

Getting Started With Your Swipe Colour Match Tool

- Make sure your **Swipe Colour Match Tool is fully charged**. Swipe Colour Match Tool comes with two CR2032 coin cell batteries that can be replaced when needed.
- Make sure the **protective lens cover has been removed** before attempting to scan a color.
 - Swipe Colour Match Tool – Flip back the white, protective lens cover on the bottom of the device.
- **Turn on your Swipe Colour Match Tool:**
 - Press the button on the front of the device.
- Follow prompts to **sync your device to your smartphone**.
 - Ensure Bluetooth is enabled on your smartphone, but do not connect in the Bluetooth settings.
- **Calibrate your device** for the most accurate color measurement.
 - The protective lens cover functions as a calibration tile when closed.

Getting The Best Results From Your Color Scans

- Flat, smooth, single-colored surfaces will net you the most accurate color-matching results.
- Place the device flush against the surface you're measuring (touching it –not just aimed towards it) to ensure no surrounding light can seep in which can affect the accuracy of the color reading.
- Textured surfaces like stucco, nubby woven fabrics and high-sheen surfaces can affect color accuracy, as can gradient color surfaces.
- If measuring a color on a pattern, make sure the portion of the color you are measuring is large enough (at least ¼" X ¼" / 0.635 X 0.635 cm) to ensure the lens covers the surface entirely.

Color Accuracy/Results

- Please note that the colors displayed on-screen (or your phone) may not represent true paint or digital colors due to variances in device displays.
- Paint fades over time and can wear unevenly due to exposure to UV rays from sunlight, dirt, grime, and cleaning products used, which is why we don't recommend spot touch-ups. If you can't repaint the entire room, at least repaint the whole wall or trim area.
- Scanning your wall for an exact paint color match? Be sure to use the app feature that lets you select specific paint brands to focus your search.

- Have you tried your Swipe Colour Match Tool on a wall you know the paint color of (brand and color name) or on a paint chip from the store and found that you got a different color match? Here's why:
 - As we mentioned before, paint fades over time – and color chips do, too – for similar reasons: UV sun exposure, dirt, grime, cleaning products. Your Swipe Colour Match Tool is matching to the closest paint color as the color appears now, which can be a different color name and even brand if you haven't limited your search to certain brands via the app's brand selection feature.
 - Tried scanning different parts of your wall only to find different color matches for each spot? Again, paint can fade unevenly depending upon what it has been exposed to. Our eyes "see" one color, but there can be subtle shade variations that go unnoticed.

Swipe Colour Match Tool and Android Devices

Having issues connecting to your Android phone? Try the following:

- Make sure your Swipe Colour Match Tool device is fully charged, then delete the ColorReader app from your mobile phone and restart your phone.
- Next, turn on your device and go to the Android Bluetooth® settings. Make sure your specific Swipe Colour Match Tool is listed as the device available to sync up with. Don't try to sync the device using the Android Bluetooth® settings.
- Now install and launch the ColorReader app. Make sure your Swipe Colour Match Tool is still powered on to connect the ColorReader app to your Swipe Colour Match Tool.



Can I use Swipe Colour Match Tool with either an iPhone™ or Android™ phone?

Yes – you can download the ColorReader app for either device. System requirements for devices include running Android 6.0 or higher; or iPhone or iPod Touch running iOS version 9.3 or higher.

Where is my calibration tile?

The small hinge on the bottom of your Swipe Colour Match Tool is your color calibration tile. Keep it closed over the lens to calibrate your device and to protect the lens when you're not using the device to scan a color.

Where are the batteries on the device housed?

Opposite the side from your color calibration tile, you'll see a crescent-moon shaped indentation to access pulling out the piece (like a drawer) that houses the two, CR2032 batteries. These batteries can be replaced when needed.

Where can I purchase new batteries?

You can purchase CR2032 cell batteries at most local convenience or hardware stores.

Is Swipe Colour Match Tool Bluetooth compatible?

Yes, Swipe Colour Match Tool is compatible with Bluetooth 4.0 or higher.

How accurate are the color matches I get using Swipe Colour Match Tool?

The Swipe Colour Match Tool has a greater than 85% accuracy rate on its top 3 color matches, which is more than adequate for most home, DIY projects.

Does Swipe Colour Match Tool provide color values along with paint color matches?

Yes – color matches are precisely defined in CIELAB, RGB and HEX color values, which can be very useful in graphic design work.

Can I convert my saved colors to Pantone colors?

Yes, you can by using the CIELAB values from your scanned colors in Photoshop. Simply open the “Color Picker,” in Photoshop, input your saved CIELAB color values, click onto “Color Libraries” and choose your Pantone library from the drop-down menu. The closest color match will be highlighted on the left.

What things can I measure with Swipe Colour Match Tool?

Flat, smooth, single-colored surfaces will net you the most accurate color-matching results from Swipe Colour Match Tool. The device should be placed flush, against the surface you’re measuring (touching it – not just aimed towards it) to ensure no surrounding light can seep in which can affect the accuracy of the color reading. Textured surfaces like stucco or nubby woven fabrics and high-sheen surfaces can affect color accuracy, as can gradient color surfaces. If measuring a color on a pattern, make sure the portion of the color you are measuring is large enough (at least ¼” X ¼”) to ensure the lens covers the surface entirely.

How do I save and share colors I’ve matched?

The Swipe Colour Match Tool automatically saves colors you’ve measured when connected to the Datacolor ColorReader mobile application. From these saved colors, you can create your own custom color palettes, as well as find coordinating colors and color schemes you can save as palettes. From there, simply tap the “Share Palette” button to share your colors with family, friends and contractors.

How do I change the fan decks I’d like to match to?

After taking a measurement, click on “Change” in the top right-hand corner. Select the fan decks you’d like to match to and click “Match” to update.

For any additional questions please [contact Support](#).