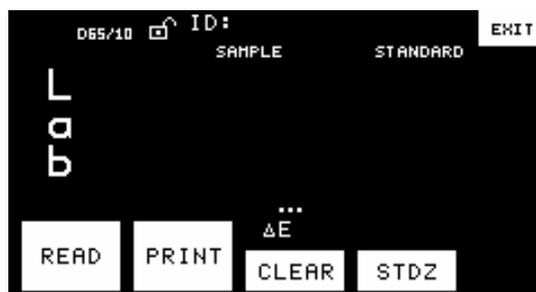
1. Go to the Select an Applet screen either by turning the instrument off and back on again or by touching the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen) until the Select an Applet screen is reached. If you just completed Lesson 1, your display should already be on the Select an Applet screen.
2. Touch Color to go to the default measurement screen for Color. (You may need to use one of the arrow keys to find the applet in the list.)



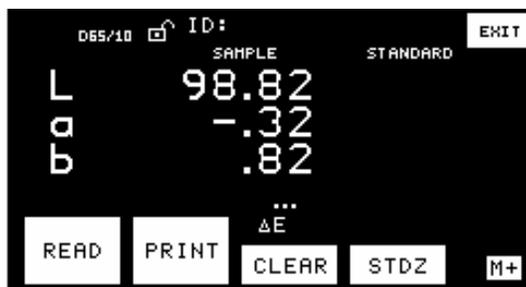
3. Touch **Stdz** and standardize the instrument in the desired mode. Specific instructions for standardization are provided in Chapter 4.
4. Touch **C/2** to change the illuminant and observer to D65/10°.
5. Touch the name of the current color scale (L*a*b* in the screen shown above) until L a b is shown. You may be required to touch and release the scale multiple times before L a b is displayed.



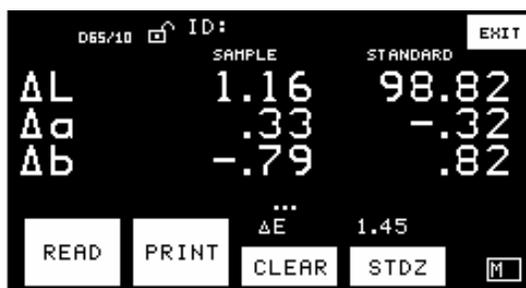
6. Touch the top index area (YI in the screen shown above) until "... " (no index) is shown. You may be required to touch and release the index multiple times before "... " is displayed.
7. Touch the bottom index (ΔE in the screen shown above) until ΔE is shown if it is not already. You may be required to touch and release the index multiple times before ΔE is displayed.



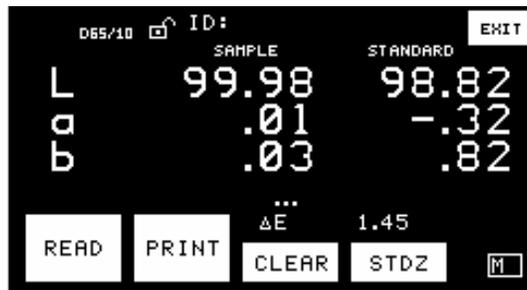
8. Place your standard at the measurement port appropriate for your standardization mode (the reflectance port for RSIN and RSEX, the transmission port for TTRAN, or the lens for RTRAN). For purposes of this lesson, you may simply measure the instrument white standard tile, air, or water if you wish.
9. Touch the **Read** button to measure the standard. The values obtained will be displayed on your screen and will likely be different than those shown in the example below.



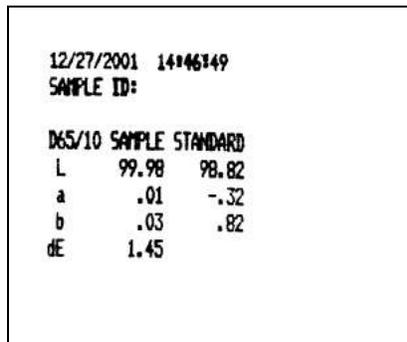
10. Touch the **M+** button to save this reading as the standard.
11. Remove the standard from the measurement port and replace it with the sample. Again, you may use the white standard tile, air, or water for purposes of this lesson if you wish.
12. Touch the **Read** button again to measure the sample. The delta (difference) values obtained will be displayed on your screen and will likely be different than those shown in the example below.



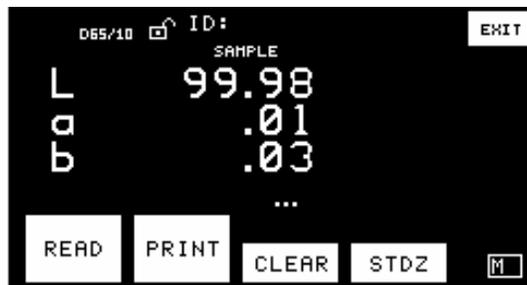
13. Touch the sample measurement values to change them from delta values to absolute ones.



14. At this point, you may either copy down your sample and standard values or touch the **Print** button to print them. A sample printout for a screen similar to the absolute one we just obtained is shown below.



15. If you wish to view the data in a slightly different fashion, touch the data in the column labeled “Standard.” The standard values disappear and the sample values are shown as absolute values.



Lesson 3. Measuring and Displaying Haze Data

In this lesson, we will make total and diffuse transmittance measurements, as well as display haze, Y, and $L^*a^*b^*$ values using D65/10°.

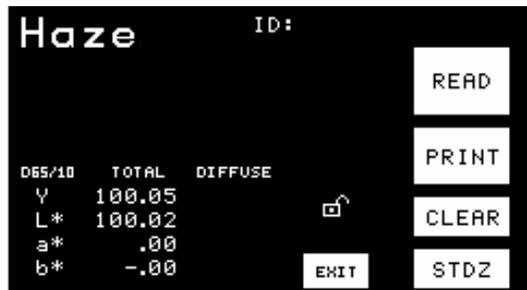
1. Go to the Select an Applet screen either by turning the instrument off and back on again or by touching the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen) until the Select an Applet screen is reached.
2. Touch Haze to go to the default measurement screen for Haze. (You may need to use one of the arrow keys to find the applet in the list or load the applet if it is not there.)



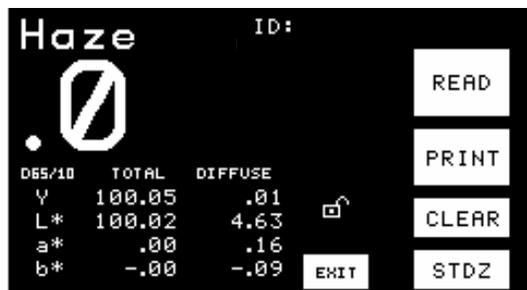
3. Touch the illuminant/observer area to change it to D65/10° if it does not already show D65/10°.
4. Touch the name of the current color scale (XYZ in the screen shown above) until $L^*a^*b^*$ is shown. You may be required to touch and release the scale multiple times before $L^*a^*b^*$ is displayed.



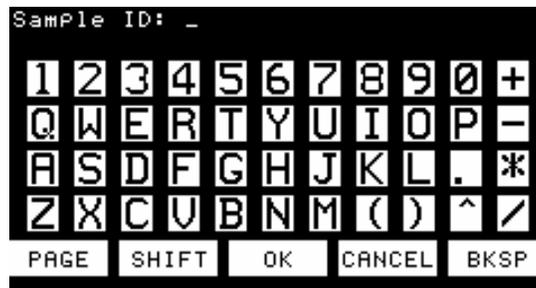
5. Touch **Stdz** to standardize the instrument in TTRAN mode by following the on-screen prompts. Note that there is an extra prompt for mounting and reading the light trap.
6. Place your sample at the transmission port. For purposes of this lesson, you may simply measure air (or water) if you wish.
7. Touch the **Read** button to measure the total transmittance for the sample. You are prompted to mount the white tile at the reflectance port.
8. Install the calibrated white standard at the reflectance port and touch **OK**. The instrument reads and then displays the total transmittance values. The values obtained will likely be different than those shown in the example below. Note that the $L^*a^*b^*$ and Y values are filled in below Total at the bottom of the screen and the haze at the top is still blank because haze requires two measurements. (If you measured air or pure water, L^* should be near 100.00 and all other values should be near zero.)



9. You are prompted to mount the light trap at the reflectance port.
10. Install the light trap at the reflectance port and touch **OK**. The instrument reads and then displays the diffuse transmittance values. The values will likely be different than those shown on the example below. Note that the new L*a*b* and Y values are filled in below Diffuse at the bottom of the screen and the haze value for the sample is now shown in large numerals at the top of the screen.



11. Next, let's assign a sample ID. Touch the ID area at the top of the screen. A keypad appears.



12. Type an ID on the keypad. In our example, "Water" was chosen. When you finish typing, touch **OK** to accept the ID. The ID is then shown at the top of the screen. If you make a mistake, touch **Bksp** to back up and fix it.



13. At this point, you may either copy down your sample and standard values or touch the **Print** button to print them. A sample printout for a screen similar to the one we just obtained is shown below.

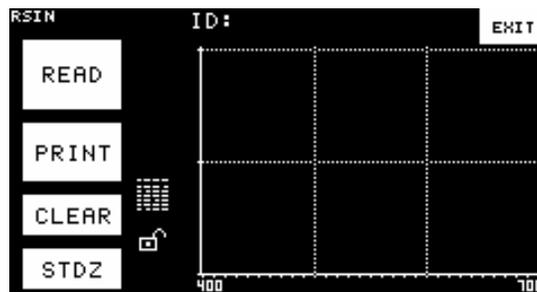
12/27/2001 15:09:46
SAMPLE ID: WATER

Haze	.0		
DES/10	TOTAL	DIFFUSE	
Y	100.05	.01	
L*	100.02	4.63	
a*	.00	.16	
b*	-.00	-.09	

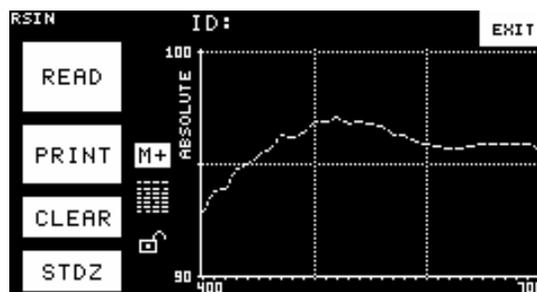
Lesson 4. Measuring and Displaying Spectral Data

In this lesson, we will make standard and sample reflectance measurements and display first the absolute reflectance plot, and then the spectral reflectance values. This lesson could just as easily measure transmittance data if the instrument is standardized in a transmittance mode in Step 3.

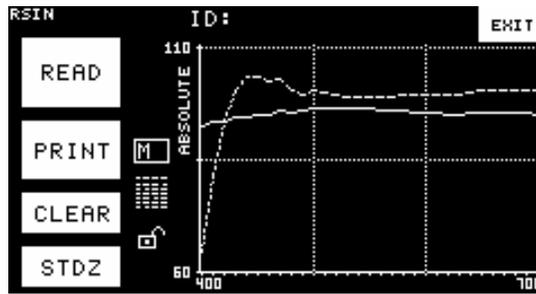
1. Go to the Select an Applet screen either by turning the instrument off and back on again or by touching the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen) until the Select an Applet screen is reached.
2. Touch Spectral Data go to the default measurement screen for Spectral Data. (You may need to use one of the arrow keys to find the applet in the list.) If Spectral Data is not available on this screen, first load it using the instructions given in Lesson 1.
3. Touch **Stdz** and follow the on-screen prompts to standardize the instrument in a reflectance mode.
4. If the empty, full-screen version of the spectral reflectance plot is not shown, touch the miniature plot at the bottom right of the screen to go to it.



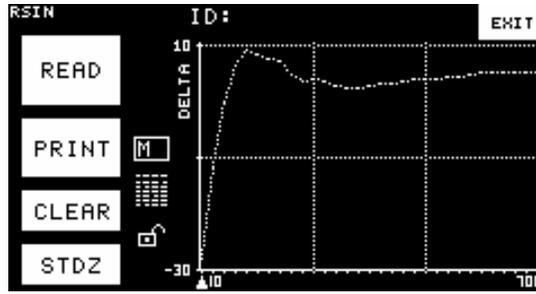
5. Place your standard at the reflectance port. For purposes of this lesson, you may simply measure the white instrument tile or the white disk of the sample clamp if you wish.
6. Touch the **Read** button to read the standard. Its absolute spectral plot will be shown.



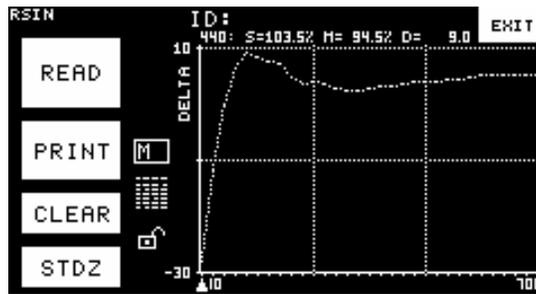
7. Press **M+** to save this reading as the standard.
8. Remove the standard from the reflectance port and replace it with the sample. Again, you may use the white tile or the white disk of the sample clamp for purposes of this lesson if you wish.
9. Touch the **Read** button to read the sample. Its reflectance plot is added to that of the standard.



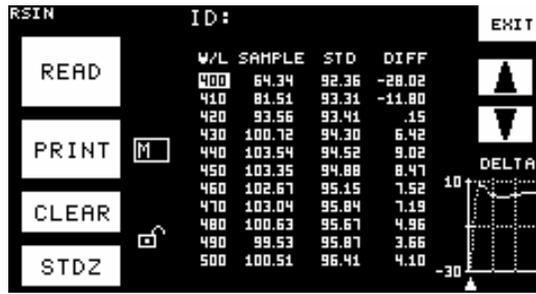
10. Press the Absolute label to change the plot to a delta (difference) one.



11. Touch any area on the reflectance plot. The wavelength you chose and the standard, sample, and delta values for that wavelength will appear above the plot.



12. Touch the miniature table icon. The spectral reflectance values for each wavelength are shown.

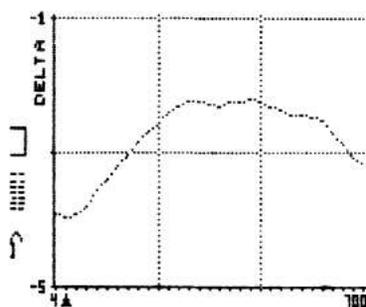


13. Touch the up and down arrow buttons to move up and down through the reflectance data.

14. At this point, you may either copy down your sample and standard values or touch the **Print** button to print them. A sample printout for a screen similar to the one we just obtained is shown below. The table of reflectance values prints first, then the plot. You may also assign an ID as described in Lesson 3.

SPIN
 12/27/2001 15:37:57
 SAMPLE ID:

nm	sample	standard	diff.
400	59.88	63.28	-3.40
410	73.50	76.98	-3.47
420	77.94	81.35	-3.41
430	79.43	82.73	-3.30
440	80.03	83.09	-3.07
450	80.48	83.38	-2.91
460	80.76	83.47	-2.70
470	81.21	83.77	-2.56
480	81.72	84.04	-2.32
490	82.06	84.22	-2.16
500	82.34	84.38	-2.04
510	82.48	84.37	-1.89
520	82.72	84.53	-1.81
530	82.72	84.47	-1.75
540	82.82	84.55	-1.73
550	82.71	84.48	-1.77
560	82.71	84.51	-1.80
570	82.61	84.36	-1.76
580	82.33	84.09	-1.76
590	82.19	83.91	-1.71
600	82.00	83.75	-1.76
610	81.71	83.51	-1.81
620	81.56	83.44	-1.88
630	81.36	83.32	-1.96
640	80.92	82.87	-1.94
650	80.93	82.90	-1.97
660	80.49	82.51	-2.02
670	79.93	82.14	-2.21
680	80.03	82.41	-2.38
690	79.87	82.45	-2.57
700	79.22	81.92	-2.71



Lesson 5. Measuring and Displaying Index Data

In this lesson, we will make standard and sample measurements and display delta values for APHA 20-mm, Hunter L, a, b and Yellowness Index using C/2°. Begin this lesson with your instrument standardized in TTRAN mode. Instructions for standardization are provided in Chapter 4.

1. Go to the Select an Applet screen either by turning the instrument off and back on again or by touching the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen) until the Select an Applet screen is reached.
2. Touch APHA to go to the default measurement screen for APHA. (You may need to use one of the arrow keys to find the applet in the list.)



3. Touch APHA, multiple times if required, until 20 mm ASTM D5386 is shown next to it.



4. Touch the illuminant/observer area to change it to C/2° if it does not already show C/2.
5. Touch the name of the current color scale (L* a* b* in the screen shown above) until L a b is shown. You may be required to touch and release the scale multiple times before L a b is displayed.



6. Touch the index area (which says “Y” in the screen shown above) until YI is shown. You may be required to touch and release the index multiple times before YI is displayed.



7. Place your standard at the transmission port. For purposes of this lesson, you may simply measure air (or water) if you wish.
8. Touch the **Read** button to measure the standard. The values obtained will be displayed on your screen and will likely be different than those shown in the example below. Note that the L, a, b and YI values for the standard are filled in below Sample at the bottom of the screen and the APHA value for the standard is shown in large numerals at the top of the screen. (If you measured air or pure water, L should be near 100.00 and all other values should be near zero.)



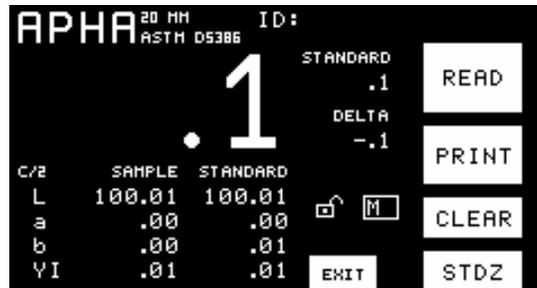
Note: The instrument flashes three times for each APHA measurement because of the sensitivity required.

9. Touch the **M+** button to save this reading as the standard.
10. Remove the standard from the transmission compartment and replace it with the sample. Again, you may use air or water for purposes of this lesson if you wish.
11. Touch the **Read** button again to measure the sample. The delta (difference between the standard and sample) values obtained will be displayed on your screen and will likely be different than those shown in the example below. Note that the delta L, a, b and YI values for the sample are filled in below Sample at the bottom of the screen and the APHA value for the sample is shown in large numerals at the top of the screen.



Note: The instrument flashes three times for each APHA measurement because of the sensitivity required.

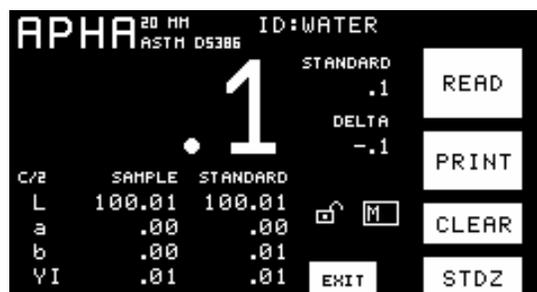
12. We would like to see the absolute values for L, a, b and YI. Touch the sample measurement values to change them to absolute values.



13. Next, let's assign a sample ID. Touch the ID area at the top of the screen. A keypad appears.



14. Type an ID on the keypad. In our example, "Water" was chosen. When you finish typing, touch **OK** to accept the ID. The ID is then shown at the top of the screen. If you make a mistake, touch **Bksp** to back up and fix it.



15. At this point, you may either copy down your sample and standard values or touch the **Print** button to print them. A sample printout for a screen similar to the one we just obtained is shown below.

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08/21/2001 15:20:49
SAMPLE ID: WATER

APHA 20 mm
Sample Standard
.1 .1
C/A SAMPLE STANDARD
L 100.02 100.02
a -.01 -.01
b .01 .01
VI .01 .01

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16. If you wish to view the data in a slightly different fashion, touch the column labeled “Standard.” The standard values disappear and the sample values automatically convert to absolute values.

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APHA 20 MM ID:WATER
  ASTM D5386
          1
          .
          STANDARD .1
          DELTA    -.1
C/A SAMPLE
L 100.01
a .00
b .00
VI .01
          EXIT
          READ
          PRINT
          CLEAR
          STDZ

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Chapter Six

ColorQuest XE Color Measurement Notes

The ColorQuest XE can be used to measure virtually any kind of product. Opaque and translucent materials can be placed at the reflectance port on the front of the sensor for measurement of reflected color. Transparent samples such as films and liquids can be placed in the transmission compartment for measurement of transmitted color.

When measuring samples it is important to select samples appropriately, use an established measurement method, and handle all samples in a consistent manner. The following guidelines will help you while taking measurements.

Selecting, Preparing, and Presenting Samples

1. Choose samples that are representative of the material used. If samples are non-representative of the batch or are spoiled, damaged, or irregular, then the result may be biased. When choosing a sample, select randomly and examine the sample to avoid biased results. If your sampling procedure is adequate, a different sample selected from the same batch should result in comparable measured values.
2. Prepare samples in exactly the same manner each time they are measured. Follow standard methods if they exist, such as ASTM or TAPPI methods.
3. Present the samples to the instrument in a standard, repeatable manner. Results obtained depend on the condition of the samples and their presentation. If you establish a method so that the same procedure is used each time specific samples or types of samples are measured, then you will have a valid basis for comparison of measured results. This also ensures repeatability of results when measuring the same sample again. Make a checklist so that operators may simply check each step. The checklist will also help in the training of new operators.

More on Sample Presentation to the Instrument

There are a variety of techniques that can be used in handling different forms of objects and materials so that the most valid and repeatable measurement of their appearance results. For example, when measuring the color of a sample, such as fabric, that is translucent, the sample should be folded into multiple layers to make it appear more opaque. Other materials, such as liquids or semi-solids, might be read through the glass of a sample cell which presents a flat surface to the instrument.

Examples of ways to measure several types of samples are given below.

Directional Samples

Directionality can be minimized by averaging several measurements with rotation of the sample between readings.

Non-Opaque Samples

Non-opaque samples must have a consistent backing. A white uncalibrated tile or sample clamp is recommended. If the sample is such that it can be folded to give multiple layers, like tissue or lace, the number of layers used for each measurement should be noted.

Transparent Samples

When measuring transparent samples (such as iced tea) where the color is dependent on the transmission of light, place the liquid in a special optical cell with flat parallel surfaces. The path length of the sample presented should be chosen to maximize the color or haze difference.

Fluorescing Samples

For some applications, the elimination of fluorescence from a measurement is important. Fluorescence is caused by ultraviolet (UV) excitation of the sample, where a material absorbs nonvisible wavelengths of energy and re-emits the energy as light in the visible spectrum. Since UV light is part of the normal sample illumination, measurement may include UV excitation. To eliminate fluorescence from the measurement, place the UV filter (if purchased) in the light path or employ the UV control feature.

Reflectance Measurements

There are two types of reflectance measurements available. The first type, reflectance - specular included (RSIN), measures the diffuse plus specular reflectance of the sample at the port. These measurements are made with the specular exclusion port door closed. The specular included mode is recommended for interlaboratory measurement comparisons.

The other type, reflectance - specular excluded (RSEX), measures the sample excluding a substantial part of the specular component reflected by the sample. These measurements are made with the specular exclusion port door open.



The ColorQuest XE measuring a textile sample in reflectance

Transmittance Measurements

There are two types of transmittance measurements available. The first, total transmittance (TTRAN), includes both the light that is transmitted directly through the sample and the light that is diffusely scattered. When measuring total transmittance, place the sample in the transmission compartment as close to the **sphere** as possible.

The second type, regular transmittance (RTRAN), measures the light that passes directly through the sample. When measuring regular transmittance, place the sample in the transmission compartment as close to the **lens** as possible.

Chapter Seven

ColorQuest XE Maintenance and Testing

The ColorQuest XE does require some maintenance. This chapter outlines the parts of the ColorQuest XE you must maintain in order for the instrument to operate properly and tests you may run to assess its performance.

Notice: Do not disassemble the instrument and attempt to clean the optical components. Do not open the instrument or remove any covers except using the instructions given in this User's Manual or under the direction of HunterLab Technical Support.

Running the Didymium Filter Test

The didymium filter can be used to check the wavelength accuracy of your ColorQuest XE. This check should be done on a regular basis (i.e., weekly or bi-weekly) as part of your routine instrument performance check.

To perform the wavelength check:

1. Standardize the ColorQuest XE in regular transmittance (RTRAN) mode for large area view with the UV filter nominal.
2. Remove the didymium filter from the standards box. The didymium filter is mounted in a threaded tube.
3. Screw the didymium filter into the ColorQuest XE's threaded lens port located in the transmission compartment.

Note: The threaded lens port is located on the side of the compartment that is furthest from the sphere.



4. Close the transmission compartment door.
5. Read the filter twenty times in the 3 Points applet, examining the spectral transmittance values at 430 nm and 570 nm. Compare the values at 430 and 570 nm with those listed on your tile data sheet. The range of transmittance values over time should not exceed **1.00** unit in %T at 430 nm and should not exceed **3.10** units in %T at 570 nm. These tolerances correspond to approximately 1-nm stability.

For example, if your tile data sheet lists 77.10 at 430 nm and your reading is 78.11 and/or your data sheet lists 31.43 at 570 nm but your reading at 570 is 34.54, your instrument may be out of alignment.

6. Maintain a log of the didymium filter readings at 430 and 570 nm as a long-term instrument diagnostic check.
7. Unscrew the didymium filter and return it to the standards box.

Should the instrument fail to meet the test criteria, check the following:

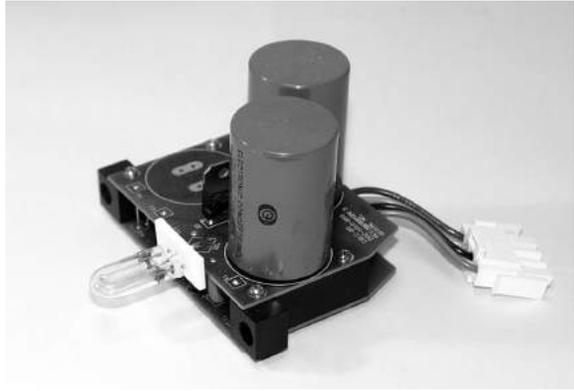
- **Cleanliness of the didymium filter and instrument white standard.** Check both the filter and instrument white standard for fingerprints, dust, and other contaminants. If necessary, clean the filter and standard and begin the wavelength check again.
- **Measurement error.** Ensure you are measuring in regular transmittance, in large area view, and with the UV filter nominal.

After checking the above, if the instrument still does not read the didymium filter as specified on the data sheet, contact HunterLab Technical Support for assistance. Please read “When You Need Assistance” prior to contacting HunterLab.

Replacing the Source Lamp

The xenon flash lamp provides over one million flashes. When the lamp no longer flashes or instrument repeatability has become unacceptable, it must be replaced.

CAUTION
Replace only with a specified xenon flash lamp module, HL#D02-1010-930.



Before you attempt to change the source lamp, ensure that the UV filter is out. If the UV filter is left in, the filter may be broken during the process of removing and re-inserting the bezel. Check the UV Excluded indicator light. If the indicator light is on, you must restandardize the sensor in a mode with the UV filter out. (The filter can also be manually removed from the path, if necessary, by a trained representative of HunterLab.)



To change the source lamp:

1. Disconnect the ColorQuest XE from its power source.
2. Wait two minutes for complete discharge of the capacitors.
3. Disengage and remove the sample clamp.
4. Loosen the two screws on the front cover with a flat screwdriver.



Note: These screws are captive within the instrument cover housing and cannot be removed.

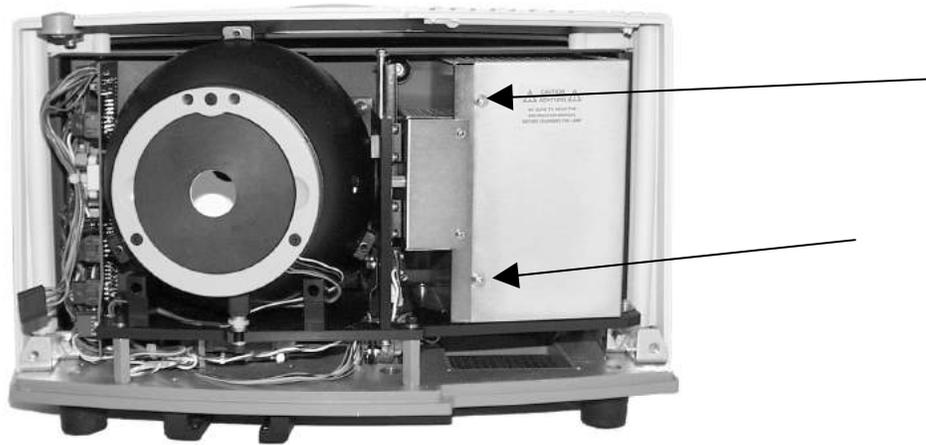
5. Loosen the thumb screw on the inner panel bezel.



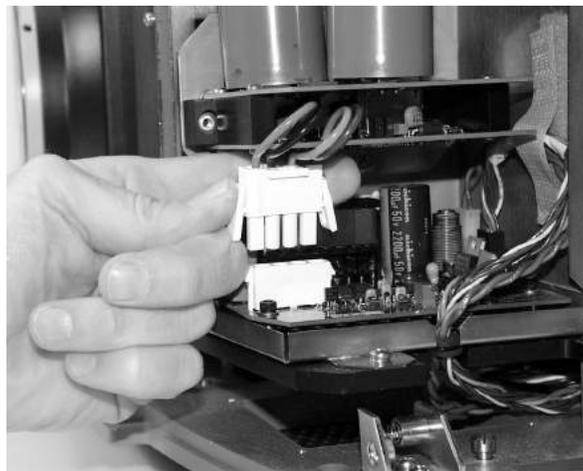
6. Remove the front cover from the instrument by sliding it forward and unplug the harness which connects the indicator lights of the front cover to the instrument.



7. Remove the screws and cover from the lamp housing using a Phillips-head screwdriver.



8. Unplug the white connector of the lamp assembly by squeezing the latches on the sides of the connector.



9. Remove the lamp assembly and replace with a new assembly. Be sure not to touch the bulb of the lamp, as fingerprints reduce lamp efficiency and weaken the glass. If a fingerprint is deposited, remove it using a clean wipe and isopropyl alcohol.



10. Plug in the white connector of the new lamp.
11. Replace the cover and screws on the lamp housing.
12. Plug the harness from the instrument into the indicator lights of the front panel.
13. Line the cover up with the guides on the bottom of the instrument.
14. Replace the front cover on the instrument and tighten the two front screws as well as the inner bezel thumb screw.
15. Turn the ColorQuest XE power on.
16. Standardize the instrument.

Replacing the Fuses

The fuses are located on the back panel of the instrument. Follow the instructions below to replace the fuses.

CAUTION

Replace only with specified fuses, HL#13-2600-30, or equivalent. More information concerning these fuses may be found in the ColorQuest XE Specifications chapter.

1. Disconnect the ColorQuest XE from its power source by unplugging the power cord.
2. Remove the fuse cartridge from the back panel of the instrument. You may want to use a small, flat screwdriver to help you pry it out.

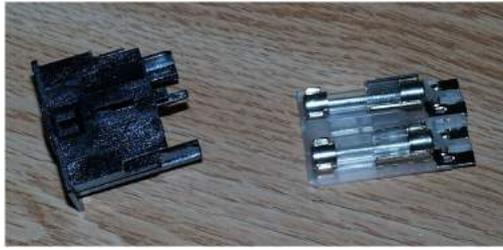


3. Pull back the tab to release the fuse holder.



4. Remove the fuses and replace with new ones.

Notice: Use only the fuse specified above for your instrument or one which is identical in type, voltage rating, and current rating. Otherwise, there may be a risk of fire.



5. Replace the fuse holder in the cartridge.
6. Replace the cartridge in the back panel of the instrument.

Replacing the Optional View Lamp

The view lamp is used to illuminate the sample when using the retroviewer option.

Note: Replace with a specified lamp, HL#A13-1004-022.



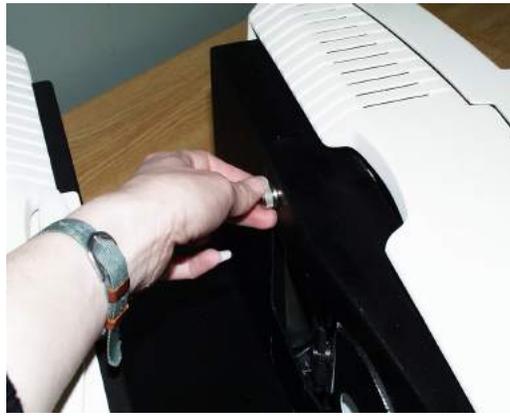
To change the view lamp:

1. Disconnect the ColorQuest XE from its power source.
2. Wait two minutes for complete discharge of the capacitors.
3. Disengage and remove the sample clamp.
4. Loosen the two screws on the front cover with a flat screwdriver.



Note: These screws are captive within the instrument cover housing and cannot be removed.

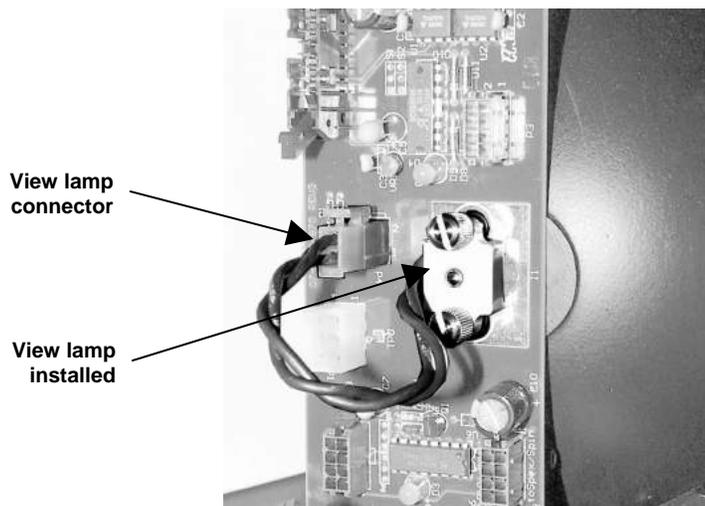
5. Loosen the thumbscrew on the inner panel bezel.



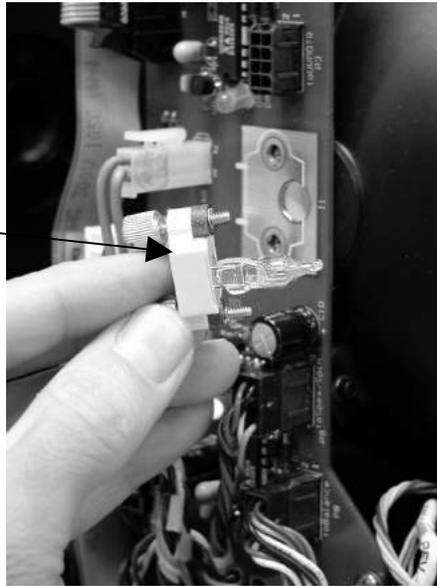
6. Remove the front cover from the instrument by sliding it forward and unplug the harness which connects the indicator lights on the front cover to the instrument.



7. Remove the view lamp assembly and replace it with a new one. Be sure not to touch the bulb of the lamp as fingerprints reduce lamp efficiency. If a fingerprint is deposited, remove it using a clean wipe and isopropyl alcohol.



View lamp removed



8. Plug the harness from the instrument into the indicator lights of the front panel.
9. Line the cover up with the guides on the bottom of the instrument.
10. Replace the front cover on the instrument and tighten the two screws as well as the inner bezel thumbscrew.

Cleaning the Touch Screen

The outer surfaces of the touch screen may be cleaned with mild detergent or glass cleaner on a soft cloth. Wipe the screen completely dry before use. Do not immerse it in any liquid.

Maintaining the Instrument Standards

It is important that the standards be treated with extreme care. When a standard is used, center it carefully at the reflectance port. Never use a calibrated standard to back samples being measured. The sample clamp or a white uncalibrated tile is to be used as a backing.

When not using the standards, keep them in the standards case. Inspect the standards for dust and fingerprints before standardizing the ColorQuest XE.

The white and green tiles can be cleaned using a soft nylon-bristle brush, warm water, and laboratory-grade detergent such as SPARKLEEN. Wipe the tiles dry using a clean, non-optically-brightened, lint-free paper towel.

Note: SPARKLEEN is manufactured by Fisher Scientific Co., Pittsburgh, PA, 15219, and may be ordered from them using catalog number 4-320-4. Add one tablespoon of SPARKLEEN to a gallon of water.

Keep the **light trap** in the standards box when not in use to prevent it from becoming scratched or collecting dust. Before standardizing the ColorQuest XE, check the light trap for scratches and dust. Significant scratches may cause standardization to be in error. If the light trap is scratched, call the HunterLab Order Processing Department or contact your local HunterLab representative to order a replacement. Please read “When You Need Assistance” prior to telephoning HunterLab.

The **fluorescent standard** used with the UV control option must be cleaned as well. This plastic standard can be cleaned with a weak liquid detergent solution and rinsed with distilled water.

Cleaning the Lens Surface and Didymium Filter

The lens and filter may be cleaned using photographic-quality lens solution and lens paper. Put a few drops of solution on the lens paper and gently wipe the lens or filter in a circular motion for a few seconds. Then wipe the lens or filter with a dry lens paper to remove streaks and any hazy film.

Cleaning the Sphere

Care should be taken to keep foreign materials from entering the sphere. The transmission compartment should be closed and the sample clamp placed against the reflectance port when the instrument is not in use. The sphere is coated with Spectrafect™ which can be damaged by putting any objects into the sphere. If any foreign material (dust, lint, etc.) falls into the sphere, use the following steps to remove the material.

1. Move the sample clamp away from the reflectance port.
2. Open the transmission compartment and place a vacuum cleaner hose at the sphere opening but do not insert the hose directly into the sphere. Cup your hand around the end of the hose to provide a good seal.
3. Quickly cover and uncover the reflectance port with your other hand. This creates gentle air currents to swirl the foreign matter around and out of the sphere.

When shipping the ColorQuest XE, remove the sample clamp and tape a pad of foam rubber at the reflectance port. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the instrument.

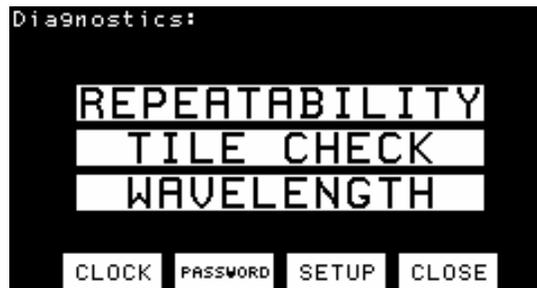
Performing Diagnostics

A number of diagnostics are available with the ColorQuest XE with Touch Screen. You may also set your instrument's clock and a system password using the Diagnostics screen described in this section.

In order to obtain the Diagnostics screen, touch the **Exit**, **Close**, or **Return** button (depending on the current screen) until the Select an Applet screen is received.



Then, touch the **Diag** button to receive the Diagnostics screen.



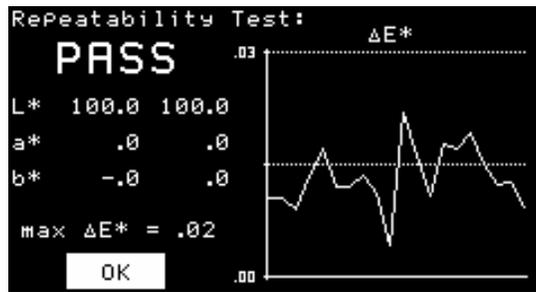
The buttons on this screen perform the various diagnostic functions, as described below.

Repeatability

Note: Allow the instrument to warm up for 30 minutes after turning it on before performing this test.

The Repeatability diagnostic assesses how repeatably your instrument can measure. When you touch the **Repeatability** button, you are first walked through a normal instrument standardization. If you wish to check repeatability on the instrument white tile, complete your standardization in Reflectance, for LAV, RSIN with the UV filter nominal. If you wish to check repeatability on air, complete your standardization in Transmittance, for LAV, TTRAN, with the UV filter nominal and place the black card at the transmittance port for a TTRAN standardization. Standardization is covered in more detail in Chapter 4.

Leave the white tile at the reflectance port and twenty readings of the white tile (RSIN) or air (TTRAN) are taken at 7 second intervals. A graph of the difference between the current reading and the first reading is shown after every measurement. When all readings have been made, the final test result is shown as below.



If the max ΔE^* shown at the bottom of the screen is less than or equal to **0.03** for measurements of the white tile or **0.05** for measurements of air, your instrument passes the test. Touch **OK** to exit this screen.

Tile Check

The tile check measures the green tile to verify the long-term performance of your instrument. Perform this check once a week and keep records of the readings.

To access this test, touch the **Tile Check** button and then follow the on-screen prompts to perform a standardization in RSIN mode. (When you do this, be sure that the LAV port plate is installed.)

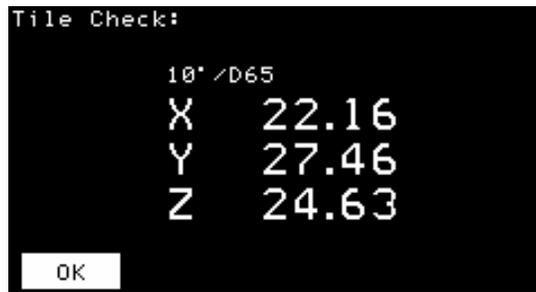
You are then prompted to mount the green tile at the reflectance port. Do so, and then touch **OK**.



Five readings of the green tile are made and then you are prompted to remove the green tile and touch **OK**.



Then, the values read for the green tile are shown. Compare these values to those read at factory that are shown on the back of your green tile. They should vary by no more than ± 0.3 XYZ units (D65/10°) from the values given on the tile. If your reading is out of this specification, first clean the standard tiles. Then run the tile check again. If the reading still does not meet this specification, contact HunterLab Technical Support for assistance. Please read “When You Need Assistance” prior to contacting HunterLab.



OK exits the tile check.

Wavelength

The wavelength test allows you to assess readings of the didymium filter that is provided with the instrument. This checks the wavelength accuracy of the instrument and should be done on a regular basis (i.e., weekly or bi-weekly) as part of your routine instrument performance check.

When **Wavelength** is touched, you are first walked through a normal instrument standardization in RTRAN mode. Standardization is covered in more detail in Chapter 4, but the prompts are shown below.



Then, you are prompted to place the didymium filter. Remove the didymium filter from the standards box. It is mounted in a threaded tube. Screw the filter into the ColorQuest XE's threaded lens port located in the transmission compartment on the side of the compartment that is furthest from the sphere.



Close the transmission compartment door and then touch **OK** on the screen shown below.



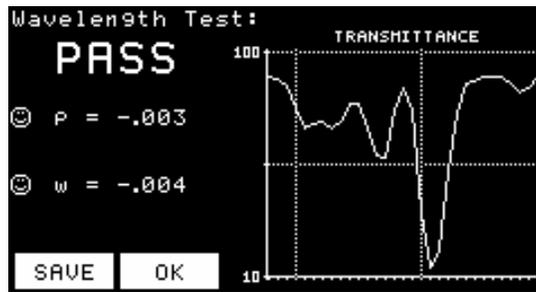
Ten readings of the filter will be made and then a prompt will appear for you to remove the didymium filter.



After the filter is removed and you touch **OK**, the end result for the wavelength test is shown.

You may save these results to be used for future comparison if you wish by touching the **Save** button and entering the system password. The results should ideally be saved when you first set up your instrument and confirm that it is working properly and then whenever you obtain a new didymium filter.

The next time the wavelength test is run, your display will show the current values for this test as compared to the stored values.



ρ indicates the photometric error since the test values were last stored. ω is the wavelength misalignment since the test values were last stored. If ρ is greater than **0.1** or ω is greater than **1.0**, the instrument fails the test and you should check the following:

1. **Cleanliness of the didymium filter.** Check the filter for fingerprints, dust, and other contaminants. If necessary, clean the didymium filter as described earlier in this chapter and begin the wavelength check again.
2. **Measurement error.** Ensure that you are measuring in regular transmittance, meaning that the black card device was placed at the lens (rather than the transmission port) during standardization.

After checking the above, if the instrument still does not read the didymium filter as specified above, contact HunterLab Technical Support for assistance. Please read “When You Need Assistance,” page 9-5, prior to telephoning HunterLab.

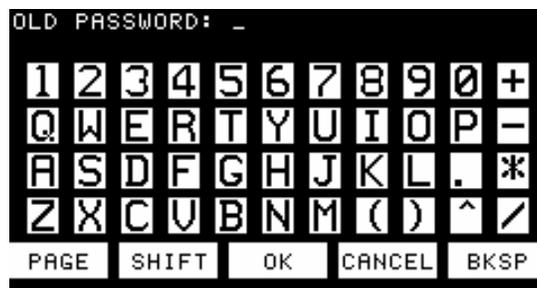
Touch **OK** to exit the wavelength test.

Clock

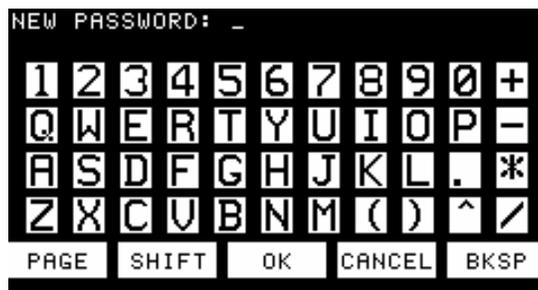
When you touch the **Clock** button, you can set the date and time for your ColorQuest XE system. Year/Month/Day are shown at the top of the screen with Hour:Min:Sec shown at the bottom. Raise the number of any of the fields by touching the right half of the field and lower the number of the field by touching the left half of the field. Then touch **OK** to reset the date and time or **Cancel** to return to the old system time.

Password

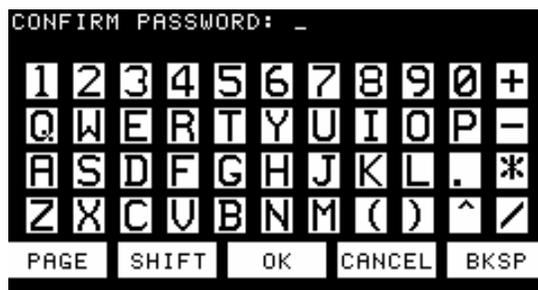
Touch the **Password** button to obtain a screen on which you can change the system password. (The default system password when the instrument is shipped from the factory is HUNTERLAB in all capital letters.)



First, enter the old password and then touch **OK**. If your system is brand new, type HUNTERLAB and touch **OK**, since that is the default system password.



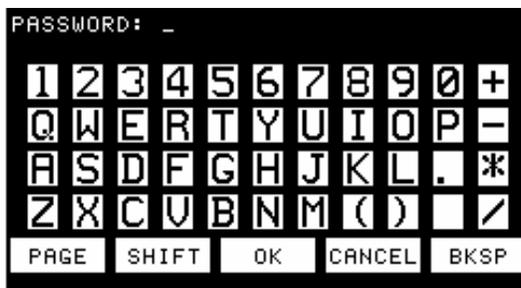
Then, enter your new password and touch **OK**.



Enter the new password a second time and touch **OK**. The password is then changed from the old to the new.

Setup

The setup features are password-protected, meaning that when you touch the **Setup** button, you will need to enter the system password (as discussed above).



After you enter the password and touch **OK**, you can access the Control Panel screen.



If you wish to begin running a specific Applet automatically whenever the ColorQuest XE is turned on, touch the box next to Run Applet at Startup so that the box is checked.



Then touch the three dots. When you do so, you will see a list of all the applets that are currently loaded and available. The dots at the top and bottom of the list indicate that there may be more applets on the list and you will need to scroll through the list by touching the dots in order to see them all.



Touch the name of the applet you wish to run at startup. It is then shown underneath the checked box.



If you wish for users to be able to use the **Exit** button to leave applets even when they are locked, touch the box next to "Enable Applet EXIT Button" so that it is checked.



If you wish to disable the feature by which the touch screen turns itself off, touch the box next to "Backlight Always ON" so that it is checked. Be aware, though, that choosing this option could drastically reduce the lamp life of your touch screen.



If you wish to change the alphanumeric keypad from its default QWERTY layout, touch **QWERTY** to obtain the menu of selections from which you can choose your desired layout.



Choose the date format you wish to use by touching **?/?/?** to obtain the menu of selections from which you can choose your desired format.



Touch **Close** to exit.

Two items concerning the touch screen are also available. You may check the calibration of the touch screen if you suspect it is malfunctioning, and you may calibrate the touch screen.

Check Calibration of Touch Screen

From the Diagnostics screen, touch the bottom right corner to obtain the Check Calibration of Touch Screen display. Touch each outlined square in turn to test that area of the screen. The touched area should highlight. To exit this screen, touch the Macro/Read button on the instrument.

Calibrate Touch Screen

The ColorQuest XE's touch screen is calibrated at the factory, but a calibration procedure is provided in case it becomes necessary to calibrate it again. To do so, turn the instrument off and back on, then touch and release anywhere on the startup screen to obtain the Calibrate Touch Screen display. Follow the

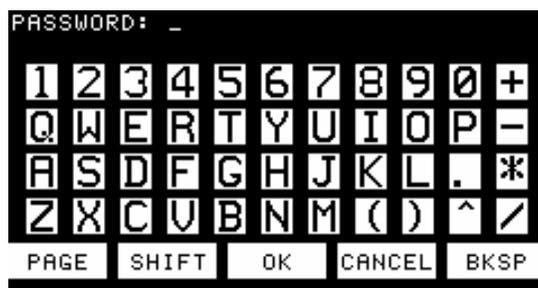
prompts to touch each of the four corners of the screen in turn. **You should use a pencil or other stylus to touch the screen for this calibration.** After all four corners are touched, “Calibration succeeded” is displayed and you may touch any part of the screen to exit.

Energy

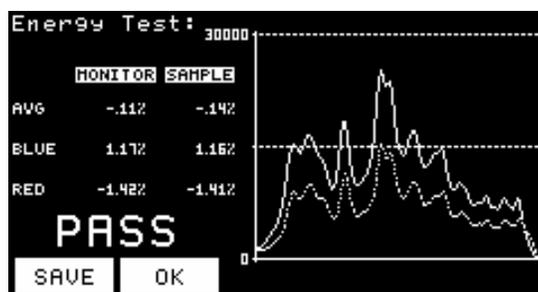
The Energy test is not chosen through the diagnostics, but may be loaded and run like any other applet.

The Energy diagnostic checks the amount of light detected from the lamp and indicates if the sphere wall is yellowing. To access this test, load the Energy applet. Prompts for standardization in TTRAN mode are given and then three measurements are automatically taken of air (an empty transmission compartment) and the monitor and sample channels plotted for each. When the test is complete, a screen of test results is displayed.

You may save these results to be used for future comparison if you wish by touching the **Save** button and entering the system password. The results should ideally be saved when you first set up your instrument and confirm that it is working properly and then whenever your lamp is changed or a new sphere installed.



The next time the energy test is run, your display will show the current values for this test as compared to the stored values.



The Avg row displays the percent difference in A/D counts from the average result last stored for the entire spectral range the instrument measures. The Blue row displays the percent difference in A/D counts from the result last stored for the blue end of the spectrum. The Red row displays the percent difference in A/D counts from the result last stored for the red end of the spectrum. These values are expected to change as the instrument and its lamp ages. However, if either of the average results exceeds **30%**, either of the blue results exceeds **40%**, and/or either of the red results exceeds **20%**, your instrument fails the test. This indicates that your sphere wall has yellowed excessively and should be replaced.

OK exits the energy test.

Chapter Eight

ColorQuest XE Specifications

The specifications and characteristics of your instrument are given in this chapter.

Note: Every attempt at accuracy is made, but specifications are subject to change without notice.

For best performance, your instrument should be placed where there is ample work space with medium or subdued illumination and no drafts. For optimum results, a clean, air-conditioned area is recommended with a relative noncondensing humidity of 20-80% [10-90% for sensor only] and relatively constant temperature not exceeding 90°F (32°C) [104°F (40°C) for sensor only]. For specification performance, the recommended temperature range is 70-82°F (21-28°C).

The instrument should be connected to a stable, instrument-grade power line. If other equipment is connected to the same power line, a transient power surge may be produced when the other equipment is turned on. If this happens, restandardize the instrument before making measurements. HunterLab recommends using a line conditioner with a minimum 600 VA rating and a battery back-up system.

Physical Characteristics

Optical Sensor: approximately 16.5" (42 cm) wide, 11" (27.9 cm) high, 19.6" (49.8 cm) deep, 45 lbs. (20.4 kg) not including the sample clamp or the touch screen.

Communications interface: RS-232C serial DB-9.

Life of touch screen lamp: 10,000 hours to 50% output.

Environmental Requirements

Operating temperature	50°F - 104°F (10°C - 40°C)
Operating humidity	Up to 90% relative, non-condensing
Storage temperature	-5° - 150°F (-21°C - 66°C) for up to three weeks

Power and Grounding

Voltage: 100-240 VAC, 47/63 Hz.

Single Phase.

100 VA maximum.

Fuse: 3A, SB (250 V).

Installation Category (Over Voltage) - II.

Power Cord Wire Color Code:

	Color	Definition
220V Cord	Brown	LINE
	Blue	NEUTRAL
	Green/Yellow	SAFETY
110V Cord	Black	LINE
	White	NEUTRAL
	Green	SAFETY

Instrument-Computer Ground Potential Check:

Perform this check if the power cord wiring is being changed, such as for replacement of the cord or if changing the plug.

The instrument serial port ground connection is referenced to the instrument's internal frame and safety ground. Before connecting the communication cable to the instrument serial port, apply power to the instrument and the host computer. Check the ground potential (voltage) between the serial port ground pins on the computer and the instrument. The ground connection is pin 5 on DB-9 connectors and pin 7 on DB-25 connectors. Voltages in excess of 5VAC at 110V input power, or in excess of 10VAC at 220V input power may indicate a difference in ground wiring and can damage the instrument and/or the computer. Check the wiring and take other steps as needed to reduce this difference before connecting the communications cable. You may also use a data optoisolator.

Conditions of Illumination and Viewing

Geometry	Diffuse illumination, 8° viewing using a 6" (152.4 mm) plastic integrating sphere coated with Spectrafect™.
Illumination	Xenon lamp with 1,000,000 flashes minimum life. Optional UV-absorbing filters for 420-nm (control) and 460-nm cutoff.
Monochromator	Diffraction grating, dual channel.
Detector	256-element scanned diode array, 128 elements per channel.
Interface mode	Serial RS-232.
Area of view	Large area view port size: 1" (25.4 mm) diameter. Large area view measured area: 3/4" (19.0 mm) diameter. Small area view port size: 3/8" (9.5 mm) diameter. Small area view measured area: 1/4" (6 mm) diameter.
Measurement modes	Reflectance - Specular Included (RSIN). Reflectance - Specular Excluded (RSEX). Total Transmittance (TTRAN) for path lengths up to 80 mm. Regular Transmittance (RTRAN) for path lengths up to 80 mm.

Instrument Performance

Wavelength Range	400 - 700 nanometers
Wavelength Resolution	<3 nm
Wavelength Bandpass	10 nm equivalent triangular
Wavelength Interval	10 nm
Wavelength Accuracy	0.75 nm
Photometric Range	0 - 200% reflectance or transmittance
Photometric Resolution	0.01% reflectance
Spectral Repeatability	Standard deviation within 0.1% in LAV and SAV modes

Regulatory Notice

A copy of the Declaration of Conformity according to ISO/IEC Guide 22 and EN 45014 follows on the next page.

DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

according to ISO/IEC Guide 22 and EN 45014

Manufacturer's Name: Hunter Associates Laboratory, Inc.

Manufacturer's Address: 11491 Sunset Hills Road
Reston, Virginia U.S.A. 20190

Declares that the Product:

Product Name: ColorQuest XE

Models: CQXE, CQXE-2, CQXE/SAV, CQXE/SAV-2, CQXE/SAV/UV,
CQXE/SAV/UV-2

Options Included: Touch Screen (L01-1011-606)
UV Exclusion Filter, Motorized (D02-1010-921)
Small Area View, Motorized (D02-1010-919)

Conforms to the following Product Specifications:

Safety: EN61010

EMC: EN500081-1:1992
EN55011/CISPR11

EN55024: 1998
EN61000-4-2
EN61000-4-3
EN61000-4-4
EN61000-4-5
EN61000-4-6
EN61000-4-8
EN61000-4-11

Supplementary Information:

(1) This product was tested using an IBM compatible computer.

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Chapter Nine

Instrument Replacement, Repair, Problems, and Questions

The following HunterLab policies are described in this section:

- Warranty
- Shipping Claims
- Returns/Service
- Technical Assistance.

Warranty

HunterLab warrants that all instruments it manufactures will be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service. Our obligation under this warranty is limited to repairing or replacing any defective parts which our examination discloses to have been factory defective when returned to us by prepaid transportation. The time limit on this warranty is one year from date of shipment of new instruments and two months from the date of shipment of repaired instruments.

HunterLab warranty does not cover expendable items such as lamps, fuses, batteries, diskettes, etc. The warranty is void if the user has made unauthorized repairs, performed improper installation, or has incorrectly used the instrument.

An instrument registration card is shipped with major pieces of HunterLab equipment. It is important that you return this card promptly upon receipt of equipment. The registration card is kept on file with the HunterLab Service Department with complete information on the exact equipment purchased. Questions concerning operation, maintenance, or repair of your equipment directed to the Service Department can then be knowledgeably handled.

Shipping Claims

All materials are sold F.O.B. from Reston, Virginia (unless otherwise specified) and HunterLab responsibility ends upon delivery to the first carrier. All claims for loss or damage must be rendered by the consignee against the carrier within fifteen days of receipt of goods. A copy of this notice must also be forwarded to HunterLab within five days of its receipt.

Breakage or Damage

According to the contract terms and conditions of the carrier, the responsibility of HunterLab ends at the time and place of shipment. The carrier then assumes full responsibility. Perform the following procedures in the case that your instrument arrives broken or damaged.

Freight or Express

1. Notify your local carrier.
2. Hold the damaged goods with their container and packaging for inspection by the examining agent. Do not return any goods to HunterLab prior to inspection and authorization of the carrier.
3. File a claim against the carrier. Substantiate this claim with the examining agent's report. A certified copy of our invoice is available upon request. The original B/L is attached to our original invoice. If the shipment is prepaid, write for a receipted transportation bill.
4. Advise HunterLab regarding replacement.

Parcel Post Shipment

1. Notify HunterLab at once in writing, giving details of the loss or damage. This information is required for filing a claim.
2. Hold the damaged goods with their container and packaging for possible inspection by postal authorities.
3. Advise HunterLab regarding replacement.

United Parcel Service

1. Contact your local UPS office regarding damage and insurance claim. Each UPS office has a different method of handling these occurrences and yours will advise you of its procedures.
2. Retain the container and packaging.
3. Notify HunterLab at once for replacement.

Shortage

Perform the following procedure if your order appears to be missing items.

1. Check the packing list notations. The apparent shortage may be a back ordered item and may be marked as an intentional short-ship.

2. Re-inspect the container and packing material, particularly to locate smaller items.
3. Ascertain that the item was not removed by unauthorized personnel prior to complete unpacking and checking.
4. Notify HunterLab immediately of the shortage in writing.

Incorrect Shipment

Perform the following procedure if material received does not correspond with your order.

1. Notify HunterLab immediately, referencing order number and item.
2. Hold incorrect items until return shipping instructions are received.

Returns

A return materials authorization (RMA) number is required before any items can be returned to HunterLab. Contact HunterLab Technical Support to obtain an RMA.

Do not return any damaged or incorrect items to HunterLab until all shipping instructions are received.

Note: HunterLab must be notified within fifteen days or we cannot accept responsibility for damaged or incorrect items.

HunterLab offers complete repair service for all instruments it manufactures. Call HunterLab for the service facility nearest your location. If your equipment is not functioning properly, contact HunterLab Technical Support for maintenance or repair instructions. Many times, this on-the-spot diagnosis is all that is required.

If repair is required, HunterLab offers two means of servicing. Instruments may be returned to a HunterLab service facility for repair or a HunterLab Service Department technician can come to your location to perform on-site repair. For schedule and terms for on-site repairs by trained service technicians, call HunterLab Technical Support. Please read “When You Need Assistance” prior to contacting HunterLab.

The customer is responsible for incoming and outgoing freight charges for all instrument being returned to HunterLab for repair, including warranty repairs.

CAUTION
Remove the sample clamp from the sample port before return shipment. Failure to do so may cause damage to the instrument.

When You Need Assistance

If you have a problem with an instrument or software or need technical advice concerning a specific application, you may contact HunterLab for assistance. In order to help us help you, please have the following information available prior to telephoning HunterLab:

1. The type of sensor for which you need assistance (ColorQuest XE with Touch Screen).
2. The serial number of the instrument (found on a plaque inside the transmission compartment and on the back of the touch screen).
3. The type of applet you are using (Color, for example) and the version of the applet.
4. The specific nature of the problem, including the exact error message received or results of the appropriate diagnostic test.
5. The steps performed prior to the start of the problem.
6. Steps already performed to reconcile the problem and/or results of any diagnostics.
7. The type of product being measured.
8. Operating environmental conditions under which the instrument is normally used, such as temperature, humidity, dust, fumes, etc.
9. Whether the instrument has recently been moved or the computer reconfigured.
10. The name(s) of any HunterLab personnel with whom you have previously discussed the problem.

The general telephone number for HunterLab is (703) 471-6870. To place an order or for prices on instruments, software, or replacement parts, ask for the ORDER PROCESSING DEPARTMENT. For applications advice, for help in correcting instrument or software problems, to return instruments to HunterLab for service, or to ask questions about the servicing or recalibration instruments, ask for TECHNICAL SUPPORT.

HunterLab may also be contacted through its website, www.hunterlab.com.

The mailing address for HunterLab Headquarters is given below. Customers outside the United States should contact their HunterLab Distributor for initial assistance.

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Chapter Ten

Measurement Values

Color values measured using the ColorQuest XE with Touch Screen are relative to the absolute value of a perfect reflecting diffuser as measured under the same geometric conditions (see ASTM Method E308), according to the January 1, 1969 recommendation of the International Commission on Illumination, CIE. These values are traceable to measurements made at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

This chapter explains the various color scales, color difference scales, and indices available for display using the default ColorQuest XE applets. Custom applets ordered from HunterLab may include scales and indices not described here.

Color Scales and Related Color Difference Scales

CIE Tristimulus XYZ Scale

The ColorQuest XE performs integration of reflectance or transmittance values over the visible spectrum to arrive at tristimulus X, Y, and Z values. These values simulate the color matching response functions of the human observer as defined by the 1931 2° Standard Observer or the 1964 CIE 10° Standard Observer. Tristimulus integrations based on illuminant C or D65 may be selected. For a complete description of how to calculate tristimulus values, refer to the publication CIE 15.2 and to ASTM Method E308.

The related color difference values are defined as follows:

$$\Delta X = X_{SMP} - X_{STD} \quad \Delta Y = Y_{SMP} - Y_{STD} \quad \Delta Z = Z_{SMP} - Z_{STD}.$$

CIE Chromaticity Coordinates, Yxy

The relationship between CIE XYZ values and the x,y chromaticity coordinates is as follows:

$$Y = \text{CIE Tristimulus Y (as above)} \quad x = \frac{X}{X + Y + Z} \quad y = \frac{Y}{X + Y + Z}$$

The related color difference values are defined as follows:

$$\Delta Y = Y_{SMP} - Y_{STD} \quad \Delta x = x_{SMP} - x_{STD} \quad \Delta y = y_{SMP} - y_{STD}.$$

Opponent-Color Scales (Hunter Lab, CIE 1976 L*a*b*, and CIE L*C*h)

The opponent-color scales give measurements of color in units of approximate visual uniformity throughout the color solid. Thus, in the **Hunter scale**, L measures lightness and varies from 100 for perfect white to zero for black, approximately as the eye would evaluate it. The chromaticity dimensions (a and b) give understandable designations of color as follows:

a measures redness when positive, gray when zero, and greenness when negative.

b measures yellowness when positive, gray when zero, and blueness when negative.

The relationship between the Hunter L, a, b Scale and the CIE XYZ Scale for the CIE 1931 2° Standard Observer and the CIE 1964 10° Standard Observer is as follows:

$$L = 100 \sqrt{\frac{Y}{Y_n}}$$

$$a = K_a \frac{\frac{X}{X_n} - \frac{Y}{Y_n}}{\sqrt{\frac{Y}{Y_n}}}$$

$$b = K_b \frac{\frac{Y}{Y_n} - \frac{Z}{Z_n}}{\sqrt{\frac{Y}{Y_n}}}$$

where:

X, Y, and Z are CIE tristimulus values.

X_n, Y_n, and Z_n are tristimulus values of the standard illuminant as listed in ASTM E308 with Y_n always equal to 100.00 (normalized).

K_a and K_b are chromaticity coefficients for the illuminant used (see ASTM E308).

Illuminant C represents average, or north sky, daylight with a correlated color temperature of approximately 6770 K. Illuminant D65 represents daylight with a correlated color temperature of approximately 6500 K.

The related color difference values are defined as follows:

$$\Delta L = L_{SMP} - L_{STD} \quad (\text{if } + \Delta L, \text{ sample is lighter than standard;} \\ \text{if } - \Delta L, \text{ sample is darker than standard.)}$$

$$\Delta a = a_{SMP} - a_{STD} \quad (\text{if } + \Delta a, \text{ sample is redder than standard;} \\ \text{if } - \Delta a, \text{ sample is greener than standard.)}$$

$$\Delta b = b_{SMP} - b_{STD} \quad (\text{if } + \Delta b, \text{ sample is yellower than standard;} \\ \text{if } - \Delta b, \text{ sample is bluer than standard.)}$$

The Hunter Lab total color difference (ΔE) is calculated as follows:

$$\Delta E = \sqrt{\Delta L^2 + \Delta a^2 + \Delta b^2} .$$

The **CIE 1976 L*a*b* Scale** is recommended by the Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage (CIE). It is a simplified cube root version of the Adams-Nickerson space produced by plotting the quantities of L*a*b* in rectangular coordinates.

The relationship between the CIE L*a*b* scale and the CIE XYZ scale for any illuminant referenced in ASTM E308 is as follows:

$$L^* = 116 f\left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right) - 16$$

$$a^* = 500 \left[f\left(\frac{X}{X_n}\right) - f\left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right) \right]$$

$$b^* = 200 \left[f\left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right) - f\left(\frac{Z}{Z_n}\right) \right]$$

where:

$$f\left(\frac{X}{X_n}\right) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{X}{X_n}} \quad \text{if } X/X_n > (24/116)^3$$

$$f\left(\frac{X}{X_n}\right) = \left(\frac{841}{108}\right)\left(\frac{X}{X_n}\right) + \frac{16}{116} \quad \text{if } X/X_n \leq (24/116)^3$$

$$f\left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{Y}{Y_n}} \quad \text{if } Y/Y_n > (24/116)^3$$

$$f\left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right) = \left(\frac{841}{108}\right)\left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right) + \frac{16}{116} \quad \text{if } Y/Y_n \leq (24/116)^3$$

$$f\left(\frac{Z}{Z_n}\right) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{Z}{Z_n}} \quad \text{if } Z/Z_n > (24/116)^3$$

$$f\left(\frac{Z}{Z_n}\right) = \left(\frac{841}{108}\right)\left(\frac{Z}{Z_n}\right) + \frac{16}{116} \quad \text{if } Z/Z_n \leq (24/116)^3$$

and X_n , Y_n , and Z_n are tristimulus values for any illuminant.

Total Difference (ΔE^*), which is used in the repeatability test, is defined as follows:

$$\Delta E^* = \sqrt{\Delta L^{*2} + \Delta a^{*2} + \Delta b^{*2}}$$

where

$$\Delta L^* = L^*_{SMP} - L^*_{STD}$$

$$\Delta a^* = a^*_{SMP} - a^*_{STD}$$

$$\Delta b^* = b^*_{SMP} - b^*_{STD}$$

For more information, see AATCC Test Method 173: *Calculation of Small Color Differences*.

CIE LCh is a modification to the CIELAB scale which plots in polar coordinates rather than rectangular ones.

ΔC^* is the difference between the chroma of the sample and the chroma of the standard, as described in a polar coordinate system.

Δh^* describes the difference between the hue angle (h°) of the standard and the hue angle of the sample in a polar coordinate system, where:

If $h^\circ_{smp} > h^\circ_{std}$ then Δh^* is regarded as positive.

If $h^\circ_{std} > h^\circ_{smp}$ then Δh^* is regarded as negative.

See “Recommendation on Uniform Color Spaces, Color Difference Equations, Psychometric Color Terms,” Supplement No. 2 to *CIE Publication No. 15* (E-1.3.1) CIE, Paris, 1978.

$$L^* = \text{CIE 1976 psychometric lightness} = 116 \sqrt[3]{\frac{Y}{Y_n}} - 16$$

$$a^* = \text{Red(+)-Green(-) axis} = 500 \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{X}{X_n}} - \sqrt[3]{\frac{Y}{Y_n}} \right)$$

$$b^* = \text{Yellow(+)-Blue(-) axis} = 200 \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{Y}{Y_n}} - \sqrt[3]{\frac{Z}{Z_n}} \right)$$

$$C^*_{ab} = \text{CIE 1976 a,b chroma} = \sqrt{a^{*2} + b^{*2}}$$

$$h^\circ = \text{CIE 1976 a,b hue-angle} = \arctan(b^*/a^*)$$

$$\Delta h^\circ = h^\circ_{Std} - h^\circ_{Sam}$$

$$\Delta H^*_{ab} = \text{CIE 1976 a,b hue-difference} = \sqrt{\Delta E^{*2} - \Delta L^{*2} - \Delta C^{*2}}$$

$$\Delta C^* = \text{Chromaticity difference in the } a^*b^* \text{ plane} = C^*_{smp} - C^*_{std}$$

$$\Delta E^*_{ab} = \text{CIE 1976 } L^*a^*b^* \text{ color difference formula} = \sqrt{\Delta L^{*2} + \Delta a^{*2} + \Delta b^{*2}}$$

Δ = Difference between Sample and Standard.

Reference: Commission International de l'Eclairage (CIE): "Recommendations on Uniform Color Spaces, Color Difference Equations, Psychometric Color Terms," Supplement No. 2 to *CIE Publication No. 15*, Colorimetry, Bureau Central de la CIE, Paris, 1978. For more information, see AATCC Test Method 173: *Calculation of Small Color Differences*.

Indices

Absorbance

Absorbance values are calculated for each wavelength.

$$\text{Absorbance} = -\log_{10}T$$

where T = transmittance.

ADMI-10 mm and 50 mm

The American Dye Manufacturer's Institute (ADMI) scale was developed for the measurement of wastewater containing dyestuffs and textile effluents. This scale may be used on clear liquids of any color.

ADMI units are based on the total AnLab color difference of APHA solutions from distilled water. Distilled water has a value of zero in ADMI units, as it does in APHA units. An ADMI value of 500 is assigned to a solution having a total color difference from distilled water equal to the total color difference from distilled water of the APHA stock solution, which has an APHA value of 500.

The HunterLab application of this scale is designed for use with bluish liquids. Be certain to use the size of transmission cell corresponding to the scale you are calculating. The sensor should be standardized in TTRAN mode using a clear liquid as a blank.

When an APHA/PtCo standard solution that conforms to ASTM D1209 is prepared and read on your instrument, it should read within the repeatability specifications of ASTM D1209. An APHA 400 solution should read as ADMI 400. ADMI values are reported in C/2° regardless of the illuminant and observer selected.

APHA is described below.

APHA-10, -20, and -50 mm

The American Public Health Association (APHA) Index was developed in the 1890s as a visual indicator of the purity of wastewater, where color is due to the presence of naturally-occurring organic materials such as leaves, bark, roots, humus, and peat. Today, APHA is used as a metric for purity in the chemical, oil, plastics, and pharmaceutical industries. This scale serves to quantify the appearance of yellowness, a visual indicator of product degradation due to light and/or heat, the presence of impurities, and the effects of processing.

APHA-10, -20, and -50 mm are designed to yield APHA/PtCo values that closely correlate to APHA/PtCo standard solution values as defined by ASTM D1209. They are calculated from the YI E313 yellowness index in accordance with ASTM D5386 using a proprietary formula.

A transmission cell with 10-, 20-, or 50-mm path length is required for this metric. The sensor should be standardized in TTRAN mode using a clear liquid as a blank.

ASBC-10 mm

The American Society of Brewing Chemists (ASBC) scale is used in the measurement of the color of beer, malt worts, caramel solutions, and similarly-colored liquids. This scale, which should be measured using a cell path length of 10 mm, is based on the EBC scale, which is described later in this chapter. Applicable equations are given below.

$$\text{ASBC} = 10 * 1.27 * -\log_{10}(T_{430\text{nm}})$$

where

$$T_{430\text{nm}} = \text{measured transmittance value (\%)} \text{ at } 430 \text{ nm}$$

and

$$\text{Turbidity} = \text{“free” if } 1.27 * -\log_{10}\left(\frac{T_{700\text{nm}}}{100}\right) \leq 0.039 * 1.27 * -\log_{10}(T_{430\text{nm}}), \text{ else “turbid.”}$$

where

$$T_{700\text{nm}} = \text{measured transmittance value (\%)} \text{ at } 700 \text{ nm.}$$

ASBC values are reported in C/2° regardless of the illuminant and observer selected.

ASTM Color

The ASTM color scale is calculated as described below.

$$\text{ASTM} = 0.25 + 0.8695 (\Delta X + \Delta Y + \Delta Z)$$

where

$$\Delta X = -\log\left(\frac{X}{98.074}\right)$$

$$\Delta Y = -\log\left(\frac{Y}{100.000}\right)$$

$$\text{if } Z > 0.01, \Delta Z = -\log\left(\frac{Z}{118.232}\right)$$

$$\text{if } Z \leq 0.01, \Delta Z = -\log\left(\frac{0.01}{118.232}\right)$$

X is the X tristimulus value for the sample calculated for C/2° conditions

Y is the Y tristimulus value for the sample calculated for C/2° conditions

Z is the Z tristimulus value for the sample calculated for C/2° conditions.

A transmission cell with 33-mm path length is required for this metric. The sensor should be standardized in a transmission mode using a clear liquid as a blank.

For more information on this index, see ASTM Method D6045, which provides the instrumental correlation to the ASTM D1500 index.

CMC

The equation for ΔE_{cmc} describes an ellipsoidal volume with axes in the direction of lightness and chroma and hue centered about a standard. When the semi-axis lengths for the ΔE_{cmc} formula equal the calculated ISL, cSC, and SH values for the standard, the resulting ellipsoid describes a 1.0 ΔE_{cmc} unit volume/tolerance. This volume and the size of its component parts become the basis for the establishment of an appropriately sized volume of acceptability for a given commercial situation by the application of a commercial factor (cf). The cf is the ΔE_{cmc} tolerance.

When $l = 2.0$ and $c = 1.0$, the equation fixes the ratio of the three components (SL:SC:SH) to correlate with visible assessment of typical textile samples. Other values of l may be required in cases where the surface characteristics change dramatically. The value of c is always left at 1.0.

$$\Delta E_{cmc} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta L^*}{ISL}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta C^*}{cSC}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta H^*}{SH}\right)^2} \quad \text{Absolute}$$

where

L^* , C^* , and H^* are those of the standard unless otherwise specified.

CMC ratio $l:c$

commercial factor cf

$$SL = \frac{0.040975LL^*}{1 + 0.01765L} \quad \text{for } L^* > 16$$

$$SL = 0.511 \quad \text{for } L^* < 16$$

$$SC = \frac{0.0638C^*}{1 + 0.0131C^*} + 0.638$$

$$SH = (FT + 1 - F) SC$$

$$C^* = \sqrt{a^{*2} + b^{*2}}$$

$$h^\circ = \arctan\left(\frac{b^*}{a^*}\right)$$

$$\Delta L^* = L^*_{SMP} - L^*_{STD}$$

$$\Delta C^* = C^*_{SMP} - C^*_{STD}$$

$$\Delta H^* = \sqrt{\Delta E^{*2} - \Delta L^{*2} - \Delta^*{}^2}$$

$$F = \sqrt{\frac{C^{*4}}{C^{*4} + 1900}}$$

$$T = 0.36 + |0.4 \cos(35 + h)| \quad \text{for } h, 164^\circ \text{ or } h > 345^\circ$$

$$T = 0.56 + |0.2 \cos(168 + h)| \quad \text{for } 164^\circ < h < 345^\circ$$

For a more detailed description of CMC, refer to *Calculation of Small Color Differences for Acceptability*, AATCC Test Method 173-1992 published in the AATCC Technical Manual.

EBC-10 mm

The European Brewing Chemists (EBC) scale is used in the measurement of the color of beer, malt worts, caramel solutions, and similarly-colored liquids. The range of this scale is 2 to 27 units, with yellower, pale worts at the low end and redder, dark worts, beers, and caramels at the upper end. A 10-mm path length cell should be used for these measurements. EBC values are calculated as follows:

$$EBC = 25f^* - \log_{10}(T_{430\text{nm}})$$

where

f = EBC dilution factor (default = 1.0)

T_{430 nm} = measured transmittance value (%) at 430 nm

and

$$\text{Turbidity} = \text{“free” if } 1.27^* - \log_{10}\left(\frac{T_{700\text{nm}}}{100}\right) \leq 0.039^* - \log_{10}(T_{430\text{nm}}), \text{ else “turbid.”}$$

where

T_{700 nm} = measured transmittance value (%) at 700 nm.

EBC values are reported in C/2° regardless of the illuminant and observer selected.

Gardner D6166-10 mm

The Gardner index is a proprietary yellowness index based upon a correlation between ASTM YI E313 and Gardner Color. The Gardner index is designed for transmission measurements of samples, such as resins, that are darker yellow or browner than those samples that would be measured with the APHA index. Samples should be measured using a 10-mm path length transmission cell. The D6166 index conforms to ASTM Method D6166.

Haze

A transmission haze measurement is a ratio of the diffuse light to the total light transmitted by a specimen. Useful measurements of haze can be made on a HunterLab sphere instrument, although the results do not conform to ASTM method D1003 because of differences in instrument geometry. Haze is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Haze} = \frac{Y_{\text{Diffuse transmission}}}{Y_{\text{Total transmission}}} \times 100 .$$

Saybolt

The Saybolt index is calculated as described below. These calculations adjust the spectral data to account for use of a 50-mm sample cell rather than the prescribed 100-mm cell, so spectral data must be available for this type of calculation.

$$\text{Saybolt} = 51.1 + \left(\frac{44.5}{\log_{10} \Delta E^* - 2.55} \right)$$

where

$$\Delta E^* = \sqrt{(100 - L^*)^2 + a^{*2} + b^{*2}}$$

L^* is the L^* value for the sample calculated for $C/2^\circ$ conditions

a^* is the a^* value for the sample calculated for $C/2^\circ$ conditions

b^* is the b^* value for the sample calculated for $C/2^\circ$ conditions.

The implied standard for the ΔE^* calculation is the top-of-scale standardization to a 100-mm cell filled with dodecane. An adjustment is also made for calculating this value using a 50-mm cell rather than a 100-mm cell.

For values greater than 30, 30 is displayed. For values less than 16, 16 is displayed.

When the Saybolt function is optimized, the following equation is used:

$$\text{Saybolt}^* = \alpha + \left(\frac{\beta}{\log_{10} \Delta E^* - \theta} \right)$$

where

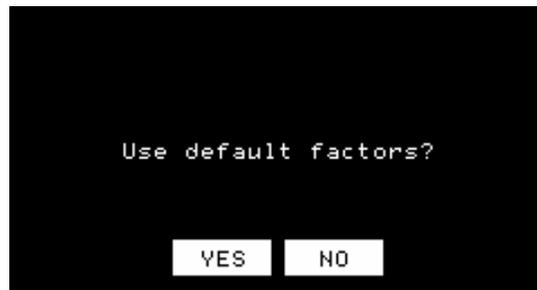
ΔE^* is as above

α is the intercept correction constant entered by the user

β is the slope correction constant entered by the user

θ is the correction constant entered by the user.

To enter your own constants, touch the Saybolt title at the top of the screen. The following screen appears:



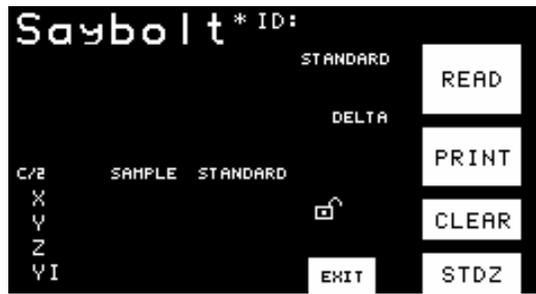
Touch **No**, since you wish to optimize. A new screen appears.



Use the keypad to enter each factor as the top of the screen prompts you. Touch **OK** to move on after each entry.



When you touch **OK** after entering the Theta factor, the measurement screen then shows Saybolt*, indicating that the Saybolt factors have been optimized. Measure Saybolt as you ordinarily would.



Yellowness Index

Visually, yellowness is associated with scorching, soiling, and general product degradation by light, chemical exposure, and processing. Yellowness indices are used chiefly to measure these types of degradation.

Yellowness Index per ASTM Method E313 is calculated as follows:

$$YI = \frac{100(C_x X - C_z Z)}{Y}$$

where X, Y, and Z are the CIE Tristimulus values, and the coefficients depend on the illuminant and observer as indicated in the table below.

Coefficient	C/2°	D65/10°
C _x	1.2769	1.3013
C _z	1.0592	1.1498

Appendix A

Applet Programming

Occasionally you may come across an application for which none of the HunterLab-supplied applets is appropriate or you may need to calculate a scale or index that is not included in these applets. Using the ColorQuest XE's built-in applet language and Windows Notepad or another text editor, you may define your own color scale and index formulas, illuminants, and screen layout for the touch screen display.

Note: This ability is provided as-is and is intended for use by personnel who possess the programming knowledge required.

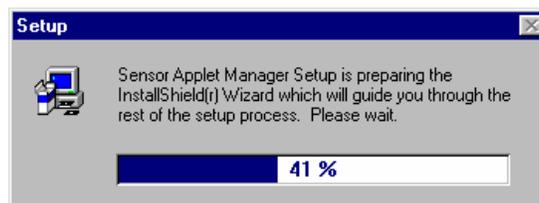
The information required for programming applets is contained in an HTML help file entitled CQXEMPL.CHM, which is installed with the ColorQuest XE Applet Manager. This software is included with your instrument and is described in the rest of this appendix.

After your applet is programmed, load it into your ColorQuest XE using the Applet Manager application.

Installing the Applet Manager

The Applet Manager application requires a machine running Windows 95 or higher.

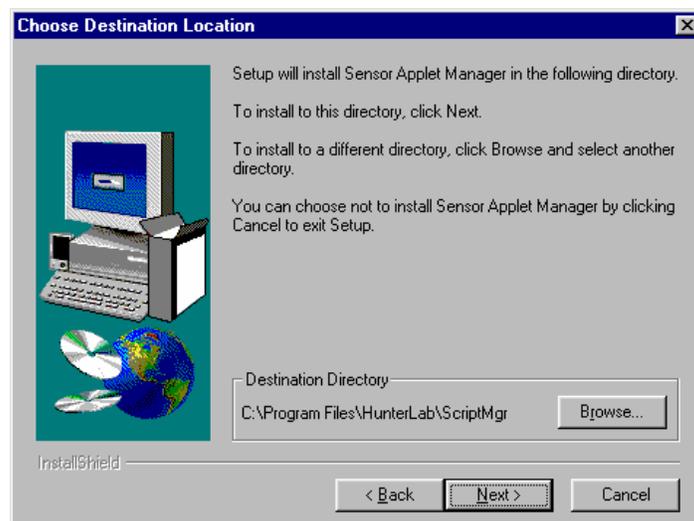
1. Insert the installation CD into your CD-ROM drive. If your system is set up to automatically run CD programs, the setup program will begin automatically and you may skip to Step 5.
2. Click on the Windows **Start** button.
3. Select **Run** from the command list.
4. Type "D:\SETUP" and then press **Enter**. If your CD-ROM drive is assigned a designation other than drive D, use that letter in place of the "D" in this statement.
5. The setup program will boot and the following screen will be shown.



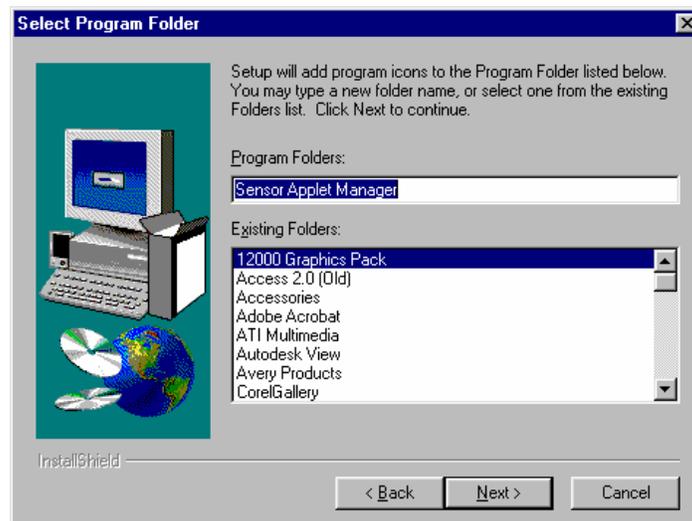
6. The Welcome screen will be shown next. Read the information provided, exit any programs currently running other than Windows, and click **Next** to continue to the next installation screen.



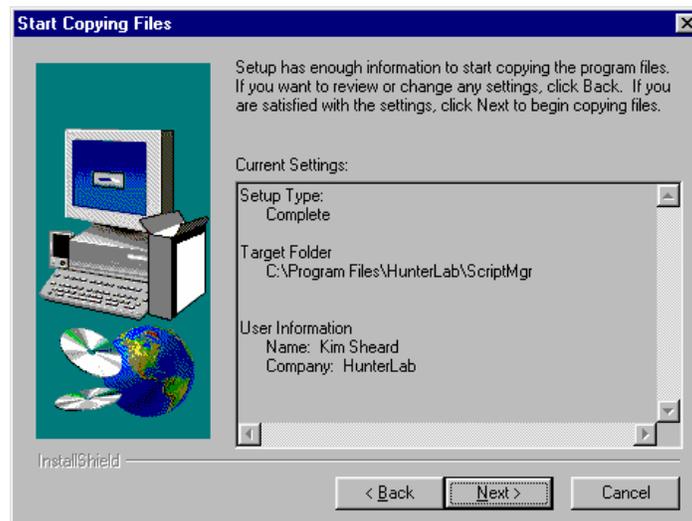
7. This screen allows you to choose the drive and directory where the selected program files will be installed. It is recommended that the default drive and directory shown here be used, but you may use any drive and directory accessible by your computer. Use the **Browse** button to search your system for the drive and directory desired. When the correct directory is shown in the Destination Directory box, click **Next** to continue to the next screen.



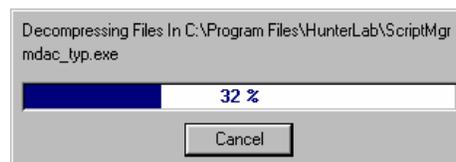
8. You will be shown the folder where the software will be placed. You may choose another folder from the list or type your own folder name into the box if desired. Click **Next**.



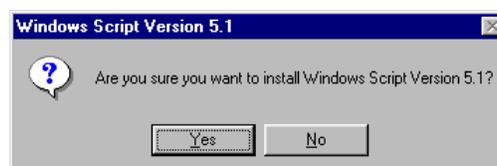
9. An overview of the installation settings will be displayed. Check them and then click **Next** if they are OK. If you made a mistake on a past screen, you may click **Back** until that screen is obtained again.



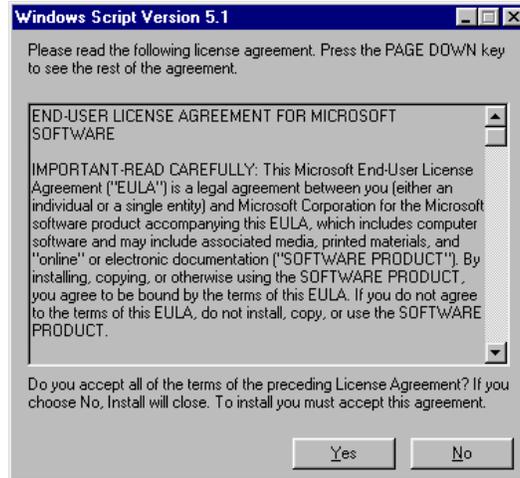
10. The needed files will be installed onto your system. A status bar is shown so that you can track the progress of the installation.



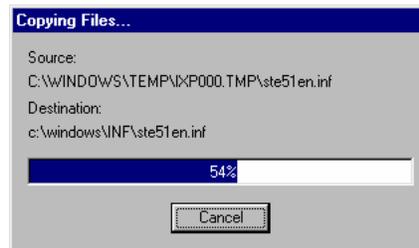
11. Next, you will be asked if you wish to install the Windows Script component of the software. Click **Yes** to initiate a complete installation.



12. Read the licensing agreement and click **Yes** to agree to it.



13. The needed files will be copied onto your system.



14. You will be notified when setup is complete. Click **OK**.



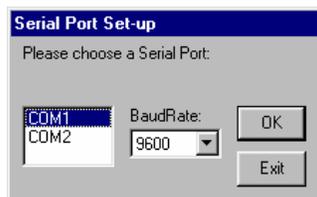
15. As the last step, you must reboot your computer. Click **Yes** to do so.



Using the Applet Manager

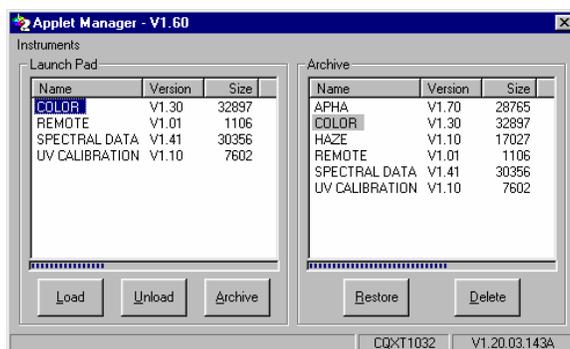
Before opening the software, connect the “Host” serial port on the back of the touch screen to a serial port on your computer using a 9-pin-to-9-pin serial cable. Be sure the instrument is turned on.

Then, open the applet manager by clicking the **Start** button and selecting **Programs**, the folder where you placed the software, then **Applet Manager**. The following screen will appear.



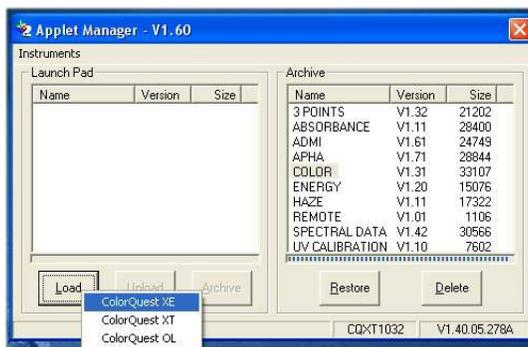
Note: Your touch screen display should be on the Select an Applet or Applet Archive screen when you open the software or an error message may result.

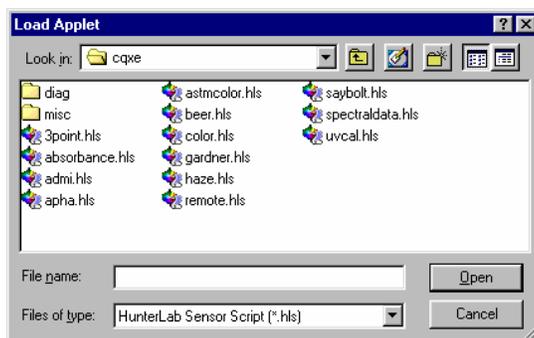
Indicate the computer serial port where the ColorQuest XE is connected and its baud rate. 9,600 is suggested. Then click **OK**. The Applet Manager opens.



The Launch Pad side of the screen indicates those applets currently in your instrument’s loaded memory. The Archive side shows the applets available in your instrument’s archives. The status bar at the bottom of the screen indicates your sensor serial number and firmware version.

In the Launch Pad area, you may click **Load** to add a new applet from your computer to your instrument’s loaded memory and archive or to update an existing applet. When **Load** is clicked, first select ColorQuest XE as shown in the first screen below, then the second screen below appears:





The files listed are the applets you have available on your computer for loading. Select the one you want to load. If you have been given an applet on diskette by HunterLab or have created your own applet, you may choose that disk drive in the Look in box and select it from there. Then click **Open**. The applet will be added to both loaded and archived memory.

If you already have an applet with the same name loaded, the following messages will appear:



If you wish to overwrite and upgrade the applet, click **Yes**. If you wish to keep the current version that is in your system, click **No**.

The other commands available through the Applet Manager are as follows:

- **Unload** - This command removes the highlighted applet from the launch page area, and thus from the loaded memory of your instrument. Click on the name of the applet you want to unload in the Launch Pad area of the screen to highlight it.
- **Archive** - This command copies the highlighted applet to your instrument's archive. Click on the name of the applet you want to archive in the Launch Pad area of the screen to highlight it.
- **Restore** - This command copies the highlighted applet from archived memory to the launch pad, and thus to the loaded memory of your instrument. Click on the name of the applet you wish to restore in the Archive area of the screen to highlight it.
- **Delete** - This command removes the highlighted applet from archived memory. Click on the name of the applet you wish to delete in the Archive area of the screen to highlight it.

Click the **X** at the upper right corner of the screen to close the software.

Appendix B

Glossary

Accuracy: Conformity of a measured result to an accepted reference value or scale.

Achromatic Color: A neutral color, such as white, gray, or black, that has no hue. Also termed nonchromatic.

Angle of Incidence: The angle between the axis of an impinging light beam and the perpendicular to the specimen surface.

Angle of View: The angle between the axis of observation and the perpendicular to the specimen surface.

Attribute: Distinguishing characteristic of a sensation, perception, or mode of appearance. Distinction is made between chromatic and geometric appearance attributes.

Brightness: The attribute of visual sensation by which an observer is made aware of differences in luminance.

Calibration: The graphical or mathematical relationship of a desired property to an instrument's output.

Chromatic: Perceived as having a hue - not white, gray, or black.

Chromatic Attributes: Those attributes associated with the spectral distribution of light, hue, and saturation.

Chromaticity: That part of a color specification which does not involve luminance.

CIE, Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage: In English, the International Commission on Illumination; the main international organization concerned with color and color measurement.

CIE Chromaticity Coordinates (Trichromatic Coefficients): The ratios of each of the tristimulus values of a color to the sum of the tristimulus values. In the CIE system they are designated by x , y , and z .

CIE Luminosity Function: A plot of the relative magnitude of the visual response as a function of wavelength from about 380 to 770 nm, adopted by CIE in 1924.

CIE 1976 L*a*b* Color Space: A uniform-color space utilizing an Adams-Nickerson cube root formula, suggested in 1976 for adoption by the CIE in 1976 for use in measurement of small color differences.

CIE Standard Observer: A hypothetical observer having the tristimulus color-mixture data recommended in 1931 by the CIE for a 2° field of vision (\bar{x} , \bar{y} , \bar{z} or \bar{x}_2 , \bar{y}_2 , \bar{z}_2). A supplementary observer for a larger 10° field (\bar{x}_{10} , \bar{y}_{10} , \bar{z}_{10}) was adopted in 1964.

CIE Tristimulus Values: The amounts of the three reference or matching stimuli required to give a match, with the color stimulus considered, in a given trichromatic system.

Clarity: The characteristic of a transparent material whereby distinct images may be observed through it.

CMC: Color difference based on the CIELAB color scale which can automatically generate tolerances for perceptible or acceptable differences.

Color Attribute: A three-dimensional characteristic of the appearance of an object, light source, or aperture. One dimension usually defines the lightness and the other two together define the chromaticity.

Color Constancy: Substantial invariance of object-color perceptions in the presence of changes in illumination or viewing conditions.

Color Difference: The magnitude and character of the difference between two object colors under specified conditions.

Colorimeter: Instrument which senses tristimulus values and converts them to chromaticity components of color.

Color Measurement Scale: A system of specifying numerically the perceived attributes of color.

Color Perceived: The visual sensation produced by light of different wavelengths throughout the visible region of the spectrum. By such perception an observer may distinguish differences between two objects of the same size, shape, and structure.

Color Specifications: Tristimulus values, chromaticity coordinates, and luminance value, or other color-scale values, used to designate a color numerically in a specified color system.

Delta Descriptor: A comparison of a sample to a standard in words. It is based on color difference data. When the selected color scale is L, a, b or L*a*b*, the delta descriptors are lighter/darker, redder/greener, or yellower/bluer. When the selected color scale is LCh, the descriptors are lighter/darker, less saturated/more saturated, and less chromatic/more chromatic.

Diffuse Transmission: Process by which incident light, while being transmitted through an object, is redirected or scattered over a range of angles.

Hitch Standards: Standards close in color to the specimens being measured. These are the same as transfer standards.

Hue: The attribute of color perception by means of which an object is judged to be red, yellow, green, blue, or purple.

Hunter L,a,b Scale: A uniform color scale devised by Hunter in 1958 for use in a color difference meter. It is based on Hering's opponent-colors theory of vision.

Illuminant: A table of spectral distribution as close as possible to that of the natural light source, usually daylight, to be duplicated.

Instrument Standards: Secondary standards which are only used with a particular instrument for maintaining the calibration of the instrument.

Light: Electromagnetic radiation in the spectral range (approximately 380 to 780 nm) detectable by the normal human eye.

Lightness: Perception by which white objects are distinguished from gray objects and light objects from dark color objects.

Light Source: That element in an instrument or in the visual observing situation that furnishes radiant energy in the form of light.

Munsell Color System: The color identification of a specimen by its Munsell hue, value, and chroma as visually estimated by comparison with the Munsell Book of Color.

Nanometer (nm): Unit of length equal to 10^{-9} meter.

Object Color: The aspect of the appearance of an object dependent upon the spectral composition of the incident light, the spectral reflectance or transmittance of the object, and the spectral response of an observer.

Observing Conditions: The geometric and spectral conditions of illuminating and viewing a specimen for visual or instrumental evaluation. In visual observations, the conditions include the surroundings and the state of adaptation of the observer.

Opponent-Colors System: A color system based on Hering's opponent-colors theory which states that there are six independent color dimensions which are perceived by three opponent-color systems: black-white, red-green, and yellow-blue.

Perception: The combination of different sensations and the utilization of past experience in recognizing the objects from which the stimulation comes.

Perfect Diffuse Transmitter: An ideal uniform diffuser with zero absorbance and zero reflectance.

Polychromator: A device for isolating narrow portions of the spectrum by dispersing light into its component wavelengths.

Precision: The degree of agreement of repeated measurements of the same property.

Primary Light: Any one of three lights in terms of which a color is specified by giving the amounts required to duplicate it by additive combination.

Primary Standard: A standard whose calibration is determined by the measurement of parameters usually different from the parameter for which it will be used as a standard.

Regular Transmittance: Process by which incident light is transmitted through an object in a rectilinear, straight-through manner, without diffusion.

Refraction: The bending of light rays as they pass from one medium into another having a different index of refraction.

Repeatability: The degree to which a single instrument gives the same reading on the same specimen.

Reproducibility: The agreement attainable between measurements performed by different instruments in different laboratories.

Restandardize: To set the top of the standardization scale only.

Saturation: The attribute of color perception that expresses the degree of departure from the gray of the same lightness.

Scattering: The process by which light passing through granular, fibrous, or rough surface matter is redirected throughout a range of angles.

Secondary Standards: All standards other than primary standards.

Shade Sorting: The grouping together of similarly-colored materials so that the materials within each group may be used together in a finished product.

Spectrocolorimeter: Visible spectrum-sensing full-scanning or abridged spectrophotometer with either an integral microprocessor or a personal computer programmed to perform tristimulus integrations, normally with a broad bandpass of 10 to 20 nanometers.

Spectrophotometer: An instrument used for measuring the transmittance and/or reflectance of specimens as a function of wavelength.

Spectrum: Spatial arrangement of electromagnetic energy in order of wavelength. For visible radiation, the spectrum is a band of color produced by breaking white light into its component colors.

Standard: A reference against which instrumental measurements are made.

Standardization: Process by which a given method, procedure, or protocol is made to conform to prescribed conditions. Standardization can only follow calibration.

Tolerance: Limits that determine how far a sample can deviate from a standard. Tolerances can be set for any color scale or index parameter.

Total Transmission: Diffuse plus regular transmission.

Transfer Standards: Standards close to the color of the specimens being measured. These are the same as hitch standards.

Translucency: The property of a material by which a major portion of the transmitted light undergoes scattering.

Transmission: Process by which incident light is transmitted through an object.

Transparency: The property of a material by which a negligible portion of the transmitted light undergoes scattering.

Uniform Color Scale: A color scale or color solid in which the differences between points correspond to the perceptual visual differences between the colors represented by these points.

Wavelength: The distance, measured along the line of propagation, between two points that are in phase or on adjacent waves. Wavelength distribution determines the color of light. Wavelengths of visible light range from about 380 to about 780 nm.

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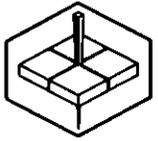
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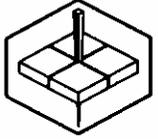
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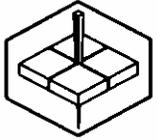
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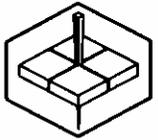
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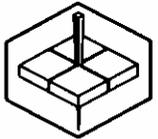
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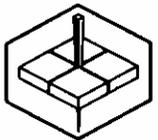
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Computer Configuration for HunterLab Software

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This document specifies the recommended and minimum required computer system configurations and system limitations for current HunterLab software products.

Recommended Computer Configuration for HunterLab Windows Products

The following configuration or better is recommended for customers running ColorFlex Utility Software, ColorTrend HT Utility Software, EasyGroup, EasyMatch for Coatings, EasyMatch OL, EasyMatch QC, MiniScan XE Plus Utility Software, MultiSensor Software for Glass Systems, MultiSensor Software for SpectraProbe XE, Sensor Applet Manager, and Universal Software.

Component	Recommendation
Processor	Pentium
Clock Speed	800 MHz
RAM	64 MB (128 MB for EasyMatch OL)
Operating System	Windows 2000 Professional, XP Professional, or NT Version 4.0 or Higher. (Windows 2000 and XP not compatible with EasyMatch Coatings; use Windows 95, 98, Me, or NT.)
Hard Disk	10 GB
Installation Medium	16X CD-ROM drive (3.5" 1.44 MB disk drive for MultiSensor Software for SpectraProbe XE)
Video Adapter	SVGA 1280 x 1024
Monitor	17" Color
Communication Port for Sensor	1 Serial port. Alternatively, a USB port may be used for the UltraScan PRO or for other instruments with the purchase of a USB adapter.
Communication Port for Hardware Key	1 Parallel port required for EasyMatch Coatings. 1 parallel or USB port required for EasyMatch QC and EasyGroup.
Pointing Device	Mouse
Keyboard	Enhanced
Surge Protection	Line Conditioner or Surge Protector
Backup Medium	Tape or ZIP Disk System
Modem	56.6 Kbps
Printer	Windows compatible Laser or Ink Jet connected to available parallel or USB port

Minimum Configuration for HunterLab Software Products

Absolute system minimums and other notes on specific software programs are given below. The minimum systems will operate, but performance may be hampered. Minimum required hard drive space will vary depending on amount of measurement data stored.

ColorFlex Utility Software

Pentium-166 MHz processor with 32 MB RAM; VGA graphics and monitor with 800 x 600 resolution; serial port for sensor communications; serial, bus, or USB mouse; CD-ROM drive; Microsoft Windows 95 or higher. A laser, ink jet, or dot-matrix printer may be used on available parallel or USB port.

ColorTrend HT Utility Software

Pentium-166 MHz processor with 32 MB RAM; VGA graphics and monitor with 800 x 600 resolution; serial port for sensor communications; serial, bus, or USB mouse; CD-ROM drive; Microsoft Windows 95 or higher. A laser, ink jet, or dot-matrix printer may be used on available parallel or USB port.

DP-9000 Utility Software

IBM PC or compatible system; 512 KB RAM; one 360 KB or 720 KB floppy disk drive; one serial port; one parallel printer port; Microsoft DOS version 3.0 or greater. A hard disk and a mouse are recommended.

EasyMatch for Coatings

486DX-20MHz processor with 8 MB RAM (16 MB if using Windows 95 or higher); SVGA graphics; serial port for sensor communications; parallel port for hardware key; serial, bus, or USB mouse; 4X CD-ROM drive (installation diskettes available upon request); Microsoft Windows 3.x, 95, 98, Me, or NT 3.51 or higher. A laser, ink jet, or dot matrix graphics-compatible printer may be used on available parallel or USB port. A minimum of 800 x 600 resolution and 512 colors for the monitor is recommended.

EasyMatch OL and EasyMatch OL CT

Server: Pentium 800 MHz processor with 256 MB RAM running Windows NT 4.0 Service Pack 6, Windows 2000 Professional, Windows XP Professional, or Windows 2000 Server. CD-ROM drive, SVGA monitor with 800 x 600 resolution (1024 x 768 recommended), serial port for sensor communications plus serial, bus, or USB mouse, network card if operating over a network. 10 MB of free space is required on the installation disk for initial installation. Additional hard drive space will be required for saving data.

Client(s): Pentium 650 MHz processor with 128 MB RAM running Windows 98*, Windows NT 4.0 Service Pack 6, Windows 2000 Professional, Windows XP Professional, or Windows 2000 Server. (*Note: Chinese and Japanese Windows require Windows 2000 or XP.*) CD-ROM drive, SVGA monitor with 800 x 600 resolution (1024 x 768 recommended) and 16-bit color or

better, serial, bus, or USB mouse, local or networked printer, network connection to the server computer. 75 MB of free space is required on the installation disk for initial installation. Additional hard drive space will be required for saving data. Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher, Adobe® Reader® 4.0 or higher to access manual files.

** Some features for passive clients will not be available when running on a Windows 98 platform.*

EasyMatch QC

Pentium 233 MHz processor with 64 MB RAM running Windows 2000 Professional, XP Professional, or NT Version 4.0 or higher. 4X CD-ROM drive, SVGA monitor with 800 x 600 resolution (1024 x 768 recommended), serial port for sensor communications (UltraScan PRO may use USB, and other instruments may with purchase of a USB adapter) plus serial, bus, or USB mouse, 1 available parallel or USB port for hardware key. Use of a network, zip drive, or CD-RW drive for system backup recommended. 50 MB of free space is required on the installation disk for initial installation. Installed web browser to access help file, Adobe® Reader® 4.0 or higher to access manual files.

EasyMatch QC-ER

Server: Pentium 233 MHz processor with 64 MB RAM running Windows 2000 Professional or Windows XP Professional. CD-ROM drive, serial, bus, or USB mouse, network card if operating over a network. 10 MB of free space is required on the NTFS installation disk for initial installation. Additional hard drive space will be required for saving data.

Client(s): Pentium 233 MHz processor with 64 MB RAM running Windows 2000 Professional or Windows XP Professional. CD-ROM drive, SVGA monitor with 800 x 600 resolution (1024 x 768 recommended) and 16-bit color or better, serial port for sensor communications (UltraScan PRO may use USB, and other instruments may with purchase of a USB adapter) plus serial, bus, or USB mouse, 1 available parallel or USB port for hardware key, local or networked printer, network connection to the server computer. 60 MB of free space is required on the NTFS installation disk for initial installation. Additional hard drive space will be required for saving data. Installed web browser to access help file, Adobe® Reader® 4.0 or higher to access manual files.

MiniScan XE Plus Utility Software

Pentium-166 MHz processor with 32 MB RAM; VGA graphics and monitor with 800 x 600 resolution; serial port for sensor communications; serial, bus, or USB mouse; CD-ROM drive; Microsoft Windows 95 or higher. A laser, ink jet, or dot-matrix printer may be used on available parallel or USB port.

MultiSensor Software for Glass Systems

486DX-33 MHz processor with 8 MB RAM; SVGA graphics and monitor; serial port for sensor communications; 4-port multiport RS-485 card (16550A); serial, bus, or USB mouse; CD-ROM

drive; Microsoft Windows 3.1 or higher. A laser, ink jet, or dot matrix printer may be used on available parallel or USB port.

MultiSensor Software for SpectraProbe XE

486DX-33 MHz processor with 8 MB RAM; SVGA graphics and monitor; serial port for sensor communications; 4-port multiport RS-485 card (16550A); serial, bus, or USB mouse; one 1.44 MB floppy disk drive; Microsoft Windows 3.x or higher. A laser, ink jet, or dot matrix printer may be used on available parallel or USB port.

Sensor Applet Manager

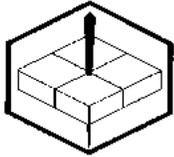
Pentium-166 MHz processor with 32 MB RAM; VGA graphics and monitor with 800 x 600 resolution; serial port for sensor communications; serial, bus, or USB mouse; CD-ROM drive; Microsoft Windows 95 or higher.

Universal Software

386-20 MHz processor with 4 MB RAM (486 processor with 16 MB RAM if using Windows 95 or higher); SVGA graphics and monitor with 800 x 600 resolution; serial port or USB port with USB adapter for sensor communications; serial, bus, or USB mouse; 4X CD-ROM drive (installation diskettes available upon request); Microsoft Windows 3.x or higher. A laser, ink jet, or dot-matrix printer may be used on available parallel or USB port.

Note On Using Equipment Not Supplied By HunterLab

There are many manufacturers of personal computers, peripherals, and accessories. The degree of compatibility varies greatly. Because of the large number of products on the market, all possible configurations cannot be tested. HunterLab cannot guarantee that software will operate correctly on any particular system not supplied by HunterLab. It is also possible that one HunterLab software product may run properly on a given computer system while another HunterLab software product may not.



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HunterLab Application Services

I. On-Site Applications Training

A HunterLab Applications Specialist can visit your site to provide a course of instruction specially designed for your samples in your application using your instrument and your software! This personalized training is the most efficient way to go. Typical training sessions include operator training in proper sample handling techniques and instrument operation, as well as consulting concerning measurement data. A color theory session may also be included if desired. A written copy of the measurement procedure(s) developed during the training session may be provided at an additional charge.

For more information, complete and fax the following form or call (703) 471-6870 and ask for the Technical Services Department. An Applications Specialist will follow up on your request shortly.

On-Site Applications Training Preliminary Information Sheet

Contact Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

_____ State: , Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ FAX: _____

Purchase Order #: _____ Week in which

Training is Desired: _____

Number of Days: _____

Would you like a color theory session as well as application training? Yes No

Instrument: _____ Software/Firmware: _____ Version: _____

What products do you measure? _____

Rates (*rates slightly higher outside the U.S.) :

Daily rate: \$1,300 plus all travel-related expenses

Written procedure: \$200

Please return completed form to Technical Services via **FAX (703) 471-4237**.

II. Laboratory Services

HunterLab offers laboratory services for the measurement of color and appearance of all materials. This is your opportunity to have your samples tested using an instrument to which you normally do not have access and to have your samples examined by an experienced Applications Specialist! Our Applications Laboratory is equipped with colorimeters and spectrophotometers with both 45°/0° (0°/45°) and sphere (d/8°) optical geometries. Glossmeters with ASTM 20°, 60°, and 85° angles are available, as well as the DORIGON abridged goniophotometer, GP-1R full-scanning goniophotometer, and GCMS-10X full-scanning goniospectrophotometer.

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Laboratory Services Preliminary Information Sheet

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Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

_____ State: , Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ FAX: _____

Purchase Order #: _____ Number of Samples: _____

Type of Sample: _____

End Use of Sample Material: _____

Instrument(s) to be used (geometry and/or model, if known): _____

Color Scale(s): _____ Illuminant/Observer: _____

Method/Instrument Currently Used: _____

Other instructions _____

Rates:

Specimen measurement and data printout:	\$150 per hour with two-hour minimum
Specimen measurement and full report:	\$150 per hour with three-hour minimum
Visit to HunterLab Applications Laboratory to measure samples	\$150 per hour

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City, State, Zip _____ Country _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail: _____ Instrument Serial Number _____
What types of materials are you measuring with this instrument? _____

Are you completely satisfied with your order? Yes No
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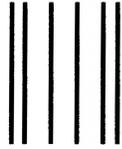
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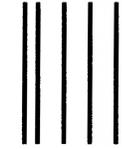
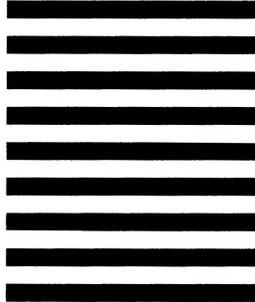
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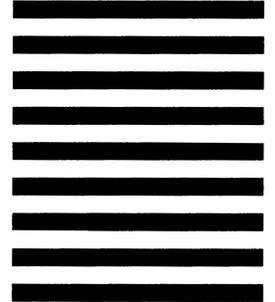
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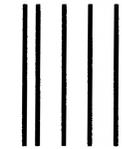
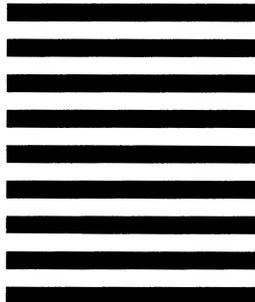
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