ColorDesigner | PLUS

Installation Guide

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Introduction

The X-Rite® ColorDesigner® PLUS software and instrument make paint matching fast and accurate. The instrument measures a customer's color sample and processes the sample's color data characteristics—also factoring in lighting conditions, mixing base, and tints. Then, the ColorDesigner PLUS software displays the paint mix formula that matches the customer's sample. All of these functions are accomplished in a matter of seconds. Each function is displayed on your computer display where the customer can view the entire process.

System Requirements

	Minimum	Recommended
Operating System	Windows 11*	Windows 11 Pro
RAM	4 GB*	16 GB
Screen Resolution	1600x900	1600x900 or higher
Microprocessor		2-core, 1.5 GHz or higher

*Enforced by ColorDesigner PLUS installer

About This Manual

This manual is intended to provide software and general instrument installation procedures. Specific software application information is available from the ColorDesigner PLUS online help system. The instrument's documentation covers installation, operation, calibration and general maintenance.

If the system you purchased included a computer and monitor, refer to the documentation that is included with those products for specific installation procedures.

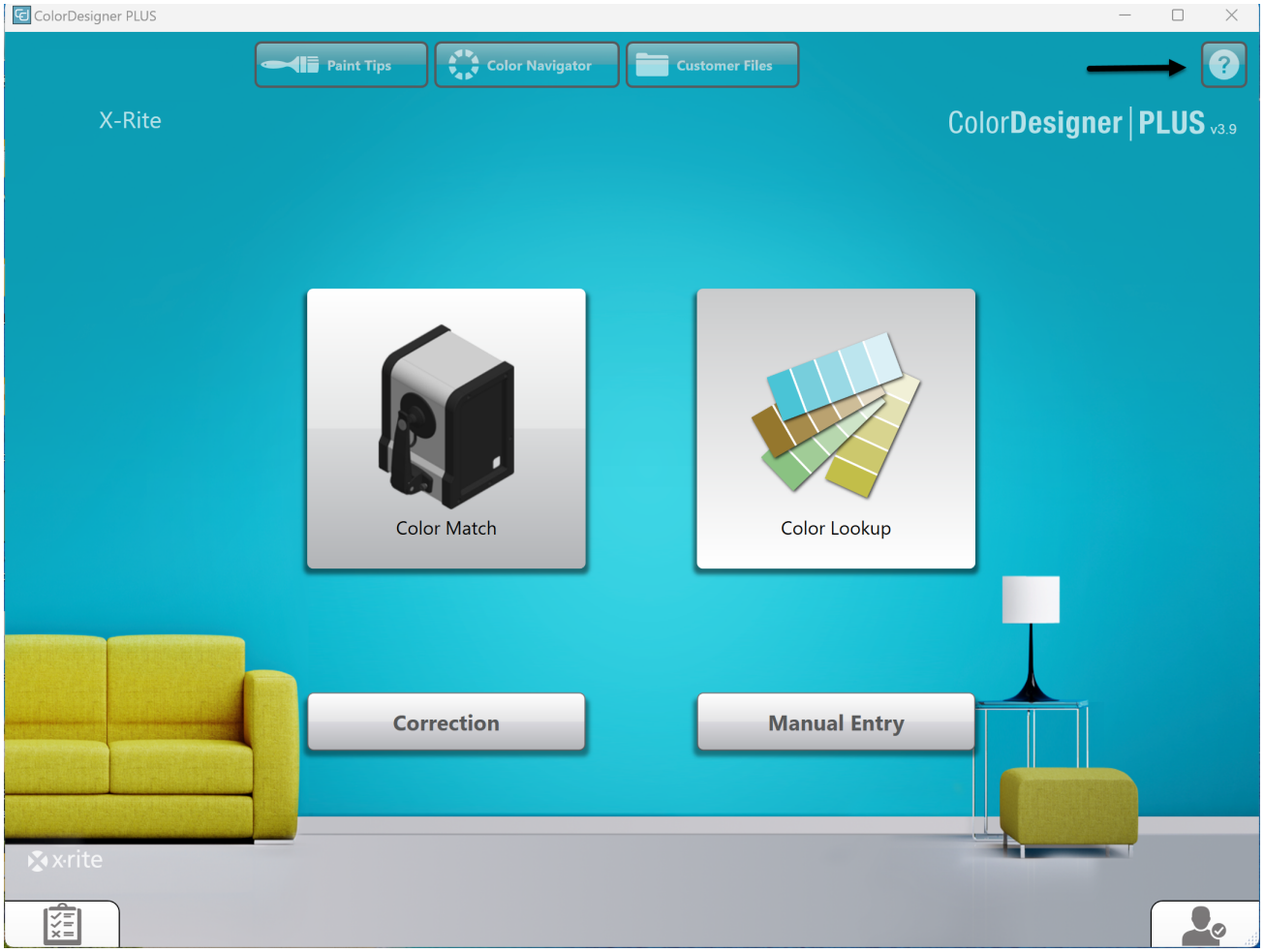
Important Information

If you purchased a ColorDesigner PLUS bundle that includes a computer, the following software components are already installed on the computer:

- ColorDesigner PLUS application
- Paint databases
- USB instrument drivers
- USB printer driver
- Please retain the ColorDesigner PLUS flash drive in the event that a reinstallation is required.

Getting Help inside of ColorDesigner PLUS

You'll find a Help button near the top right corner of almost every screen in ColorDesigner PLUS.



Use the ColorDesigner PLUS help system as you learn how to use the software. The help system includes step-by-step instructions for specific tasks, conceptual and reference information.

The help system uses the same technology as web pages—links to related topics, definitions, and more detailed information appear as underlined text. Click the links in the help system to move to other topics.

Technical Support

X-Rite's commitment to quality does not end with your product purchase. We stand behind your system with a strong commitment to customer service. Our customer service departments are fully staffed with qualified technicians to assist you.

For Instrument and Software Assistance, create a new support case.

Getting Started

Before you begin installation, make sure that you have:

- ColorDesigner PLUS software flash drive
- Measurement instrument and cables
- Label printer

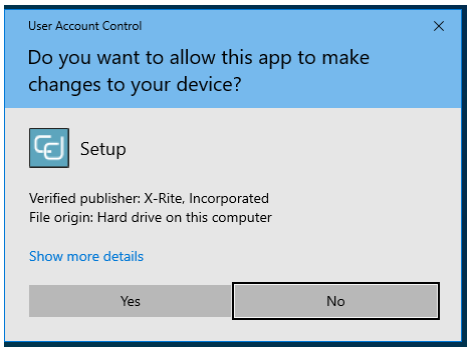
To install X-Rite ColorDesigner PLUS, follow the illustrated step-by-step instructions beginning with Section A.

Do not plug in your instrument or printer until told to do so in these instructions.

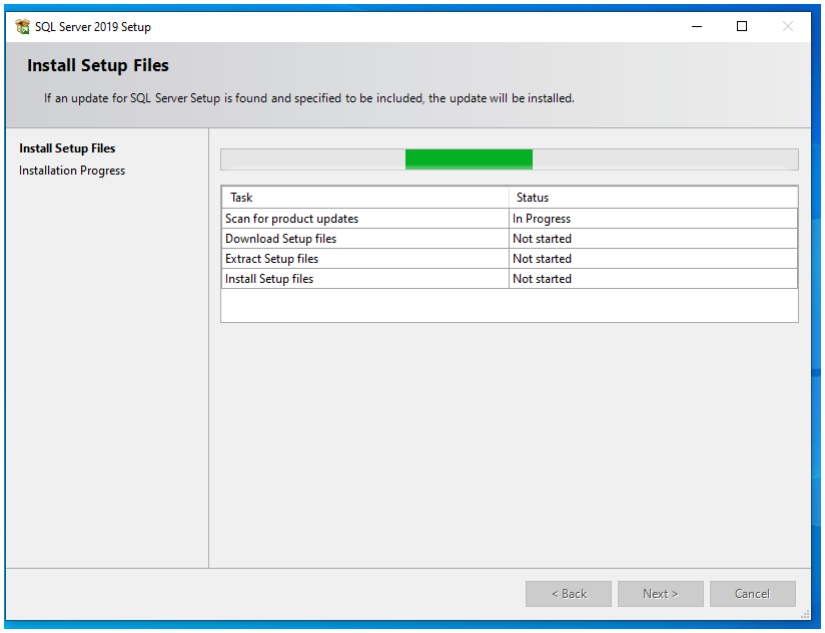
A. Installing ColorDesigner PLUS Software and Paint Databases

IMPORTANT: You must be logged on as an administrator or a member of the Administrators group in order to install this application.

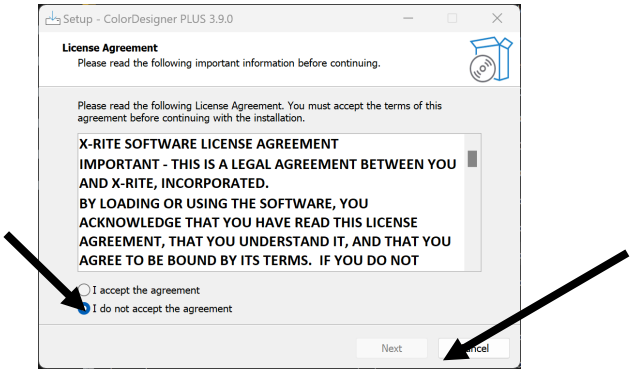
1. Restart your computer.
2. Insert the ColorDesigner PLUS software flash drive into the USB port. If the ColorDesigner PLUS setup screen does not open automatically, open Windows File Explorer and browse to the USB drive letter. Double-click the **Setup.exe** file.
3. A screen appears informing you that the application will make changes to your system. Click **Yes** to continue with the installation.



4. If SQL Server 2019 is not already installed on your computer, it will be installed next. Follow the prompts for installation until completed. This installation can take several minutes.

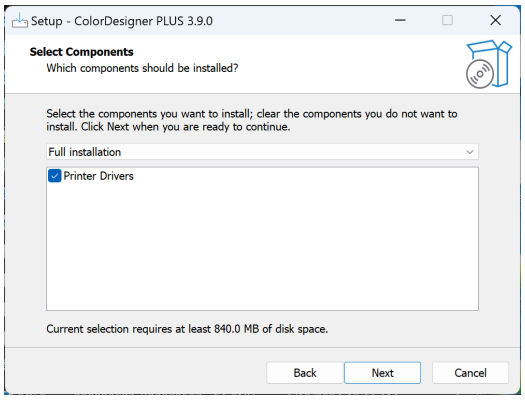


5. If you agree with the software license agreement, select **I accept the agreement** and then click **Next** to continue.

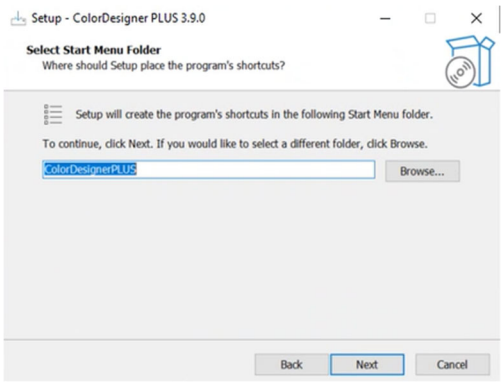


NOTE: You must accept the license agreement to continue with the installation.

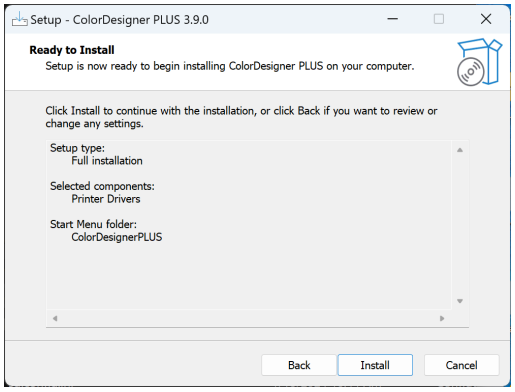
6. At the Select Components screen, choose **Full installation** (includes printer drivers), and then click **Next** to continue.



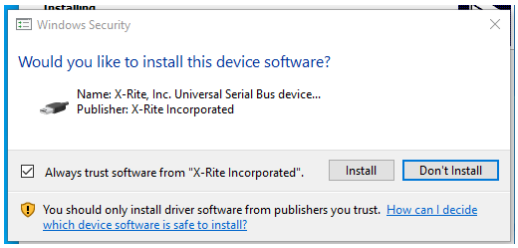
7. At the Select Start Menu Folder screen, modify the start menu folder if desired and then click **Next** to continue.



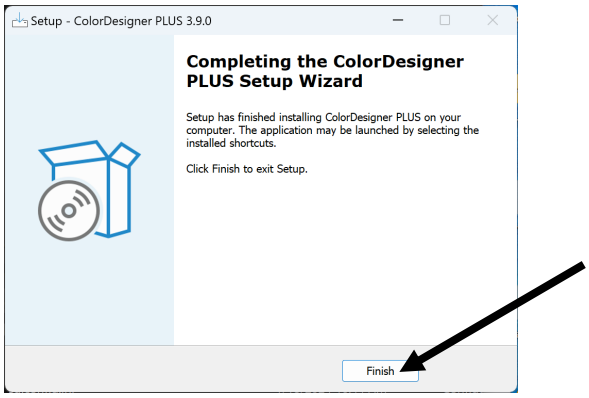
8. At the Ready to Install screen, click **Install** to continue.



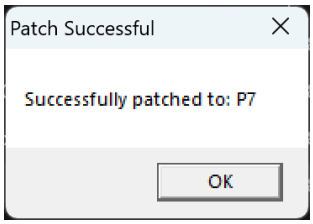
9. The installation process includes prompts to install individual components of the software, for example USB drivers. Click **Install**, to continue. Multiple drivers may be installed during this step.



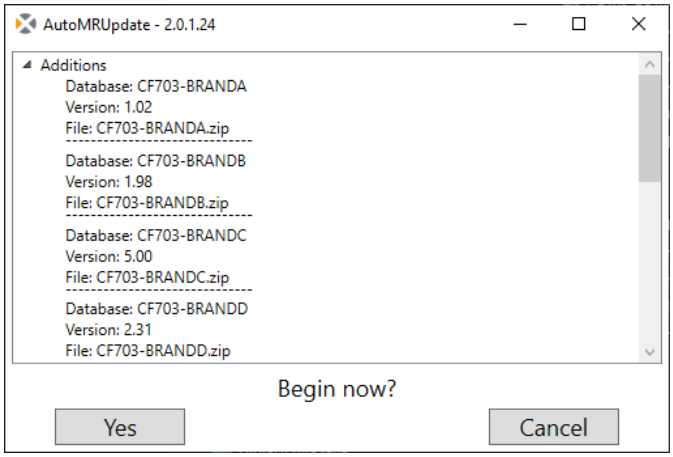
10. After the ColorDesigner PLUS installation is complete click **Finish** to exit.



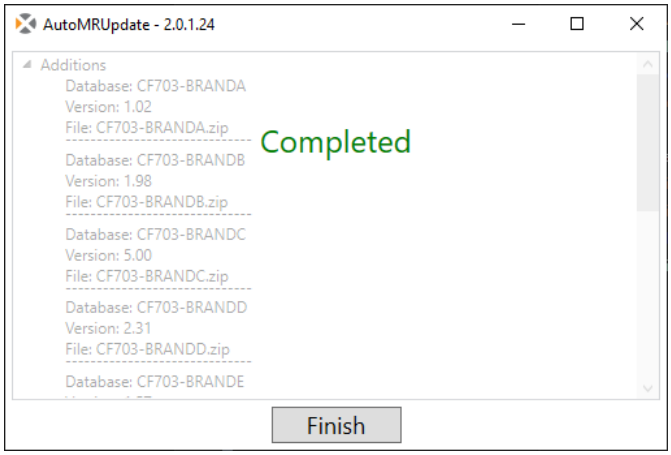
11. A patch may load. If so, when it finishes, a Patch Successful dialog will appear. Click **OK**.



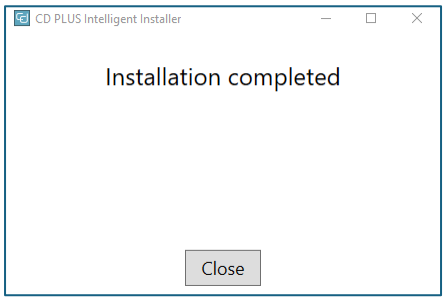
12. On the AutoMRUpdate screen, click **Yes** to begin the database installation.



13. After the database installation is complete, click **Finish** to exit.

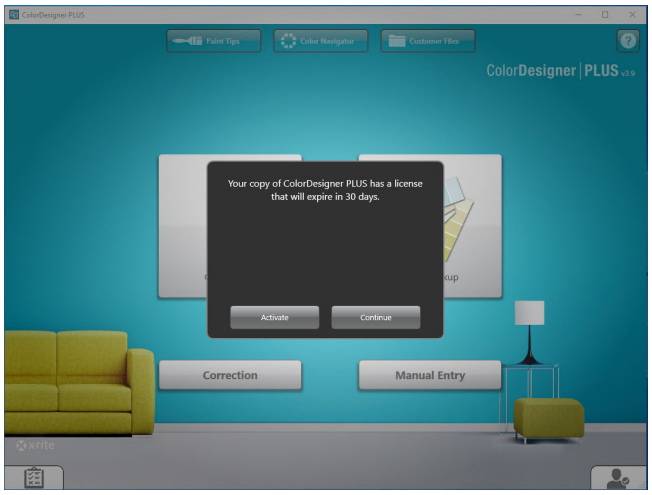


14. When all the installation steps are complete, a completion dialog appears. Click **Close** to exit.



B. Activating Your Software

1. Start ColorDesigner PLUS by double-clicking the **X-Rite ColorDesigner PLUS icon** on the desktop.



2. Click **Activate**
3. Locate the ColorDesigner PLUS software flash drive and find the AUI number.
4. Enter this AUI number into the AUI Number fields and click **Continue**.

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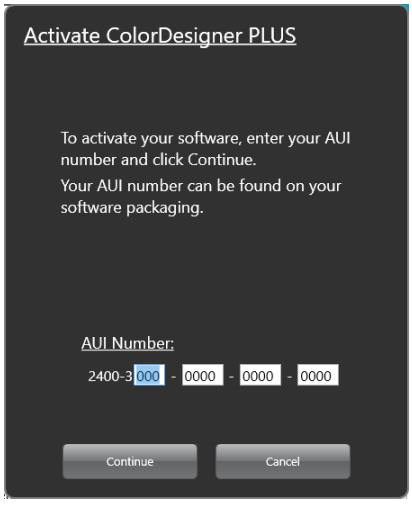
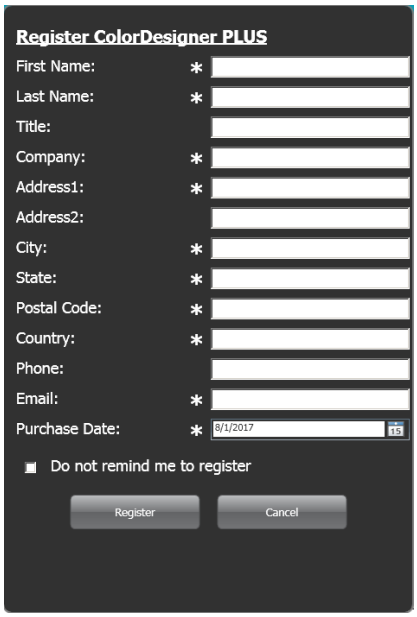


5. Enter information in the available fields and click **Register**. Your software is now licensed, and this screen will no longer appear when you start up your system.



C. Automatic Updates

1. On the Main Menu screen, select the icon in the lower left corner to bring up the Configuration menu and then click **About**.
2. Click **Update Databases**.

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