Color iQC and Color iMatch
Software Installation Guide

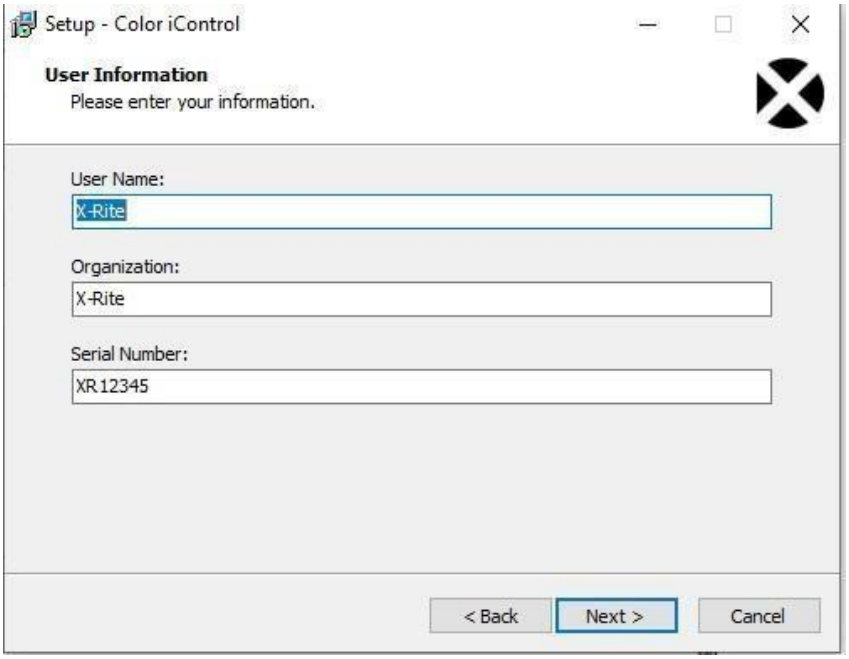
Version 10 | August 2026

*Note: Version 10.9.x (like all version 10.x installs) will support both yearly subscription licensing (with a **Product Key*** in the form of ABCD-DEFG-HIJK-LMNO-PQRS-TUVW-WXYA*) and permanent licensing (with an **AUI code** in the form of 2149-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx). However, all new software installations will be licensed solely via subscription and will use a generated Product Key (2026).*

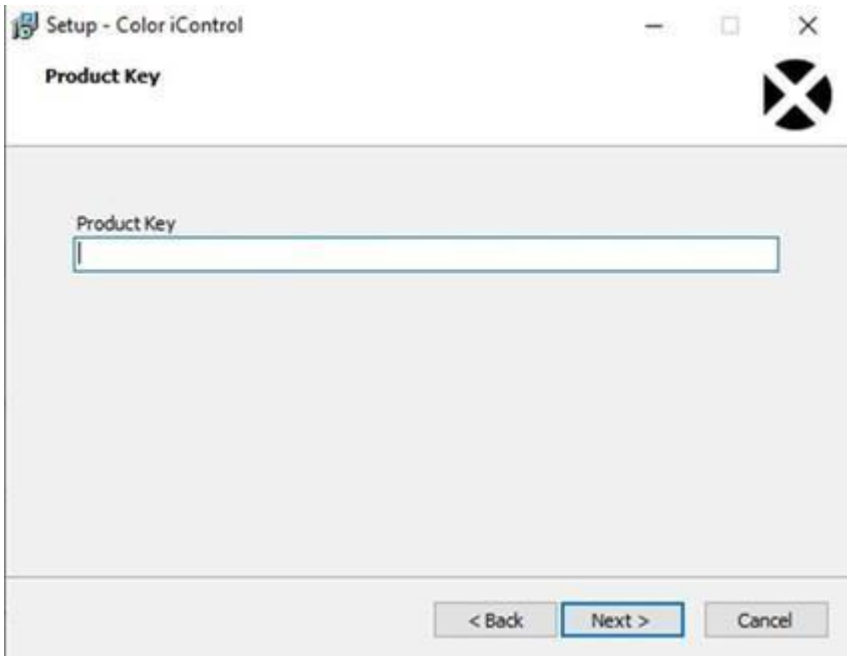
Installation on Windows 10 (support for this OS ends October 2025) or Windows 11 (recommended):

1. Login to PC with **full local administrator permissions (required)**.
2. While connected to the internet, download the installer from X-Rite via link below. https://www.xrite.com/categories/formulation-and-quality-assurance-software/color-iqc
3. Open Windows Explorer and right-click the installation EXE file. Select “Run as Administrator”.
4. Click **Next** to continue.
5. Select “I accept the agreement” and click **Next** to continue:

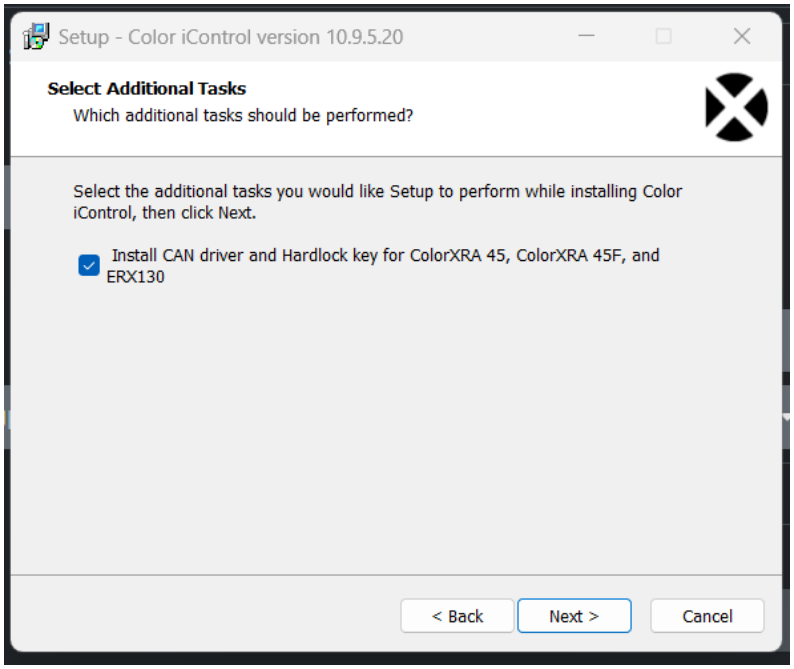
5. Enter your Username, Organization, and the Software Serial Number (provided in the licensing confirmation e-mail upon purchase). Click **Next** to continue:



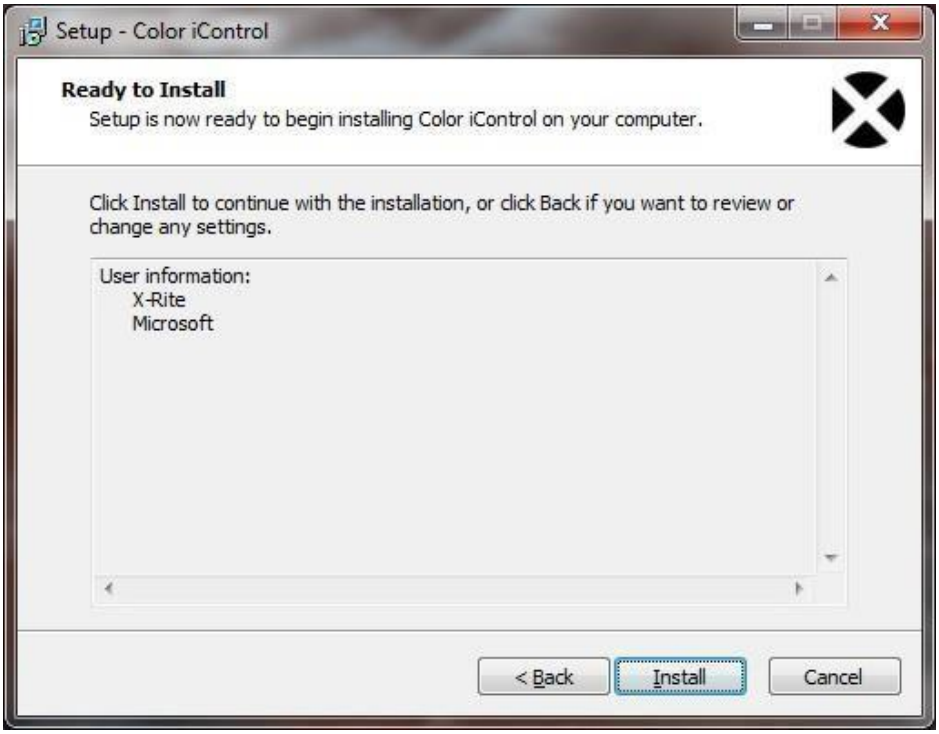
6. Enter your "Product Key" (or AUI) you were provided by email into the Product Key box and click **Next** to continue:



7. Newer versions of software include the option to install drivers for inline color measurement. If you do not use these devices (XRA45,45F, ERX130) you can ***UNCHECK*** the install CAN driver option.

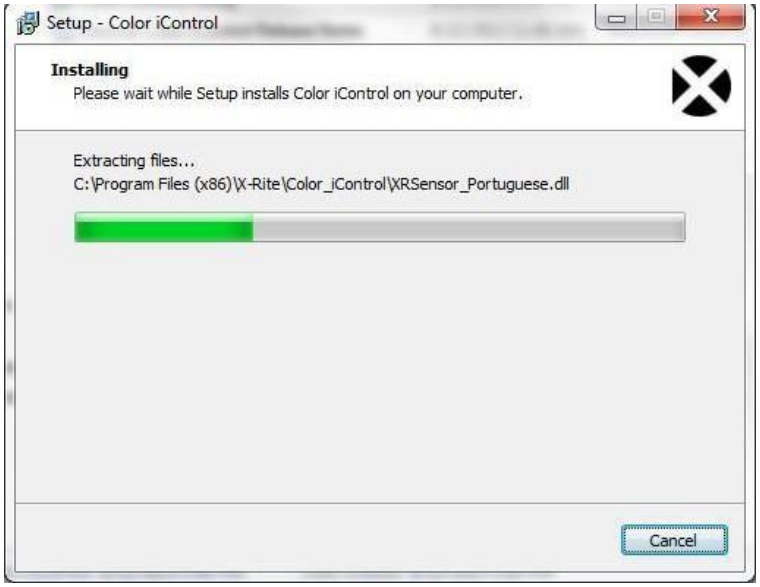


8. The program files will be installed in the C:\Program Files(x86)\X-Rite\ Color_iControl folders. For more information on user data files please see *Color iControl Folders and Files* document under Color iMatch and Color iQC common helpdesk Questions on www.XRite.com.



9. If this is an update the following confirmation dialog box will appear:

10. Click **Install** (or OK) to begin software installation. The following status dialog box will appear to show you the status of the software installation:



11. Once the installation is completed click the **Finish** button.

12. Once installation is completed, right click on the Color iControl desktop icon and choose “Run as administrator”.

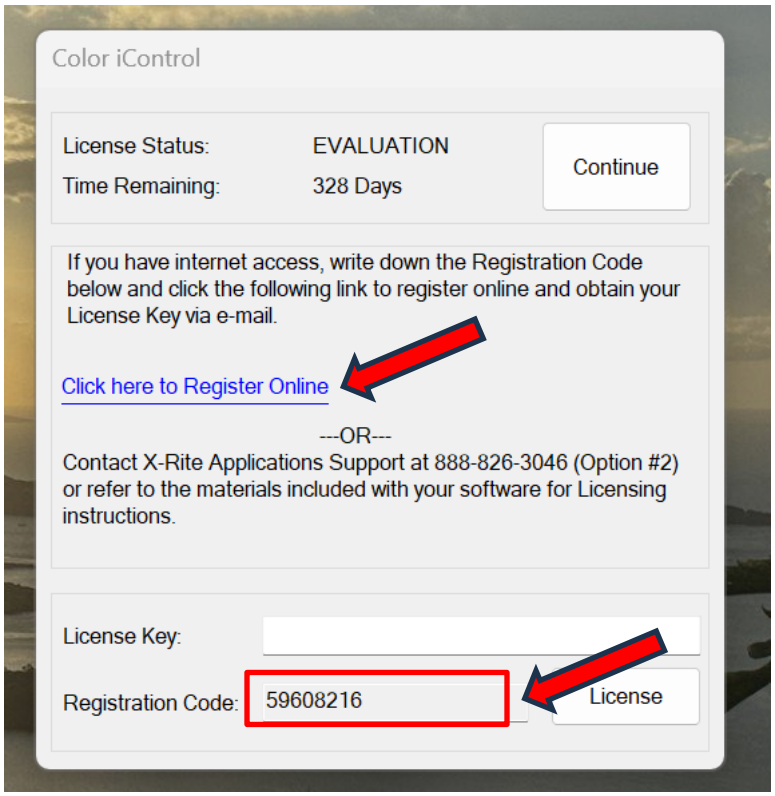
13. The first time the software is run on a new system, it will prompt you for initial default settings and default instrument setup.

14. Please see Color iQC Registration Guide on how to obtain license key for perpetual licensing.

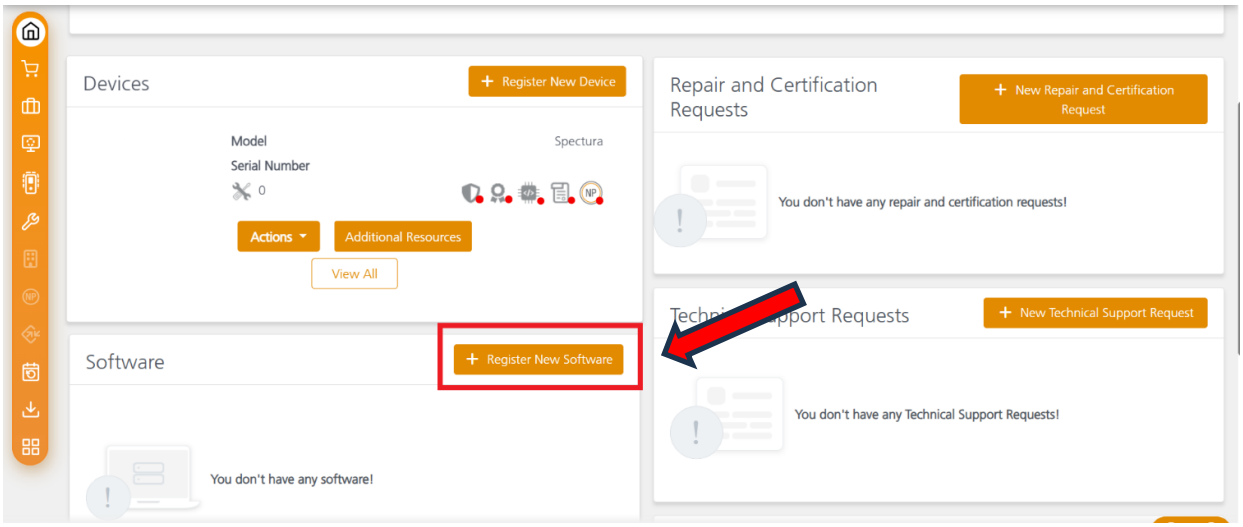
Note: You may get an error message about granting full permissions to the file “C:\WINDOWS\netdet.ini” or about it being missing. If you receive this message, simply add that file (it can be empty, it just needs to exist) and run the installer again.

Color iQC Registration Guide Perpetual License (AUI)

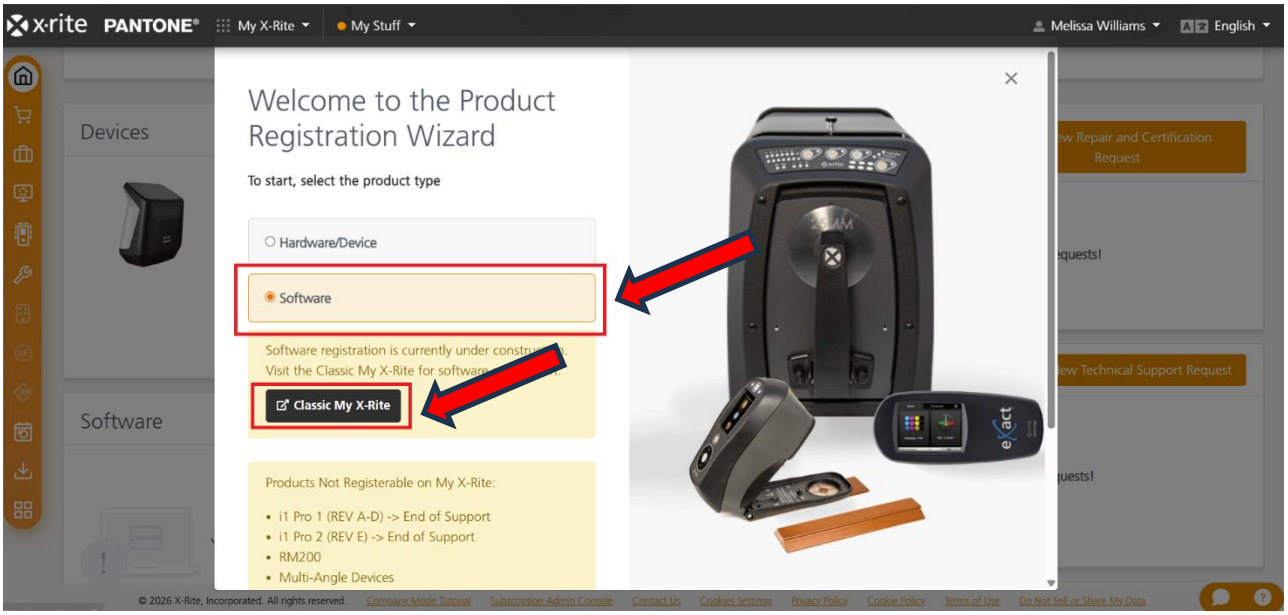
1. When opening software and prompted for licensing, **click here to Register Online.** You will need your myxrite portal login username/password, registration code, and your AUI code to obtain the license key. **Copy** the registration code for step 7.



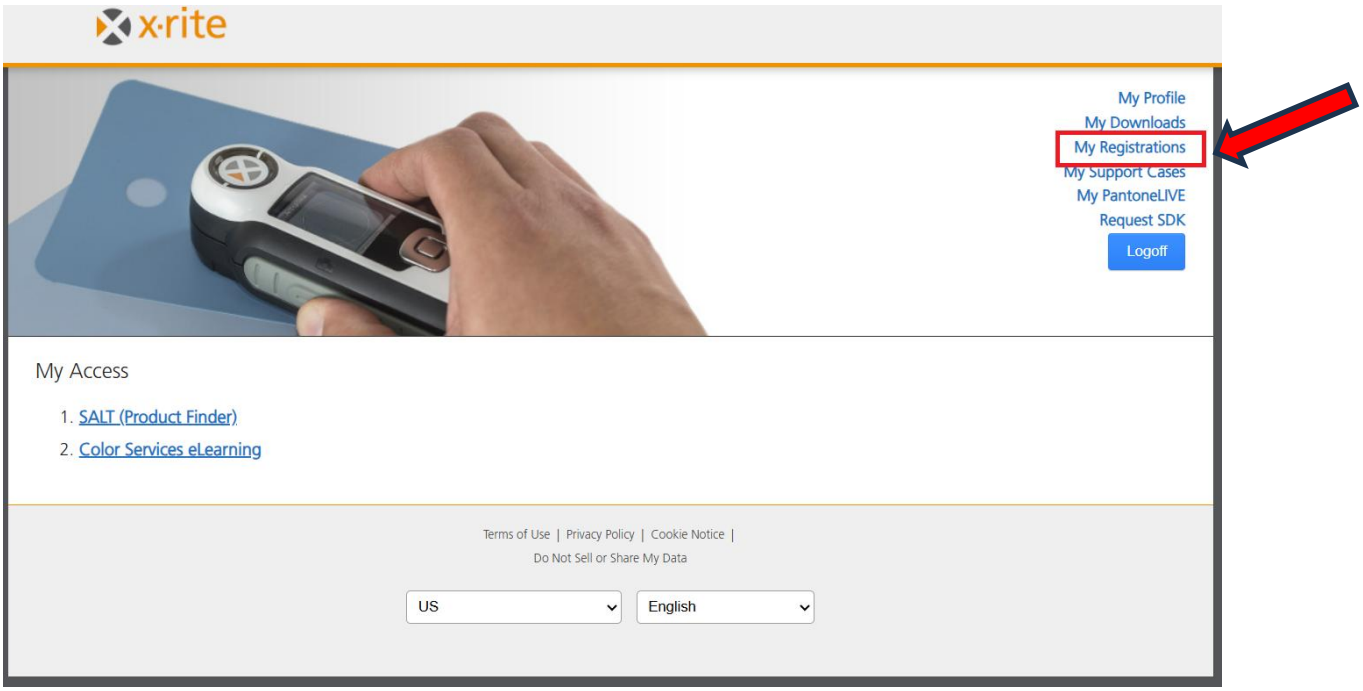
2. **Click** Register new software button from portal home page

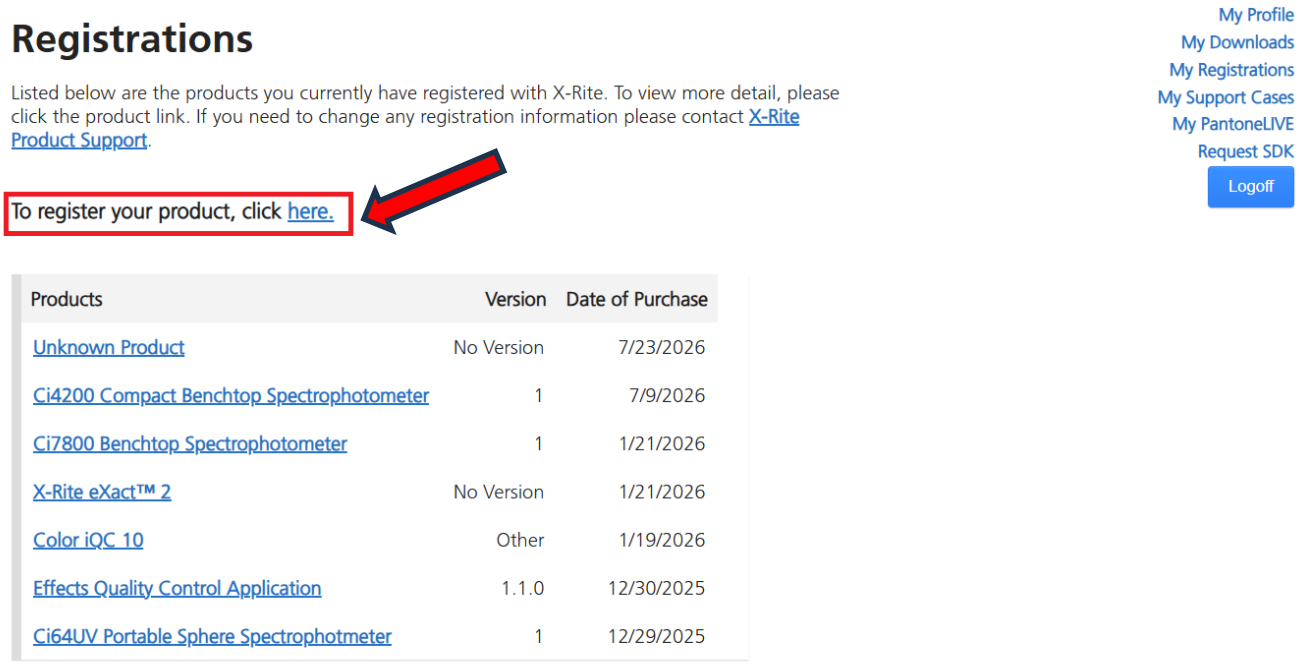


3. **Select** the Software option, and navigate to the Classic My X-Rite webpage

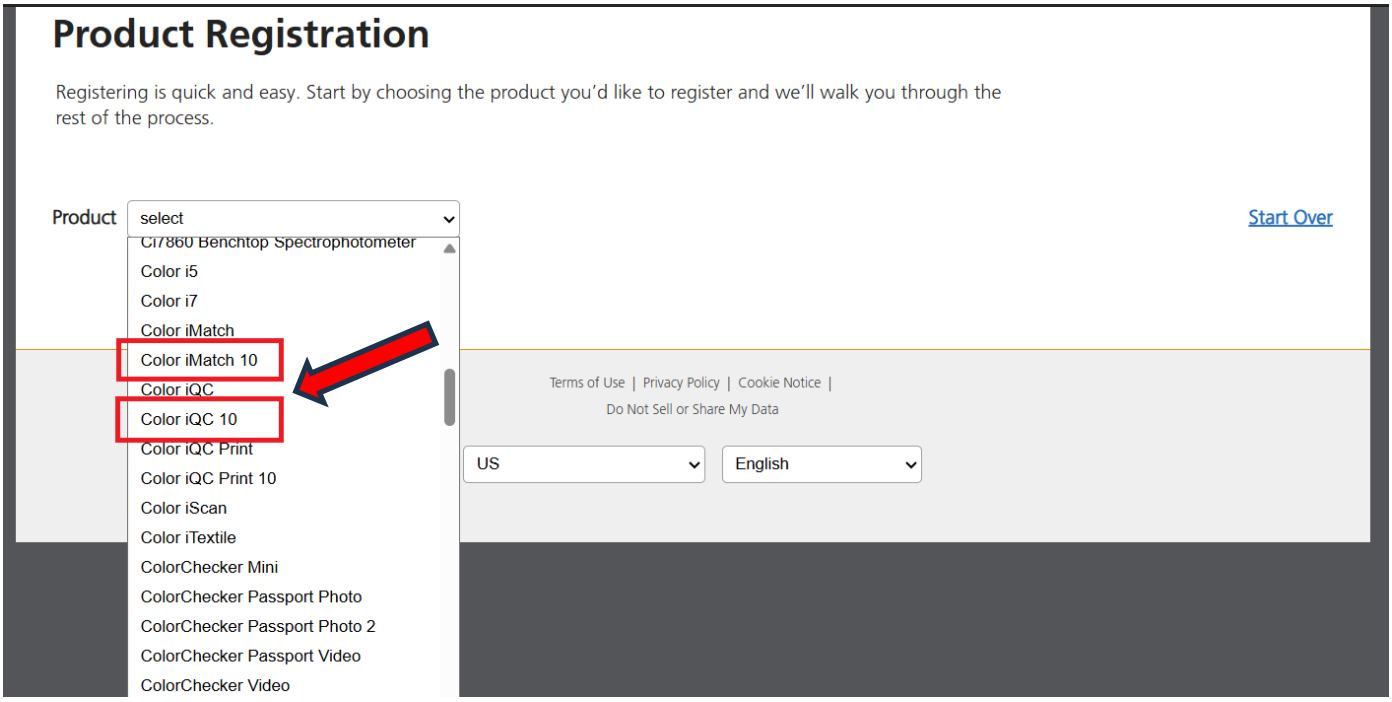


4. **Select** My Registrations and click here to register your product

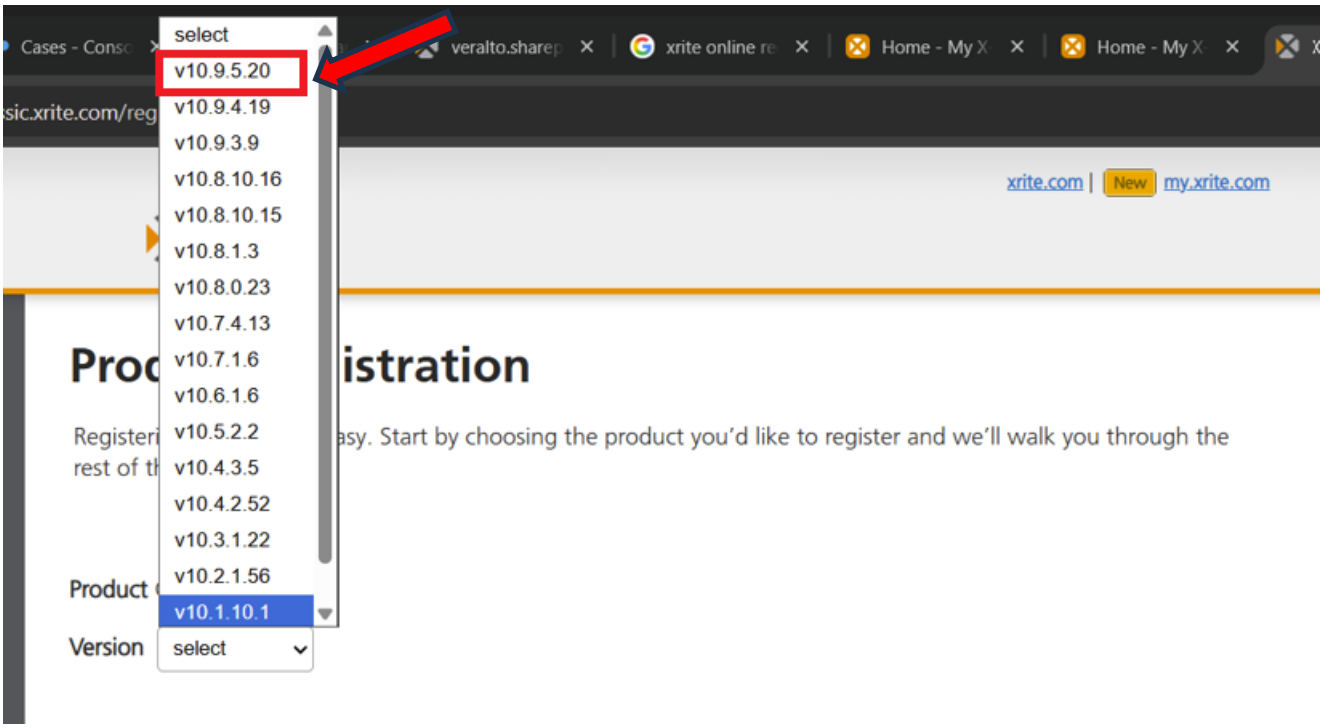




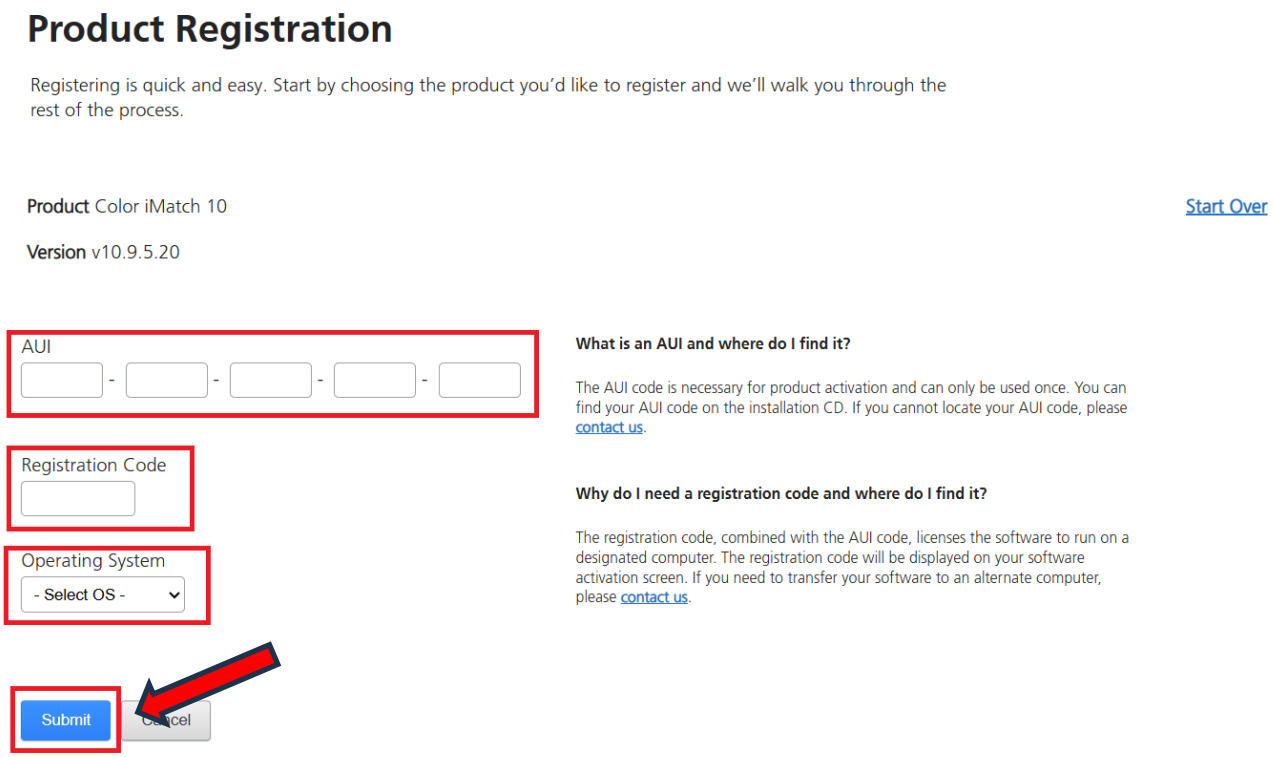
5. **Select** your product Color iQC/iMatch 10

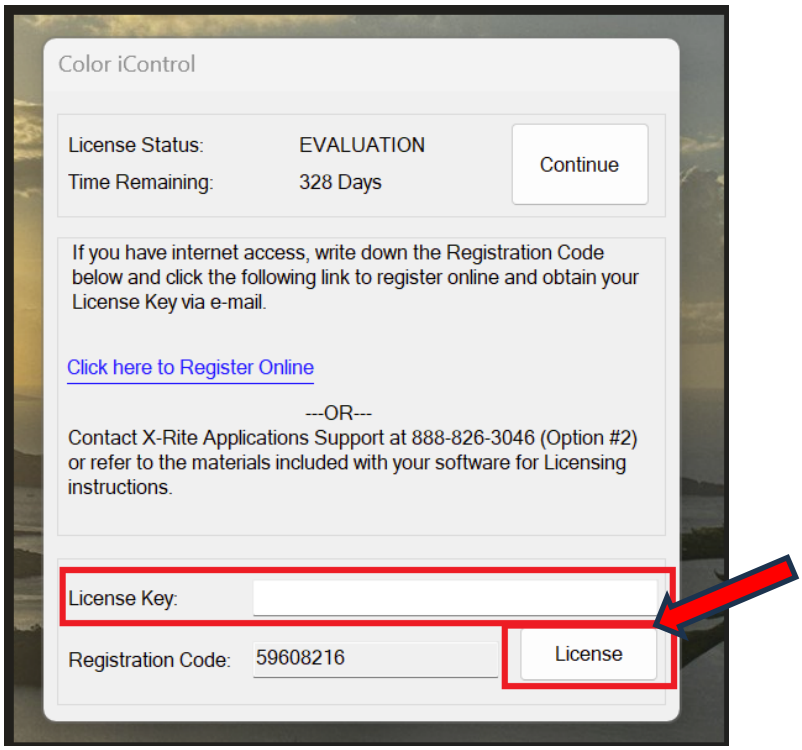


6. **Select** your version. If the version is not listed, choose the most recent version available.



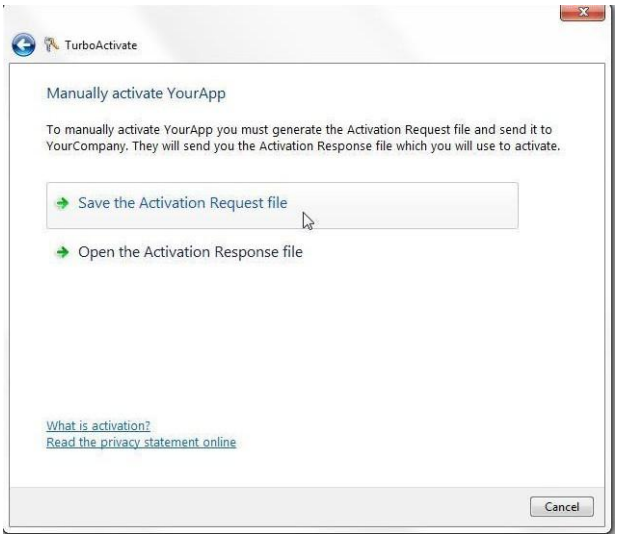
7. Enter in your AUI code, Registration Code, and Windows OS and click **Submit**. Your license key will generate and will be a string of letters. Enter the license key into the appropriate box shown in step one and Click the **LICENSE** button.





Off-line activation of subscription license with Product Key

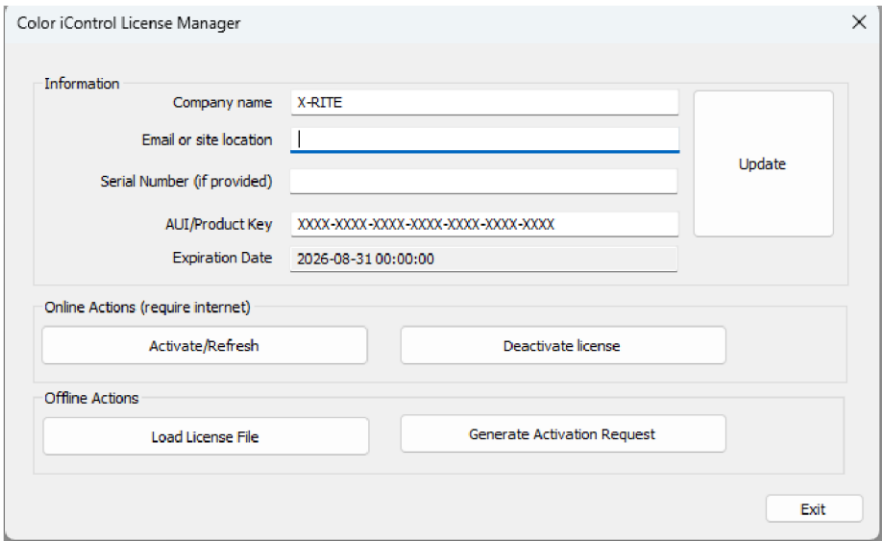
1. If installed on another computer (or the same one, just at a later time) and this computer does not have access to the internet, the activation process will require a remote activation request. You will need to create a request file and send it to X-Rite to receive an activation response file for that computer.
    - After installation, run the X-Rite\Color_iControl\TurboActivate.exe program located in the Program Files (x86) folder. Choose "Manual Activation" and "Save the Activation Request File", then e-mail the Activation Request file to CCLIC@xrite.com.
    - When you receive the Activation Response file, rerun the TurboActivate.exe program and choose "Open the Activation Response File".



2. Once Activated, run Color iQC/iMatch and the software will automatically guide you through setting up the instrument and your default settings.

Deactivate/Reset Subscription License

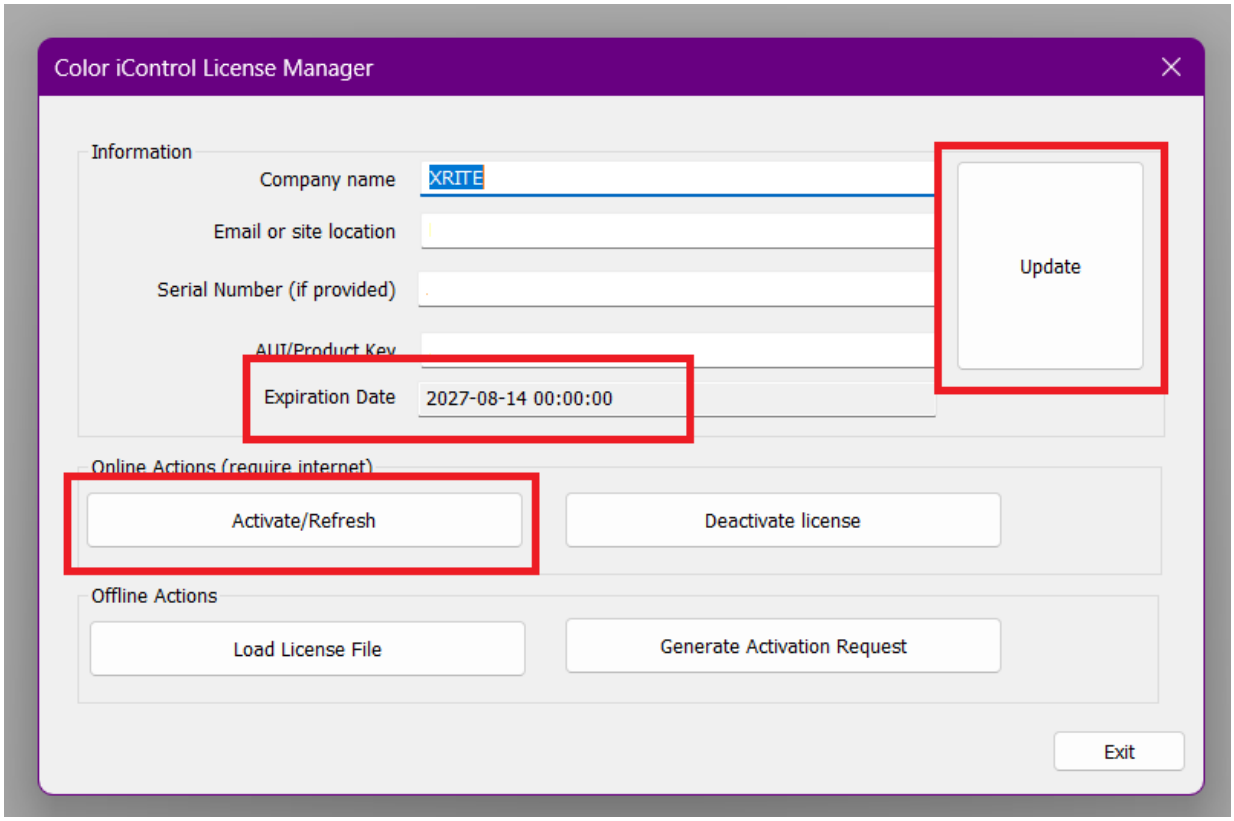
1. Subscription licenses can be deactivated on one computer and moved to another computer up to 5 times by the user (this requires internet access on both computers). PC must be connected to the internet. To deactivate the current license, start iQC/iMatch, open without e-job, go to menu “Help” and choose “License Activation”. Click on “Deactivate license” and click <OK>. Exit the software and install it as normal on the second computer using the same Product Key.



2. Once installation is completed, right click on the Color iControl desktop icon and choose “Run as administrator”.
3. The first time the software is run on a new system, it will prompt you for initial default settings and default instrument setup.

Renew Subscription License

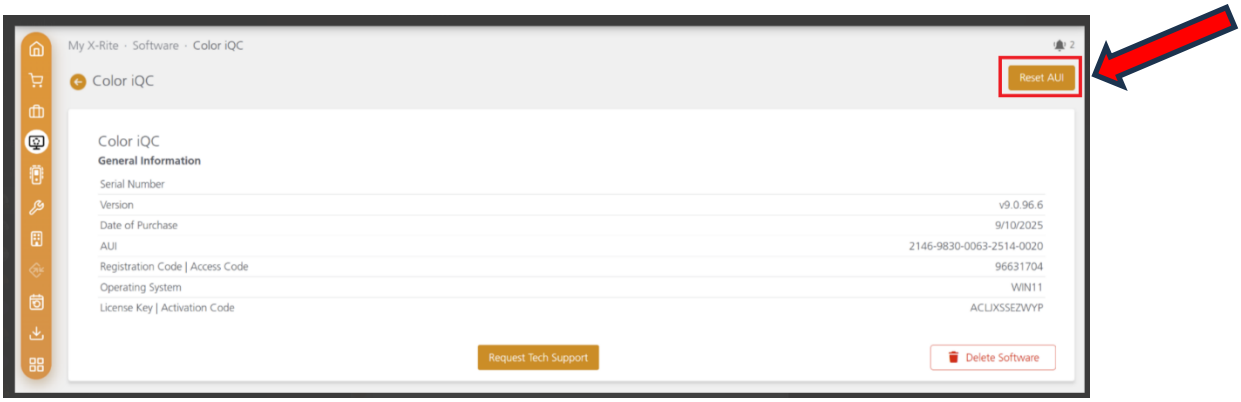
1. Subscription licenses can be renewed (after purchase confirmation email received) within the software. PC must be connected to the internet. Open iQC/iMatch, open without e-job option, go to menu “Help” and choose “License Activation”. Click on “Update” and/or “Activate/Refresh”. Close and reopen the software. The new expiration date should be updated.



Deactivate/Reset Perpetual License

1. Perpetual licenses can be reset and moved to another computer up to 2 times per year via the myxrite portal, **by the user account the license is currently registered to.** Navigate to “My Software” in your myxrite

account. Select the software to be reset and choose the Reset AUI button. (If you do not know the original registered owner please submit an Xrite tech support ticket to assist with AUI reset)



2. Once installation is completed, right click on the Color iControl desktop icon and choose “Run as administrator”.
3. The first time the software is run on a new system, it will prompt you for initial default settings and default instrument setup.

Software and IT Requirements

STANDALONE:

Item	Recommended	Minimum
Processor	12th Generation Intel Core i5 running at 3.2Ghz	Intel Core 2 duo AMD Athlon II or higher
CPU Speed	2 Ghz or higher	1 Ghz
RAM	5 GB or higher	2 GB
Operating System	Windows® 11	Windows® 11
Hard Disk	2 GB free space on system disk 5 GB free space on data disk	1 GB free space on system disk 2 GB free space on data disk
Video Adapter	1920x1080 32 bit True Color Support for OpenGL	1024 x 768 32 bit True Color Support for OpenGL
Com Ports	1 USB port for each connected instrument	1 USB port for each connected instrument
Internet/Email	Recommended for data transfers, software updates, and technical support	Not required

SERVER BASED:

Item	20 or Less Users	Over 20 Users
Operating System		
Version	Windows® Server 2022 (Standard or Enterprise Edition) Terminal Services (Remote Desktop Services)	Windows® Server 2022, 64bit (Enterprise Edition) Terminal Services (Remote Desktop Services)
User Rights	Administrator rights for installation	Administrator rights for installation
Hardware		
Memory	4 GB RAM	200 MB RAM per User
Processor	3.2 GHz Pentium IV PC or higher	3.2 GHz Pentium IV PC or higher
Cache	8 MB	12 MB
Disk Capacity	500 GB	500 GB
Screen Resolution	1024 x 768	1024 x 768
Database		
	MS SQL Server 2016 Standard	MS SQL Server 2016 Standard