Ideal for evaluating CRI (color rendering index)

Illuminance Spectrophotometer

CL-500A

For evaluation of high-class next-generation lamps such as LED illumination and EL illumination
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Both instrument and included software have been upgraded to provide improved instrument operation and software display of MacAdam SDCM levels.

The Standard in Measuring Color & Light

Giving Shape to Ideas
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Compact, lightweight, handheld
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All-in-one type. No PC needed.
The CL-500A can be used by itself for measuring CRI or color temperature of lamps. In addition, the spectral irradiance waveform and peak wavelength can also be checked.

Measurement of spectral irradiance (w/m²) at each wavelength.
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Measures and displays both the general color-rendering index Ra as well as the special color-rendering indexes R1 to R15.
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Illuminance measurements (JIS AA Class) also possible

Scotopic illuminance can also be measured.
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Convenient measurement functions
1) Continuous measurement mode: For monitoring changes in illuminance levels or spectral power distribution.
2) Display of the average of multiple measurements: Useful for evaluation of projectors, etc.
3) Delayed-measurement function: The CL-500A can be set to wait for a specific time after the measuring button is pressed before starting measurements, so you can get out of the way before the measurement is taken to make sure that light reflected from you or your clothes do not affect measurements.
4) Display of data at specific wavelength: Allows monitoring of spectral irradiance at a specific wavelength.

Main applications:
- Measurement and evaluation of the illuminance, color temperature, and color-rendering index of indoor illumination sources such as LEDs, organic EL sources, fluorescent lamps, etc.
- Measurement and evaluation of the illuminance, color temperature, and color-rendering index of special illumination sources used for TV broadcasting stations, studios, stages, events, etc.
- Measurement of ambient lighting including sunlight.
- Measurement of the illumination and color temperature of various types of projectors.
- Measurement of the photosynthetic photon flux density (PPFD) of light sources used for agriculture.
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Comprehensive software included

Data Management Software CL-S10w (Standard accessory)

Convenient, easy-to-use Excel® add-in software
Reads measurement data from the CL-500A directly into Excel®. Further processing of data can then be performed easily using the various functions of Excel®.

Spectral irradiance waveform display
Since peak wavelengths can be seen easily, classification and grading of light sources can be performed easily at high accuracy. In addition, numerical data at 1 nm can also be viewed in list form.

Multi-point measurement possible using multiple CL-500A units
Data Management Software CL-S10w can be used to control up to 10 CL-500A units for multi-point measurements. Using the SDK, this can be further expanded. Please contact our sales person for further information.

Informative color-rendering index display
Color-rendering indexes are shown visually for easy understanding. The shifts between a test light source and a standard light source can be seen at a glance, with bar graphs showing the general color-rendering index Ra (the average of special color-rendering indexes R1 to R8) and the special color-rendering indexes for a total of 15 colors (R1 to R15).

Equipped with LED binning function
In addition to quantifying the color variations which are a major problem in the LED industry, the software is also equipped with function to enable easy binning.

MacAdam SDCM level display
CL-S10w includes a template for expressing the chromaticity variation of illumination light sources such as LEDs or organic EL sources in terms of the MacAdam SDCM (Standard Deviation of Color Matching) step. This allows display of color differences that closely match visual judgment.

What is color-rendering property?
Colors are generally compared by arranging objects side-by-side and looking at them under natural light (sunlight). When comparing how lamps such as fluorescent lamps, LEDs (light emitting diodes), etc. make objects look against how natural light makes them look, how closely the appearances match is called the “color-rendering property” of the lamp. A lamp that produces a hue similar to that of natural light is said to have a good (high) color-rendering property. The color-rendering index is an objective quantification of the color-rendering properties of a light source. The color-rendering index expresses the comparison between the light source being tested and a standard illuminant. The maximum value is 100, with the value decreasing as the color-rendering difference increases, indicating how far the appearance under the test light source is from the natural color under sunlight.

- Standard illuminant with the same color temperature as the light source being tested. (Light along the blackbody locus corresponds to sunlight.)

Color-rendering indexes include the general color-rendering index (Ra) and special color-rendering indexes (R1 to R15)

Test - color samples

SDCM of 2700K

To learn more about the theory and practice of light and color measurement, please visit https://www.konicaminolta.com/instruments/knowledge/index.html

Konica Minolta Measurement Fundamentals

Konica Minolta's Illuminance Measurement Trio

Illuminance Spectrophotometer CL-500A Measures color-rendering properties
Measures color-rendering properties as well as illumination. Displays spectral waveform using included CL-S10w software. Conforms to DIN and JIS standards.

Chroma Meter CL-200A Measures color temperature
A de facto industry standard for color-temperature measurement. Can also perform illuminance measurements (JIS AA Class). Compact and lightweight with removable receptor connectable with extension cables. Includes simple, convenient PC software as standard accessory.

Illuminance Meter T-10A Can measure PWM-controlled lighting
Conforms to DIN Class B and JIS AA Class. Capable of accurately measuring next-generation lamps including PWM-controlled lighting. Multiple receptors can be used for multi-point measurement. A miniature receptor T-10A is also available for measuring illuminance in narrow spaces.
Main Specifications of CL-500A

Model: Illuminance Spectrophotometer CL-500A

- Illuminance meter class: Conforms to requirements for Class AA of JIS C 1609-1:2006
- Wavelength range: 360 to 780 nm
- Output wavelength pitch: 1 nm
- Spectral bandwidth: Approx. 10 nm (half bandwidth)
- Wavelength precision: ±0.3 nm (Median wavelengths of 436.5 nm, 546.1 nm, and 585.3 nm as specified in JIS 8724)\(^4\)
- Measuring range: 0.1 to 100,000 lx (chromaticity display requires 5 lx or more)

- Accuracy\(^1\) (Standard Illuminant A)
  - \(E_r\) (Illuminance): ±2% ±1 digit of displayed value
  - Repeatability\(^2\) (Standard Illuminant A)
    - \(E_r\): 0.5%±1 digit
  - Temperature drift (\(E_r\)): ±0.005% (50 to 100,000 lx)
  - Humidity drift (\(E_r\)): ±0.001% (100 to 500 lx)
  - Humidity drift (\(E_r\)): ±0.002% (30 to 100 lx)
  - Humidity drift (\(E_r\)): ±0.004% (5 to 30 lx)

- Visible-region relative spectral response characteristics (\(f_1\))
  - \(E_x\): Within 1.5% of spectral luminous efficacy \(V(\lambda)\)

- Cosine correction characteristics (\(f_2\))
  - \(E_r\): Within 3% of measured value

- Temperature drift (\(E_r\))
  - \(E_r\): ±3% of displayed value
  - Humidity drift (\(E_r\))
  - \(E_r\): ±3% of displayed value

- Measurement time
  - Super Fast mode: Approx. 0.2 sec. (when connected to computer)
  - Fast mode: Approx. 0.5 sec.
  - Slow mode: Approx. 2.5 sec.
  - Automatic exposure time setting (high accuracy) mode: Approx. 0.5 to 27 sec.

- Display modes
  - XYZ, \(X'_r\), \(Y'_r\), \(Z'_r\), \(L'_e\), \(u'\), \(v'\), \(E_r\), \(E'_r\), \(L'_e\), \(L'_c\), \(C\), \(h\), \(\phi\)
  - Display: Spectral irradiance (W/m²); Illuminance; general color-rendering index; correlated color temperature; etc.

- Other functions
  - Data memory: 100 data; User calibration function (when connected to computer); Auto power off function

- Display languages
  - English, Chinese (Simplified)

- Interface
  - USB 2.0
  - Power: Rechargeable internal lithium-ion battery (Operating time per charge: Approx. 6 hours when new); AC adapter; USB power bus

- Operation conditions
  - Temperature/humidity range: -10 to 40°C, relative humidity of 85% or less (at 35°C) with no condensation
  - Storage temperature/humidity range: -10 to 45°C, relative humidity of 85% or less (at 35°C) with no condensation
  - Weight: 350 g

- Other functions
  - Data memory: 100 data; User calibration function (when connected to computer); Auto power off function
  - Display languages: English, Chinese (Simplified)

- SAFETY PRECAUTIONS
  - For correct use and for your safety, be sure to read the instruction manual before using the instrument.
  - Always connect to the instrument to the specified power supply voltage. Improper connection may cause a fire or electric shock.

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**Main specifications of Data Management Software CL-S10w**

*Add-in for Excel® (Excel® is required to use this add-in.)*

- **Type**
  - Operating environment: One of the following environments:
  - Windows® 7 Professional 32-bit or 64-bit + Excel® 2007 32-bit or Excel® 2010 32-bit
  - Windows® 10 Pro 32-bit + Excel® 2013 32-bit or Excel® 2016 32-bit + Excel® Windows® 10 Pro 64-bit + Excel® 2013 32-bit or 64-bit, or Excel® 2016 32-bit or 64-bit
  - **OS languages:**
    - English, Japanese, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese
  - For details on system requirements for above versions of Windows® and/or Excel®, refer to their respective specifications.

- **Compatible instruments**
  - CL-500A, CL-200A, CL-200®
  - Some functions not usable with CL-200®

- **Display items**
  - Spectral irradiance (W/m²); Illuminance; general color-rendering index; correlated color temperature; etc.

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