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RHOPOINT 

Rhopoint IQ

- 20/60/85° Glossmeter
- DOI meter
- Haze meter
- Goniophotometer



The Rhopoint IQ

The Rhopoint IQ Gloss, Haze & DOI Meter quantifies surface quality problems that are invisible to a standard glossmeter and profiles *how* light is reflected from a surface.

The Rhopoint IQ
can measure:

- 20/60/85° Gloss
- RSPEC
- Reflectance haze
- Reflected image quality (RIQ)
- Distinctness of Image (DOI)
- Goniophotometric curves

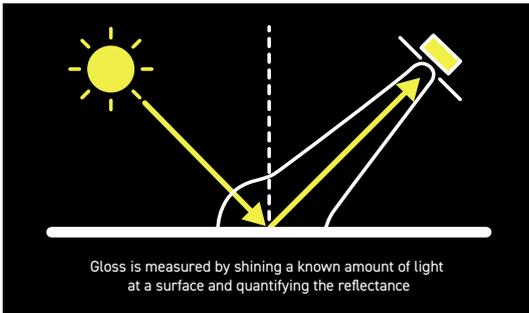
Glossmeters are usually used to measure the “shininess” of a surface but are not sensitive to common effects which reduce appearance quality.

IQ GLOSS measurements are fully compatible with existing Novo-Gloss and Micro-TRI-gloss results.

Dualgloss 20/60° or Trigloss 20/60/85° versions are for maximum accuracy and resolution in all gloss applications.



What does the Rhopoint IQ measure?



1. Gloss

A measurement proportional to the amount of light reflected from a surface.

Geometry: The correct measurement geometry should be used according to the sample finish – matt: 85°, mid gloss: 60°, high gloss: 20°



2. RSPEC

The peak gloss measured over a very narrow angle.

Usage: It is very sensitive to surface texture and can be used to identify subtle differences in smooth surfaces.



3. Distinctness of Image (DOI)

A measure of how clearly a reflected image will appear in a reflective surface.

Orange peel dramatically reduces appearance quality without affecting gloss readings. These two test panels measure identically with a standard glossmeter. The Rhopoint IQ with R1Q/DOI measurement can quantify the differences.





4. Reflected Image Quality (RIQ)

RIQ is used to quantify effects such as orange peel and surface waviness. This new parameter gives higher resolution results compared to Distinctness of Image (DOI) measurement and better mimics human perception of surface texture, especially on high quality finishes such as automotive.

Symptoms of poor RIQ: Orange peel, brush marks, waviness or other structures visible on the surface. Reflected images are distorted.

Causes: Application problems, incorrect coating flow, coating viscosity too high/low, sag or flow of coating before curing, incorrect particle size/distribution, overspray, improper flash/recoat time, inter-coat compatibility, incorrect cure times and cure temperature.



5. Reflectance Haze

An optical effect caused by microscopic texture or residue on a surface.

Visible symptoms: A milky finish is apparent on the surface with a loss of reflected contrast. Halos and patterns can be seen around reflections of high intensity light sources.

Causes: Poor dispersion, raw material incompatibility, additive migration, vehicle quality, stoving/drying/curing conditions, polishing marks, fine scratches, ageing, oxidation, poor cleanliness/surface residue.

Haze is a common problem associated with coatings and polished materials. Surfaces with haze have a milky finish with a shallow reflected image. This important characteristic is directly measured with the Rhopoint IQs.



On surfaces with haze, halos are visible around the reflections of strong light sources



Low Haze



Higher Haze

Reflectance haze compensation

The instrument compensates for reflection from within the coating for highly reflective pigments, metallic coatings and speciality pigments, allowing the haze of any painted surface to be measured.



Why measure gloss?



Gloss is an aspect of the visual perception of objects that is as important as colour when considering the psychological impact of products on a consumer.

It has been defined as 'The attribute of surfaces that causes them to have a shiny or lustrous, metallic appearance.' The gloss of a surface can be greatly influenced by a number of factors, for example the smoothness achieved during polishing, the amount and type of coating applied or the quality of the substrate.

Manufacturers design their products to have maximum appeal: from highly reflective car body panels to glossy magazine covers or matt finish automotive interior trim.

This is especially noticeable where parts may be produced by different manufacturers or factories but will be placed adjacent to one another to create the finished product.

It is important therefore that gloss levels are achieved consistently on every product or across different batches of products.



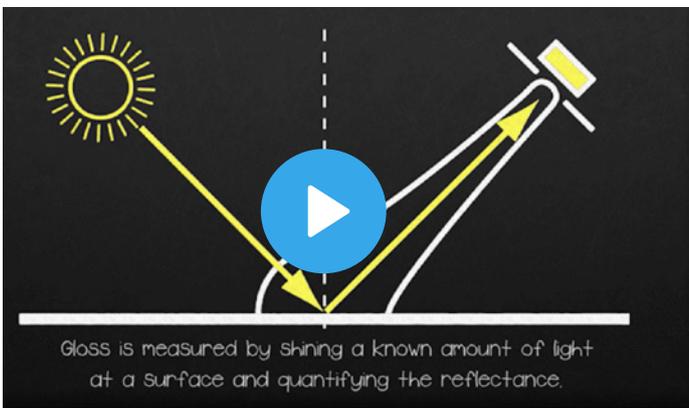
Gloss can also be a measure of the quality of the surface, for instance a drop in the gloss of a coated surface may indicate problems with its cure, leading to other failures such as poor adhesion or lack of protection for the coated surface.



It is for these reasons that many manufacturing industries monitor the gloss of their products, from cars, printing and furniture to food, pharmaceuticals and consumer electronics.

How is gloss measured?

Gloss is measured by shining a known amount of light at a surface and quantifying the reflectance.

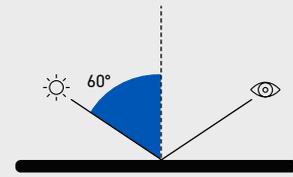


The angle of the light and the method by which the reflectance is measured are determined by the surface material and which aspect of the surface appearance is to be measured.

Which angle should I use for my application?

ISO 2813 and ASTM D523 (the most commonly used standards) describe three measurement angles to measure gloss across all surfaces.

Gloss is measured in gloss units (GU) and is traceable to reference standards held at a National Metrology Institute.



Universal Measurement Angle: 60°

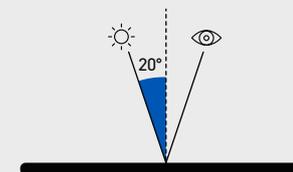
All gloss levels can be measured using the standard measurement angle of 60°. This is used as the reference angle with the complimentary angles of 85° and 20° often used for low and high gloss levels respectively.



Low Gloss: 85°

For improved resolution of low gloss a grazing angle of 85° is used to measure the surface. This angle is recommended for surfaces which measure less than 10GU when measured at 60°.

This angle also has a larger measurement spot which will average out differences in the gloss of textured or slightly uneven surfaces.



High Gloss: 20°

The acute measurement angle of 20° gives improved resolution for high gloss surfaces. Surfaces that measure 70GU and above at the standard angle of 60° are often measured with this geometry.

The 20° angle is more sensitive to haze effects that affect the appearance of a surface.



Why measure haze?

Haze can be described as *near specular reflection*. It is caused by a microscopic surface structure which slightly changes the direction of a reflected light causing a bloom adjacent to the specular (gloss) angle. The surface has less reflective contrast and a shallow milky effect.

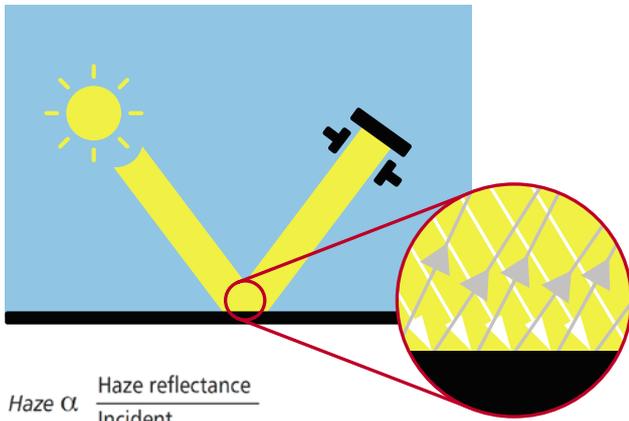


In the coatings industry, this microscopic surface texture is often due to poorly dispersed raw materials, incompatible raw materials or oxidation and weathering. For polished metal surfaces, haze is often associated with polishing marks or chemical residue.

Haze

Haze is light that has been reflected by small surface structures adjacent to the main specular component.

Reflectance haze – An optical effect caused by microscopic texture or residue on a surface.



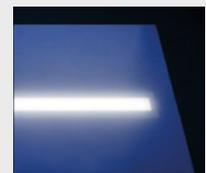
Reflection haze

Reflection haze is an optical phenomenon usually associated with high gloss surfaces.

It is a common surface fault that reduces appearance quality. A hazy surface has a visibly shallower reflection with a milky finish and halos appear around reflections of strong light sources.



Sample 1
No Haze, deep reflection



Sample 2
High Haze, 'shallow' finish

A high gloss finish with haze exhibits a milky finish with low reflective contrast, reflected highlights and lowlights are less pronounced.



Sample 3
Low Haze



Sample 4
Higher Haze

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Causes of Haze

Coating & Raw Materials

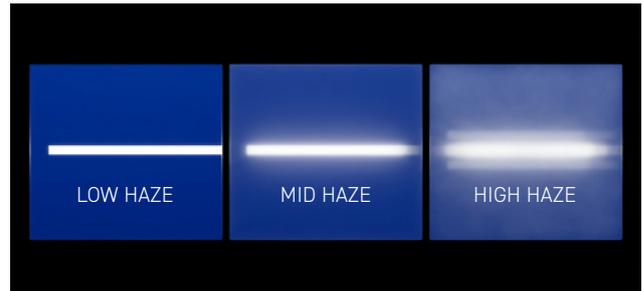
- Dispersion
- Pigment properties
- Particle size
- Binder compatibility
- Influence and migration of additives
- Resin types and quality

Curing

- Drying conditions
- Cure temperature

Post Coating

- Polishing marks
- Cleanliness
- Ageing and oxidation



Haze: Often visible as milky finish on high gloss surfaces

Gloss and haze measurement with array technology

The Rhopoint IQ uses a 512 element linear diode array which profiles reflected light in a large arc from 14° to 27°. The instrument processes this high resolution data, selecting individual elements within the array that equate to the angular tolerances outlined in international measurement standards.

In a single 20° measurement, the following calculations are made:

$$\text{Gloss} = \frac{\sum \text{Pixels between } 20^\circ \pm 0.9^\circ \text{ (sample)}}{\sum \text{Pixels between } 20^\circ \pm 0.9^\circ \text{ (standard)}}$$

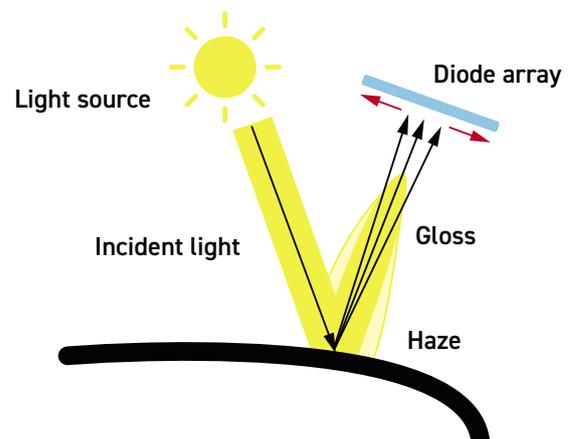
$$\text{Haze} = 100 \times \frac{\sum \text{Pixels from } 17^\circ \text{ to } 19^\circ \text{ (sample)} + \sum \text{Pixels from } 21^\circ \text{ to } 23^\circ \text{ (sample)}}{\text{Specular Gloss (standard)}}$$

$$\text{logHaze} = 1285 (\log_{10}((\text{Haze}/20)+1))$$

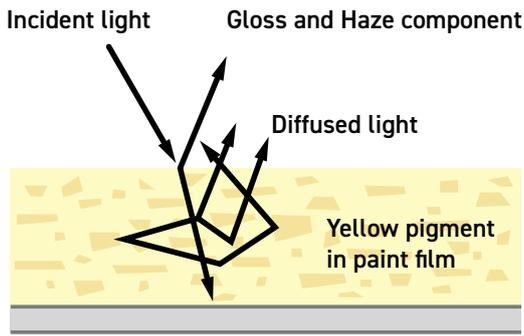
Curved surface adjustment

A major advantage of the Rhopoint IQ is that it automatically compensates for curved or textured sample surfaces by virtually adjusting the measurement position. Conventional gloss-hazemeters have fixed optics which can make measurement unreliable as any sample curvature will reflect light away from the centre of the measurement sensor causing errors.

The Rhopoint IQ automatically adjusts the sensor position by detecting the peak of the reflected light. The laws of reflection state that the incident angle is equal to the reflection angle thus the peak equates exactly to the 20° gloss angle.



The Rhopoint IQ automatically adjusts for non-flat surfaces by sensing the reflected peak and virtually adjusting the position of the sensor.



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Diffuse corrected measurement with array technology*

Reflection haze is caused by micro texture on a surface which causes a small amount of light to be reflected adjacent to the gloss angle.

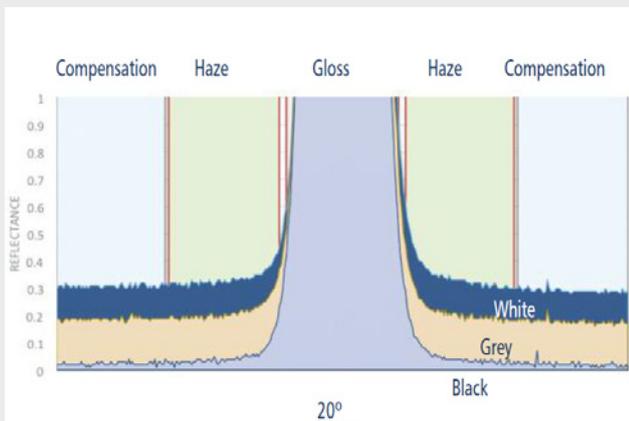
For white surfaces, bright colours and metallics, a certain amount of diffuse light, reflected from within the material, is also present in this region.

This diffuse light exaggerates the haze signal for these surfaces causing higher than expected readings.

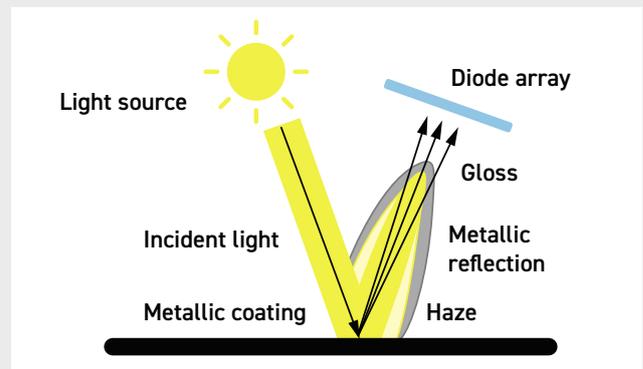
* Only enabled when the instruments is set to haze measuring mode of ASTM E430

Corrected haze measurement on metallic coatings

For non metallic surfaces, the diffuse component is Lambertian: it is equal in amplitude at all angles in relation to the sample surface. Conventional gloss-hazemeters measure diffuse reflection using a luminosity sensor positioned away from the gloss angle. Luminosity is subtracted from the haze signal allowing non metallic surfaces to be measured independently of their colour.



Goniophotometric information profiling the reflection from white, grey and black panels with an identical topcoat.

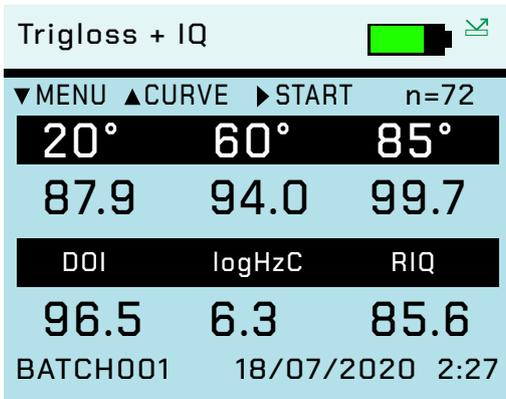


The Rhopoint IQ captures compensation information from a region adjacent to the haze measurement angle. This means it can be used on metallic coatings which reflect light.

An advantage of the Rhopoint IQ is that unlike a conventional instrument, compensation is calculated using a region adjacent to the haze angle. This technique gives compatible readings on solid colours but also compensates for directional reflection from metallic coatings and speciality pigments.

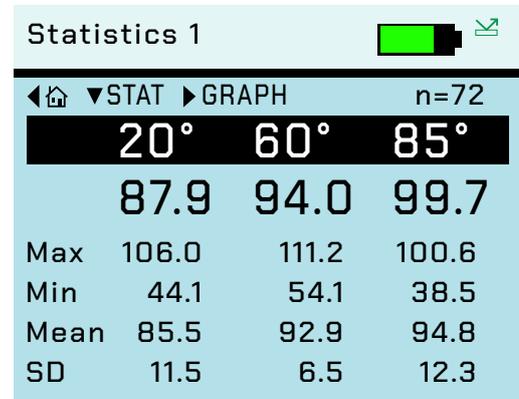


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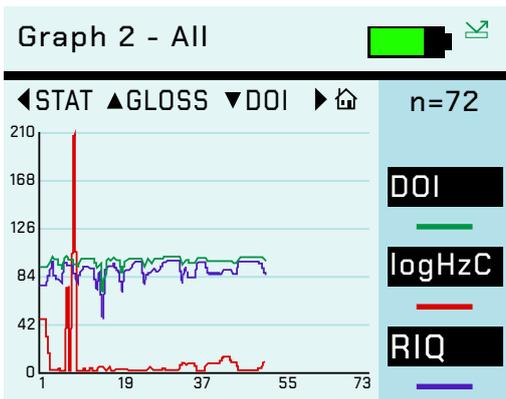
Measurement

Simultaneous measurement of all parameters, date and time stamped.



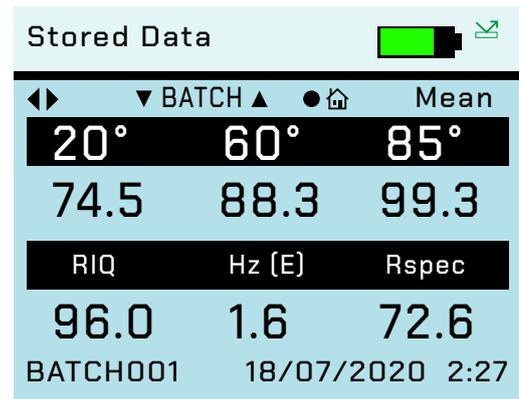
Statistics

Displays full statistics for the readings in the current batch.



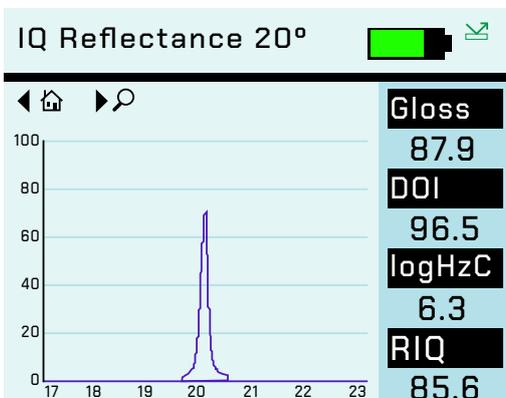
Graphs

Graphical reporting for quick trend analysis.



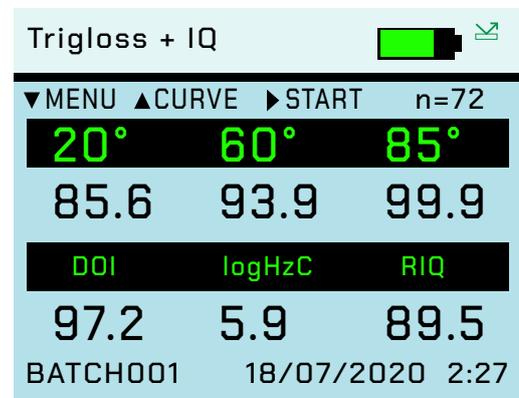
Stored data

View and inspect data saved on the instrument.



Goniophotometric Curves

Different types of surface textures produce identifiably shaped reflectance profiles. This goniophotometric data can be downloaded to PC for further analysis and comparison via the USB cable or BT data widget.

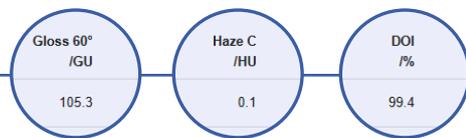
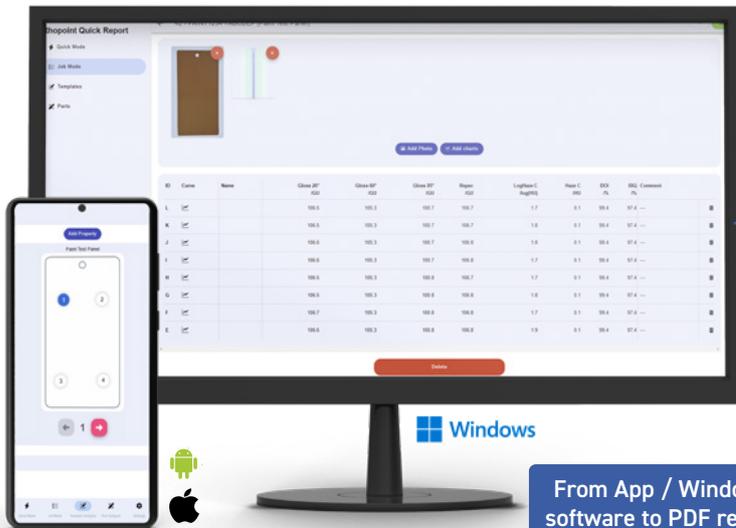


Parameters

Pass / fail parameters can be defined for instant identification of nonconformances.

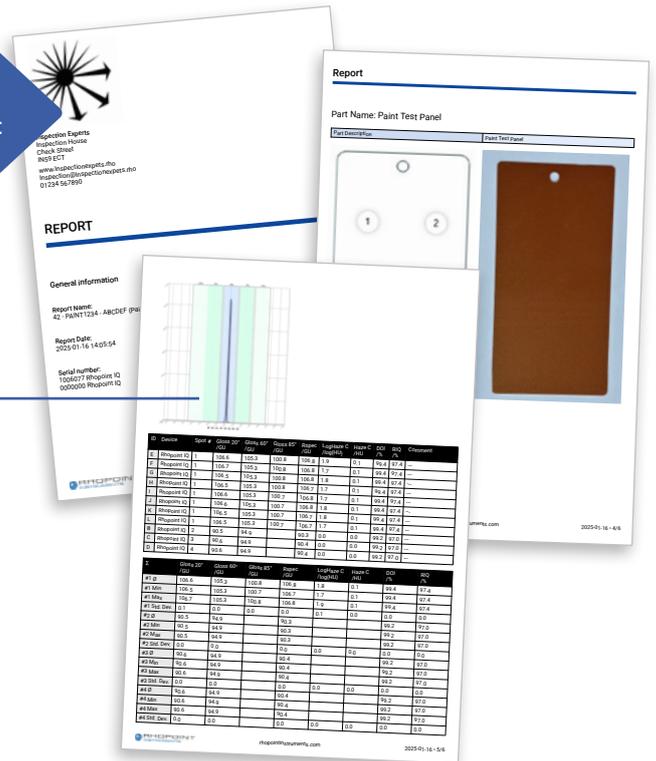
The Rhopoint Quick Report App

The Quick Report App from Rhopoint is a quick and easy to use reporting package designed to enhance the functionality & reporting capabilities of the Rhopoint IQ.

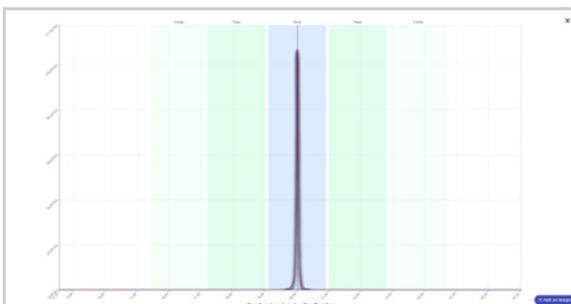


Values for all measured parameters given per measurement spot

From App / Windows software to PDF report



- 1 Configure a template of your sample to be tested and add measurement spots.
- 2 Make measurements directly into the app.



Full goniophotometric curves for each reading

- ✔ Simplify data collection & processing.
- ✔ Create custom templates.
- ✔ Add images.
- ✔ Create branded reports.

- 3 Readings are transferred from the measurement device to the app via Bluetooth allowing customised PDF reports to be easily generated.

The app will work on Android, IOS and a PC using web browser or application installation.

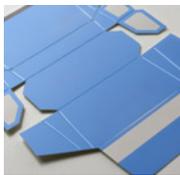
Applications

The DOI, Haze and RSPEC values measured by the Rhopoint IQ allow the user to quantify and control the surface textures that reduce the perceived quality of manufactured products.

The meter is widely used throughout many industries to assess the reflective qualities of products, in particular automotive exteriors and interiors.



Automotive



Printed Cartons



Printing Ink



Powder Coating



Automotive Re-finish



Yacht Manufacturers



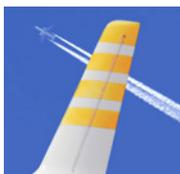
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Smart Devices, PC & Laptop Covers



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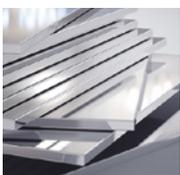
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Plastics Industry



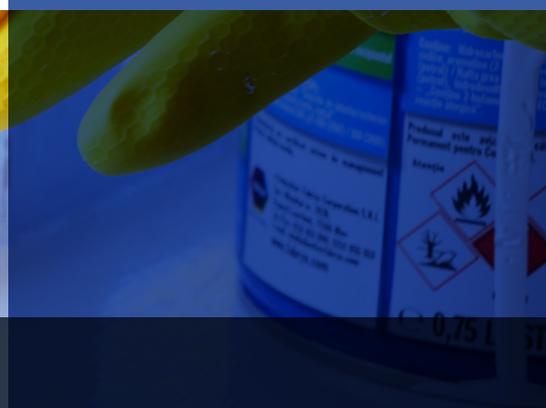
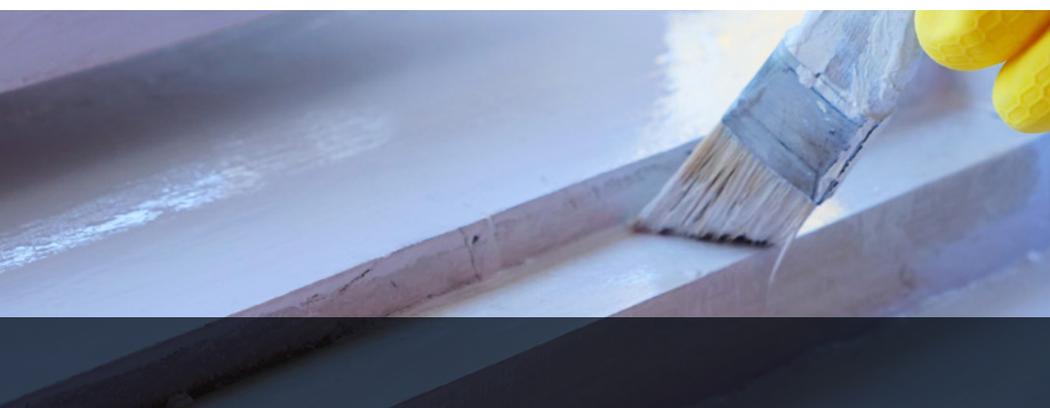
Wood Coatings



Metal Polishers



Polished Stone



Specifications

20° Gloss			
Range (GU)	0-100	100-2000	
Repeatability	0.2 (GU)	0.2 %	
Reproducibility	0.5 (GU)	0.5 %	
Resolution (GU)	0.1		
Measurement Area	6.0 x 6.4 (mm)		
Standards	ISO 2813 ASTM D2457	ASTM D523 DIN 67530	ISO 7668 JIS Z 8741

60° Gloss			
Range (GU)	0-10	10-100	100-1000
Repeatability	0.1 (GU)	0.2 (GU)	0.2%
Reproducibility	0.2 (GU)	0.5 (GU)	0.5 %
Resolution (GU)	0.1		
Measurement Area	6.0 x 12.0 (mm)		
Standards	ISO 2813 ASTM D2457	ASTM D523 DIN 67530	ISO 7668 JIS Z 8741

85° Gloss			
Range (GU)	0-100	100-199	
Repeatability	0.2 (GU)	0.2 %	
Resolution (GU)	0.1		
Measurement Area	4.4 x 44.0 (mm)		
Standards	ISO 2813 ASTM D2457	ASTM D523 DIN 67530	ISO 7668 JIS Z 8741

Haze	
Range (Log HU)	0-500
Repeatability (Log HU)	1
Reproducibility (Log HU)	10
Resolution	0.1
Measurement Area	6.0 x 6.4 (mm)
Standards	ASTM E430 ASTM D4039 ISO 13803

	RSPEC	DOI	RIQ
Range (GU)	0-2000 GU	0-100	0-100
Repeatability (Log HU)	0.2%	0.2	0.2
Reproducibility (Log HU)	0.5%	0.5	0.5
Resolution	0.1	0.1	0.1
Measurement Area	6.0 x 6.4 (mm)	6.0 x 6.4 (mm)	6.0 x 6.4 (mm)
Standards	Rhpoint	ASTM E430	Rhpoint

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Instrument Information

Battery Type	Rechargeable lithium ion
Operation (hours)	17+
Readings per charge	20,000+
Memory	8MB, 2,000 readings
Operating Temperature	15-40°C (60-104°F)
Operating Humidity	Up to 85%, non condensing
Commodity Code	9027 5000

Dimensions & Weights

Dimensions	140mm x 50mm x 65mm (L x W x D)
Weight	390g
Packed weight	1.75 kg
Packed dimensions	360mm x 290mm x 140mm (L x W x D)

Included Accessories

Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instrument calibration certificate ISO 17025 UKAS tile calibration certificate
Cables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USB data & mains cable
USB containing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instruction manual
Calibration standard	High gloss calibration standard with cleaning cloth
Wrist strap and quick start guide	

Order Codes

Rhpoint IQ 20/60	A6000-013
Rhpoint IQ 20/60/85	A6000-011
Protective travel case	M1000-016

Additional Calibration Standards

Mid gloss 20°	B6000-055/ISO
Mid gloss 60°	B6000-051/ISO
Mid gloss 85°	B6000-056/ISO
High gloss (all angles)	B6000-050/ISO



To ensure accurate & reliable results, the Rhpoint IQ is supplied with standards calibrated & certified according to ISO 17025 UKAS.

Free extended 2 year warranty:

Requires registration at www.rhpointinstruments.com within 28 days of purchase. Without registration, 1 year standard warranty applies.

Calibration and service:

Fast and economic service via our global network of accredited calibration and service centres. Please visit www.rhpointinstruments.com for detailed information.

Languages:

Ethically Sustainable

The Rhpoint IQ is made from an aluminium construction which means it can be recycled at the end of its long life.





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We offer two options for you to try out the Rhopoint IQ before buying

- 1 Online demonstration:** Online presentation of the Rhopoint IQ with your samples measured LIVE on Microsoft Teams. Includes a consultation with an application specialist
- 2 Factory sample testing:** Send in samples of your material for testing and receive a comprehensive test report

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