

# TLC Explorer Documentation System

Simplify TLC Analysis with Smart Technology



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### **TLC Explorer**

**Documentation System** 

Our new TLC Explorer Documentation System offers a superior instrumental solution for reliable TLC plate analysis and digitalized documentation system.

#### **Shutter slider**

controls the opening to reveal different parts of the baseplate to reduce stray light

#### **Inspection Window**

for quick and safe visual check of chromatogram

PATENTED DESIGN

## User-friendly design for easy operation in typical laboratory settings

Plug-and-play operation with easy installation, built-in camera, PC unit, WiFi antenna, and USB-C power connection

Three illumination settings for simple operation while wearing nitrile gloves:

VIS (visible light), 366 nm, and 254 nm

Power on/off button

LED light sources are more sustainable and mercury-free

#### Safety drawer

- Guards against UV exposure
- Accommodates single or multiple TLC plates
- Removable baseplate facilitates loading and cleaning

#### **Remote Use**

Possible with power bank (ordered separately)



#### Portable/Ergonomic

- User-friendly design
- Lightweight (10kg)
- Compact
- Rounded edges



TLC EXPLORER

#### **Open Drawer Unit**

Baseplate is placed on Drawer Unit. An alignment pin underneath the plate area helps the user to orient and align the baseplate correctly on the drawer.

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#### Baseplate

For convenient insertion of multiple plates

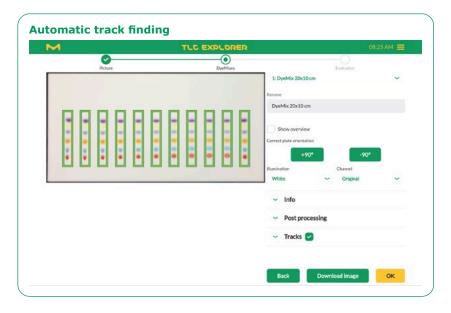
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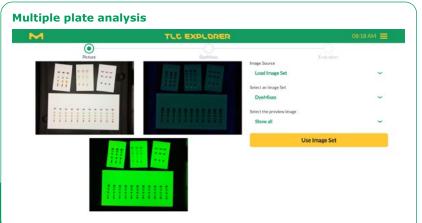
## Digital TLC: accurate, reproducible, efficient

Ready to transform your TLC process with cutting-edge digital precision? Say good-bye to inconsistent TLC results and manual, time-consuming analysis.

Say hello to streamlined, reliable chromatography workflows with the TLC Explorer. Trust in the precision of digital imaging and automated spot detection for quantitative analysis and consistent data interpretation.

- Fast measurement of tracks under 3 light settings: 254 nm, 365 nm, and visible
- Simultaneous analysis of multiple plates up to 20 x 20 cm
- Automated track recognition and retention factor (Rf) calculation
- Automated crop and rotation function
- Automatic correction of background signals and inhomogeneous illumination
- Special imaging algorithm enabling picture quality comparable to high-end devices
- Quantification tool included
- Easy data export via USB







Find more information in the Instruction Manual.

## Digitalize your TLC analysis in 3 easy steps





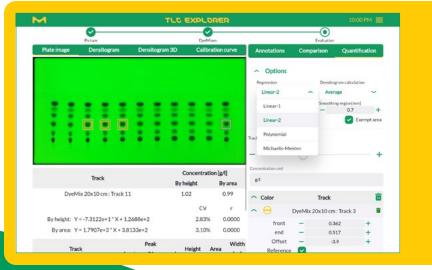
#### Capture images

Automatically or manually set exposure conditions for selected illumination types. Plate images can also be edited to reduce image noise or enhance contrast.



#### Plot and edit densitogram calculation and display

Evaluation process is based on video densitometric measurement performed on electronic images.



#### **Quantitative analysis**

To estimate the concentration of a substance, the spot it builds on a track is compared with the corresponding spots of one or more reference tracks.

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### **Easy Maintenance and Lamp Change**

The exterior of the TLC device is easy to clean with common solvents. To change the illumination unit, simply unscrew and remove the back cover, pull out entire lamp unit and replace with new one.

#### **Device Measurements & Specifications**

Weight	Approx. 10.4 kg		
Dimensions	374 x 312 x 290 mm length x width x height		
(External) Power supply	USB-C Power Supply Unit / 65 W		
Power supply	External power supply unit (HA65NM170) is provided with separate power supply cord(s) (1.8 m long) fitting type B, G, N, I, D, E/F plugs (the plug must comply with local regulations)		
Power requirements	100 V – 240 V, 50 – 60 Hz for the External Power Supply Unit		
Power consumption	Standard working condition: 18.8 W; standby mode: 0.83 W		
Wavelength range	Visible light (VIS)		
	• UV-C - WL: 254 nm		
	• UV-A – WL: 366 nm		
Camera	• RGB sensor with 3280 × 2464 active pixel		
	$\bullet$ One pixel captures an area of approx. 85 $\times$ 85 $\mu m$ on TLC plate		
Measuring technology	Documentation system for TLC plates by using video densitometric measurement		
TLC/HPTLC plates sizes	20 cm x 20 cm and smaller		
Communication interfaces	• USB: 2 × USB-A (for directly connecting to an USB Stick)		
	• Ethernet: LAN		
	• WLAN IEEE 802.11 b/g/n (2.4 GHz)		
Protection (IP) class	IP2X (for the main enclosure)		
Ambient Condition: Temperature	Operating temperature: 15 °C to 40 °C		
	• Storage and transportation temperature: 5 °C to 40 °C.		
Ambient Condition: Relative Humidity	Operating humidity range: 20%RH to 80%RH		
	Storage and transportation humidity range: 15%RH to 95%RH		
	Ensure non-condensing conditions		
Ambient Condition: Altitude	< 2000 m		

#### **TLC Device & Accessories**

Article No.	Name	Description
1.52610.0001	TLC Explorer	TLC Digital Documentation System
1.52613.0001	Illumination unit	Replacement part which is only needed in case a light source in your TLC Explorer has broken. The unit houses LEDs and optics for all illumination types, i.e. visible light as well as UV light, and can only be exchanged as a whole.
1.52612.0001	Baseplate	An additional Baseplate can simplify and speed up the workflow, since one Baseplate can be prepared while a second one is recorded in the TLC Explorer.
1.52611.0001	Power bank	Powers the TLC Explorer independent of a power grid – e.g. remote use
1.52618.0001	Dust cover	Replacement cover to protect your TLC Explorer against dust

#### **Application Fields**

Screening, day-to-day analysis, matrix-rich samples, method development for HPLC or flash chromatography, in-process control, basic research



#### Pharma, Biopharma & Phytopharma

- API stability testing
- API candidate screening
- Herbal medicine screening
- Impurity analysis



#### **Clinical Research and Diagnostic Labs**

- Metabolite testingBiomarker analysis
- Blomarker analys



#### Chemical Industry (e.g. Cosmetics)

- In-process control
- Screening of cosmetic compounds
- Impurity cosmetic analysis



#### Academia

Basic researchCompound development



#### Food & Beverage

- Quality control
- Stability testing
- Food additive analysis
- Food contaminant analysis



#### Forensi

- Screening for drugs and toxic compounds
- Detection of explosives



#### **Environmental**

- $\bullet$  Water, soil, waste water analysis
- Contaminant analysis (e.g. pesticides, hormones)

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