

#### Why measure your curing source?

#### Monitor and control

- Even proven production lines should be checked
- Get real-time data vs relying on depreciation formulas
- Many factors can impact system/process performance
- Identify and address problems early
- Minimize defects, reduce waste, shorten downtime
- Allows you to trouble-shoot with lamp/material vendors

#### End-to-end supply chain validation

- Verify lamp specifications (e.g., W/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Validate ink/glue/resin/adhesive required dosages (e.g., J/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Root-cause analysis

#### Selecting the right light meter

Selecting the right meter for your application is critical to proper process control. You should ask the following questions before settling on a measurement system:

- What type of process am I running?
- What wavelength of light effects the cure?
- 3 What are the lamp properties?
  - What is the lamp intensity?
  - Is it a pulsed or steady-state light source?
- Will the meter do what I need?

## Types of curing processes

- Spot curing/fiber optic light guide (e.g. adhesive curing)
- Large area/flood lights (e.g., wood curing process)
- Oven/chamber
- (e.g. 3D printing post-curing process)Belt/conveyor
  - (e.g., small parts, electronic components









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#### What wavelength is used?

- Different materials require different wavelengths of light to trigger the curing process
- This information is typically provided by the material manufacturer
- It's important to note that this may not be the full spectral ouptut of the lamp





## What are the lamp properties?

## What is the lamp intensity?

- (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>) Dynamic range
- If unknown, ask the lamp supplier for estimates
- It is not the wattage rating of the lamp, but the irradiance (light reaching the product)

#### Is the lamp pulsed or steady-state?

Check meter specs carefully – not all measure pulsed light too!



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#### What is the ILT800 CureRight?

The ILT800 is a profiling light meter that provides absolute calibrated irradiance and dosage for testing all types of UV curing light sources from spot to flood, oven to chamber, LED to traditional lamp.

### What is profiling?

The ability to rapidly measure changes in intensity and provide a plot or graph of light output over time.

#### What is irradiance?

- The amount of light reaching the surface of an area
- Displayed as W/cm<sup>2</sup>  $(mW/cm^2)$

#### What is dose?

The total amount of light received by the product. Dose = Irradiance x Time in seconds and is displayed in  $J/cm^2$  (mJ/ cm<sup>2</sup>)



## What does the ILT800 measure?

Peak: The maximum intensity or irradiance measured. Assures the light level is powerful enough to penetrate the substrate to offer a full cure. Displayed in W/cm<sup>2</sup> or mW/cm<sup>2</sup>

Dose exposure: The summation or total amount of light seen during the duration of the test. Assures the exposure was long enough to allow full cure. Displayed in J/cm<sup>2</sup> or J/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Time: The measurement duration. Duration of a test is helpful for QC.As lamps age, it is often possible to extend the life of the lamp by using longer integration times.

Profile: The profile is a graph of the intensity over time. Profiling is an excellent trouble shooting tool.

Range: Five standard models cover the ranges of UV-Vis from 225 nm to 475 nm. (see graph, custom ranges are also available)





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#### The ILT800 for process validation





## Features

- Largest measurement range 5 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> to 40 W/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Device ID store up to 20 unique source ID
- Customization with user-programmable settings
- Measures 3000 samples per second
- Measure pulsed and continuous sources
- Store/recall up to 1000 profiles
- Temperature measurement
- Custom & OEM inquiries welcome
- PC software for live measurements & data retrieval
- Low battery warning
- ISO17025 calibration
- Smart design with control and input optic on the same side



Ordering information ILT-ILT800 CureRight belt radiometer	
ILT-ILT800-UVA	315 - 390 nm
ILT-ILT800-BAV	275 - 475 nm
ILT-ILT800-UV	250 - 400 nm
ILT-ILT800-UVC	215 - 350 nm
ILT-ILT800-UVF	275 - 450 nm, (360 - 400 nm flat)
OEM/Custom filtration available	



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