Ideal for On-Site Operation with High Measurement Stability!

Makes color inspection of metallic/pearl coatings easy.

Full data compatibility with CM-512m3
Coatings such as automotive metallic and pearlescent coatings change color according to the angles at which they are illuminated and viewed. This contributes greatly to their beauty, but it also makes them difficult to measure accurately with conventional spectrophotometers. The multi-angle CM-512m3A is up to the task. The CM-512m3A illuminates object surfaces from 3 angles and measures light reflected perpendicular to the surface for measurement results which more closely match visual evaluation. Plus, its ring illumination minimizes the influence of instrument orientation (rotation around the surface perpendicular) to provide stable results.

Geometry measures color effect at multiple angles, similar to visual evaluation

Since the color of metallic or pearlescent coatings changes according to the angles at which the sample is illuminated and viewed, visual evaluation of such samples is normally performed by illuminating and viewing the sample from multiple angles. In the same way, the CM-512m3A illuminates the sample surface at 3 angles (25°, 45°, and 75° from the perpendicular to the surface) and measures the light reflected perpendicular to the sample surface. This makes the CM-512m3A ideal for evaluating metallic and pearlescent coatings.

Ring illumination minimizes rotational effects

Illumination at each of the 3 angles is provided by a ring of 18 optical fibers. The illumination system thus creates cones of light at 25°, 45°, and 75° from the perpendicular to the surface to minimize the effects of instrument rotation around the measurement axis (perpendicular to the sample surface), a problem with instruments that provide single-plane illumination.

Large easy-to-read LCD

The large 240 × 96 dot high resolution LCD shows the results for each angle together on the screen, as numerical values, with a PASS/FAIL display, or on graphs to enable results to be checked at a glance. Display can be shown in English or Chinese, and characters can even be inverted for viewing from the top.

Color-difference equation CIEDE2000 optimized to correlate well with visual evaluation

To provide measurement results that correlate even more closely with visual results, the CM-512m3A correlated the color-difference parameter equations with instrumental results measured at 0° and 45° (corresponding to visual evaluation). The CM-512m3A performs measurements at 25°, 45°, and 75° from the perpendicular to the surface, and displays the results together on the screen, as numerical values, with a PASS/FAIL display, or on graphs to enable results to be visually shown on the per-angle characteristics specific to multi-angle measurements.

Compact body is easy to position at desired measurement points.

The CM-512m3A can be used to measure the main body and various parts such as bumpers, door mirrors, etc. to ensure color uniformity in the final assembled vehicle.

Battery or AC Powered

The CM-512m3A can be powered by 4 AA-size batteries (either alkaline or rechargeable Ni-MH batteries can be used) for on-site use and easy maneuverability, or by the included AC adapter.

SpectraMagic™NX (Optional)

(Supports Windows® 7/8.1/10)

SpectraMagic NX™ (optional accessory) is the ideal partner for color quality control with the CM-512m3A. It enables data for all 3 illumination angles to be shown simultaneously on the screen, and line graphs to visually show the per-angle characteristics specific to multi-angle measurements can also be created.

OS: Windows® 7 Professional 32 bit, 64 bit, Windows® 8.1 Pro 32 bit, 64 bit, Windows® 10 Pro 32 bit, 64 bit (English, Japanese, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Portuguese, and Hangul versions)

- The hardware of the computer system to be used must meet or exceed the greater of the recommended system requirements for the compatible OS being used or the following specifications.
  - CPU: Pentium® 111 600 MHz or higher (recommended)
  - Memory: 128 MB (256 MB recommended)
  - Hard disk: 400 MB of available disk space (Minimum 400 MB available space on system drive)
  - Display: Display unit capable of showing at least 1,024 x 768 dots/16-bit colors
  - Other: DVD-ROM drive (required for installation); one free USB port for protection key; one free port (serial port or additional USB port) for connection to instrument (connection type depends on instrument); Internet Explorer Ver. 5.01 or later
For correct use and for your safety, be sure to read the instruction manual before using the instrument.

• Always connect the instrument to the specified power supply voltage. Improper connection may cause a fire or electric shock.

• Be sure to use the specified batteries. Using improper batteries may cause a fire or electric shock.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

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System Diagram

Specifications

- **Illumination/viewing system**: 3 angle circumferential illumination / 1 angle perpendicular viewing: 25°c: 0°, 45°c: 0°, 75°c: 0°
- **Detector**: Silicon photodiode array with continuous interference filter
- **Wavelength range**: 400 to 700 nm
- **Wavelength pitch**: 20 nm
- **Reflectance range**: 25°: 0% to 300%, 45° and 75°: 0% to 200% (Resolution: 0.01%)
- **Light source**: 3 pulsed xenon lamps
- **Minimum measurement interval**: 7 seconds (when measuring a white calibration plate at 23°C)
- **Battery performance**: Approx. 400 measurements at 10-second intervals (when a dark color is measured with alkaline batteries at 23°C)

- **Measurement/illumination area**: ø12 mm / ø20 mm
- **Repeatability**: Spectral reflectance: Within 0.3% (standard deviation)

Chromaticity value: Within ΔE95 0.05 (standard deviation)

(When a white calibration plate is measured 30 times at 10-second intervals after white calibration)

- **Interface**: RS-232C, Terminal: D-Sub 9-pin (female)
- **Display**: Dot-matrix reflective LCD with 26 characters x 7 lines (240 x 96 dots) with adjustable contrast

- **Display data**: Colorimetric data: L*a*b*, L*Ch

Color difference data: ΔL*a*<sup>+</sup>b*, ΔL*(CH)*, ΔE*a*b*, CMC(lc), ΔE00 (CIE DE2000)

Other data display: FF value, line graph

- **Data memory**: 440 data sets max. (total of sample and target data)
- **Observer**: 2° or 10° Standard Observer
- **Illuminant**: A, D50, D65, F2, F6, F7, F8, F10, F11, F12
- **Operation temperature/humidity range**: 0°C to 40°C, relative humidity 85% or less (at 35°C) with no condensation
- **Storage temperature/humidity range**: -20°C to 45°C, relative humidity 85% or less (at 35°C) with no condensation

- **Power**: 4 AA-size alkaline or Ni-MH batteries or special AC Adapter

- **Size (W x H x D)**: 115 x 257 x 164 mm
- **Weight**: Approx. 1.4 kg (without batteries)

*1 Operation temperature/humidity range of products for North America: 5 to 40°C, relative humidity 80% or less (at 31°C) with no condensation

Main Specifications

- **Spectrophotometer CM-512m3A**
- **Accessory Switch CM-A23**
- **Zero Calibration Box CM-A32**
- **Hand Strap CM-A137**
- **Grip CM-A43**
- **Hard Case CM-A64**
- **User Calibration Software CM-S20w**
- **Color Data Software CM-S100w**

- **Standard accessories**
- **Optional accessories**

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