# Agera® Quick Start Guide A60-1018-921 ver. 1.0







## **SETTING UP THE INSTRUMENT**

- 1. Unpack your Box: Place the Agera® on the bench. Retain the packaging in case of instrument return to HunterLab.
- Connect to the Power: Insert the power supply into the back of the instrument and connect the other end to an electrical outlet.



 Turn Power On: Using the rocker switch on the back side, turn the power on. Once inside the Essentials software, the Color Data Table (CDT) is automatically displayed.



Note: The default setting for Agera is a port up position. If port forward is needed, go to Workspace Menu > Preferences and check Reverse Screen Orientation, click Apply. Then cycle power on the Agera to implement the new screen orientation.



#### **STANDARDIZATION**

- Configure UV Mode: The UV mode is shown in the status bar. To change the mode, click the UV Button and select a UV mode. Then click APPLY.
- 2. Initiate Standardization: Press the Standardization Button on the status bar. The port plate size and UV mode is shown in the standardization dialog. To change the port plate, place the new port plate on Agera and click BACK to update the port plate information.
- **3. Read Black Glass:** Place the Agera black glass at the sensor port and press **READ**.



**Note:** Orient the tiles by aligning the white line to the line on the port plate.

4. Read White Tile: Remove the black glass and place the Agera white tile at the port. Press READ to continue.



5. Standardization Complete: Remove the Agera White Tile and click OK. Standardization is updated and reported in the bottom status bar along with UV Mode and Port Plate Size.



**Note:** Agera supports multiple modes allowing for switching among different valid modes after standardization.



# CREATE A WORKSPACE FOR YOUR APPLICATION

Create a New Workspace: Press
 Workspace > New Workspace and enter
 a Name for this Workspace.

## Workspace icon



A new job will be opened together with this new Workspace.



2. Configure the New Workspace:

A Workspace is a measurement template for a series of sample readings. With this new Workspace open, the following can be changed and saved:

To change measurement scales, select Workspace > Color Scales. This configures the desired color scales, indices, and differences.

To change measurement procedure, select Workspace > Read Options.

To add tolerances, select Workspace > Standards & Tolerances.

To select the view screens, go to Workspace > Views. To configure each view screen, click View Options in the toolbar.

#### **View Option icon**



**Note:** The active workspace name is displayed in the status bar on the lower right corner.

3. Start a New Job: A job is a place to store sample and standard readings. To start a new job for this product, press Workspace button on status bar to load this configured workspace into a new job. To open an existing job, press JOB button on the status bar.

Job icon



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## **READING SAMPLES**

 Prepare Sample: Place the sample at the port. The Quick View icon on the toolbar can be used to assist in positioning your sample.

#### Quick View icon



Note: Quick View does not save the image. If you want to save the image for each measurement, please enable Image Viewer under Workspace > Read Options.

2. Read Samples: Use the Read Measurement icon to read samples.

#### Read Measurement icon



If Image Viewer is enabled, the camera preview dialog will be prompted before color measurement. Click CAPTURE to save the image and CONTINUE to measure color. To view the sample image in CDT and/or EZ view, please select View Options > Image View.



Note: Agera includes a built-in 60-degree gloss meter, located right below the sample port plate, that provides measurements in conformance with ASTM D523. Gloss is automatically measured with each sample and standard measurement. To show Gloss value, please select Gloss index in Workspace > Color Scales > Indices.

 Output Data: Select the Jobs icon from the upper right corner. Under Jobs, data can be saved, sent to a printer, emailed to the network or exported to a flash drive.

For more detailed instructions on using the instrument, please refer to the Agera® User's Manual.

Visit support.hunterlab.com for more information on maintenance, operation and repair of your instrumentation.

