

# Go Direct<sup>®</sup> Colorimeter

(Order Code GDX-COL)



Go Direct Colorimeter is used to determine the concentration of a solution by analyzing its color intensity. The cuvette slot is designed to accommodate most cuvettes with a 10 millimeter path length. The Colorimeter measures the amount of light transmitted through a sample at a user-selectable wavelength. You may choose from four wavelengths: 430 nm, 470 nm, 565 nm, and 635 nm.

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## What's Included

- Go Direct Colorimeter
- 15 polystyrene cuvettes and 15 plastic cuvette lids
- Micro USB Cable

## Compatible Software

See [www.vernier.com/manuals/gdx-col](http://www.vernier.com/manuals/gdx-col) for a list of software compatible with Go Direct Colorimeter

## Getting Started

Please see the following link for platform-specific connection information:

[www.vernier.com/start/gdx-col](http://www.vernier.com/start/gdx-col)

### Bluetooth Connection

1. Install Vernier Graphical Analysis™ on your computer, Chromebook™, or mobile device. If using LabQuest®, make sure LabQuest App is up to date. See [www.vernier.com/ga4](http://www.vernier.com/ga4) for Graphical Analysis availability or [www.vernier.com/downloads](http://www.vernier.com/downloads) to update LabQuest App.
2. Charge your sensor for at least 2 hours before first use.
3. Turn on your sensor by pressing the power button once. The Bluetooth® LED will blink red.
4. Launch Graphical Analysis or turn on LabQuest.

### USB Connection

1. Install Graphical Analysis on your computer or Chromebook. If using LabQuest, make sure LabQuest App is up to date. See [www.vernier.com/ga4](http://www.vernier.com/ga4) for software availability or [www.vernier.com/downloads](http://www.vernier.com/downloads) to update LabQuest App.
2. Connect the sensor to the USB port.
3. Launch Graphical Analysis or turn on LabQuest. You are now ready to collect data.

**Note:** This sensor does not work with

the original LabQuest. It works with LabQuest 2 or LabQuest 3.

5. If using Graphical Analysis, click or tap Sensor Data Collection. If using LabQuest, choose Wireless Device Setup > Go Direct from the Sensors menu.
6. Select your Go Direct sensor from the list of Discovered Wireless Devices. Your sensor's ID is located near the barcode on the sensor. The Bluetooth LED will blink green when it is successfully connected.
7. Click or tap Done to enter data-collection mode.

## Charging the Sensor

Connect the Go Direct Colorimeter to the included USB Charging Cable and any USB device for two hours.

You can also charge up to eight Go Direct Go Direct Colorimeters using our Go Direct Charge Station, sold separately (order code: GDX-CRG). An LED on each Go Direct Colorimeter indicates charging status.

Charging	Orange LED next to the battery icon is solid while the sensor is charging.
Fully charged	Green LED next to the battery icon is solid when the sensor is fully charged.

## Providing Power

Turning on the sensor	Press button once. Red LED indicator flashes when unit is on.
Putting the sensor in sleep mode	Press and hold button for more than three seconds to put into sleep mode. Red LED indicator stops flashing when sleeping.

## Connecting the Sensor

See the following link for up-to-date connection information:

[www.vernier.com/start/gdx-col](http://www.vernier.com/start/gdx-col)

### Connecting via Bluetooth

Ready to connect	Red LED next to the Bluetooth icon flashes when sensor is awake and ready to connect.
Connected	Green LED next to the Bluetooth icon flashes when sensor is connected via Bluetooth.

## Connecting via USB

Connected and charging	Orange LED next to the battery icon is solid when the sensor is connected to Graphical Analysis via USB and the unit is charging. LED next to Bluetooth icon is off.
Connected, fully charged	Green LED next to the battery icon is solid when the sensor is connected to Graphical Analysis via USB and fully charged. LED next to Bluetooth icon is off.
Charging via USB, connected via Bluetooth	Orange LED next to the battery icon is solid when the sensor is charging. Green LED next to the Bluetooth icon flashes.

## Using the Product

Connect the sensor following the steps in the Getting Started section of this user manual. After connecting the sensor, the following steps must be completed prior to starting data collection.

1. Press the < or > button on the Colorimeter to select the correct wavelength for your experiment (430 nm, 470 nm, 565 nm, or 635 nm).
2. Allow the Colorimeter to warm up for about five minutes before calibrating.
3. Calibrate the Colorimeter.
  - a. Slide the lid of the Colorimeter open to reveal the cuvette slot.
  - b. Insert a cuvette, filled with distilled water or other solvent used to prepare your solutions, for your calibration blank (100% transmittance or 0 absorbance).

**Important:** Line up one of the clear sides of the cuvette with the arrow at the right side of the cuvette slot. Slide the Colorimeter lid closed.
  - c. Press the CAL button on the Colorimeter to begin the calibration process. Release the CAL button when the red LED begins to flash.
  - d. When the red LED stops flashing, the calibration is complete. The absorbance reading should be very close to 0.000 (100%T).
  - e. Remove the blank cuvette from the Colorimeter.
4. Continue with data collection.

## Calibration

Calibration is required for use. See the Using the Product section for instructions.

## Specifications

Colorimeter range	0 to 3 (absorbance) (0 to 100% T)
Useful range	0.05 to 1.0 absorbance (90% to 10% T)
Wavelengths	430 nm, 470 nm, 565 nm, 635 nm

## Care and Maintenance

### Battery Information

Go Direct Colorimeter contains a small lithium-ion battery. The system is designed to consume very little power and not put heavy demands on the battery. Although the battery is warranted for one year, the expected battery life should be several years. Replacement batteries are available from Vernier (order code: GDX-BAT-300).

### Storage and Maintenance

To store Go Direct Colorimeter for extended periods of time, put the device in sleep mode by holding the button down for at least three seconds. The red LED will stop flashing to show that the unit is in sleep mode. Over several months, the battery will discharge but will not be damaged. After such storage, charge the device for a few hours, and the unit will be ready to go.

Exposing the battery to temperatures over 35°C (95°F) will reduce its lifespan. If possible, store the device in an area that is not exposed to temperature extremes.

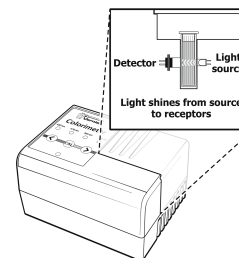
### Water Resistance

Go Direct Colorimeter is not water resistant and should never be immersed in water.

If water gets into the device, immediately power the unit down (press and hold the power button for more than three seconds). Disconnect the sensor and charging cable, and remove the battery. Allow the device to dry thoroughly before attempting to use the device again. Do not attempt to dry using an external heat source.

## How the Sensor Works

Light from an LED light source passes through a cuvette containing a solution sample. Some of the incoming light is absorbed by the solution. As a result, light of a lower intensity strikes a photodiode.



## Troubleshooting

Here are some tips for best data-collection practices:

- Allow the Colorimeter to warm up for about 5 minutes before calibrating.
- Fill a cuvette two-thirds to three-fourths full with liquid, including the calibration blank, so that the light travels through the liquid reliably.

- After filling a cuvette with liquid, seal the cuvette with a cap to prevent spills.
- Make sure to place a cuvette in the Colorimeter so the path of the light source travels through the clear sides of the cuvette. An arrow to the right of the cuvette slot shows the light path.
- For best results, use one cuvette to make all your measurements for a given experiment.
- If you calibrate a Colorimeter and then change the wavelength, calibrate the Colorimeter again to ensure the proper identification of the new wavelength.

For best results, a sample's absorbance or transmittance values should fall within these ranges:

percent transmittance: 10–90%

absorbance: 0.05–1.0

Beer's law experiment results begin to lose their linearity at absorbance values above 1.0 (percent transmittance values less than 10%). If you have a solution that transmits such a low level of light, consider diluting the solution so that it falls within this range.

## Repair Information

If you have followed the troubleshooting steps and are still having trouble with your Go Direct Colorimeter, contact Vernier Technical Support at [support@vernier.com](mailto:support@vernier.com) or call 888-837-6437. Support specialists will work with you to determine if the unit needs to be sent in for repair. At that time, a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number will be issued and instructions will be communicated on how to return the unit for repair.

## Accessories/Replacements

Item	Order Code
Micro USB Cable	CB-USB-MICRO
USB-C to Micro USB cable	CB-USB-C-MICRO
Go Direct 300 mAh Replacement Battery	GDX-BAT-300
Plastic Cuvettes (Visible Range)	CUV

## Warranty

Warranty information for this product can be found on the Support tab at [www.vernier.com/gdx-col](http://www.vernier.com/gdx-col)

General warranty information can be found at [www.vernier.com/warranty](http://www.vernier.com/warranty)

## Disposal

When disposing of this electronic product, do not treat it as household waste. Its disposal is subject to regulations that vary by country and region. This item should be given to an applicable collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment. By ensuring that this product is disposed of correctly, you help prevent potential negative consequences on human health or on the

environment. The recycling of materials will help to conserve natural resources. For more detailed information about recycling this product, contact your local city office or your disposal service.

Battery recycling information is available at [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org)

Do not puncture or expose the battery to excessive heat or flame.



The symbol, shown here, indicates that this product must not be disposed of in a standard waste container.

## Federal Communication Commission Interference Statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

### FCC Caution

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device may not cause harmful interference and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation

### RF Exposure Warning

The equipment complies with RF exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. The antenna(s) used for this transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. You are cautioned that changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void your authority to operate the equipment.

## IC Statement

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device may not cause interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

**Industry Canada - Class B** This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus as set out in the interference-causing equipment standard entitled "Digital Apparatus," ICES-003 of Industry Canada. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and

- (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that permitted for successful communication.

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Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes :

- (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et
- (2) l'appareil doit accepter toute interférence radioélectrique, même si cela résulte à un brouillage susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Cet appareil numérique respecte les limites de bruits radioélectriques applicables aux appareils numériques de Classe B prescrites dans la norme sur le matériel interférant-brouilleur: "Appareils Numériques," NMB-003 édictée par Industrie Canada. L'utilisation est soumise aux deux conditions suivantes:

- (1) cet appareil ne peut causer d'interférences, et
- (2) cet appareil doit accepter toutes interférences, y comprises celles susceptibles de provoquer un dysfonctionnement du dispositif.

Afin de réduire les interférences radio potentielles pour les autres utilisateurs, le type d'antenne et son gain doivent être choisis de telle façon que l'équivalent de puissance isotrope émise (e.i.r.p.) n'est pas plus grand que celui permis pour une communication établie.

**Avvertissement d'exposition RF:** L'équipement est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux RF établies pour un environnement non supervisé. L'antenne (s) utilisée pour ce transmetteur ne doit pas être jumelée ou fonctionner en conjonction avec toute autre antenne ou transmetteur.

**Note:** This product is a sensitive measurement device. For best results, use the cables that were provided. Keep the device away from electromagnetic noise sources, such as microwaves, monitors, electric motors, and appliances.

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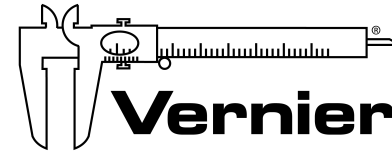
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