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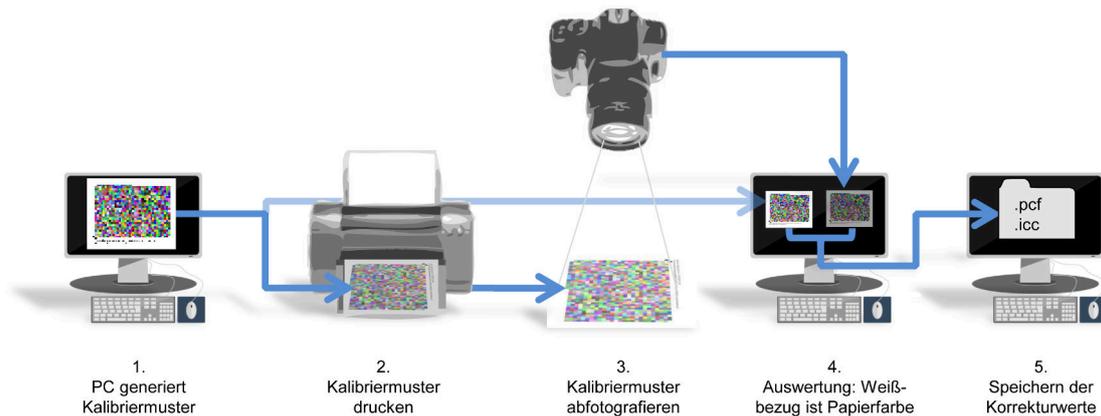
1 What is colymp?

colymp is a system for color calibration of a printer with the help of a digital camera. Here color defects of camera and printer are corrected at the same time. With colymp you can print your images in true color.

colymp is not an image manipulation program. For image manipulation you can use a software of your choice and use it simultaneously with colymp.

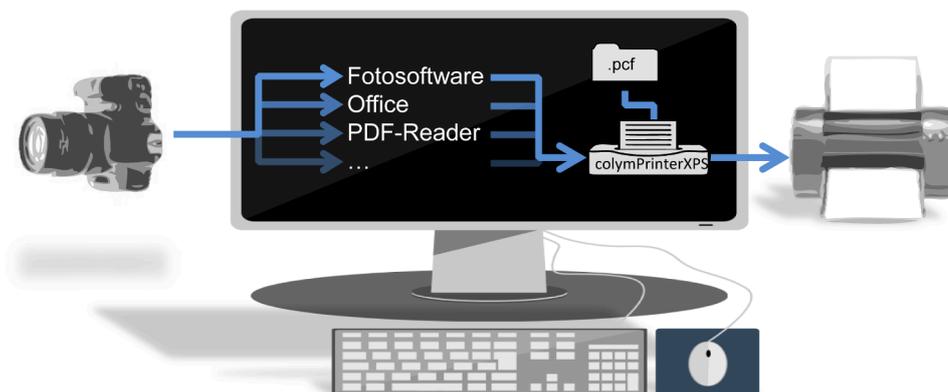
1.1 colymp

In colymp you perform the calibration of the printer:



1.2 colymPrinterXPS

Unter macOS ist im Gegensatz zu Windows kein virtueller Drucker (colymPrinterXPS) notwendig und deshalb auch in colymp nicht enthalten. Sie können unter macOS bei jedem Druckvorgang die in colymp erstellte Kalibrierung mit Hilfe von ColorSync verwenden, um damit farblich richtige Drucke zu erhalten (section 4).



2 Installation

2.1 Installation

You need the program package `colymp-x.x.xxx.pkg`, available on the homepage at <https://www.colymp.com/pages/download>. It contains all necessary files including documentation.

Save the file in a directory on your Mac and start the installation with a double click on `colymp-x.x.xxx.pkg`. You will be guided step by step through the installation process. A restart of the computer is not necessary after the installation.

2.2 Update

If you have already installed colymp, you can install an update to a new version of colymp simply by downloading the new colymp-x.x.xxx.pkg and double-clicking on it.

2.3 Evaluate colymp

You can evaluate colymp without prior purchase. The only limitation is that you cannot export the generated ICC profile. However, you have the possibility to load a test image within colymp and print or save it using the generated ICC profile (see [subsubsection 3.1.7](#)).

Just choose **Evaluation Version** when start colymp:



Figure 1: colymp can be evaluated before purchase

2.4 Activate colymp

In order to use colymp without restrictions, you need to activate the software. For this you need the serial number, which will be sent to you at the time of purchase. The activation requires a connection to the Internet and takes only a few moments ([Figure 2](#)).

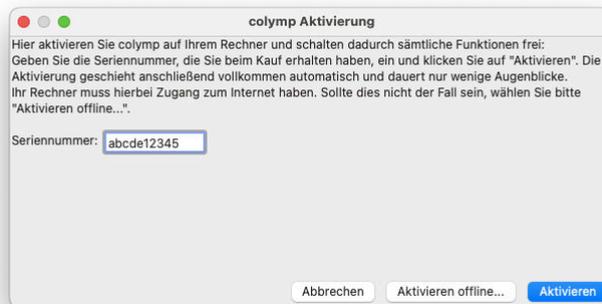


Figure 2: Activation colymp

If an internet connection is not possible or not wanted, there is the possibility **Activate offline...**: This creates a file, which you send to us by e-mail (if necessary, from another computer). The afterwards, automatically, generated e-mail response you can then open in colymp ([Figure 3](#)).



Figure 3: Activation colymp without direct internet connection

Online activation takes place within a few seconds. Activation by e-mail may take a little longer. After the activation is done, you will receive a confirmation and you can use colymp.

3 colymp: Create a calibration ¹

With colymp you create a calibration. This is used to optimally adjust the printer to the digital camera. For this purpose, a test chart is printed out on the printer. The printout is then photographed with your camera. The photograph is then evaluated and colymp calculates a correction table².

The created calibration will then allow you to print the images from your camera optimally on your printer. Since the color reproduction of the camera or printer depends on very many factors, you should create a separate calibration for each variant. The number is not limited by colymp. In a calibration not only the correction table is saved, but also the printer settings (resolution, speed, quality, paper settings...)³.

A completed calibration can also be reloaded into colymp later, for example to check the print settings. However, we recommend not to change it subsequently. If changes are nevertheless to be made, we recommend saving the calibration under a new name and, if possible, repeating the complete calibration process, i.e. printing, photographing and evaluating.

A calibration is saved as a .pcf file. Storage location and file name are freely selectable. It can also be copied without any problems. However, it is normally not possible to use it on another computer: As already mentioned, the printer settings are also stored in a calibration. These settings are driver specific and therefore not transferable. Attempting to do so will usually result in an error message. Furthermore, the color reproduction of identical printers is not necessarily identical. We therefore advise you to recreate a calibration on each system.

3.1 Calibration Procedure

At startup, colymp automatically creates a new calibration and appears with the following dialog box:

¹We use the term “calibration” here. In fact, the process is an “adjustment”. However, experience shows that “adjustment” is too little used. In the field of color management, this process is also called “profiling”

²This correction table is a (printer) ICC color profile that can also be exported and used in other software (see [subsubsection 3.1.7](#))

³Instead of “calibration” one could also speak of “print configuration”. By the way, Colymp saves the calibration as *.pcf file (“printer configuration”)

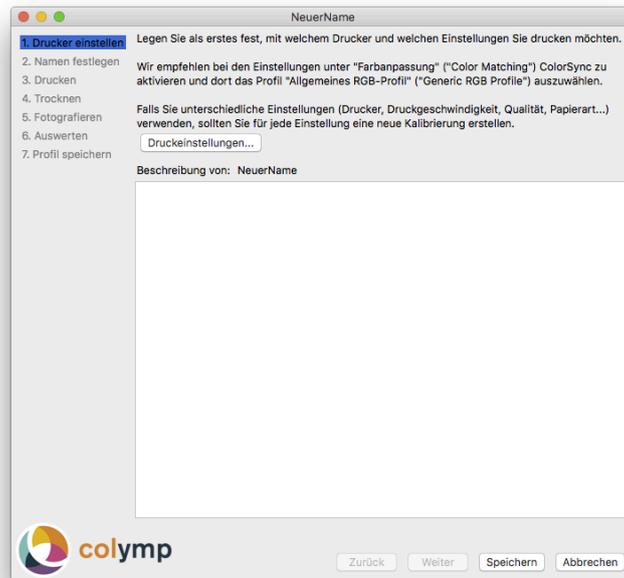


Figure 4: colymp guides you step by step through the calibration process

3.1.1 Setup Printer

First select the printer and settings you want to print with: Printer, Paper Type, Print Speed and Quality, Resolution, Paper Size. Since these settings have an impact on color reproduction, you should create a separate calibration for each change. You can create as many calibrations as you like with colymp.

For the setting under **ColorMatching** we recommend to activate **ColorSync**⁴ and there to select the profile **Generic RGB Profile** (Figure 5). In this case the ICC profile created in the following can be used later with the help of ColorSync without further ado for printing from any program.

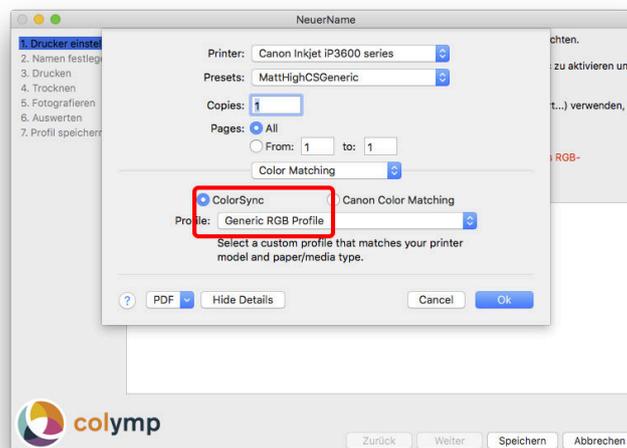


Figure 5: Print settings for calibration printing: under Color Matching activate ColorSync and there select the profile Generic RGB Profile.

It is also advisable to save the printer driver settings as **Preset** in the settings dialog: Figure 6. This way you can later, when using the ICC profile, call this **Preset**, then select the new profile under ColorSync and then save it again as **Preset** (subsection 3.1.7).

⁴. If the entry **ColorMatching** (**Color Matching**) should not be displayed for your printer, only an **AirPrint driver** (from Apple) is installed for your printer. In this case it is necessary to install the driver of the printer manufacturer. For more information, see e.g. here <https://support.apple.com/de-de/guide/mac-help/mchlp1077/mac> or <http://www.colourphil.co.uk/printing-mac-colour-problems.shtml>

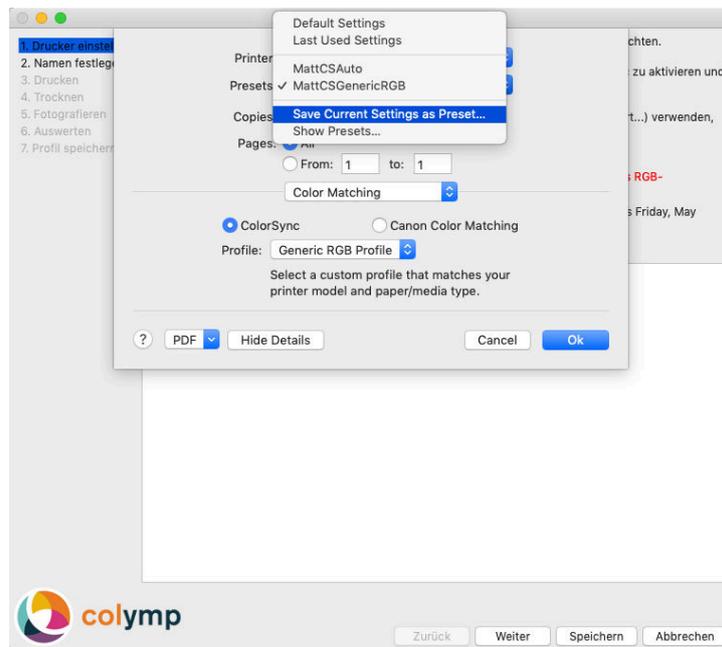


Figure 6: Recommended: Save the (changed) settings of the printer there as **Preset** (Preset). To do this, simply click on **Preset** and then click on **Save Current Setting as Preset...** (Save Current Setting as Preset...). In this example this has already been saved as **MattCSGenericRGB**.

3.1.2 Set File Name

Set the file name and location for the calibration at this point. This can be chosen arbitrarily. It is advisable to include the most important information about the calibration in the file name:

```
Canon_GlossyPaper240g_HighQuality_TungstLight
Canon_GlossyPaper240g_HighQuality_Daylight
Epson_CopyPaper80g_StdQuality_TungstLight
```

Table 1: Examples of names for different calibrations

In the description field, at the bottom of the dialog, you can insert any comments and further information at any time. colymp also writes various information into this field: e.g. when a test chart was printed, when it was evaluated or the information about the size of the color gamut.



Figure 7: Example of a description: above, the user's information; the last two lines, below, were added by colymp.

3.1.3 Print Test Chart

The test chart is used to characterize the behavior of the printer:

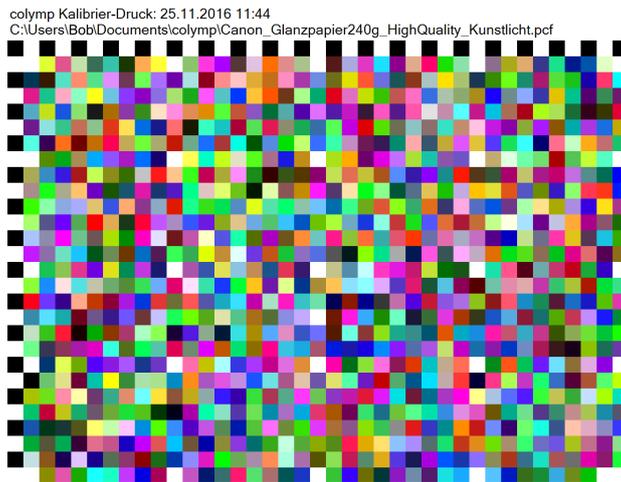


Figure 8: Calibration test chart from colymp: contains numerous colors, as well as the name of the calibration

You can have the test chart printed directly by colymp. The graphic is automatically adjusted to the paper size specified in step 2 (Printer Settings, [subsubsection 3.1.1](#)).

Alternativ können Sie das Kalibriermuster als .tif-Datei exportieren und mit Hilfe eines anderen Programms drucken. Sie können dann das Kalibriermuster auch in einer anderen Größe, Orientierung oder Form ausgeben. Sie können hierzu das ColorSync-Dienstprogramm (ColorSync-Utility) verwenden. Im dortigen Druckdialog wählen Sie **Als Farbziel drucken** (Print as target) aus ([Figure 9](#)).

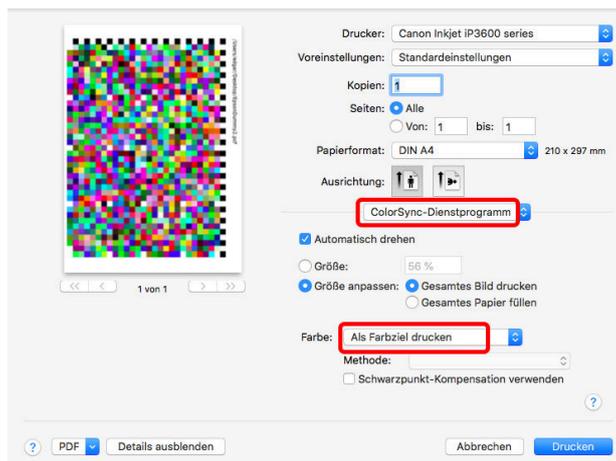


Figure 9: Alternative ColorSync-Dienstprogramm zum Ausdrucken des Kalibrier-musters: Im dortigen Druckdialog wählen Sie unter ColorSync-Dienstprogramm **Als Farbziel drucken**.

The test chart generated by colymp is always the same, only the file name of the calibration (in the top line) is adjusted each time. You could therefore use a printout several times, e.g. if you do not change the print parameters, but want to generate several calibrations for different camera settings or lighting conditions.

3.1.4 Dry Test Chart

Since the colors still change considerably immediately after printing due to drying processes, it is recommended to wait a certain amount of time. If you are using a laser printer, you can also skip the waiting time.

3.1.5 Photograph Calibration Chart

Photograph the test chart with your digital camera. Pay attention to:

- Select exposure time/aperture so that the test chart is imaged as brightly as possible, but never too brightly. The highlights (paper color) must not end up pure white.
- Uniform illumination: Slight brightness gradients are corrected by colymp. However, there must be no direct shadows or chiaroscuro structures.

- Photograph in RAW format (see [subsubsection 4.1.2](#)). Images taken directly from the camera in .jpeg are only suitable in exceptional cases. Make sure to use neutral settings and disable all image optimizations in the camera (see [subsubsection 4.1.1](#)). For a list of all cameras directly supported by colymp (RAW formats), see [section 6](#).
- Select the white balance in the camera so that the unprinted media is imaged neutrally: The camera setting "White balance automatic" usually gives good results. Optimal results are achieved by performing a white balance on the unprinted medium with the camera.⁵ When evaluating in colymp, another calculation for the media white is performed, but it is still advantageous if the best possible values for the media white are already supplied by the camera, since these are used directly in the (internal) RAW conversion.
- For glossy papers: Avoid direct reflections (see [subsubsection 4.1.3](#)).
- Notes on light: see [subsubsection 4.1.4](#)

Save the photograph to the PC. The following figures illustrate what is important when taking photographs:

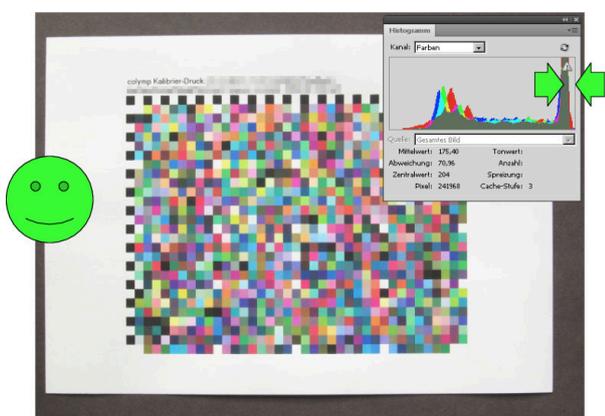


Figure 10: This is how the photograph of the test chart should be: paper is neutral white, no shadows, exposure is just right (in the histogram, the peak of the paper is slightly away from the right edge, see arrows)

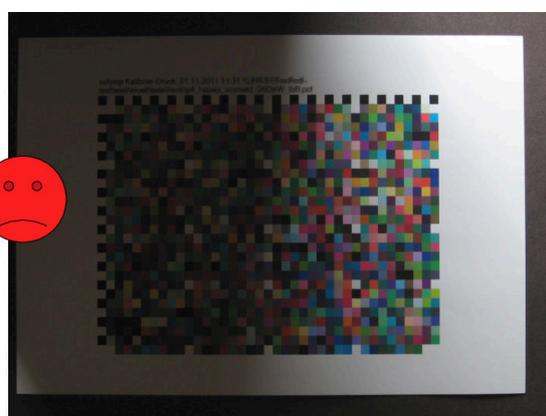


Figure 11: Photography is unusable due to the shadow

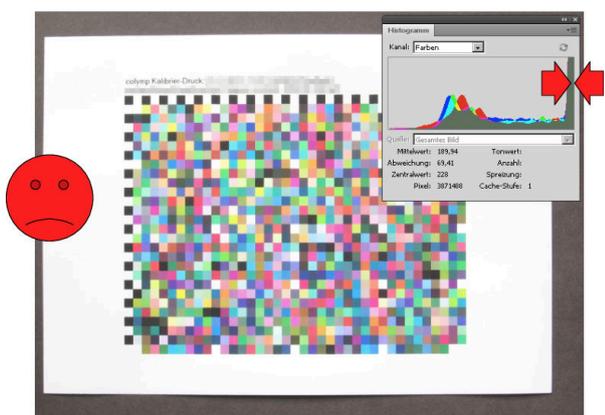


Figure 12: Photograph is overexposed: ⇒ useless

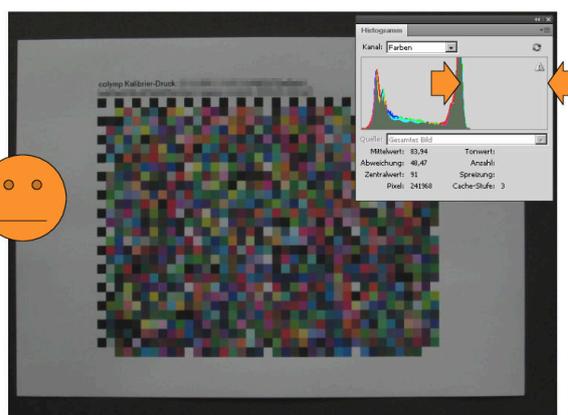


Figure 13: The photograph is underexposed: ⇒ only conditionally usable

⁵Proceed as described in the manual of your camera under "white balance", "manual" or "own value" and simply use the unprinted paper instead of a gray card



Figure 14: Reflection by illumination light (top right): Figure 15: Poor white balance can cause problems ⇒ unusable!

For more information on photographing the test chart, see the appendix ([subsection 4.1](#)).

3.1.6 Evaluate Test Chart

In colymp, open the photograph from the previous step (button **Select Photo...**). A new dialog box will be displayed. There you have to match the displayed template with the corresponding color patches of the photograph:



Figure 16: With colymp you can also evaluate strongly distorted photographs (in the background the photograph, in the foreground the template): The white dashed evaluation fields each lie exactly within the associated color field.

You can change the size of the dialog window as you wish, making it easier to use.



Figure 17: Zoom function

You can set the magnification in the dialog under Zoom:

As in Photoshop, you can also zoom in and out as follows:

- Press **Ctrl++**: zoom in
- press **Ctrl+-**: zoom out
- **Alt+scroll wheel** (mouse): zoom in/out

You can move the displayed section not only using the scroll bars, but also (as in Photoshop, PhotoLine...):

- **shift** or **space** and hold **left mouse button**: Move window section

If you press **Ctrl** or **f** at the same time when moving the template with the mouse ⁶, the movement of the template is artificially reduced. This allows you to position more easily and accurately:

- **Ctrl** + move template: reduced (more precise) movement.
- **f** + move template: reduced (more precise) movement

Figure [Figure 18](#) explains the elements of the template. The goal is to modify the template so that the dashed marks are each completely within the associated field of the photograph.



Figure 18: Elements of the evaluation template:

1. corner points of the template can be warped by clicking with the mouse
2. grid lines mark the area in which the colors are evaluated
3. small squares in the center show the color in which the test chart was printed

You can achieve this goal particularly easily by proceeding as follows:

1. Use **size** to make the template approximately the same size as in the photograph.



2. Click inside the template (but not on the small red squares), hold down the mouse button and move the whole template until it is in the same position as in the photograph.



3. If the test chart was photographed upside down (or rotated 90 degrees), use **rotate** to bring the template into the same orientation. Note: the left and the upper edge of the test chart are indicated by black and white fields.



⁶Watch the mouse cursor: when pressing the Ctrl key, the crosshairs or the move cursor becomes larger

- Click on one of the four small red squares and drag it while holding down the mouse button so that the template fits perfectly on the corresponding color fields in the photo. Pay attention to the mouse cursor: as soon as you are over a small red square, it changes into a crosshair.
- If the test chart in the photograph is more distorted, you can also refine the red grid of the template, i.e. increase the number of small red squares. The **grid** buttons are used for this purpose.
- The slider **Measuring Areas** determines the size of the fields in the template. If these fields are smaller, it is easier to position the template. Unfortunately, this also makes the measurement results less accurate, since not as many pixels of the photograph are evaluated. Large measuring areas are therefore all the more important the more noisy the photograph is, i.e. when taking photographs with simple cameras (small sensor size) or when photographs were taken in low light.

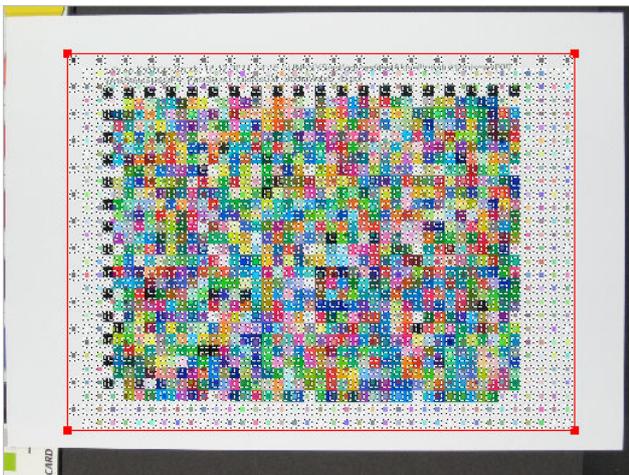
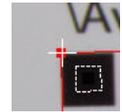


Figure 19: Position of the template at the beginning



Figure 20: Template after step 2



Figure 21: Template after step 4 (small red squares are exactly in the corners)



Figure 22: Template after step 5: Done! (9 instead of 4 small red squares)

When you have positioned the template correctly (Figure 23, Figure 24), click Evaluate. The dialog will then close and the correction tables will be calculated.

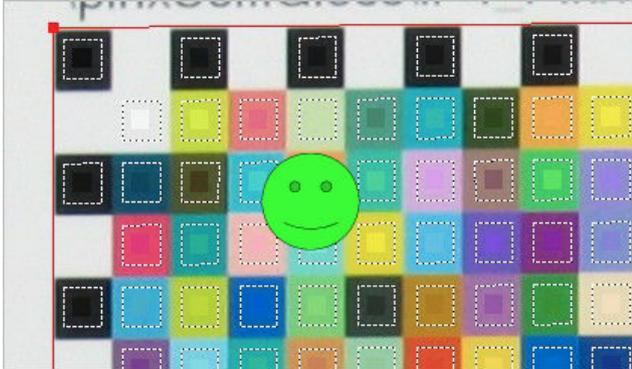


Figure 23: Template just right

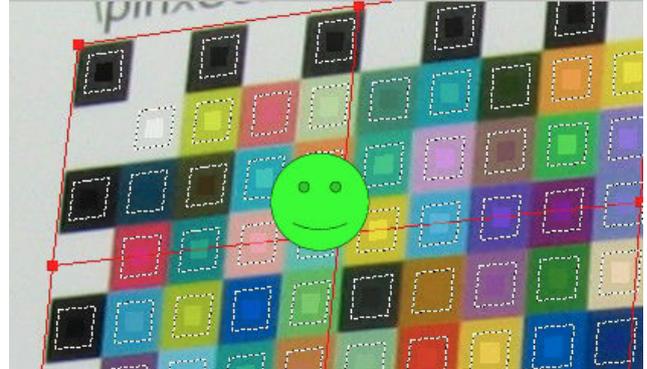


Figure 24: Template just right



Figure 25: Stop! Fields of the template protrude into other color fields (repeat steps 4 and 5!)

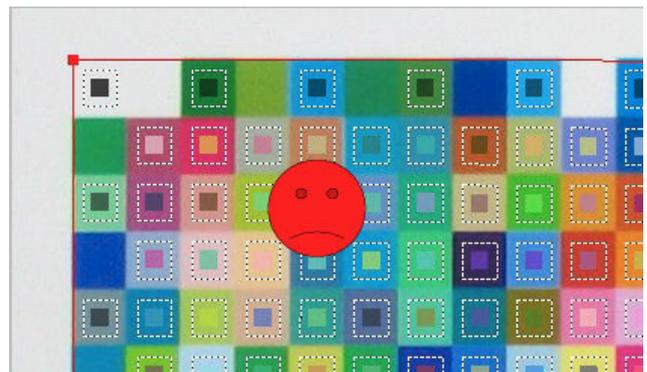


Figure 26: Stop! Squares are misplaced (colors in the small squares of the template do not match the photograph). Photography is upside down, but template is not rotated (note step 3)

colymp makes it easier for you to position the evaluation template exactly: If you press the **Ctrl** or the **F**-key before clicking and moving the small red squares, the movement of the mouse is artificially reduced. Thus, the positioning can be more precise than with one pixel. This is signaled to you by the change of the mouse pointer (large, instead of small crosshairs). In addition, the area **MouseClicked Moves** shows you what effect a mouse click, or rather dragging with the mouse, will have ([Figure 27](#)).



Figure 27: Colymp shows here what a mouse click/movement affects.

In colymp you have the option of photographing and evaluating a test chart several times. The results of the individual measurements are averaged and the overall result is improved. Such multiple measurements are useful, for example, if irregularities occur during printing (spots in the substrate, banding) or if gloss effects (see also [subsubsection 4.1.3](#)) interfere with a single measurement or the individual photographs are very noisy.

If you perform an evaluation several times, the position/setting of the template is taken over from the last evaluation. You benefit from this if you leave the position of the camera (tripod!) and the test chart unchanged for the individual photographs: In such a case, the template only needs to be adjusted a little or not at all.

During evaluation, colymp automatically adds some information to the description field (at the bottom of the dialog). The “gamutvolume” specification is very helpful to quickly determine how individual print settings or different paper types affect the printer’s gamut.

3.1.7 Export Profile

You can export the ICC profile here and use it later when printing ([section 4](#)). We recommend saving the profile in the suggested directory (`/NutzerName/Library/ColorSync/Profiles`). When printing, the profile can then be used in any program.

At this point in colymp you also have the possibility to directly check the effect of the created calibration (i.e. the ICC profile). For this purpose, you can use the internal test image or any image of your own. You can preview, export or print the color corrected image. If you want to export the image and print it with the help of another program, please make sure that no color management is then performed there (e.g. when printing under ColorSync activate ColorSync and set the profile Generic RGB profile there).

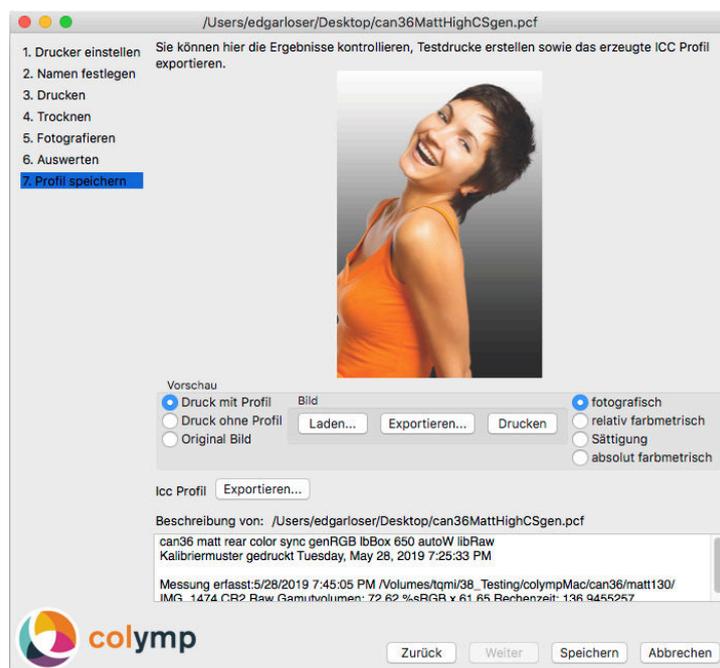


Figure 28: The last step: check and export the ICC profile

General You can use the buttons **Back** and **Next** to scroll back and forth within the dialog to make changes at another point if necessary. You can also click directly on the desired step in the left area of the window.

4 Print: Use a Calibration

With the help of ColorSync you can use the exported (subsubsection 3.1.7) ICC profile in any program when printing (Figure 29). Alternatively, you can use this ICC profile as output profile in some programs (e.g. PhotoShop). However, you must then ensure that only this program performs color management during printing and not ColorSync or the printer driver itself.



Figure 29: The saved profile (here `can36MattHighCSgen`) can be used for any printing process: In the print dialog, Color Matching must be used to select ColorSync and then the desired profile. In this example, under Preferences Standard Settings is selected. However, as described above (Figure 6), it is advisable to use the Presets you saved in the 1. Printer Settings step (subsubsection 3.1.1) and then save them under a new name.

In special applications, besides the ICC profile, you can also set the rendering intent (Rendering Intent). In addition to the relevant programs like Photoshop this is also possible in ColorSync Utility, see Figure 30.

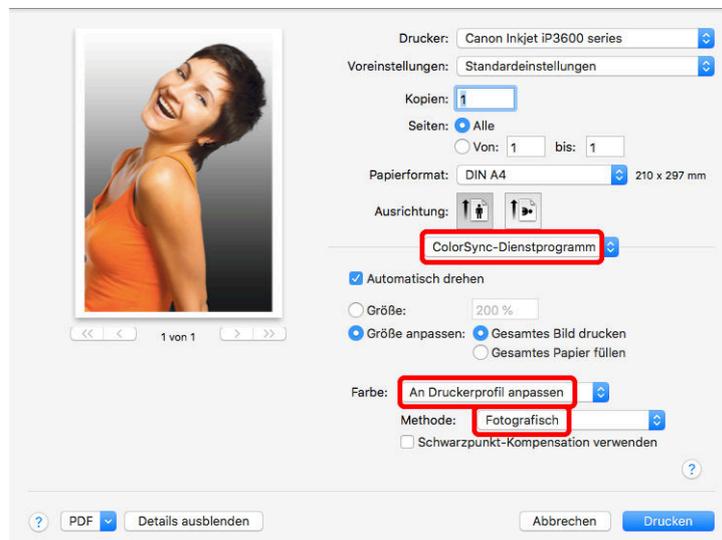


Figure 30: Print using ColorSync utility: Here you can select not only the ICC profile you have saved, but also the Rendering Intent (under Method).

Rendering Intent A printer cannot print all the colors that occur in the real world or that a camera can capture: For example, there are colors that are lighter than the white of the paper or darker than the black. The color spaces of the printer and the camera are different. The so-called rendering intent determines how to deal with this difference in size. The following settings are possible:

- Adjust white and black (“perceptual”): All colors are converted and in such a way that different colors of the camera are also printed differently on the printer. The details of the image are preserved, only the contrast is reduced. This setting is normally used.

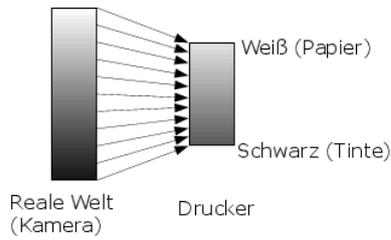


Figure 31: rendering intent: perceptual

- reproduce white and black (“absolute colorimetric”):
 With this setting, all colors that the printer can print are reproduced faithfully. All other colors are replaced by the most similar colors that can still be printed. This setting creates an exact copy of the original on the printer. However, outside the printer color space, there may be loss of detail in the images: Shadows become pure black and highlights end up pure white. There are hints on how to use this rendering intent in [subsubsection 4.2.3](#).

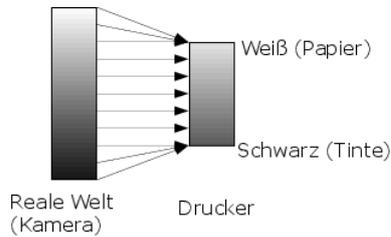


Figure 32: Rendering intent absolute colorimetric

- Match White/Reproduce Black (“relative colorimetric”): If the white point of the camera is set exactly to the white of the paper, this corresponds to the setting “absolute colorimetric” (see below). The details of the images are lost only in the depths.

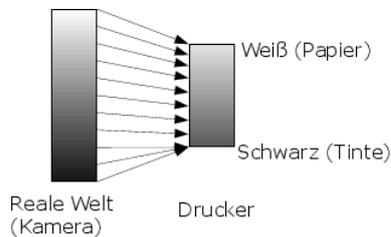


Figure 33: Rendering intent relative colorimetric

- Adjust white and black (“saturation”): This setting is roughly equivalent to the rendering intent “perceptual”. However, it ensures that colors that are not printable are printed with extra saturation. The setting is therefore recommended only for graphics or diagrams, but not for photographs.

The printing results with different rendering intents are outlined in [Figure 34](#):

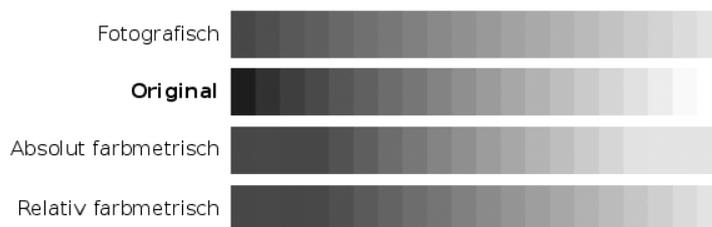


Figure 34: Compare original and print with different rendering intents:
 . Only when “perceptual” printed, the details of the original are preserved everywhere. When “absolute colorimetric” is printed, the colors between the black point and white of the paper are exactly as in the original, but there is no contrast below and above. With “relative colorimetric”, contrast is lost only for the colors below the black point.

Note for experts on “black point compensation”: In colymp, the rendering intent “perceptual” corresponds to the rendering intent “relative colorimetric with black point compensation”. On the “classical” variant of “perceptual” was deliberately omitted because its result is generally undesirable.

4.1 Photographing the Test Chart: advanced topics

4.1.1 Camera Settings

To photograph the test chart, you should deactivate all optimizations in the camera that have an influence on the color reproduction and use neutral settings if possible. Such optimizations are actually nothing more than falsifications and are therefore corrected by colymp during the calibration process. This means that they are turned into exactly the opposite. For example, many cameras boost the contrast in the midtones to make the images look more “powerful”. If in colymp the test chart is photographed in this way, it will result in paler colors when printed later.

If you take regular pictures after the calibration, you can reactivate the special optimizations of the camera and thus achieve the desired effect.

Unfortunately, we cannot give general instructions on how to turn off such “optimizations” in a camera. Suitable are usually settings with the attribute “neutral” or “no ...”.

The best control over disturbing optimizations you have in the RAW format. We therefore strongly recommend using RAW for photographing the test chart.

4.1.2 RAW Format

The RAW formats of digital cameras (*.nef, *.cr2, *.pef, *.dng ...) contain unaltered image data and are therefore ideal for photographing the test chart. Since version 2.0 of colymp you can evaluate images directly in RAW format. Thereby colymp automatically uses neutral settings and prevents any color falsification.

Internal RAW Converter Internally, colymp uses libRAW⁷, which is based on dcraw, to convert RAW image data. For a list of all cameras (RAW formats) directly supported by colymp, see [section 6](#). The internal RAW converter does not make any “optimizations” of the colors and is therefore perfectly suitable for calibration. In version 3.2 the calculation has been further optimized (linearity of the very dark values), so that also less exposed photographs lead to the same results.

Other RAW converters It is of course also possible to use another RAW converter and use it to create a .jpg or .tif file. However, the same advice as in the previous section applies: use neutral settings and avoid all “optimizations” of the color representation (see [subsection 4.1.1](#)).

RawTherapee Select the Processing Profile “(Neutral)”. Or set the Exposure settings to neutral by clicking Reset and disable all other corrections.

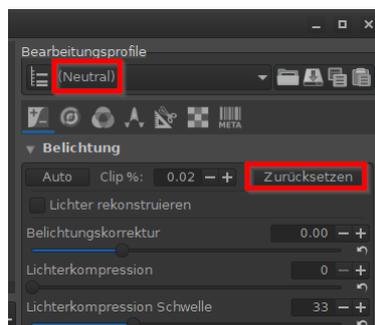


Figure 35: RawTherapee: Choose the Processing Profile “(neutral)”

DxoOpticsPro In DxoOpticsPro, not all “optimizations” can be switched off when “developing” the RAW image. Even with the no correction preset (or manually disabling all corrections in LIGHTING AND COLOR), Dxo undertakes a (here disturbing) contrast enhancement.

However, there is a possibility in DxoOpticsPro to convert the RAW image really neutral under File > Export Image for ICC Profile > Export with Realistic Color Rendition... in the main menu:

⁷<https://www.libraw.org/>

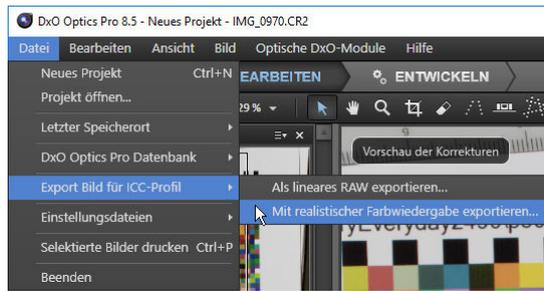


Figure 36: In DxoOpticsPro the only way to convert the RAW image really neutral

Lightroom, Photoshop, Photoshop Elements Here you have the possibility to create a DCP profile with the help of the DNG Profile Editor (which is freely available from Adobe), which provides a neutral reproduction during the RAW conversion. Without this modification, the contrasts in the midtone range are also increased here, as well as reduced for light and dark colors. Since the procedure is hardly known, here is a short tutorial:

1. The necessary program (DNG Profile Editor) is available here: <https://supportdownloads.adobe.com/detail.jsp?ftpID=5493>.
2. Open any RAW file from your camera in Lightroom, Photoshop, or Photoshop Elements and save it as a .dng file⁸. In Lightroom, this is done by right-clicking on the RAW file. In Photoshop and Photoshop Elements, there is a Save Image button for this directly in the Open/Import dialog of the RAW file (Camera Raw).

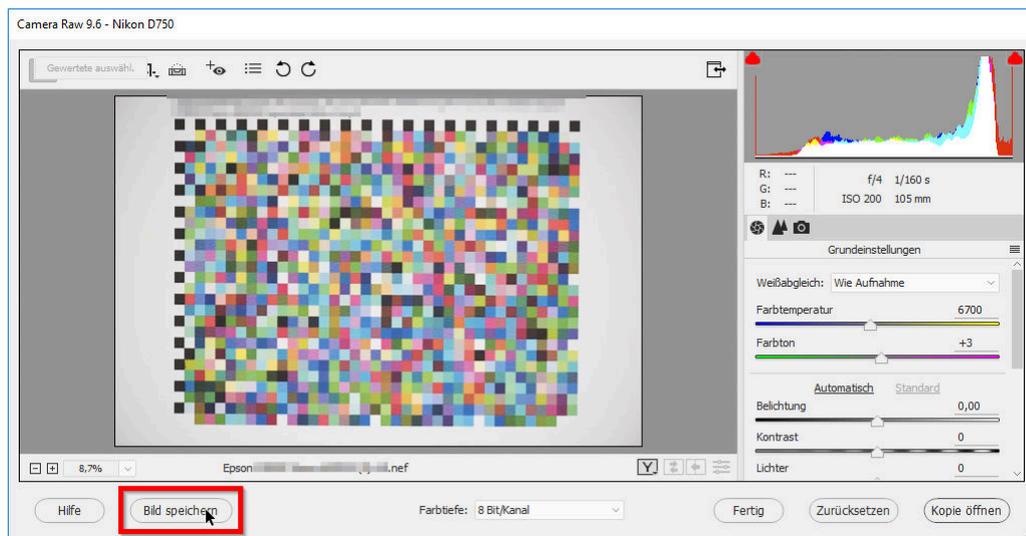


Figure 37: Photoshop/ Camera Raw: Save a RAW file, as a .dng file.

3. Open this .dng file in DNG Profile Editor: File > Open DNG Image... or key Cmd-0. Now you can select a suitable (base) camera profile. We recommend here the version "Camera Neutral (....)".

⁸This is Adobe's standard RAW format

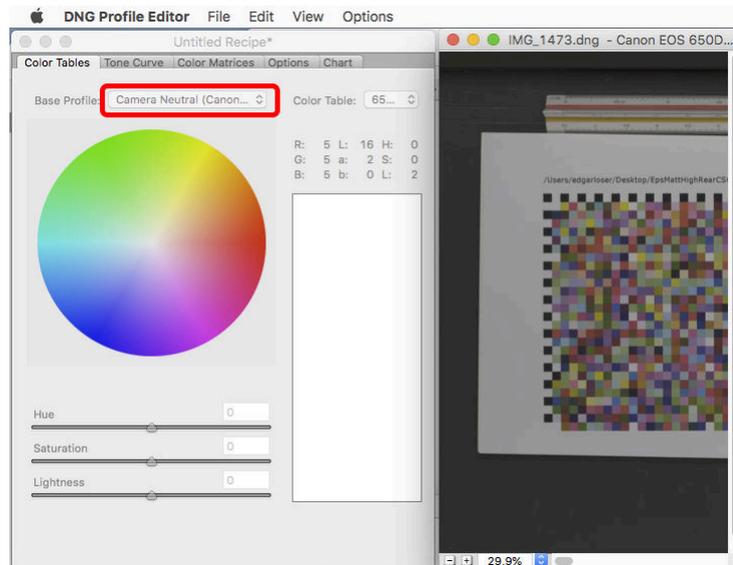


Figure 38: DNG Profile Editor: Here you select a camera profile as a base.

4. Now the Base Tone Curve must be set to Linear.

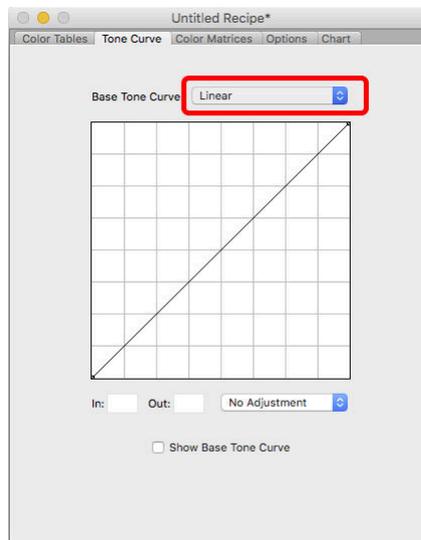


Figure 39: DNG Profile Editor: Set the Base Tone Curve to Linear.

5. Save the modified camera profile: **File > Export cameraXYZ Profile** or press key **Ctrl-E**. It is best to use a new file name (e.g. “...NeutralLinear”). Do not change the default location (`/Users/BenutzerName/Library/ApplicationSupport/Adobe/CameraRaw/CameraProfiles`) otherwise the profile will not be found.
6. You can now use the newly created camera profile in Photoshop, Photoshop Elements, or Lightroom:

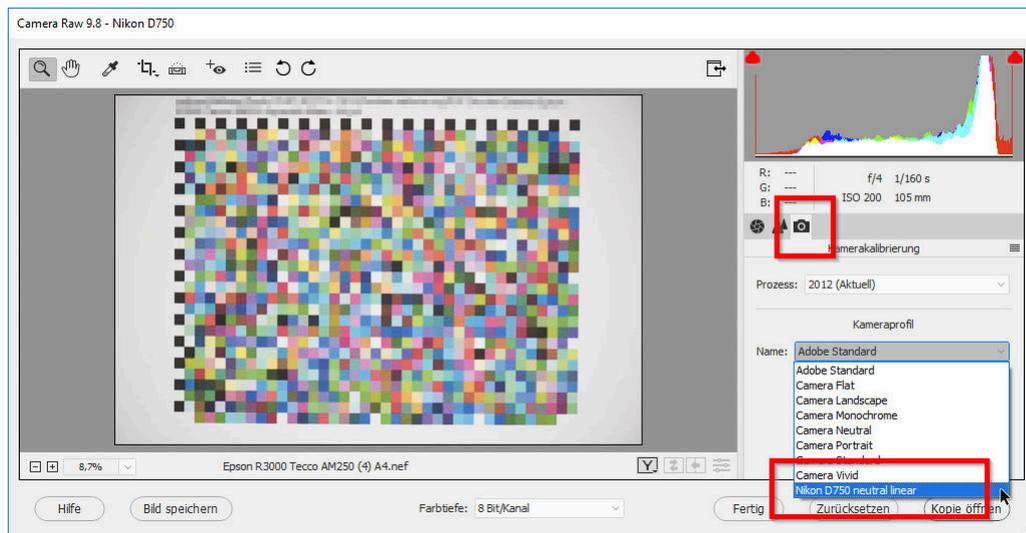


Figure 40: “Camera Raw”: Here you can select the newly created (“linear”) camera profile.

4.1.3 Glossy Paper

Photographing a test chart on glossy paper is a bit tricky, but also possible.

Figure 41 exemplifies the problem of glossy papers. For this purpose, a sheet was printed almost completely and uniformly in black and then photographed. Care was taken to ensure that the illumination light was not reflected directly in the sheet. Nevertheless, reflections can be seen in the black area:



Figure 41: Disturbing reflections on black printed glossy paper (photo is overexposed to enhance the effect)

These reflections (here they originate from a bright object behind the camera) can interfere with a calibration, as they become noticeable during the evaluation of the dark color patches and lead to irregularities. With matte or semi glossy materials, these problems only occur in extreme cases and are therefore less problematic. With the help of the following measures, perfect calibrations can also be achieved with glossy papers:

- Anything that could be reflected in the glossy paper should be dark: The photographer behind the camera or the ceiling of the room are poorly lit here. Only the test chart is in direct light.



Figure 42: Avoidance of reflections: Only the test chart is illuminated. The camera and everything behind (here above) the camera is dark

- Easier would be a black cardboard, curtain or the like: Anything that can be reflected in the paper is dark and won't interfere. If necessary, you could hold the cardboard diagonally above and next to the camera so that the camera is also in the shade.



Figure 43: Avoiding reflections: black cardboard behind the camera

- When photographing the test chart on a wall, it is useful to hold a cardboard (with a hole for the lens) in front of the camera. The cardboard should be twice as long and wide as the test chart.



Figure 44: Avoiding reflections: black cardboard with hole in front of the camera

- A test chart can be photographed several times, each time from a slightly different direction. All photographs of the test chart are then evaluated in `colymp`. Averaging reduces the effects of reflections and improves accuracy.

4.1.4 Lighting

It is always assumed that the hue of the light used to illuminate the test chart influences the color correction and that the result must therefore have a color cast. This is not the case, since `colymp` always measures the colors in the test chart relative to the unprinted medium. The color of the light is thus calculated out. The color of the medium itself (media white point) is also measured, but it only plays a role if the rendering intent “absolute colorimetric” (see [section 4](#), for notes on this particular application see [subsubsection 4.2.3](#)) is printed.

However, the light still has an influence on the calibration. If entire areas of the light spectrum are missing (e.g. red and cyan in some LED systems), or if individual lines dominate the spectrum (fluorescent tubes), such light is unsuitable for viewing or even measuring colors. For photographing the test chart we recommend medium daylight, direct sunlight or special artificial light (see below). There are only two exceptions to this recommendation:

- If you want to create a calibration to faithfully reproduce a specially illuminated object (e.g., a painting in a museum), use the same light to photograph the test chart as to illuminate the original (see [subsubsection 4.2.3](#), rendering intent “absolute colorimetric”).
- If you want to view the images later under a special (artificial) light, but want to compensate the effect of this light using the calibration (“images are viewed by candlelight, but should still appear correct”), you should use exactly this light to photograph the test chart.

If you are dependent on artificial light because daylight is not available for photography, you should use light sources that have a very high color rendering index (CRI). The color temperature (hue) of the light is less relevant, as this is compensated for by the white balance. Furthermore, it is important that the light is sufficiently diffuse and does not create any light-dark structures in the paper: To this end, make sure that there is sufficient distance between the light source and the test chart.

What is the color rendering index (“CRI”, “Ra”)? The color rendering index indicates how complete and continuous the spectrum of a light source is: For example, LEDs, which are becoming more and more fashionable, have a very pleasant color temperature but still emit only blue and yellow light (which together make white). They have very large gaps in the green and red spectral ranges. Fluorescent tubes and energy-saving lamps also emit light only in very few and small spectral ranges. As a result, they also have a low CRI. Viewed under such light, colors can only be reproduced inadequately. In particular, gray tones, which in inkjet printers are often composed of several colored inks, then appear in a different hue than otherwise.

Incandescent lamps, on the other hand, just like halogen lamps, have a CRI of 100, the same value as sunlight. The color rendering and color relations are natural under this light. As an alternative, standard spectral lamps can be considered. These are similar to fluorescent tubes, but have additional gases and fluorescent dyes to produce an almost continuous spectrum. They have a CRI of 95 to 98: e.g. Osram Color Proof, Philips TL950, True-Light T5. Meanwhile LED lamps with very good color rendering are available. You can even find them at very reasonable prices (e.g. at Aldi “Lightway/ Müller Licht”, or Kaufland “Attralux”). Look for indications like “High CRI”, “CRI 95” or “Ra>95”.⁹

Photographing with flashes? The flash units built into cameras are rather unsuitable for photographing a test chart. They often lead to undesirable gloss effects in the test chart (sometimes even on matte papers!). In addition, they often overexpose the test chart.

External flash units, on the other hand, can be used to prevent the unwanted reflections. Since xenon lamps have a very high CRI value, they are very well suited as illumination light.

4.1.5 Sensitivity, ASA

Do not select too high values for the sensitivity, especially on 35 mm cameras. At high ASA values, the image noise increases significantly and the measurement results become increasingly poor.

If the photograph of the test chart should nevertheless be very noisy (e.g. with a simple camera), you should use as high a value as possible for the **measuring areas** when evaluating this photograph ([subsubsection 3.1.6](#)).

⁹By the way, you can easily test the effect of a very low CRI yourself. To do this, look at a colorful object under a red incandescent lamp (party light/heat lamp) and under a red LED (modern bicycle lamp). Under the light of the red bulb, everything appears reddish, but you can still see different colors. Under the red LED, on the other hand, all colors disappear: everything appears only red-black

4.1.6 Scanner Instead of Digital Camera?

You can use colymp in the same way to optimally match a scanner to a printer. Scanners have the advantage that they are independent of ambient light, illuminate the test chart evenly, and distort much less than cameras. This makes the evaluation of a scan considerably easier than that of a photograph.

With the help of colymp, your scanner and printer will also make an excellent color copier. In this case, if possible, you should fix the illumination to a fixed value in the scan program. If you set the value “Reproduce White and Black” (see [section 4](#)) in colymp in the main menu `textgreaterOptionsprint Settings`, all colors will be printed in the copy exactly as in the original.

However, the light source built into the scanner is also a serious disadvantage: almost exclusively cold cathode tubes or LEDs are used in a scanner. These have a very low color rendering index (see [subsection 4.1.4](#)) and sometimes reproduce colors incorrectly. Furthermore, with a scanner, a “crosstalk” of a colored area to its surroundings can occur.

If you have the choice between a digital camera and a scanner to calibrate a printer with, we recommend to use the camera.

4.2 Workflows

4.2.1 Normal Case: Calibrating Camera and Printer

You want to print the images you have taken with your camera on your printer.

This is exactly what colymp was designed for. If you are using multiple cameras or printers, make sure you create a calibration for each combination (camera-printer).

4.2.2 Calibration of Printer only/ Export of ICC Profile

You also want to print on your printer images that you did not take with the exact camera that was used for the calibration.

At the beginning of [section 3](#) it was described that colymp considers camera and printer together as one system and corrects all errors of this system simultaneously. Usually, however, the color errors of a printer are considerably larger than the color errors of a camera and it is quite reasonable to ignore the color errors of the camera completely. Today a camera is even very well suited as a color measuring device! So you can use a calibration also for printing other, third-party images. It is also possible to export the internal correction table as an ICC profile and use this as a pure printer profile.

When photographing the test chart, it is best to use the RAW format. You can further increase the precision of this profile by calibrating the camera beforehand using a tool such as ColorChecker, Spydercheckr or QP-card.

4.2.3 Faithful Reproduction of an Object

You may want to reproduce a painting, for example, or sample the surface of an object on paper.

This is the showcase of colymp. You will achieve perfect results if you photograph the test chart under exactly the same conditions as the object to be reproduced: In particular, the lighting conditions should be identical for both exposures. Also, set your camera’s operation mode to manual to thereby make both shots exactly the same¹⁰. Also the RAW conversion must be identical for both shots (see [subsection 4.1.2](#)). It is also important to use the rendering intent “reproduce white and black (absolute colorimetric)” (see [section 4](#)). The printout will then not only match the original in color, but the brightness will also be exactly the same.

¹⁰Aperture, exposure time and white balance should be identical. In addition, you should not adjust the camera’s zoom, as this changes the light intensity of the lens and thus the exposure!



Figure 45: Example of faithful reproduction using colymp. On the left the original, on the right the printout. The printout seems to be slightly darker at the right edge, because the artificial light used for the overall image was slightly less intense on the right.

5 FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions about colymp

How can the color measurement work, since the light is unknown? The calibration should always be color-corrected, right? It works because colymp always measures the colors relative to the unprinted medium. The color of the light is compensated by this. The color of the medium itself (media white point) is also measured, but it only matters if the rendering intent “absolute colorimetric” (see [section 4](#), for notes on this particular application see [subsection 4.2.3](#)) is printed. For general explanations of lighting see [subsection 4.1.4](#).

Is the measurement accuracy of a digital camera really sufficient to correctly measure very dark colors? In fact, even in RAW format, a digital camera typically provides only 14-bit accurate measurements. However, since a measurement of the test chart in colymp takes into account a large number of pixels for each individual color, the signal-to-noise ratio still becomes enormous. It is therefore possible to reliably measure even extremely dark colors and their finest shades.

What are the disadvantages of using a digital camera compared to a dedicated colorimeter .

Besides all the advantages of using a digital camera for printer calibration (speed, simplicity, flexibility, price, etc.), there are also limitations. In the professional environment (print shop, prepress, design, photography...) a uniform, standardized color standard is indispensable: A document must be output exactly the same at all points there (printer, monitor, proofing system, etc.). This can (almost) only be achieved on the basis of calibrated measuring devices. A digital camera can only do this to a limited extent. Furthermore, it can happen that a digital camera measures two colors identically, but a human observer still notices (small) differences. In [Figure 45](#) (viewed through the camera) the original and the printout are identical, but direct observation may still reveal differences. The spectral sensitivity of the RGB channels of a camera does not exactly match that of a human eye. In a colorimeter, therefore, the colors are measured (if possible) with the sensitivity of a “normal observer” (so-called XYZ values)¹¹.

¹¹It should be noted here that even a colorimeter can only approximate the color perception of a concrete observer. The spectral curves used in the instrument (or the software) are mean values of a large number of observers (e.g. CIE-1931) and the individual deviation is sometimes considerable. In addition, a colorimeter uses a fixed light source that has a different spectral composition than the light under which an observer (or digital camera) views an image. Fluorescence effects, for example due to optical brighteners in the print media, cannot therefore be correctly detected

6 Supported Cameras (RAW Format)

The RAW formats of the following cameras are directly supported when evaluating the test chart image (see [subsubsection 3.1.6](#)). If your camera is not directly supported, we recommend converting the RAW format to .dng. DNG is a standard RAW format developed by Adobe, which is also supported by colymp. To do this, you can use Adobe Lightroom, Photoshop or Photoshop Elements, or the freely available Adobe DNG Converter <https://supportdownloads.adobe.com/product.jsp?product=106&platform=Windows>. Alternatively, you can develop a neutral .jpg or .tif image using these Adobe programs, see [section 4.1.2](#).

ASUS		PowerShot SD950 IS / Digital IXUS 960 IS / IXY Digital 2000 IS (CHDK hack)
ZenPhone4		PowerShot SD1200 IS / Digital IXUS 95 IS / IXY Digital 110 IS (CHDK hack)
ZenPhone6		
AVT		PowerShot S30
F-080C		PowerShot S40
F-145C		PowerShot S45
F-201C		PowerShot S50
F-510C		PowerShot S60
F-810C		PowerShot S70
Adobe Digital Negative (DNG)		PowerShot S90
AgfaPhoto DC-833m		PowerShot S95
Alcatel 5035D		PowerShot S100
Apple		PowerShot S110
iPad Pro		PowerShot S120
iPhone SE		PowerShot SX1 IS
iPhone 6s		PowerShot SX40 HS (CHDK hack, CR2)
iPhone 6 plus		PowerShot SX50 HS
iPhone 7		PowerShot SX60 HS
iPhone 7 plus		PowerShot SX70 HS
iPhone 8		PowerShot SX100 IS (CHDK hack)
iPhone 8 plus		PowerShot SX110 IS (CHDK hack)
iPhone X		PowerShot SX120 IS (CHDK hack)
iPhone 12 Pro		PowerShot SX130 IS (CHDK hack)
iPhone 12 Pro Max		PowerShot SX160 IS (CHDK hack)
iPhone 13 Pro		PowerShot SX220 HS (CHDK hack)
QuickTake 100		PowerShot SX510 HS (CHDK hack)
QuickTake 150		PowerShot SX710 HS (CHDK hack)
QuickTake 200		PowerShot SX10 IS (CHDK hack)
AutelRobotics		PowerShot SX20 IS (CHDK hack)
XB015		PowerShot SX30 IS (CHDK hack)
XT705 (EVO II)		
BQ Aquarius U		EOS R
Baumer TXG14		EOS RP
BlackMagic		EOS R3
Cinema Camera		EOS R5
Micro Cinema Camera		EOS R6
Pocket Cinema Camera		EOS R7
Production Camera 4k		EOS R10
URSA		EOS D30
URSA Mini 4k		EOS D60
URSA Mini 4.6k		EOS 5DS
URSA Mini Pro 4.6k		EOS 5DS R
CLAUSS pix500		EOS 5D
Canon		EOS 5D Mark II
PowerShot 600		EOS 5D Mark III
PowerShot A5		EOS 5D Mark IV
PowerShot A5 Zoom		EOS 6D
PowerShot A50		EOS 6D Mark II
PowerShot A410 (CHDK hack)		EOS 7D
PowerShot A460 (CHDK hack)		EOS 7D Mark II
PowerShot A470 (CHDK hack)		EOS 10D
PowerShot A480 (CHDK hack)		EOS 20D
PowerShot A530 (CHDK hack)		EOS 20Da
PowerShot A540 (CHDK hack)		EOS 30D
PowerShot A550 (CHDK hack)		EOS 40D
PowerShot A560 (CHDK hack)		EOS 50D
PowerShot A570 IS (CHDK hack)		EOS 60D
PowerShot A590 IS (CHDK hack)		EOS 60Da
PowerShot A610 (CHDK hack)		EOS 70D
PowerShot A620 (CHDK hack)		EOS 77D / 9000D
PowerShot A630 (CHDK hack)		EOS 80D
PowerShot A640 (CHDK hack)		EOS 90D
PowerShot A650 IS (CHDK hack)		EOS 100D / Rebel SL1 / Kiss X7
PowerShot A710 IS (CHDK hack)		EOS 200D / Rebel SL2 / Kiss X9
PowerShot A720 IS (CHDK hack)		EOS 250D / 200D II / Rebel SL3 / Kiss X10
PowerShot A3300 IS (CHDK hack)		EOS 300D / Digital Rebel / Kiss Digital
PowerShot D10 (CHDK hack)		EOS 350D / Digital Rebel XT / Kiss Digital N
PowerShot ELPH 130 IS / IXUS 140 / IXY 110F (CHDK hack)		EOS 400D / Digital Rebel XTi / Kiss Digital X
)		EOS 450D / Digital Rebel XSi / Kiss X2
PowerShot ELPH 160 / IXUS 160 (CHDK hack)		EOS 500D / Rebel T1i / Kiss X3
PowerShot Pro70		EOS 550D / Rebel T2i / Kiss X4
PowerShot Pro90 IS		EOS 600D / Rebel T3i / Kiss X5
PowerShot Pro1		EOS 650D / Rebel T4i / Kiss X6i
PowerShot G1		EOS 700D / Rebel T5i / Kiss X7i
PowerShot G1 X		EOS 750D / Rebel T6i / Kiss X8i
PowerShot G1 X Mark II		EOS 760D / Rebel T6S / 8000D
PowerShot G1 X Mark III		EOS 800D / Rebel T7i / Kiss X9i
PowerShot G2		EOS 850D / Rebel T8i / Kiss X10i
PowerShot G3		EOS 1000D / Digital Rebel XS / Kiss F
PowerShot G3 X		EOS 1100D / Rebel T3 / Kiss X50
PowerShot G5		EOS 1200D / Kiss X70 / REBEL T5 / Hi
PowerShot G5 X		EOS 1300D / Rebel T6 / Kiss X80
PowerShot G5 X Mark II		EOS 1500D / 2000D / Rebel T7 / Kiss X90
PowerShot G6		EOS 3000D / 4000D / Rebel T100
PowerShot G7 (CHDK hack)		EOS D2000
PowerShot G7 X		EOS M
PowerShot G7 X Mark II		EOS M2
PowerShot G7 X Mark III		EOS M3
PowerShot G9		EOS M5
PowerShot G9 X		EOS M6
PowerShot G9 X Mark II		EOS M6 Mark II
PowerShot G10		EOS M10
PowerShot G11		EOS M50 / Kiss M
PowerShot G12		EOS M50 Mark II
PowerShot G15		EOS M100
PowerShot G16		EOS M200
PowerShot S2 IS (CHDK hack)		EOS-1D C
PowerShot S3 IS (CHDK hack)		EOS-1D X
PowerShot S5 IS (CHDK hack)		EOS-1D X Mark II
PowerShot SD300 / IXUS 40 / IXY Digital 50 (CHDK hack)		EOS-1D X Mark III
PowerShot SD750 / IXUS 75 / IXY Digital 90 (CHDK hack)		EOS-1D
PowerShot SD900 / Digital IXUS 900 Ti / IXY Digital 1000 (CHDK hack)		EOS-1D Mark II
		EOS-1D Mark II N

EOS-1D Mark III
 EOS-1D Mark IV
 EOS-1Ds
 EOS-1Ds Mark II
 EOS-1Ds Mark III
 Casio
 QV-2000UX (secret menu hack)
 QV-3000EX (secret menu hack)
 QV-3500EX (secret menu hack)
 QV-4000 (secret menu hack)
 QV-5700 (secret menu hack)
 QV-R41
 QV-R51
 QV-R61
 EX-F1
 EX-FC300S
 EX-FC400S
 EX-FH20
 EX-FH25
 EX-FH100
 EX-S20 / M20
 EX-S100
 EX-Z4
 EX-Z50
 EX-Z500
 EX-Z55
 EX-Z60
 EX-Z75
 EX-Z750
 EX-Z8
 EX-Z850
 EX-Z1050
 EX-ZR100
 EX-Z1080
 EX-ZR700
 EX-ZR710
 EX-ZR750
 EX-ZR800
 EX-ZR850
 EX-ZR1000
 EX-ZR1100
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 EX-ZR1300
 EX-ZR1500
 EX-ZR3000
 EX-ZR3100
 EX-ZR3200
 EX-ZR3500
 EX-ZR3600
 EX-ZR3700
 EX-ZR4000 / 5000
 EX-ZR4100 / 5100
 EX-100
 EX-100F
 EX-100PRO
 EX-10
 EX-P505 (secret menu hack)
 EX-P600 (secret menu hack)
 EX-P700 (secret menu hack)
 Contax N Digital
 Creative PC-CAM 600
 DJI
 4384x3288
 Mavic Air
 Mavic Air2
 Mavic Air 2S
 Mavic Mini2
 Mavic 3
 Osmo Action
 Pocket
 Phantom4 Pro/Pro+
 Zenmuse X5
 Zenmuse X5R
 DXO One
 Digital Bolex
 D16
 D16M
 Epson
 R-D1
 R-D1s
 R-D1x
 Eyedeaas E1
 Foculus 531C
 FujiFilm
 DBP for GX680 / DX-2000
 E550
 E900
 F500EXR / F505EXR
 F550EXR
 F600EXR / F605EXR
 F700
 F710
 F770EXR / F775EXR
 F800EXR
 F810
 F900EXR
 S2Pro
 S3Pro
 S5Pro
 S20Pro
 S1
 S100FS
 S5000
 S5100 / S5500
 S5200 / S5600
 S6000fd / S6500fd
 S7000
 S9000 / S9500
 S9100 / S9600
 S200EXR / S205EXR
 SL1000
 HS10/HS11
 HS20EXR / HS22EXR
 HS30EXR / HS33EXR / HS35EXR
 HS50EXR
 GFX 50S
 GFX 50S II
 GFX 50R
 GFX 100
 GFX 100S
 X-Pro1

X-Pro2
 X-Pro3
 X-S1
 XQ1
 XQ2
 X100
 X100F
 X100S
 X100T
 X100V
 X10
 X20
 X30
 X70
 X-A1
 X-A2
 X-A3
 X-A5
 X-A7
 X-A10
 X-A20
 X-E1
 X-E2
 X-E2S
 X-E3
 X-E4
 X-M1
 XF1
 XF10
 X-H1
 X-H2S
 X-T1
 X-S10
 X-T1 Graphite Silver
 X-T2
 X-T3
 X-T4
 X-T10
 X-T20
 X-T30
 X-T30 II
 X-T100
 X-T200
 IS-1
 GITUP
 GIT2
 GIT2P
 G3 DUO (16:9 mode only)
 Gione E7
 Google
 Pixel
 Pixel XL
 Pixel 3a
 Pixel 4 XL
 Pixel 4a (5G)
 Pixel 5
 HTC
 UltraPixel
 MyTouch 4G
 One (A9)
 One (M9)
 10
 U12
 Hasselblad
 H2D-22
 H2D-39
 H3DII-22
 H3DII-31
 H3DII-39
 H3DII-50
 H3D-22
 H3D-31
 H3D-39
 H4D-60
 H4D-50
 H4D-40
 H4D-31
 H5D-60
 H5D-50
 H5D-50c
 H5D-40
 H6D-100c
 A6D-100c
 CFV
 CFV-50
 CFV II 50C
 CFH
 CF-22
 CF-31
 CF-39
 V96C
 L1D-20c (DJI Mavic 2 Pro)
 Lusso
 Lunar
 True Zoom
 Stellar
 Stellar II
 HV
 X1D
 X1D II 50C
 Huawei
 P8 Lite (PRA-LX1)
 P9 (EVA-L09/AL00)
 P10 (VTR-L09)
 P10+ (VKY-L09)
 P10 Lite (WAS-LX1A)
 P20 (EML-L09)
 P20 Lite (ANE-LX1)
 P20 Pro (CLT-L29/L09)
 P30 Pro (VOG-L29)
 Honor6a
 Honor7a pro
 Honor8 (FRD-L09)
 Honor9
 Honor10
 Honor20
 Honor View 10 (BKL-L09)
 Honor View 20 (PCT-L29)
 Honor 20 Pro (YAL-L41)
 Mate8 (NXT-L29)
 Mate10 (BLA-L29)

Mate20 Pro (LYA-L29)
 Mate20 Lite (SNE-LX1)
 ISG 2020x1520
 Ikonoskop
 A-Cam dII Panchromatic
 A-Cam dII
 Imacon
 Iexpress 96, 96C
 Iexpress 384, 384C (single shot only)
 Iexpress 132C
 Iexpress 528C (single shot only)
 JaiPulnix
 BB-500CL
 BB-500GE
 Kandao QooCam 8K
 Kinefinity
 KineMINI
 KineRAW Mini
 KineRAW S35
 Kodak
 DC20
 DC25
 DC40
 DC50
 DC120
 DCS200
 DCS315C
 DCS330C
 DCS420
 DCS460
 DCS460M
 DCS460
 DCS520C
 DCS560C
 DCS620C
 DCS620X
 DCS660C
 DCS660M
 DCS720X
 DCS760C
 DCS760M
 EOSDCS1
 EOSDCS3
 NC2000
 ProBack
 PB645C
 PB645H
 PB645M
 DCS Pro 14n
 DCS Pro 14nx
 DCS Pro SLR/c
 DCS Pro SLR/n
 C330
 C603
 P850
 P880
 PIXPRO AZ901
 PIXPRO S-1
 Z980
 Z981
 Z990
 Z1015
 KAI-0340
 Konica
 KD-400Z
 KD-510Z
 LG
 G3
 G4
 G5 (H850)
 G6
 V20 (F800K)
 V20 (H910)
 VS995
 Leaf
 AFi 5
 AFi 6
 AFi 7
 AFi-II 6
 AFi-II 7
 AFi-II 10
 AFi-II 10R
 Aptus-II 5
 Aptus-II 6
 Aptus-II 7
 Aptus-II 8
 Aptus-II 10
 Aptus-II 12
 Aptus-II 12R
 Aptus 17
 Aptus 22
 Aptus 54S
 Aptus 65
 Aptus 65S
 Aptus 75
 Aptus 75S
 Cantare
 Cantare XY
 CatchLight
 CMost
 Credo 40
 Credo 50
 Credo 60
 Credo 80
 DCB-11
 Valeo 6
 Valeo 11
 Valeo 17
 Valeo 17wi
 Valeo 22
 Valeo 22wi
 Volare
 Leica
 C (Typ 112)
 CL
 C-Lux / CAM-DC25
 Digilux 2
 Digilux 3
 Digital-Modul-R
 D-LUX2
 D-LUX3
 D-LUX4
 D-LUX5
 D-LUX6
 D-LUX7
 D-Lux (Typ 109)
 M8
 M8.2
 M9
 M10
 M10-D
 M10-P
 M10-R
 M10 Monochrom
 M11
 M (Typ 240)
 M (Typ 262)
 Monochrom (Typ 240)
 Monochrom (Typ 246)
 M-D (Typ 262)
 M-E
 M-P
 R8
 Q (Typ 116)
 Q-P
 Q2
 Q2 Monochrom
 S
 S2
 S3
 S (Typ 007)
 SL (Typ 601)
 SL2
 SL2-S
 T (Typ 701)
 TL
 TL2
 X1
 X (Typ 113)
 X2
 X-E (Typ 102)
 X-U (Typ 113)
 V-LUX1
 V-LUX2
 V-LUX3
 V-LUX4
 V-LUX5
 V-Lux (Typ 114)
 X VARIO (Typ 107)
 Lenovo a820
 Logitech Fotoman Pixtura
 Mamiya ZD
 Matrix 4608x3288
 Meizy MX4
 Micron 2010
 Minolta
 RD175 / Agfa ActionCam
 DiMAGE 5
 DiMAGE 7
 DiMAGE 7i
 DiMAGE 7Hi
 DiMAGE A1
 DiMAGE A2
 DiMAGE A200
 DiMAGE G400
 DiMAGE G500
 DiMAGE G530
 DiMAGE G600
 DiMAGE Z2
 Alpha/Dynax/Maxxum 5D
 Alpha/Dynax/Maxxum 7D
 Motorola
 PIXL
 Moto G (5S)
 Moto G7 Play
 Nikon
 D1
 D1H
 D1X
 D2H
 D2Hs
 D2X
 D2Xs
 D3
 D3s
 D3X
 D4
 D4s
 D40
 D40X
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 D5100
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D5300
 D5500
 D5600
 D7000
 D7100
 D7200
 D7500
 Df
 Z 5
 Z 6
 Z 6 II
 Z 7
 Z 7 II
 Z 9 (HE/HE* formats are not supported yet)
 Z 50
 Z fc
 1 AW1
 1 J1
 1 J2
 1 J3
 1 J4
 1 J5
 1 S1
 1 S2
 1 V1
 1 V2
 1 V3
 Coolpix 700 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 800 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 880 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 900 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 950 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 990 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 995 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 2100 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 2500 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 3200 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 3700 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 4300 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 4500 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolpix 5000
 Coolpix 5400
 Coolpix 5700
 Coolpix 8400
 Coolpix 8700
 Coolpix 8800
 Coolpix A
 Coolpix A1000
 Coolpix B700
 Coolpix P330
 Coolpix P340
 Coolpix P950
 Coolpix P6000
 Coolpix P1000
 Coolpix P7000
 Coolpix P7100
 Coolpix P7700
 Coolpix P7800
 Coolpix S6 ("DIAG RAW" hack)
 Coolscan NEF
 Nokia
 7 Plus
 8.3 5G
 9
 N95
 X2
 1200x1600
 Lumia 930
 Lumia 950 XL
 Lumia 1020
 Lumia 1520
 OM Digital Solutions OM-1
 Olympus
 AIR A01
 C-3030Z
 C-5050Z
 C-5060WZ
 C-7070WZ
 C-70Z / C-7000Z
 C-740UZ
 C-770UZ
 C-8080WZ
 X200 / D-560Z / C-350Z
 E-1
 E-3
 E-5
 E-10
 E-20 / E-20N / E-20P
 E-30
 E-300
 E-330
 E-400
 E-410
 E-420
 E-450
 E-500
 E-510
 E-520
 E-600
 E-620
 E-P1
 E-P2
 E-P3
 E-P5
 E-P7
 E-PL1
 E-PL1s
 E-PL2
 E-PL3
 E-PL5
 E-PL6
 E-PL7
 E-PL8
 E-PL9
 E-PL10
 E-PM1
 E-PM2
 E-M1
 E-M1 Mark II
 E-M1 Mark III
 E-M1X

E-M10
 E-M10 Mark II
 E-M10 Mark III
 E-M10 Mark IV
 E-M5
 E-M5 Mark II
 E-M5 Mark III
 Pen-F
 SP-310
 SP-320
 SP-350
 SP-500UZ
 SP-510UZ
 SP-550UZ
 SP-560UZ
 SP-565UZ
 SP-570UZ
 Stylus 1
 Stylus 1s
 SH-2
 SH-3
 TG-4
 TG-5
 TG-6
 XZ-1
 XZ-2
 XZ-10
 OmniVision
 4688
 OV5647
 OV5648
 OV8850
 13860
 OnePlus
 6 (A6003)
 6T
 7 Pro (GM1913)
 8 Pro (IN2023)
 One
 A3303
 A5000
 PARROT
 Anafi
 Bebob 2
 Bebob Drone
 Panasonic
 DMC-CM1
 DMC-FZ8
 DMC-FZ18
 DMC-FZ28
 DMC-FZ30
 DMC-FZ35 / FZ38
 DMC-FZ40 / FZ42 / FZ45
 DMC-FZ50
 DMC-FZ70 / FZ72
 DC-FZ80 / FZ81 / FZ82 / FZ83 / FZ85
 DMC-FZ100
 DMC-FZ150
 DMC-FZ200
 DMC-FZ300 / FZ330
 DMC-FZ1000
 DC-FZ1000 II / FZ1000M2 / DC-FZ10002
 DMC-FZ2000 / FZ2500 / FZH1
 DMC-FX150 / FX180
 DMC-G1
 DMC-G10
 DMC-G2
 DMC-G3
 DMC-G5
 DMC-G6
 DMC-G7 / G70
 DMC-G8 / G80 / G81 / G85
 DC-G9
 DC-G90 / G95 / G91 / G99
 DC-G100 / G110
 DMC-GF1
 DMC-GF2
 DMC-GF3
 DMC-GF5
 DMC-GF6
 DMC-GF7
 DC-GF10 / GF90
 DMC-GH1
 DMC-GH2
 DMC-GH3
 DMC-GH4
 AG-GH4
 DC-GH5
 DC-GH5S
 DC-GH5 Mark II
 DMC-GM1
 DMC-GM1s
 DMC-GM5
 DMC-GX1
 DMC-GX7
 DMC-GX8
 DC-GX9 / GX7mkIII
 DMC-GX80 / GX85, DMC-GX7mkII
 DC-GX800 / GX850, DC-GF9
 DMC-L1
 DMC-L10
 DMC-LC1
 DMC-LF1
 DMC-LX1
 DMC-LX2
 DMC-LX3
 DMC-LX5
 DMC-LX7
 DMC-LX9 / LX10 / LX15
 DMC-LX100
 DC-LX100M2
 DC-S1
 DC-S1H
 DC-S1R
 DC-S5
 DMC-ZS40, DMC-TZ60 / TZ61
 DMC-ZS50, DMC-TZ70 / TZ71
 DMC-ZS60, DMC-TZ80 / TZ81 / TZ82 / TZ85
 DC-ZS70, DC-TZ90 / TZ91 / TZ92 / TZ93
 DC-ZS80, DC-TZ95 / TZ96 / TZ97
 DMC-ZS100 / ZS110, DMC-TZ100 / TZ101 / TZ110, DMC-TX1

DC-ZS200 / ZS220, DC-TZ200 / TZ202 / TZ220, DC-TX2

Pentax
*ist D
*ist DL
*ist DL2
*ist DS
*ist DS2
K10D
K20D
K100D
K100D Super
K110D
K200D
K2000/K-m
KP
K-x
K-r
K-01
K-1
K-1 Mark II
K-3
K-3 Mark II
K-3 Mark III
K-30
K-5
K-5 II
K-5 IIs
K-50
K-500
K-7
K-70
K-S1
K-S2
MX-1
Q
Q7
Q10
QS-1
Optio S (secret menu or hack)
Optio S4 (secret menu or hack)
Optio 33WR (secret menu or hack)
Optio 750Z (secret menu or hack)
645D
645Z
PhaseOne
IQ140
IQ150
IQ160
IQ180
IQ180 IR
IQ250
IQ260
IQ260 Achromatic
IQ280
IQ3 50MP
IQ3 60MP
IQ3 80MP
IQ3 100MP
IQ3 100MP Trichromatic
IQ4 150MP
LightPhase
Achromatic+
H 10
H 20
H 25
P 20
P 20+
P 21
P 25
P 25+
P 30
P 30+
P 40+
P 45
P 45+
P 65
P 65+
Photron BC2-HD
Pixelink A782
PtGrey GRAS-50S5C
RaspberryPi
Camera
Camera V2
Realme 3 Pro
Ricoh
GR
GR II
GR III
GR IIIx
GR Digital
GR Digital II
GR Digital III
GR Digital IV
Caplio GX100
Caplio GX200
GXR Mount A12
GXR GR Lens A12 50mm F2.5 Macro
GXR GR Lens A12 28mm F2.5
GXR Ricoh Lens A16 24-85mm F3.5-5.5
GXR Ricoh Lens S10 24-72mm F2.5-4.4 VC
GXR Ricoh Lens P10 28-300 mm F3.5-5.6 VC
Rollei d530flex
RoverShot 3320af
SMaL
Ultra-Pocket 3
Ultra-Pocket 4
Ultra-Pocket 5
STV680 VGA
SVS SVS625CL
Samsung
EX1 / TL500
EX2F
GX-1L
GX-1S
GX10
GX20
Galaxy Nexus
Galaxy Note 9
Galaxy NX (EK-GN120)
Galaxy S3
Galaxy S6 (SM-G920F)

Galaxy S7
Galaxy S7 Edge
Galaxy S8 (SM-G950U)
Galaxy S9 (SM-G960F)
Galaxy S9+ (SM-G965U / 965F)
Galaxy S10 (SM-G973F)
Galaxy S10+ (SM-G975U)
NX1
NX5
NX10
NX11
NX100
NX1000
NX1100
NX20
NX200
NX210
NX2000
NX30
NX300
NX300M
NX3000
NX500
NX mini / NXF1
Pro815
WB550 / WB560 / HZ15W
WB2000 / TL350
WB5000 / HZ25W
S85 (hacked)
S850 (hacked)
Sarnoff 4096x5440
Seitz
6x17
Roundshot D3
Roundshot D2X
Roundshot D2Xs
Sigma
fp
dp0 Quattro (DNG only)
dp1 Quattro (DNG only)
dp2 Quattro (DNG only)
dp3 Quattro (DNG only)
sd Quattro (DNG only)
sd Quattro H (DNG only)
Sinar
eMotion 22
eMotion 54
eSpirit 65
eMotion 75
eVolution 75
3072x2048 (Sinarback 23)
4080x4080 (Sinarback 44)
4080x5440
STI format
Sinarback 54
Sony
ILCE-1 (A1)
ILCE-7 (A7)
ILCE-7M2 (A7 II)
ILCE-7M3 (A7 III)
ILCE-7M4 (A7 IV)
ILCE-7C (A7C)
ILCE-7R (A7R)
ILCE-7RM2 (A7R II)
ILCE-7RM3 (A7R III)
ILCE-7RM3A (A7R IIIA)
ILCE-7RM4 (A7R IV)
ILCE-7RM4A (A7R IVA)
ILCE-7S (A7S)
ILCE-7SM2 (A7S II)
ILCE-7SM3 (A7S III)
ILCE-9 (A9)
ILCE-9M2 (A9 II)
ILCA-68 (A68)
ILCA-77M2 (A77-II)
ILCA-99M2 (A99-II)
ILCE-3000 / 3500
ILCE-5000
ILCE-5100
ILCE-6000
ILCE-6100
ILCE-6300
ILCE-6400
ILCE-6500
ILCE-6600
ILCE-QX1
DSC-F828
DSC-HX95
DSC-HX99
DSC-R1
DSC-RX0
DSC-RX0 II
DSC-RX1
DSC-RX1R
DSC-RX1R II
DSC-RX10
DSC-RX10 II
DSC-RX10 III
DSC-RX10 IV
DSC-RX100
DSC-RX100 II
DSC-RX100 III
DSC-RX100 IV
DSC-RX100 V
DSC-RX100 VA
DSC-RX100 VI
DSC-RX100 VII
DSC-V3
DSLR-A100
DSLR-A200
DSLR-A230
DSLR-A290
DSLR-A300
DSLR-A330
DSLR-A350
DSLR-A380 / A390
DSLR-A450
DSLR-A500
DSLR-A550
DSLR-A560
DSLR-A580

DSLR-A700	IMX214
DSLR-A850	IMX219
DSLR-A900	IMX230
NEX-3	IMX298-mipi 16mp
NEX-3N	IMX219-mipi 8mp
NEX-5	Xperia 5 II (XQ-AS52)
NEX-5N	Xperia L
NEX-5R	Xperia 1 III
NEX-5T	ZV-1 (DCZV1/B)
NEX-6	ZV-E10
NEX-7	Vivo X51 5G (V2006)
NEX-C3	Xiaomi
NEX-F3	MI3
NEX-VG20	MI 8
NEX-VG30	MI 9 Lite
NEX-VG900	MI MAX
SLT-A33	POCO M3
SLT-A35	RedMi Note3 Pro
SLT-A37	RedMi Note7
SLT-A55(V)	RedMi Note 8T
SLT-A57	FIMI X8SE
SLT-A58	Xiaoyi YIAC3 (YI 4k)
SLT-A65(V)	YUNEEC
SLT-A77(V)	CGO3
SLT-A99(V)	CGO3P
XCD-SX910CR	CGO4
IMX135-mipi 13mp	Yi M1
IMX135-QCOM	Zeiss ZX1
IMX072-mipi	Zenit M

7 Glossary

Activation For colymp to be fully usable, activation is required. During this process a “serial number” is consumed. Afterwards colymp is fully usable on this Mac.

ColorProfile (ICC Profile) Is a table of numbers that defines a color space in a numerical way. In colymp the color profile is contained in the .pcf file (calibration).

Color space Comparable to “cm” or “inch” as units for lengths, color spaces are the units for color values. A color space specifies how to interpret a numerical value that describes a color. For example, the RGB values R:149 G:44 B:44 in sRGB describe exactly the same, red color as the RGB values R:129 G:48 B:48 in AdobeRGB. Color spaces are described by ICC profiles. To convert color values from one color space to the other, both color spaces are needed. If a color space is unknown (not specified) it is usually assumed to be sRGB (“Standard”-RGB).

Test Chart (also called calibration chart, calibration target) Will be printed; contains various colors necessary to measure/ characterize/ calibrate the printer (see [Figure 8](#)).

Calibration (.pcf file) Contains printer settings, measurement values, correction tables (ICC profile), but not the photograph of the test chart (see [section 3](#)).

Template/ Evaluation Template The evaluation template marks the individual color patches in the photograph of a test chart. It is adapted by the user to the respective photograph (see [Figure 18](#)).

Serial number The serial number represents a voucher that is consumed when colymp is activated. You receive a serial number when you purchase colymp and can use it to activate colymp on a Mac.

8 Version History

8.1 New in colymp Version 3.x

- Version for macOS
- Support for many new RAW formats
- Improvement of RAW Converter (Version 3.2)

8.2 New in colymp Version 2.x

- colymPrinterXPS has been completely redeveloped (used to be colymPrinter): Selection of calibration *before* printing. The media format and margins of the target printer are automatically applied. The user no longer needs to set a special paper format generated by colymp before printing as in version 1.x.
- Compatibility with current Windows version: Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1, Windows 10, and future versions.

- Direct support of RAW formats (when evaluating the test chart).
- support of embedded color profiles (when evaluating the test chart as well as when printing)
- support monitor profile

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