Chroma Meter CL-200A

Even measures new light sources such as LED lighting and organic EL lighting

Ideal for measuring color temperature

A compact, lightweight instrument with a detachable receptor. Includes convenient, easy-to-use software.
De facto industry standard for measuring color temperature!

Compact and easy to carry

The CL-200A’s compact body fits in your palm. Battery-powered so it can be taken along and used anywhere.

Detachable receptor head

The receptor head can be detached and then connected to the main body using a normal LAN cable*, making it easy to install the sensor in an inspection system.

* Optional Adapter Units required for receptor head and main body

Data transfer using main body buttons

When using the CL-200A with Data Management Software CL-S10w (included), measurements can be taken and data transferred to Excel® using the main body buttons as well as computer keys.

Excel® add-in software included

Easy, convenient Excel® add-in
Measurement data from the CL-200A can be transferred directly into Excel®. The transferred data can then be managed freely within Excel®.

Includes LED ranking function
Color variations, the top topic in the LED industry, can be quantified and a ranking function is also provided.

JIS correlated color temperature
Correlated color temperature is determined using the equations defined by JIS (Japanese Industrial Standards).

Multi-point measurement and user calibration also possible
Multi-point measurement management using up to 30 receptor heads is possible. User calibration function enables compensation of measurement values to match a desired standard. Calibration can be performed by two methods: Single-point calibration or RGB calibration.

Can also measure illuminance (JIS AA class)

For lighting production and adjustment
When using various types of light sources in a room or open space, it is sometimes necessary to check the color of the lighting. By using the CL-200A, it is possible to adjust the lighting color so that the food in a restaurant looks delicious.

For evaluating light source characteristics
Evaluation of the light distribution of LED illumination modules or the illuminance distribution of lighting fixtures can be evaluated.

For color-viewing cabinet maintenance
A color-viewing cabinet like that shown at left is used in industries such as the printing industry to visually evaluate finished work under controlled conditions. This color-viewing cabinet provides illumination at a specific illuminance and color temperature by using fluorescent lamps, halogen lamps, etc. The CL-200A can be used for the daily maintenance and control of these lamps as well as to indicate when replacement is needed.

For projector light-source research and color inspection
The CL-200A can be used to measure the white balance and uniformity of microprojectors, etc. with internal LED light sources. The ability to connect multiple receptors using LAN cables enables measurement of not only a single point in the center, but up to a maximum of 30 points over the entire projected area.

For LED billboard development and maintenance
The CL-200A enables quality control of the LED modules for digital signage to be performed easily. If modules with different color tones are used together, the billboard will look mottled, but by measuring the chromaticity and color temperature of modules using the CL-200A and selecting modules based on measured values, billboard uniformity can be achieved.

Cross-section A Illuminance (lx)

Height (m)

0
1
2
3

Horizontal distance (m)

0
1
2
3
4

Measures color temperature and chromaticity!
Measures dominant wavelength!
Even measures excitation purity!

Application examples

For lighting production and adjustment

For evaluating light source characteristics

For color-viewing cabinet maintenance

For projector light-source research and color inspection

For LED billboard development and maintenance
For accurate measurements of color temperature, use the CL-200A!

**Photographic color meter**

In order to take more beautiful pictures, it is sometimes necessary to attach filters in front of the camera lens to compensate for the color of the light illuminating the subject. A photographic color meter is a meter used to select the appropriate filters, with the sensitivity of its sensors adjusted to match that of the film or digital camera sensor. In addition, because it uses photographic color temperature, which is calculated based mostly on the blue/red balance of the illumination, large errors may occur if it is used to measure light sources with non-continuous spectrums.

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### Color temperature and correlated color temperature

#### Color temperature

When an ideal blackbody* is heated, it begins to emit light, and as the temperature increases the color of the emitted light changes from red to yellow to white. Since the color of the emitted light is determined by the temperature of the blackbody, the color of the light emitted by the blackbody can be expressed as the absolute temperature of the blackbody (in Kelvin). This color notation scale is called "color temperature". For example, a 7,000K color would be the color of the light emitted by a blackbody heated to 7,000K. Figure 1 shows the color of light emitted by a blackbody at various temperatures plotted on an xy chromaticity diagram. This curve is called the "blackbody locus"; "color temperature" expresses a color on this blackbody locus.

#### Correlated color temperature

Since the color of white light emitted by illumination equipment and displays is generally close to the blackbody locus, the color of such light sources is normally expressed using "color temperature". However, the color of such light sources is not directly on the blackbody locus. Because of this, a way to enable similar color expression for colors within a larger region close to the blackbody locus was devised. This is called "correlated color temperature", and the larger region is shown by the isotherms on the xy chromaticity diagram in Figure 2. To accurately express the correlated color temperature of a light-source color, it is necessary to state not only the correlated color temperature but the difference from the blackbody locus, normally in terms of \( \Delta u'v' \).

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**General Reference Information**

**Measurements in the LED manufacturing process**

**When made from blue LED and phosphor**

The blue light emitted by the LED mixes with the yellow light emitted by the phosphor to create white light.

**Problem:**

Since the spectral emission distribution of the blue light emitted by the LED varies for each unit, variations in the resulting white light will occur. Since usually LED lamps use several LEDs, control of color mixing is necessary.

**General solution:**

1. Measure the spectral emission characteristics of each LED element and rank them accordingly.
2. Measure the emission characteristics of the phosphor and rank accordingly.
3. Combine the ranked LED elements and ranked phosphor materials to achieve the desired white light.
4. Inspect the output light quality of the final assembled white LED lamp.

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**Multi-point illuminance measuring system**

- 5-point example: Architectural lighting, etc.  
- 9-point example: Projectors, etc.  
- 25-point example: Street lighting, etc.
Main Specifications of Chroma Meter CL-200A

**Model**
Chroma Meter CL-200A

**Illumination class**
Conforms to requirements for Class AA of JIS C 1609-1:2006 *Illuminance meters Part 1: General measuring instruments*

**Relative spectral responsivity**
Closely matches CIE Standard Observer curves X(λ), Y(λ), and Z(λ) Within 6% (f) of the CIE spectral luminous efficacy V(λ)

**Cosine correction characteristics (f)**
Ev: Within 3%

**Receptor**
Silicon photocell

**Measuring function**
Tristimulus values: XYZ Chromaticity: Ev xy: ±3% ±1digit of displayed value, xy: ±0.002
Lifetime* Ev (Linearity): ±2%±1digit of displayed value

**Accuracy**
Ev: ±2%±1digit of displayed value
Repeatability* Ev: ±0.5%±1digit (2σ), xy: ±0.0005

**Temperature drift**
Ev: ±3%±1digit of displayed value, xy: ±0.003

**Humidity drift**
Ev: ±3%±1digit of displayed value, xy: ±0.003

**Measurement speed**
2 times/sec. (continuous measurement with 1 receptor head)

**Battery**
2 AA-size batteries / AC adapter AC-308 (optional; for 1 to 10 receptors) or AC adapter AC-311 (optional; for 1 to 30 receptors)

**Computer interface**
USB

**Power**
RS-232C

**Display**
4-digit significant-digit LCD with back-light illumination

**Operation temperature/ humidity range**
-10 to 40°C, relative humidity 85% or less (at 35°C) with no condensation

**Storage temperature / humidity range**
-20 to 55°C, relative humidity 85% or less (at 35°C) with no condensation

**Power**
2 AA-size batteries / AC adapter AC-308 (optional; for 1 to 10 receptors) or AC adapter AC-311 (optional; for 1 to 30 receptors)

**Battery performance**
72 hours or longer (When alkaline batteries are used) in continuous measurement

**Size (W x H x D)**
69×174×35mm (2-6/16×6-14/16×1-7/13in.)

**Weight**
215g (7.6 oz.) not including batteries

* 800 lx, Standard Illuminant A measured

Main Specifications of Data Management Software CL-S10w

**Type**
Add-in for Excel. *Excel is required to use this add-in.

**Operating environment**
One of the following environments with Excel 2010 installed:
Windows® XP Professional 32 bit SP3, 64 bit SP2
+ Excel 2003 (English, Japanese, or Simplified Chinese)
+ Windows® 7 Professional 32 bit, 64 bit
+ Excel 2010 (English, Japanese, or Simplified Chinese)
+ Windows® 8 Pro 32 bit, 64 bit
+ Excel 2013 (English, Japanese, or Simplified Chinese)

**Compatible instruments**
CL-200A, CL-200*, CL-500A

*Some functions not usable with CL-200.

**Software installation**
Set up the software on the computer where you wish to use it. After installation, start Excel and load the add-in. For details on system requirements for above versions of Windows refer to their respective specifications.

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**
For correct use and to ensure 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.

**Dimensions (Units/mm)**
With receptor head attached to main body

**With adapter unit attached to receptor head**

**Optional accessories**
- RS-232C printer (commercially available)
- Hard Case CL-A10
- Tripod socket 7.5mm
- Strap T-A13
- Cap T-A12
- Acceptable AC adapter: T-A11

**Optional Receptor Head**
- For multi-point measurement / detached head
- CFH-31, CFH-21, CFH-11, CFH-61

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