



Calibrator

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Calibrator 3

Fiery-driven presses and printers come in different flavors: laser or inkjet; monochrome or CMYK or extended gamut, with or without specialty inks. Calibrator is designed to address the different calibration needs of each technology.

Command WorkStation and Fiery Color Profiler Suite will automatically launch the Calibrator version best suited to your system. Calibrator will self-configure to adapt to the connected Fiery server. Not every press requires every feature. For example, most laser printers do not need to limit the amount of toner for individual colorants, while inkjet presses do, because ink absorption by various substrates typically varies much more with inks than with toners.

Most Fiery-driven monochrome and CMYK presses are calibrated using density measurements. CMYK+ are typically calibrated using L*a*b* measurements.

With Calibrator, you can create a new calibration setting on a Fiery server or update an existing one.

Like Calibrator in Command WorkStation, Calibrator in Fiery Color Profiler Suite can create a new calibration setting and recalibrate an existing one, but with support for a variety of measurement instruments not available in Command WorkStation.

The two main functions of Calibrator are:

- **Recalibrate** - updates a calibration with fresh measurements. The output of many presses will vary over time. For the Fiery server to compensate for such fluctuations, its correction tables need to be updated with fresh measurements.
- **Create calibration** - creates a new calibration, and if Fiery Color Profiler Suite is installed and licensed, a new profile. This task is needed when none of the existing calibrations delivers acceptable output for a specific printing condition (such as a combination of ink set, halftone, substrate). Examples are poor gradations or bad ink adherence. A new calibration will most frequently require a new profile, for color management to deliver accurate color.

Two administrative functions are accessible from two icons at the bottom left of the window. These settings are specific to and saved in each individual Fiery server. Because they affect every user, these functions are available only when logged as a Fiery administrator from Command WorkStation:

- **Calibrator Settings** - is used to set preferences for individual presses. This is where you can set pre- and post-calibration settings available with some press models. All models also offer to warn or even prevent jobs from printing when their applicable calibrations have not been recalibrated within a time frame the administrator specified.
- **Calibration Manager** - is used to view calibrations available in a Fiery server; see when they were last updated, their measurements and properties. User-added calibrations can be deleted, and their names modified.

Calibrator for the connected Fiery server is available for the following workflows. With conventional CMYK products and calibration sets, Calibrator 3 will automatically select the Density-based calibration workflow. Calibrator 3 will follow the L*a*b*-based calibration workflow whenever imposed by an expanded ink set.

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Using the spectrophotometer to measure patches

You use the spectrophotometer to manually measure color patches.

Using the spectrophotometer consists of these tasks:

- Calibrate the spectrophotometer.
- Measure the calibration page using the spectrophotometer.
- View and save the measurements.

Fiery Calibrator typically offer standard support of Fiery-branded measurement instruments, such as:

- EFI ES-2000
- Fiery ES-3000

Other types of measurement instruments may be supported by the printer connected to the Fiery server.

Calibrate the spectrophotometer

Calibrate the spectrophotometer to prepare it for measuring the calibration page.

Make sure that both the white tile on the cradle and the instrument aperture are clean. If the white tile has a cover, make sure that the cover is open.

White point calibration is used to compensate for gradual drifts in the spectrophotometer. The spectrophotometer must be placed in its cradle, and the sample aperture must be in full contact with the white tile on the cradle. If you do not place it correctly in the cradle, the spectrophotometer does not return accurate measurements.

The serial numbers of the spectrophotometer and the cradle must match for accurate calibration.

- 1 After printing the calibration page, place the spectrophotometer in its cradle.
- 2 Click **Continue** or press the button on the spectrophotometer.

If the calibration is successful, you can proceed to measure the calibration page.

Measure the calibration page

You use the spectrophotometer to measure color patches by scanning each strip of patches in order.

When a strip is scanned successfully, the display indicator is green, and the arrow in the display moves to the next strip. If the strip is not scanned successfully, the display indicator is red, and a message directs you to try again.

- 1** For more accurate measurement, place several sheets of plain white paper beneath the calibration page or use a backup board if it is available.
- 2** Orient the calibration page so that strips are horizontal and the scan direction (indicated by the arrow at the beginning of the strip shown in the display or on the calibration page) is left to right.
- 3** Hold the spectrophotometer with its length perpendicular to the scan direction, and place the tip of the sample aperture on the white space at the start of the specified strip.
- 4** Press and hold the spectrophotometer button and wait for a signal (an indication on the display or a sound).
- 5** After you see or hear the signal, slide the spectrophotometer at a slow but consistent pace across the strip.
- 6** Take about five seconds to scan the length of the strip.
- 7** Release the button when all the patches in the strip have been scanned and you reach the white space at the end of the strip.
- 8** Repeat for all the strips in the order indicated on the display.
For black-and-white printers, there is a single strip.
- 9** When all the strips have been scanned successfully, click **Continue** to view the measurement results.

Density-based calibration workflow

When you calibrate a Fiery server, you perform the following tasks.

- Print a calibration page, which contains patches of various colors (or shades of gray, for black-and-white printers) in a specific layout. You use this page to measure the current output of the printer.

The output of the printer changes with time and usage. For the most current data, always measure a newly printed calibration page.

- Measure the color values of the patches on the calibration page using a spectrophotometer.
- Apply the measurements.

The measurement data is saved with the specific calibration setting. When you print a job with the calibration setting, the measurement data is used to calculate the calibration adjustment that is needed to produce the desired output (the calibration target).

Select a task

Start the Calibrator to create a new calibration setting or update an existing one for a Fiery server.

- 1 Start Calibrator.
- 2 If Calibrator is started from Fiery Color Profiler Suite, click **Select Fiery server** in the **Select a task** window, and select the Fiery server from the list. If the Fiery server is not in the list, click the plus sign to add it using the IP address, DNS name, or by searching.
- 3 Select one of the following tasks:
 - **Recalibrate:** Update a calibration using the selected calibration setting.
 - **Create calibration:** Create a new calibration and profile to define a new color printing condition on the Fiery server.

- 4 Click **Next**.

Note: The number of steps required to complete the selected task depends on the connected printer. Some settings or options may not be available for your printer model.

Create calibration for the server

To create a calibration, enter a name and other details, as required.

The required information is dependent on the Fiery server and printer that you are calibrating. For instance, you may not see the color mode field or the G7 gray balance check box.

- 1 Enter a calibration name of your choice.

Note: The calibration name should be unique for each server. The name you type must not already be used by a calibration setting or profile on the server.

- 2 (Optional) Select **G7 calibration options**.

- 3 (Optional) Choose from one of the following calibration targets:

- Select **G7 gray balance calibration**.

G7 calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7 specification, using measurement data from a specific G7 target (patch page).

- Select **G7+ gray balance calibration**.

After selecting **G7+ gray balance calibration**, you can optionally select the **High density smoothing** check box.

When a density value of 2.2 or more is achieved, the High Density Smoothing feature can help minimize banding and improve calibration. Using the feature with a density value of 2.2 or less may produce unexpected results in the output.

Note: To use G7 and G7+ gray balance calibration, Fiery Color Profiler Suite must be installed and licensed. The option is otherwise grayed out.

- 4 (Optional) In the **Comments** field, enter details about your calibration, such as media name, media type, special settings or instructions.

Note: When you create a calibration setting, we recommend that you document in the notes field the media type, printer used, and any special instructions should you need to recalibrate.

- 5 (Optional) Select the down arrow by the **Next** button and choose **Load measurements from file** to allow you to bypass the print and measure workflows. This option is reserved for expert users who already have measurements for their printer. It is recommended that you always print and measure your actual printer.

- 6 Click **Next**.

G7 calibration workflow

G7 calibration is conducted between the Fiery server calibration and printing of profiling measurement patches.

G7 calibration is applied on the top of the Fiery server calibration. Entering the G7 calibration process, you will select the patch layout for the P2P target you wish to use, measure them, inspect the results, and make adjustments to the settings, if needed.

The G7 specification defines standard grayscale curves that can be used to create a common neutral appearance of output on different printers. G7 calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7 specification, using measurement data from a specific G7 target (P2P target). Fiery Color Profiler Suite supports printing and measuring different P2P targets that are used for G7 calibration. You can measure with any supported measurement instrument, including inline measurement instruments, in which case the process can become automated without user interaction.

1 In the **Patch layout** window, select the **G7 patch set** you want to use:

- P2P51 (the newer target, a revision of the original)
- P2P25Xa (the original target)

Note: The actual values used in the targets are similar, but the newer version is a more precise version of the G7 specification.

2 Click **Print** and measure the patch page.

3 Review the **G7 gray balance measurement results**.

Because this is the G7 calibration run, it is expected that the results are failing. It is the measurements from this target that will be used to calculate the NPDC curves necessary for G7 calibration.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

4 (Optional) Click **Correction options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves.

You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.

5 Click **OK** to print the P2P patch page again with the NPDC curves applied.

6 Measure the patch pages and view the G7 results.

7 If the G7 result is passing (all results show in green), click **Next**. If the result is failing (any result highlighted in red), then click **Iterate** to repeat the process. Additional iterations will not lead to better results. You can perform a maximum of four iterations.

G7+ calibration workflow

G7+ calibration is conducted between the Fiery server calibration and printing of profiling measurement patches.

G7+ calibration is applied on the top of the Fiery server calibration. Entering the G7+ calibration process, you will select the patch layout for the P2P75+ target, measure it, inspect the results, and make adjustments to the settings, if needed.

The G7+ specification defines standard grayscale curves that can be used to create a common neutral appearance of output on different printers. G7+ calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7+ specification, using measurement data from a P2P75+ target. Fiery Color Profiler Suite supports printing and measuring a P2P75+ target that is used for G7+ calibration. You can measure with any supported measurement instrument, including inline measurement instruments, in which case the process can become automated without user interaction.

1 In the **Patch layout** window, select **P2P75+** from the **G7+ patch set** list.

2 Click **Print** and measure the patch page.

3 Review the **G7+** gray balance measurement results.

Because this is the G7+ calibration run, it is expected that the results are failing. It is the measurements from this target that will be used to calculate the NPDC curves necessary for G7+ calibration.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

4 (Optional) Click **Correction options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves.

You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.

5 Click **OK** to print the P2P75+ patch page again with the NPDC curves applied.

6 Measure the patch pages and view the G7+ results.

7 If the G7+ result is passing (all results show in green), click **Next**. If the result is failing (any result highlighted in red), then click **Iterate** to repeat the process. Additional iterations will not lead to better results. You can perform a maximum of four iterations.

Print a calibration page

When you print a calibration page, first specify the calibration setting (color printers), paper source, and measurement method.

Note: Calibrate the spectrophotometer to prepare it for measuring the calibration page.

- When you start calibration for a specific job, only calibration setting(s) used to print the job is shown. Multiple calibration settings are commonly used by mixed-media jobs.

The recommended paper and the date and time of the most recent calibration measurements associated with the selected calibration setting are displayed. If no date and time are given, the Fiery server has not been calibrated (for this calibration setting).

- Be sure the paper source contains paper that is appropriate for the calibration setting. If a warning appears under the **Paper Source** setting, it might be because the paper source does not match the calibration setting. You can either select a different calibration setting or a different paper source.

If none of the calibration settings matches perfectly to your paper, you may want to experiment with an available setting resembling your paper. If it produces unacceptable results, you should create a new calibration and profile specific for your paper.

1 Set the following options:

- For color printers, select a calibration setting in the **Calibrate for** list.
- Select the desired paper source in the **Paper source** list.
- Select a method in the **Measurement method** list.

Calibrator supports several types of spectrophotometer, including Fiery ES-3000 and X-Rite i1Pro3.

If measurement options are available for calibration using the selected instrument, a **Settings** button will appear near the instrument.

Other types of measurement instruments may be supported by the printer connected to the Fiery server.

- 2 Click **Continue** to print the calibration page and proceed to measurement.

Create a color output profile for a calibration setting

To be able to create a color output profile, Fiery Color Profiler Suite must be installed and licensed on the same computer as Calibrator. When you create a custom calibration setting, you must specify a measurement instrument as the measurement method. ColorCal uses a photocopier scanner to make measurements. Therefore, ColorCal is not available as a method to create calibrations and profiles due to scanner limitations.

You must have Administrator privileges to create a custom calibration setting.

After you create a new calibration setting, you associate it with an output profile. Depending on your paper, a new calibration setting may not give satisfactory results when used with an existing output profile. If it does not, we recommend that you create a new, custom output profile based on your paper.

- If you select an existing profile, select the profile for the paper that is the most similar to your paper. A copy of this profile with the same name as the calibration setting is created, and the existing calibration target (goal) of the profile is changed to a new target calculated using the calibration measurements. The new calibration setting is associated with this profile.
- If you create a new, custom output profile, a profiling measurement page is printed. You measure the page using Printer Profiler in Fiery Color Profiler Suite, and the resulting profile is imported to the Fiery server and associated with your new calibration setting.

- 1 Select an output profile from the list of profiles that reside on the Fiery server.

Calibrator will duplicate the output profile and rename it.

- 2 Click **Test Page**.

You can print a test page to help you decide whether to associate the calibration setting with a copy of the currently selected output profile or create a new output profile.

Without a licensed copy of Fiery Color Profiler Suite, you can do test prints with a few output profiles to help you determine which one gives the best results. For best results, use a licensed Fiery Color Profiler Suite application to create an output profile optimized for the calibration just created.

The test page is printed using the currently selected output profile.

- 3 If Fiery Color Profiler Suite is installed on your computer, click **Create New Profile** to create a new, custom output profile.

View measurement results

After you measure a calibration page or import measurements, the measurement results are ready to be applied. Applying (saving) the measurement data overwrites the existing data. For color data, you can view the measurement data in a graph to check the data before applying it.

Measurement results are shown as a set of density curves for C, M, Y, and K. For comparison, the calibration target data is also shown as a set of thicker density curves in the same graph, and the maximum density values are compared numerically.

- 1 In **Calibration Manager**, select a calibration and click **View Measurements**.

2 To hide or show curves, click the  icon next to the appropriate label:

- **Measured** - Hides or shows the measured density curves.
- **Target** - Hides or shows the target density curves.
- **Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, or Black** - Hides or shows the measured and target density curves for the specific colorant.

Note: When Fiery Color Profiler Suite is installed and licensed, Calibrator offers the option to create G7 calibration. With G7 calibration, transfer curves are applied over a Fiery server calibration target to reach G7 gray balance. The Calibration Manager displays the underlying regular Fiery server calibration target, not the temporary G7 transfer curves. Similarly, transfer curves used to reach the calibrated state for regular Fiery server targets are not displayed by the Calibration Manager. These transfer curves are temporary because they are recomputed with every recalibration.

- 3 Optional: Click **Save measurement** to save the measurement data of an existing calibration setting.
- 4 Optional: If you are not satisfied with the results produced by the latest measurements, click **Reset to Default Measurements** to reset the calibration data. When you perform this action, the last set of calibrator measurements is deleted. The button is displayed only when recalibration has been performed.

Print a test page

For color printers, you can print a test page with latest calibration measurements and optionally a second copy which has the default measurements that were used when the calibration setting was created.

Calibrator test page

The test page lets you verify the output produced with the current calibration and with the default calibration. The default calibration is printed using the measurement data that was captured when the calibration setting was created.

If some images included in the test page do not appear satisfactory, it might be because the output profile associated with the calibration setting is not appropriate for the paper and print settings.

Export measurement data

For color printers, you can export the measurement data for a particular calibration setting to a .cm0 file.

- 1 To export measurement data, do one of the following:
 - In Calibrator, open Calibration Manager.
 - In Command WorkStation, click **Server > Device Center**. Under **General**, click **Tools**, and then click **Calibrator** and open Calibration Manager.
- 2 Select the calibration setting and click **View Measurements**.

You can also open **View Measurements** after you have successfully measured the calibration page for the new calibration setting.

3 Click **Export Measurements**.

4 Browse to the file location, change the file name if desired, and click **Save**.

All previous calibrations are available. You should select the calibration measurement file to import based on the filename or timestamp. Make sure to note the calibration measurement file name in case it is needed again.

Reset measurement data

You can reset the measurement data for a particular calibration setting to the default data (either the factory default data or, for a custom calibration setting, the initial measurement data). This option is not available if the current measurement data is already the default data.

Reset measurement data for color printers

For color printers, there may be one or more calibration settings.

- 1** In Command WorkStation, click **Server > Device Center**.
- 2** Under **General**, click **Tools**, and then click **Calibrator**.
- 3** In Calibrator, open Calibration Manager.
- 4** Select the calibration setting and click **View Measurements**.
- 5** Click **Reset to Default Measurements**.
- 6** Click **Yes** to confirm.

Calibrator Settings

The settings in the **Calibrator Settings** window affect various aspects of the calibration procedure. You can set the calibration status (expiration), calibration time limit, and job suspension.

Note: You must have Administrator privileges to change preferences.

In Command WorkStation, Fiery Calibrator can be opened with one of the following methods:

- Click the **Calibrate** toolbar icon in Job Center.
- Click **Server > Calibrate**.
- Click **Server > Device Center**. Under **General**, click **Tools**, and then click **Calibrator**.

In the **Fiery Calibrator** window, click the Calibrator Settings (gear) icon located in the lower-left corner.

To use dark mode on a Mac computer, make a setting in Fiery Command WorkStation preferences. For more information on dark mode, see *Fiery Command WorkStation Help*.

Calibration status (expiration)

If you set a time limit for a calibration, an outdated calibration results in status messages in Command WorkStation and can cause a job to be suspended.

Command WorkStation displays a warning (yellow) for the job in the Job Center when the calibration will be outdated within 30 minutes, and an error (red) when the calibration is outdated.

If the calibration of a job is outdated, the Fiery server can suspend the job when you try to print it. The suspended job is not printed but remains in the Printing queue in a suspended state.

The calibration status is checked just before the job is sent to print. If the calibration becomes outdated while a job is printing, the job will not be suspended. We recommend that you calibrate before printing a long job to minimize the possibility of the calibration becoming outdated while the job is printing.

If you double-click the suspended job, you can do one of the following:

- Calibrate the Fiery server for the job's calibration setting(s). After you update the calibration measurements, select the suspended job and print it.
- Continue printing the job using the outdated measurement data. Select this option if output consistency is not important for this job.

Types of jobs affected by calibration limit

The Fiery server can determine if the calibration is outdated for most jobs, including:

- Jobs submitted from an application using the Fiery PostScript printer driver or Fiery VUE.
- Imported PDF and TIFF jobs.
- Jobs that have been processed (including processed VPS and VIPP jobs).

The Fiery server cannot determine if the calibration is outdated and therefore will not suspend the following types of jobs:

- PCL and PJJL jobs.
- Jobs submitted from an application without using the Fiery PostScript printer driver or Fiery VUE. This includes VPS and VIPP jobs that have not been processed.
- Jobs submitted through the Direct connection. These type of jobs cannot be suspended in any case.

In addition, the Fiery server does not check the calibration of jobs that were printed using the Force Print command. The Force Print command can be used on jobs that were suspended because of a job mismatch (the paper or finishing required for the job was not available). These types of jobs, because they are being forced to print, are not checked for calibration.

Set calibration time limit and job suspension

You can set a calibration time limit and set whether Fiery Command WorkStation suspends the job if calibration has expired.

- 1 In the **Calibrator Settings** window, do any of the following:

If you choose to set an expiration time, you can set one of the following:

- To show expiration status, select **Show status in Job Center**.
- To enable job suspension, select **Suspend job printing when calibration expires**.

For a suspended job, you can do one of the following:

- Calibrate the Fiery server for the job's calibration setting(s). After you update the calibration measurements, select the suspended job and print it.
- Continue printing the job using the outdated measurement data if output consistency is not important for the job.

- 2 Optionally, select the **Create G7 calibrations** check box to calibrate and print profiling measurement patches.

G7 calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7 specification, using measurement data from a specific G7 target (patch page).

- 3 Click **Factory Defaults** to reset the settings to their original defaults.

- 4 Click **Save** to save the settings.

Calibration settings for output profiles

If your Fiery server supports color printing, you can access one or more calibration settings. Typically, calibration settings and output profiles are appropriate for specific paper and printing conditions. A calibration setting can be associated with more than one output profile.

To find out which calibration setting is associated with a particular output profile, check the profile settings in Command WorkStation.

View measurement data of a calibration setting

Measurement data is saved when you calibrate for a specific calibration setting. The measurement data can be displayed on a graph with the calibration target data, so that you can see how closely the measured printer output matches the calibration target.

- 1 In Command WorkStation, click **Server > Device Center**.
- 2 Under **General**, click **Tools**, and then click **Calibrator**.
- 3 In Calibrator, open Calibration Manager.
- 4 Click the calibration setting to select it.
- 5 Click **View Measurements**.

Edit the calibration target

The maximum densities of the calibration target (D-Max values) that is associated with a specific calibration setting are editable when you create the calibration setting. For each colorant (C, M, Y, and K), you can type a new value, or you can import a calibration target from a file.

Note: Loading measurements from file is most useful for tests and demonstrations. It is otherwise generally not recommended. Best results are obtained when measurement pages for all calibration creation steps are printed and measured in a single session.

Keep in mind the following:

- The response of the printer may have changed since the measurement file was saved.
- Measurement files do not contain information on how the measurement pages were printed. Default job properties are assumed.
- Depending on your Calibrator version, the option to import measurements from a file is available in the **Calibrator** window or the measurement instruments list.
- When calibration settings are created, the **Job Properties** window opens and allows you to specify how the measured samples are printed.

The edited target data replaces the target data currently associated with this calibration setting when you apply the current measurement data.

Import the target data from a file if you have an existing profile and calibration target from another Fiery server that you want to use on this Fiery server. For best results, however, use profiles and calibration data that have been created specifically for this Fiery server and its printer.

Even though you can edit the maximum density values, we recommend that you do so with caution. A calibration target represents the ideal values for calibration and should not be changed unnecessarily.

- 1 After you have successfully measured the calibration page for the new calibration setting, click **View Measurements**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Type new values for the D-Max values under Target.
 - Click **Import Target**, browse to the file location, select the file, and click **Open**.
Only files containing monotonic measurements are acceptable as imported targets.
- 3 Continue creating the calibration setting.

Recalibrate

After you have calibration data for the Fiery server, you can recalibrate it at any time. The existing calibration will be updated to match the color benchmark produced for the Fiery server when this calibration was created.

- 1 Start Calibrator.

- 2 If Calibrator is started from Fiery Color Profiler Suite, click **Select Fiery server** in the **Select a task** window, and select the Fiery server from the list. If the Fiery server is not in the list, click the plus sign to add it using the IP address, DNS name, or by searching.
- 3 Select one of the following tasks:
 - **Recalibrate** - Update the calibration using the selected calibration setting.
 - **Create calibration** - Create a new calibration and profile to establish color behavior or a new printing condition on the Fiery server.
- 4 Click **Next**.

Update calibration for the server

To recalibrate, start with the previously saved calibration data.

- 1 Choose an existing calibration set from the list.

Based on the calibration you selected, the color mode is displayed. If color mode is not displayed, it is not supported on the printer you calibrated.

The comments shown are those that were added at the time the calibration was created.
- 2 Click **Next**.

Print a calibration page for measurement

When you print a calibration page for recalibration, specify the measurement method, patch set, and paper source.

Note: Calibrate the spectrophotometer to prepare it for measuring the calibration page.

- 1 In the **Patch Layout** window, set the following options:
 - Select a measurement instrument in the **Measurement method** list.
 - Select a patch set in the **Patch set** list.
 - Select the desired paper source in the **Paper source** list.

Note: Be sure that the paper source contains paper that is appropriate for the calibration setting. If a warning appears under the **Paper source** setting, it might be because the paper source does not match the calibration setting. You can either select a different calibration setting or a different paper source.
- 2 Click **Next** and proceed to measurement.

Follow the on-screen instructions to measure the calibration page.

View calibration results

A new calibration produces a reference color state, a "target", that each recalibration will attempt to reach.

The target is the color response expected from your printer when properly calibrated to the printing conditions you have just defined (media, resolution, halftone, etc.). An output profile describing the color space produced by this calibrated state will be needed by the server to correctly color manage your printer. If you are not satisfied with the calibration, review the previous steps.

When recalibrating, you want the recalibration results to confirm if your printer is still performing to the original target for the specified calibration setting.

Note: Less options are offered when you use the load measurements from file.

- 1 Click **Test Print**. You can print a test page to help you decide whether to use the calibration setting or create a new one.
- 2 Optional: Select the down arrow by the **Test Print** button and choose **With default calibration** to print a test print using the default measurements for comparison.
- 3 Do one of the following:
 - Click **Apply & Close** to save the calibration settings.
 - Click **Cancel** to cancel the recalibration. When you perform this action, the calibration settings will not be updated.

Print a test page

For color printers, you can print a test page with latest calibration measurements and optionally a second copy which has the default measurements that were used when the calibration setting was created.

Calibration Manager

Calibration Manager allows you to view and delete calibration settings. Comments can also be added to or deleted from individual calibrations.

Typically, calibration settings and output profiles are appropriate for specific paper and printing conditions. A calibration setting can be associated with more than one output profile.

Open Calibration Manager from Calibrator by clicking  in the lower-left corner of the window. The window displays all the calibrations for the selected server. The following categories are shown:

- **Calibration:** Completed calibrations for the server listed by name.
- **Last calibrated:** The time of the last calibration.
- **Color mode:** The color mode is the color space of the output profiles that the calibration set supports.

You can perform a number of actions for the calibration you select in the list. Not all actions are available for all calibrations. If an action is not available, it is grayed out. The actions are:

- **Edit** opens a window where you can edit the basic information of a custom calibration setting.
- **View measurements** opens a window providing more details about the highlighted calibration.
The information displayed in the window is determined by the measurement space.
- **Delete** removes the selected calibration set.
Profiles relying on this calibration will also be deleted, after confirmation from the operator. Factory calibration sets, such as Plain, cannot be deleted.

Edit calibration setting

You can edit the basic information of a custom calibration setting. You cannot edit a factory-supplied calibration setting.

You must have Administrator privileges to edit a custom calibration setting.

Job properties (print settings) cannot be edited since any measurement data saved with the calibration setting would become invalid. To edit the job properties of a calibration setting, create a new calibration setting based on the existing one.

- 1 In **Calibration Manager**, select the calibration setting in the list and click **Edit**.
- 2 Specify the following settings:
 - **Name** - Type a name that describes the paper name, weight, and type plus any other specific printing conditions (for example, halftone or gloss settings). The name can have a maximum of 70 characters.
 - **Comment** - (Optional) Type additional descriptive information. This information appears in the list of calibration settings available on the Fiery server.

View measurement results

After you measure a calibration page or import measurements, the measurement results are ready to be applied. Applying (saving) the measurement data overwrites the existing data. For color data, you can view the measurement data in a graph to check the data before applying it.

Measurement results are shown as a set of density curves for C, M, Y, and K. For comparison, the calibration target data is also shown as a set of thicker density curves in the same graph, and the maximum density values are compared numerically.

- 1 In **Calibration Manager**, select a calibration and click **View Measurements**.
- 2 To hide or show curves, click the  icon next to the appropriate label:
 - **Measured** - Hides or shows the measured density curves.
 - **Target** - Hides or shows the target density curves.
 - **Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, or Black** - Hides or shows the measured and target density curves for the specific colorant.

Note: When Fiery Color Profiler Suite is installed and licensed, Calibrator offers the option to create G7 calibration. With G7 calibration, transfer curves are applied over a Fiery server calibration target to reach G7 gray balance. The Calibration Manager displays the underlying regular Fiery server calibration target, not the temporary G7 transfer curves. Similarly, transfer curves used to reach the calibrated state for regular Fiery server targets are not displayed by the Calibration Manager. These transfer curves are temporary because they are recomputed with every recalibration.

- 3 Optional: Click **Save measurement** to save the measurement data of an existing calibration setting.
- 4 Optional: If you are not satisfied with the results produced by the latest measurements, click **Reset to Default Measurements** to reset the calibration data. When you perform this action, the last set of calibrator measurements is deleted. The button is displayed only when recalibration has been performed.

L*a*b*-based calibration workflow

When you calibrate a Fiery server, you perform the following tasks.

- Print a calibration page, which contains patches of various colors in a specific layout. You use this page to measure the current output of the press.

The output of the press changes with time and usage. For the most current data, always measure a newly printed calibration page.

- Measure the color values of the patches on the calibration page using a supported measurement instrument.
- Apply the measurements.

The measurement data is saved with the specific calibration setting. When you print a job with the calibration setting, the measurement data is used to calculate the calibration adjustment that is needed to produce the desired output (the calibration target).

Select a task

Start the Calibrator to create a new calibration setting or update an existing one for a Fiery server.

- 1 Start Calibrator.
- 2 If Calibrator is started from Fiery Color Profiler Suite, click **Select Fiery server** in the **Select a task** window, and select the Fiery server from the list. If the Fiery server is not in the list, click the plus sign to add it using the IP address, DNS name, or by searching.
- 3 Select one of the following tasks:
 - **Recalibrate:** Update a calibration using the selected calibration setting.
 - **Create calibration:** Create a new calibration and profile to define a new color printing condition on the Fiery server.

- 4 Click **Next**.

Note: The number of steps required to complete the selected task depends on the connected printer. Some settings or options may not be available for your printer model.

Calibrator Settings

The settings in the **Calibrator Settings** window affect various aspects of the calibration procedure. You can set the calibration status (expiration), calibration time limit, and job suspension.

Note: You must have Administrator privileges to change preferences.

In Command WorkStation, Fiery Calibrator can be opened with one of the following methods:

- Click the **Calibrate** toolbar icon in Job Center.
- Click **Server > Calibrate**.
- Click **Server > Device Center**. Under **General**, click **Tools**, and then click **Calibrator**.

In the **Fiery Calibrator** window, click the Calibrator Settings (gear) icon located in the lower-left corner.

Calibration status (expiration)

If you set a time limit for a calibration, an outdated calibration results in status messages in Command WorkStation and can cause a job to be suspended.

Command WorkStation displays a warning (yellow) for the job in the Job Center when the calibration will be outdated within 30 minutes, and an error (red) when the calibration is outdated.

If the calibration of a job is outdated, the Fiery server can suspend the job when you try to print it. The suspended job is not printed but remains in the Printing queue in a suspended state.

The calibration status is checked just before the job is sent to print. If the calibration becomes outdated while a job is printing, the job will not be suspended. We recommend that you calibrate before printing a long job to minimize the possibility of the calibration becoming outdated while the job is printing.

If you double-click the suspended job, you can do one of the following:

- Calibrate the Fiery server for the job's calibration setting(s). After you update the calibration measurements, select the suspended job and print it.
- Continue printing the job using the outdated measurement data. Select this option if output consistency is not important for this job.

Types of jobs affected by calibration limit

The Fiery server can determine if the calibration is outdated for most jobs, including:

- Jobs submitted from an application using the Fiery PostScript printer driver or Fiery VUE.
- Imported PDF and TIFF jobs.
- Jobs that have been processed (including processed VPS and VIPP jobs).

The Fiery server cannot determine if the calibration is outdated and therefore will not suspend the following types of jobs:

- PCL and PJJL jobs.
- Jobs submitted from an application without using the Fiery PostScript printer driver or Fiery VUE. This includes VPS and VIPP jobs that have not been processed.
- Jobs submitted through the Direct connection. These type of jobs cannot be suspended in any case.

In addition, the Fiery server does not check the calibration of jobs that were printed using the Force Print command. The Force Print command can be used on jobs that were suspended because of a job mismatch (the paper or finishing required for the job was not available). These types of jobs, because they are being forced to print, are not checked for calibration.

Set calibration time limit and job suspension

You can set a calibration time limit and set whether Fiery Command WorkStation suspends the job if calibration has expired.

1 In the **Calibrator Settings** window, do any of the following:

If you choose to set an expiration time, you can set one of the following:

- To show expiration status, select **Show status in Job Center**.
- To enable job suspension, select **Suspend job printing when calibration expires**.

For a suspended job, you can do one of the following:

- Calibrate the Fiery server for the job's calibration setting(s). After you update the calibration measurements, select the suspended job and print it.
- Continue printing the job using the outdated measurement data if output consistency is not important for the job.
- To enable Zero-touch recalibration, select **Calibrate job with inline sensor automatically**.

2 Click **Factory Defaults** to reset the settings to their original defaults.

3 Click **Save** to save the settings.

Create calibration for the server

To create a calibration, enter a name and other details, as required.

The required information is dependent on the Fiery server and printer that you are calibrating. For instance, you may not see the color mode field or the G7 gray balance check box.

1 Enter a calibration name of your choice.

Note: The calibration name should be unique for each server. The name you type must not already be used by a calibration setting or profile on the server.

2 (Optional) Select **G7 calibration options**.

3 (Optional) Choose from one of the following calibration targets:

- Select **G7 gray balance calibration**.

G7 calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7 specification, using measurement data from a specific G7 target (patch page).

- Select **G7+ gray balance calibration**.

After selecting **G7+ gray balance calibration**, you can optionally select the **High density smoothing** check box.

When a density value of 2.2 or more is achieved, the High Density Smoothing feature can help minimize banding and improve calibration. Using the feature with a density value of 2.2 or less may produce unexpected results in the output.

Note: To use G7 and G7+ gray balance calibration, Fiery Color Profiler Suite must be installed and licensed. The option is otherwise grayed out.

- 4 (Optional) In the **Comments** field, enter details about your calibration, such as media name, media type, special settings or instructions.

Note: When you create a calibration setting, we recommend that you document in the notes field the media type, printer used, and any special instructions should you need to recalibrate.

- 5 (Optional) Select the down arrow by the **Next** button and choose **Load measurements from file** to allow you to bypass the print and measure workflows. This option is reserved for expert users who already have measurements for their printer. It is recommended that you always print and measure your actual printer.
- 6 Click **Next**.

G7 calibration workflow

G7 calibration is conducted between the Fiery server calibration and printing of profiling measurement patches.

G7 calibration is applied on the top of the Fiery server calibration. Entering the G7 calibration process, you will select the patch layout for the P2P target you wish to use, measure them, inspect the results, and make adjustments to the settings, if needed.

The G7 specification defines standard grayscale curves that can be used to create a common neutral appearance of output on different printers. G7 calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7 specification, using measurement data from a specific G7 target (P2P target). Fiery Color Profiler Suite supports printing and measuring different P2P targets that are used for G7 calibration. You can measure with any supported measurement instrument.

- 1 In the **Patch layout** window, select the **G7 patch set** you want to use:

- P2P51 (the newer target, a revision of the original)
- P2P25Xa (the original target)

Note: The actual values used in the targets are similar, but the newer version is a more precise version of the G7 specification.

- 2 Click **Print** and measure the patch page.

- 3 Review the **G7 gray balance measurement results**.

Because this is the G7 calibration run, it is expected that the results are failing. It is the measurements from this target that will be used to calculate the NPDC curves necessary for G7 calibration.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a*b*. In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

- 4 (Optional) Click **Correction options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves.

You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.

- 5 Click **OK** to print the P2P patch page again with the NPDC curves applied.
- 6 Measure the patch pages and view the G7 results.

- 7 If the G7 result is passing (all results show in green), click **Next**. If the result is failing (any result highlighted in red), then click **Iterate** to repeat the process. Additional iterations will not lead to better results. You can perform a maximum of four iterations.

G7+ calibration workflow

G7+ calibration is conducted between the Fiery server calibration and printing of profiling measurement patches.

G7+ calibration is applied on the top of the Fiery server calibration. Entering the G7+ calibration process, you will select the patch layout for the P2P75+ target, measure it, inspect the results, and make adjustments to the settings, if needed.

The G7+ specification defines standard grayscale curves that can be used to create a common neutral appearance of output on different printers. G7+ calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7+ specification, using measurement data from a P2P75+ target. Fiery Color Profiler Suite supports printing and measuring a P2P75+ target that is used for G7+ calibration. You can measure with any supported measurement instrument, including inline measurement instruments, in which case the process can become automated without user interaction.

- 1 In the **Patch layout** window, select **P2P75+** from the **G7+ patch set** list.
- 2 Click **Print** and measure the patch page.
- 3 Review the **G7+ gray balance measurement results**.

Because this is the G7+ calibration run, it is expected that the results are failing. It is the measurements from this target that will be used to calculate the NPDC curves necessary for G7+ calibration.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

- 4 (Optional) Click **Correction options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves.
You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.
- 5 Click **OK** to print the P2P75+ patch page again with the NPDC curves applied.
- 6 Measure the patch pages and view the G7+ results.
- 7 If the G7+ result is passing (all results show in green), click **Next**. If the result is failing (any result highlighted in red), then click **Iterate** to repeat the process. Additional iterations will not lead to better results. You can perform a maximum of four iterations.

Obtain measurement for ink limit per channel

The measurements taken for calibration provide suggested ink limits for each channel. Measure the patch pages for the ink limit per channel.

1 Choose one of the following:

• Print measurement chart

Select **Include visual chart** to print the measurement patches for visual inspection.

If you choose this option, follow the online instructions to print patch pages and measure them.

• Import measurements from file

Note: Loading measurements from file is most useful for tests and demonstrations. It is otherwise generally not recommended. Best results are obtained when measurement pages for all calibration creation steps are printed and measured in a single session.

Keep in mind the following:

- The response of the printer may have changed since the measurement file was saved.
- Measurement files do not contain information on how the measurement pages were printed. Default job properties are assumed.
- Depending on your Calibrator version, the option to import measurements from a file is available in the **Calibrator** window or the measurement instruments list.
- When calibration settings are created, the **Job Properties** window opens and allows you to specify how the measured samples are printed.

When you select this option, you are automatically taken to the location where the measurements files are stored.

If you choose this option, the measurements will be displayed in the next window.

2 Click **Next**.

If you selected **Print measurement chart** in the first step, the **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed. In the **Patch Layout** window, select the instrument and the chart size. Click **Print** to continue.

Set ink limit per channel

After you have successfully measured the patch page provided for the ink limit per channel, the results are displayed and you can make some adjustments.

For each channel, the ink limit is displayed.

Click the arrow beside the name of each channel to display a slider. To change the ink limit, move the slider.

Click **Next** to measure for linearization.

Obtain measurement for linearization

You can print a patch page to measure, or import measurements from a recent calibration. These measurements must accurately represent the current performance of your printer.

1 Choose one of the following:

- **Print measurement chart**

Select **Include visual chart** to print the measurement patches for visual inspection.

If you choose this option, follow the online instructions to print patch pages and measure them.

- **Import measurements from file**

Note: Loading measurements from file is most useful for tests and demonstrations. It is otherwise generally not recommended. Best results are obtained when measurement pages for all calibration creation steps are printed and measured in a single session.

Keep in mind the following:

- The response of the printer response may have changed since the measurement file was saved.
- Measurement files do not contain information on how the measurement pages were printed. Default job properties are assumed.
- Depending on your Calibrator version, the option to import measurements from a file is available in the **Calibrator** window or the measurement instruments list.
- When calibration settings are created, the **Job Properties** window opens and allows you to specify how the measured samples are printed.

When you select this option, you are automatically taken to the location where the measurements files are stored.

If you choose this option, the measurements will be displayed in the next window.

2 Click **Next**.

If you selected **Print measurement chart** in the first step, the **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed. In the **Patch Layout** window, select the instrument and the chart size. Click **Print** to continue.

Note: When you are recalibrating, be sure to select a source tray containing the same media type, or a media type very similar to the media type that was used to create the calibration. Do not change settings from the **Color** tab and the **Image** tab because these settings were automatically set by the calibration software.

Obtain measurement for total ink limit

The measurement for total ink limit helps to ensure that the printer does not use more ink than the media can handle or too much ink for your intended jobs.

1 Choose one of the following to specify the total ink limit:

- **Print measurement chart**

The **Initial ink limit** displayed is the default value suggested for your printer. You can enter a new value to overwrite the suggested value, and then print the chart. The chart you are about to print will not contain patches specifying more ink than this value.

Select **Include visual chart** to print the measurement patches for visual inspection.

If you choose this option, follow the online instructions to print patch pages, measure them, and to have the system propose a value optimized for your actual media type. You can change settings for the selected patch measurement instrument and specify a custom page size for the chart before printing the patch pages.

- **Enter numerical value**

The value displayed is the default value suggested for your printer without additional measurements required. This value is not optimized for your specific media. If set too high, your media may have trouble handling that much ink. If set too low, you are limiting the gamut of your printer for your specific media.

- **Import measurements from file**

Note: Loading measurements from file is most useful for tests and demonstrations. It is otherwise generally not recommended. Best results are obtained when measurement pages for all calibration creation steps are printed and measured in a single session.

Keep in mind the following:

- The response of the printer may have changed since the measurement file was saved.
- Measurement files do not contain information on how the measurement pages were printed. Default job properties are assumed.
- Depending on your Calibrator version, the option to import measurements from a file is available in the **Calibrator** window or the measurement instruments list.
- When calibration settings are created, the **Job Properties** window opens and allows you to specify how the measured samples are printed.

If you select this option, the value is loaded from previously saved measurement data.

If you choose this option, proceed to obtaining measurement for the color benchmark.

2 Click **Next**.

If you selected **Print measurement chart** in the first step, the **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed. In the **Patch Layout** window, select the instrument and the chart size. Click **Print** to continue.

Set total ink limit

After you have successfully measured the patch page provided for the total ink limit, the results are displayed and you can make some adjustments.

1 Choose one of the following:

- **Use measured result**

The value displayed is the value suggested for your printer. This value is calculated from your latest measurements.

- **Enter numerical value**

The value displayed is the value suggested for your printer without additional measurements required. You can enter a numerical value of your choosing should you decide not to use the suggested value.

- **Select value from printed visual chart**

This option only displays if you selected **Include visual chart** when printing the measurement chart. The value displayed is the value suggested for your printer based on a specific column number in the chart. You can select a column number of your choosing should you decide not to use the suggested value. The printed visual chart may reveal issues that measurements alone cannot detect. For instance, ink might seep through the media if too much is allowed. In this case, you will want to use a lower value than the suggested one.

2 Click **Next**.

Obtain measurement for G7 gray balance

You can print a patch page to measure, or import measurements from a recent calibration. These measurements must accurately represent the current performance of your printer.

1 Choose one of the following:

- **Print measurement chart**

If you choose this option, follow the online instructions to print patch pages and measure them.

- **Import measurements from file**

Note: Loading measurements from file is most useful for tests and demonstrations. It is otherwise generally not recommended. Best results are obtained when measurement pages for all calibration creation steps are printed and measured in a single session.

Keep in mind the following:

- The response of the printer may have changed since the measurement file was saved.
- Measurement files do not contain information on how the measurement pages were printed. Default job properties are assumed.
- Depending on your Calibrator version, the option to import measurements from a file is available in the **Calibrator** window or the measurement instruments list.
- When calibration settings are created, the **Job Properties** window opens and allows you to specify how the measured samples are printed.

When you select this option, you are automatically taken to the location where the measurements files are stored.

If you choose this option, the measurements will be displayed in the next window.

2 Click **Next**.

If you selected **Print measurement chart** in the first step, the **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed. In the **Patch Layout** window, select the instrument, one of the G7 targets, and the chart size. Click **Print** to continue.

G7 gray balance measurement summary

View the summary of the G7 gray balance measurement.

1 Review the G7 gray balance measurement summary.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

2 Click **Correction Options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves. You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.

3 Click **Back** to discard your initial measurements.

4 Click **Iterate** to repeat the process.

G7+ gray balance measurement summary

View the summary of the G7+ gray balance measurement.

1 Review the G7+ gray balance measurement summary.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

2 Click **Correction Options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves. You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.

3 Click **Back** to discard your initial measurements.

4 Click **Iterate** to repeat the process.

Correction Options

Review the output correction curve.

- 1 You can set various correction options.
 - **Fade gray balance:** reduces the gray balance correction applied by the G7 NPDC correction curves above the fade adjustment value.
 - **Fade tone adjustment:** reduces the tone adjustments applied by the G7 NPDC correction curves above the fade adjustment value.
 - **Fade adjustment value:** reduces adjustment of tone and/or gray balance above specified percent dot value.
 - **Add smoothing:** smooths calibration curves for noisy or irregular calibration data.
- 2 Select **OK** to accept changes or **Default** to return to the default values.

G7 gray balance measurement results

View the results of the G7 gray balance measurement.

- 1 Review the G7 gray balance measurement results.
The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.
- 2 Click **Correction Options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves. You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.
- 3 Click **Iterate** to print the patches with the G7 calibration curves to see if the results are passing.
- 4 Click **Back** to discard your iteration measurements.
- 5 If the results are acceptable, click **Accept** to continue the calibration process.

G7+ gray balance measurement results

View the results of the G7+ gray balance measurement.

- 1 Review the G7+ gray balance measurement results.
The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.
- 2 Click **Correction Options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves. You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.
- 3 Click **Iterate** to print the patches with the G7+ calibration curves to see if the results are passing.
- 4 Click **Back** to discard your iteration measurements.
- 5 If the results are acceptable, click **Accept** to continue the calibration process.

Obtain measurement for color benchmark

These final measurements establish the target gamut for the printer.

Note: Options vary depending on the Fiery server. Some Fiery servers will automatically calculate the color benchmark during the profile creation step. For other Fiery servers, you will need to print and measure patches to set the color benchmark.

1 Choose one of the following:

- **Print measurement chart**

Select **Include visual chart** to print the measurement patches for visual inspection.

If you choose this option, follow the online instructions to print patch pages and measure them.

- **Import measurements from file**

Note: Loading measurements from file is most useful for tests and demonstrations. It is otherwise generally not recommended. Best results are obtained when measurement pages for all calibration creation steps are printed and measured in a single session.

Keep in mind the following:

- The response of the printer may have changed since the measurement file was saved.
- Measurement files do not contain information on how the measurement pages were printed. Default job properties are assumed.
- Depending on your Calibrator version, the option to import measurements from a file is available in the **Calibrator** window or the measurement instruments list.
- When calibration settings are created, the **Job Properties** window opens and allows you to specify how the measured samples are printed.

If you choose this option, the measurements will be displayed in the next window.

2 Click **Next**.

Set color benchmark

A new calibration produces a reference color state, a "benchmark", that each recalibration will attempt to reach.

The benchmark is the color response expected from your printer when properly calibrated to the printing conditions you have just defined (for example, media, resolution, and halftone). An output profile describing the color space produced by this calibrated state will be needed by the server to correctly color manage your printer. If you are not satisfied with the calibration, review the previous steps.

When recalibrating, you want the recalibration results to confirm if your printer is still performing to the original benchmark for the specified calibration set.

Note: Options vary depending on the Fiery server. Some Fiery servers will automatically calculate the color benchmark during the profile creation step. For other Fiery servers, you will need to print and measure patches to set the color benchmark.

A straight diagonal line on the graph represents the theoretical target color benchmark, with each CMYK measurement represented as the actual color produced by the printer. Slight deviations are expected. They represent the actual calibrated response of the profiled condition. Two Fiery Color Profiler Suite modules, Fiery Profile Inspector and Fiery Verify, can be used to view more detailed information.

Set an output profile

You can proceed to Printer Profiler to create the output profile, or save the results for later.

- Choose to create a profile.
 - a) Choose **Create output profile**.
 - b) Click **Next**.

Fiery Printer Profiler will create an output profile for use with the calibration you have just completed.

Or choose to save the calibration results for later.

- a) Choose **Save calibration now and create output profile later**.
- b) Click **Done**.

Calibration is saved with a temporary output profile visible in Command WorkStation Profile Manager. For color management to be accurate, a custom profile must be created for use with the calibration.

Recalibrate

After you have calibration data for the Fiery server, you can recalibrate it at any time. The existing calibration will be updated to match the color benchmark produced for the Fiery server when this calibration was created.

- 1 Start Calibrator.
- 2 If Calibrator is started from Fiery Color Profiler Suite, click **Select Fiery server** in the **Select a task** window, and select the Fiery server from the list. If the Fiery server is not in the list, click the plus sign to add it using the IP address, DNS name, or by searching.
- 3 Select one of the following tasks:
 - **Recalibrate** - Update the calibration using the selected calibration setting.
 - **Create calibration** - Create a new calibration and profile to establish color behavior or a new printing condition on the Fiery server.
- 4 Click **Next**.

Update calibration for the server

To recalibrate, start with the previously saved calibration data.

- 1 Choose an existing calibration set from the list.

Based on the calibration you selected, the color mode is displayed. If color mode is not displayed, it is not supported on the printer you calibrated.

The comments shown are those that were added at the time the calibration was created.

- 2 Click **Next**.

Obtain measurement for linearization

You can print a patch page to measure, or import measurements from a recent calibration. These measurements must accurately represent the current performance of your printer.

- 1 Choose one of the following:

- **Print measurement chart**

Select **Include visual chart** to print the measurement patches for visual inspection.

If you choose this option, follow the online instructions to print patch pages and measure them.

- **Import measurements from file**

Note: Loading measurements from file is most useful for tests and demonstrations. It is otherwise generally not recommended. Best results are obtained when measurement pages for all calibration creation steps are printed and measured in a single session.

Keep in mind the following:

- The response of the printer may have changed since the measurement file was saved.
- Measurement files do not contain information on how the measurement pages were printed. Default job properties are assumed.
- Depending on your Calibrator version, the option to import measurements from a file is available in the **Calibrator** window or the measurement instruments list.
- When calibration settings are created, the **Job Properties** window opens and allows you to specify how the measured samples are printed.

When you select this option, you are automatically taken to the location where the measurements files are stored.

If you choose this option, the measurements will be displayed in the next window.

2 Click **Next**.

If you selected **Print measurement chart** in the first step, the **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed. In the **Patch Layout** window, select the instrument, one of the G7 targets, and the chart size. Click **Print** to continue.

Note: When you are recalibrating, be sure to select a source tray containing the same media type, or a media type very similar to the media type that was used to create the calibration. Do not change settings from the **Color** tab and the **Image** tab because these settings were automatically set by the calibration software.

Obtain measurement for verifying calibration

You can print a patch page to measure, or import measurements from a recent calibration. These measurements must accurately represent the current performance of your printer.

1 Choose one of the following:

- **Print measurement chart**

Select **Include visual chart** to print the measurement patches for visual inspection.

If you choose this option, follow the online instructions to print patch pages and measure them.

- **Import measurements from file**

When you select this option, you are automatically taken to the location where the measurements files are stored.

If you choose this option, the measurements will be displayed in the next window.

2 Click **Next**.

If you selected **Print measurement chart** in the first step, the **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed. In the **Patch Layout** window, select the instrument and the chart size. Click **Print** to continue.

Verify calibration

A new calibration produces a reference color state, a "benchmark", that each recalibration will attempt to reach.

The benchmark is the color response expected from your printer when properly calibrated to the printing conditions you have just defined (media, resolution, halftone, etc.). An output profile describing the color space produced by this calibrated state will be needed by the server to correctly color manage your printer. If you are not satisfied with the calibration, review the previous steps.

When recalibrating, you want the recalibration results to confirm if your printer is still performing to the original benchmark for the specified calibration set.

1 View the results.

You can compare the color benchmark and calibrated results. You can also view individual channels by clicking the eye icon beside each channel icon.

2 Click **Apply & close** to apply the calibration set to printer and close Calibrator.

Calibration is ready to be applied

When you have a set of measurements, the calibration is ready to be applied. You can choose to verify the calibration or apply the calibration setting to the printer.

- Click **Verify** and follow the online instructions.

When you verify the calibration of the printer, you will compare how close the calibrated state is to the color benchmark of the current calibration setting.

Calibration Manager

Calibration Manager allows you to view and delete calibration settings. Comments can also be added to or deleted from individual calibrations.

Typically, calibration settings and output profiles are appropriate for specific paper and printing conditions. A calibration setting can be associated with more than one output profile.

Open Calibration Manager from Calibrator by clicking  in the lower-left corner of the window. The window displays all the calibrations for the selected server. The following categories are shown:

- Calibration:** Completed calibrations for the server listed by name.
- Last calibrated:** The time of the last calibration.
- Color mode:** The color mode is the color space of the output profiles that the calibration set supports.

You can perform a number of actions for the calibration you select in the list. Not all actions are available for all calibrations. If an action is not available, it is grayed out. The actions are:

- Edit** opens a window where you can edit the basic information of a custom calibration setting.
- View measurements** opens a window providing more details about the highlighted calibration.

The information displayed in the window is determined by the measurement space.

- Delete** removes the selected calibration set.

Profiles relying on this calibration will also be deleted, after confirmation from the operator. Factory calibration sets, such as Plain, cannot be deleted.

Edit calibration setting

You can edit the basic information of a custom calibration setting. You cannot edit a factory-supplied calibration setting.

You must have Administrator privileges to edit a custom calibration setting.

Job properties (print settings) cannot be edited since any measurement data saved with the calibration setting would become invalid. To edit the job properties of a calibration setting, create a new calibration setting based on the existing one.

- In **Calibration Manager**, select the calibration setting in the list and click **Edit**.

2 Specify the following settings:

- **Name** - Type a name that describes the paper name, weight, and type plus any other specific printing conditions (for example, halftone or gloss settings). The name can have a maximum of 70 characters.
- **Comment** - (Optional) Type additional descriptive information. This information appears in the list of calibration settings available on the Fiery server.

View measurements

View details of calibration in a L*a*b* measurement space.

You can reset the measurement data for a particular calibration setting to the default data (either the factory default data or, for a custom calibration setting, the initial measurement data). This option is not available if the current measurement data is already the default data.

1 In **Calibration Manager**, select a calibration and click **View measurements**.

Details of the calibration are displayed.

2 To reset the calibration data, click **Reset to Default Measurements**.

When you perform this action, the last set of calibrator measurements is deleted.

Toner Delta E-based calibration workflow

When you calibrate a Fiery server, you perform the following tasks.

- Print a calibration page, which contains patches of various colors in a specific layout. You use this page to measure the current output of the press.

The output of the press changes with time and usage. For the most current data, always measure a newly printed calibration page.

- Measure the color values of the patches on the calibration page using a supported measurement instrument.
- Apply the measurements.

The measurement data is saved with the specific calibration setting. When you print a job with the calibration setting, the measurement data is used to calculate the calibration adjustment that is needed to produce the desired output (the calibration target).

Select a task

Start the Calibrator to create a new calibration setting or update an existing one for a Fiery server.

- 1 Start Calibrator.
- 2 If Calibrator is started from Fiery Color Profiler Suite, click **Select Fiery server** in the **Select a task** window, and select the Fiery server from the list. If the Fiery server is not in the list, click the plus sign to add it using the IP address, DNS name, or by searching.
- 3 Select one of the following tasks:
 - **Recalibrate:** Update a calibration using the selected calibration setting.
 - **Create calibration:** Create a new calibration and profile to define a new color printing condition on the Fiery server.

- 4 Click **Next**.

Note: The number of steps required to complete the selected task depends on the connected printer. Some settings or options may not be available for your printer model.

Calibrator Settings

The settings in the **Calibrator Settings** window affect various aspects of the calibration procedure. You can set the calibration status (expiration), calibration time limit, and job suspension.

Note: You must have Administrator privileges to change preferences.

In Command WorkStation, Fiery Calibrator can be opened with one of the following methods:

- Click the **Calibrate** toolbar icon in Job Center.
- Click **Server > Calibrate**.
- Click **Server > Device Center**. Under **General**, click **Tools**, and then click **Calibrator**.

In the **Fiery Calibrator** window, click the Calibrator Settings (gear) icon located in the lower-left corner.

To use dark mode on a Mac computer, make a setting in Fiery Command WorkStation preferences. For more information on dark mode, see *Fiery Command WorkStation Help*.

Calibration status (expiration)

If you set a time limit for a calibration, an outdated calibration results in status messages in Command WorkStation and can cause a job to be suspended.

Command WorkStation displays a warning (yellow) for the job in the Job Center when the calibration will be outdated within 30 minutes, and an error (red) when the calibration is outdated.

If the calibration of a job is outdated, the Fiery server can suspend the job when you try to print it. The suspended job is not printed but remains in the Printing queue in a suspended state.

The calibration status is checked just before the job is sent to print. If the calibration becomes outdated while a job is printing, the job will not be suspended. We recommend that you calibrate before printing a long job to minimize the possibility of the calibration becoming outdated while the job is printing.

If you double-click the suspended job, you can do one of the following:

- Calibrate the Fiery server for the job's calibration setting(s). After you update the calibration measurements, select the suspended job and print it.
- Continue printing the job using the outdated measurement data. Select this option if output consistency is not important for this job.

Types of jobs affected by calibration limit

The Fiery server can determine if the calibration is outdated for most jobs, including:

- Jobs submitted from an application using the Fiery PostScript printer driver or Fiery VUE.
- Imported PDF and TIFF jobs.
- Jobs that have been processed (including processed VPS and VIPP jobs).

The Fiery server cannot determine if the calibration is outdated and therefore will not suspend the following types of jobs:

- PCL and PJJL jobs.
- Jobs submitted from an application without using the Fiery PostScript printer driver or Fiery VUE. This includes VPS and VIPP jobs that have not been processed.
- Jobs submitted through the Direct connection. These types of jobs cannot be suspended in any case.

In addition, the Fiery server does not check the calibration of jobs that were printed using the Force Print command. The Force Print command can be used on jobs that were suspended because of a job mismatch (the paper or finishing required for the job was not available). These types of jobs, because they are being forced to print, are not checked for calibration.

Set calibration time limit and job suspension

You can set a calibration time limit and set whether Fiery Command WorkStation suspends the job if calibration has expired.

- 1 In the **Calibrator Settings** window, do any of the following:

If you choose to set an expiration time, you can set one of the following:

- To show expiration status, select **Show status in Job Center**.
- To enable job suspension, select **Suspend job printing when calibration expires**.

For a suspended job, you can do one of the following:

- Calibrate the Fiery server for the job's calibration setting(s). After you update the calibration measurements, select the suspended job and print it.
- Continue printing the job using the outdated measurement data if output consistency is not important for the job.
- To enable Zero-touch recalibration, select **Calibrate job with inline sensor automatically**.

- 2 Optionally, select the **Create G7 calibrations** check box to calibrate and print profiling measurement patches.

G7 calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7 specification, using measurement data from a specific G7 target (patch page).

- 3 Click **Factory Defaults** to reset the settings to their original defaults.

- 4 Click **Save** to save the settings.

Create calibration for the server

To create a calibration, enter a name and other details, as required.

The required information is dependent on the Fiery server and printer that you are calibrating.

- 1 Type a calibration name of your choice.

Note: The calibration name should be unique for each server. The name you type must not already be used by a calibration setting or profile on the server.

- 2 Select **Color mode**.

- 3 (Optional) Click **Settings** to change the setting for **Use existing calibration for Job Properties (Read-only)**.

You can update the calibration properties in the **Job Properties** window.

- 4 (Optional) Select **G7 calibration options**.

5 (Optional) Choose from one of the following calibration targets:

- Select **G7 gray balance calibration**.

G7 calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7 specification, using measurement data from a specific G7 target (patch page).

- Select **G7+ gray balance calibration**.

After selecting **G7+ gray balance calibration**, you can optionally select the **High density smoothing** check box.

When a density value of 2.2 or more is achieved, the High Density Smoothing feature can help minimize banding and improve calibration. Using the feature with a density value of 2.2 or less may produce unexpected results in the output.

Note: To use G7 and G7+ gray balance calibration, Fiery Color Profiler Suite must be installed and licensed. The option is otherwise grayed out.

6 (Optional) Select **Specialty color over CMYK mode**.

7 (Optional) Select **Specialty color under CMYK mode**.

To calibrate CMYK only for a printer with two specialty colors, select both **Specialty color over CMYK mode** and **Specialty color under CMYK mode**.

8 Click **Next**.

G7 calibration workflow

G7 calibration is conducted between the Fiery server calibration and printing of profiling measurement patches.

G7 calibration is applied on the top of the Fiery server calibration. Entering the G7 calibration process, you will select the patch layout for the P2P target you wish to use, measure them, inspect the results, and make adjustments to the settings, if needed.

The G7 specification defines standard grayscale curves that can be used to create a common neutral appearance of output on different printers. G7 calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7 specification, using measurement data from a specific G7 target (P2P target). Fiery Color Profiler Suite supports printing and measuring different P2P targets that are used for G7 calibration. You can measure with any supported measurement instrument, including inline measurement instruments, in which case the process can become automated without user interaction.

1 In the **Patch layout** window, select the **G7 patch set** you want to use:

- P2P51 (the newer target, a revision of the original)
- P2P25Xa (the original target)

Note: The actual values used in the targets are similar, but the newer version is a more precise version of the G7 specification.

2 Click **Print** and measure the patch page.

3 Review the **G7 gray balance measurement results**.

Because this is the G7 calibration run, it is expected that the results are failing. It is the measurements from this target that will be used to calculate the NPDC curves necessary for G7 calibration.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

4 (Optional) Click **Correction options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves.

You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.

5 Click **OK** to print the P2P patch page again with the NPDC curves applied.

6 Measure the patch pages and view the G7 results.

7 If the G7 result is passing (all results show in green), click **Next**. If the result is failing (any result highlighted in red), then click **Iterate** to repeat the process. Additional iterations will not lead to better results. You can perform a maximum of four iterations.

G7+ calibration workflow

G7+ calibration is conducted between the Fiery server calibration and printing of profiling measurement patches.

G7+ calibration is applied on the top of the Fiery server calibration. Entering the G7+ calibration process, you will select the patch layout for the P2P75+ target, measure it, inspect the results, and make adjustments to the settings, if needed.

The G7+ specification defines standard grayscale curves that can be used to create a common neutral appearance of output on different printers. G7+ calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7+ specification, using measurement data from a P2P75+ target. Fiery Color Profiler Suite supports printing and measuring a P2P75+ target that is used for G7+ calibration. You can measure with any supported measurement instrument, including inline measurement instruments, in which case the process can become automated without user interaction.

1 In the **Patch layout** window, select **P2P75+** from the **G7+ patch set** list.

2 Click **Print** and measure the patch page.

3 Review the **G7+ gray balance measurement results**.

Because this is the G7+ calibration run, it is expected that the results are failing. It is the measurements from this target that will be used to calculate the NPDC curves necessary for G7+ calibration.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

4 (Optional) Click **Correction options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves.

You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.

5 Click **OK** to print the P2P75+ patch page again with the NPDC curves applied.

6 Measure the patch pages and view the G7+ results.

- 7 If the G7+ result is passing (all results show in green), click **Next**. If the result is failing (any result highlighted in red), then click **Iterate** to repeat the process. Additional iterations will not lead to better results. Additional iterations will not lead to better results. You can perform a maximum of four iterations.

Create a color output profile for a calibration setting

To be able to create a color output profile, Fiery Color Profiler Suite must be installed and licensed on the same computer as Calibrator. When you create a custom calibration setting, you must specify a measurement instrument as the measurement method. ColorCal uses a photocopier scanner to make measurements. Therefore, ColorCal is not available as a method to create calibrations and profiles due to scanner limitations.

You must have Administrator privileges to create a custom calibration setting.

After you create a new calibration setting, you associate it with an output profile. Depending on your paper, a new calibration setting may not give satisfactory results when used with an existing output profile. If it does not, we recommend that you create a new, custom output profile based on your paper.

- If you create a new, custom output profile, printing test pages with existing output profiles is not needed. A profiling page is printed. You measure the page using Printer Profiler in Fiery Color Profiler Suite, and the resulting profile is imported to the Fiery server and associated with your new calibration setting.
- If you select an existing profile, select the profile for the paper that is the most similar to your paper. A copy of this profile with the same name as the calibration setting is created, and the existing calibration target (goal) of the profile is changed to a new target calculated using the calibration measurements. The new calibration setting is associated with this profile.

- 1 Select an output profile from the list of profiles that reside on the Fiery server.

Calibrator will duplicate the output profile and rename it.

- 2 Click **Test Page**.

You can print a test page to help you decide whether to associate the calibration setting with a copy of the currently selected output profile or create a new output profile.

Without a licensed copy of Fiery Color Profiler Suite, you can do test prints with a few output profiles to help you determine which one gives the best results. For best results, use a licensed Fiery Color Profiler Suite application to create an output profile optimized for the calibration just created.

The test page is printed using the currently selected output profile.

- 3 If Fiery Color Profiler Suite is installed on your computer, click **Create New Profile** to create a new, custom output profile.

Set calibration settings

When you print a calibration page, first specify the calibration settings by specifying the inks used and other details, as required.

Note: If G7 or G7+ calibration is applied, a message appears showing the validity of your calibration measurements.

- 1 In the **Color** tab in the **Job Properties** window, choose the color mode that is required for your production output:

- CMYK
- CMYK + N

Note: Where N is an additional color mode available for the printer, if supported.

- 2 Specify an output profile in the **Color** tab in the **Job Properties** window.

The only additional setting to modify in the **Color** tab is the output profile.

Select an output profile from the available list that closely matches your paper properties. Although Calibrator will not use the output profile for color management, Calibrator and Fiery Color Profiler Suite use proprietary information in output profiles to optimize their internal settings.

- 3 On a printer that requires Media Catalog, define the media from **Media Catalog** and the media size from **Size ID** on the **Media** tab in the **Job Properties** window.

On a printer where Media Catalog is optional or is not available, make sure the paper source (tray) contains the paper properties you are selecting in **Job Properties**, for example, weight, type, coating, and size. Do not use settings such as "any" or "automatic", because the calibration you are creating must be for the exact print conditions. Generic settings do not guarantee optimal results.

- 4 (Optional) Specify other job properties if you choose not to use the default settings for printing a job.
- 5 Click **Print Pages** to print the calibration page and proceed to measurement.

Print a calibration page for measurement

When you print a calibration page, specify the measurement instrument and chart size.

Calibrate the spectrophotometer to prepare it for measuring the calibration page.

Note:

At least one manual spectrophotometer is always offered, for example the Fiery ES-3000. Spectrophotometer measurement instruments are the most precise.

Some inline instruments are based on scanners needing their inks to be calibrated against the paper for best results. This is often referred to as "training". When a pair of measurement instruments is listed in the menu, the inline instrument and the inline instrument with the spectrophotometer. The setting with both instruments will create more accurate color thereafter by reusing a table optimized for your paper and inks.

- 1 In the **Patch Layout** window, set the following options:
 - Select a measurement instrument in the **Instrument** list.
 - Select a patch page size in the **Chart size** list.

Click **Custom** to specify a custom patch page size.

- 2 Click **Print** to print patch pages and proceed to measurement.

Follow the on-screen instructions to measure the calibration page.

Using an existing output profile

You can use an existing output profile if a matching output profile is detected on the Fiery server.

- Do one of the following:
 - Click **Continue** to create a custom output profile.
 - Click **Done** to use the existing output profile.

Obtain measurement for G7 gray balance

You can print a patch page to measure. These measurements must accurately represent the current performance of your printer.

- 1 Select **G7 calibration options** and choose one of the following options:

- **G7 gray balance calibration**
- **G7+ gray balance calibration**

After selecting **G7+ gray balance calibration**, you can optionally select the **High density smoothing** check box.

When a density value of 2.2 or more is achieved, the High Density Smoothing feature can help minimize banding and improve calibration. Using the feature with a density value of 2.2 or less may produce unexpected results in the output.

- 2 In the **Set total ink limit** window, click **Next**.

The **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed.

- 3 Click **Print** to continue.

- 4 Click **Next**.

G7 gray balance measurement summary

View the summary of the G7 gray balance measurement.

- 1 Review the G7 gray balance measurement summary.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

- 2 Click **Correction Options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves. You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.
- 3 Click **Back** to discard your initial measurements.
- 4 Click **Iterate** to repeat the process.

G7+ gray balance measurement summary

View the summary of the G7+ gray balance measurement.

- 1 Review the G7+ gray balance measurement summary.
The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.
- 2 Click **Correction Options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves. You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.
- 3 Click **Back** to discard your initial measurements.
- 4 Click **Iterate** to repeat the process.

Correction Options

Review the output correction curve.

- 1 You can set various correction options.
 - **Fade gray balance:** reduces the gray balance correction applied by the G7 NPDC correction curves above the fade adjustment value.
 - **Fade tone adjustment:** reduces the tone adjustments applied by the G7 NPDC correction curves above the fade adjustment value.
 - **Fade adjustment value:** reduces adjustment of tone and/or gray balance above specified percent dot value.
 - **Add smoothing:** smooths calibration curves for noisy or irregular calibration data.
- 2 Select **OK** to accept changes or **Default** to return to the default values.

G7 gray balance measurement results

View the results of the G7 gray balance measurement.

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The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.
- 2 Click **Correction Options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves. You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.
- 3 Click **Iterate** to print the patches with the G7 calibration curves to see if the results are passing.
- 4 Click **Back** to discard your iteration measurements.
- 5 If the results are acceptable, click **Accept** to continue the calibration process.

G7+ gray balance measurement results

View the results of the G7+ gray balance measurement.

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The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.
- 2 Click **Correction Options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves. You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.
- 3 Click **Iterate** to print the patches with the G7+ calibration curves to see if the results are passing.
- 4 Click **Back** to discard your iteration measurements.
- 5 If the results are acceptable, click **Accept** to continue the calibration process.

Set an output profile

Before setting an output profile, Calibrator automatically validates your calibration measurements.

If your calibration measurements are unacceptable, click **Back** to remeasure.

If your calibration measurements are successful or acceptable, you can proceed to Fiery Printer Profiler to create the output profile or save the results for later.

- Choose to create a profile.
 - a) Choose **Create output profile with Fiery Color Profiler Suite**.
 - b) Click **Next**.

Fiery Printer Profiler will create an output profile for use with the calibration you have just completed.

Or choose to save the calibration results for later.

- a) Choose **Save calibration now and create output profile later**.

You can click the **Save Measurement** icon to save the measurement to your desired location. You can view the file in Fiery Verify or Fiery Profile Inspector.

- b) Click **Done**.

A temporary output profile is applied to the calibration visible in Command WorkStation Profile Manager. For color management to be accurate, a custom profile must be created for use with the calibration.

Recalibrate

After you have calibration data for the Fiery server, you can recalibrate it at any time. The existing calibration will be updated to match the color benchmark produced for the Fiery server when this calibration was created.

Note: Recalibration is available only for presses without light inks or duplicate inks.

- 1 Start Calibrator.
- 2 If Calibrator is started from Fiery Color Profiler Suite, click **Select Fiery server** in the **Select a task** window, and select the Fiery server from the list. If the Fiery server is not in the list, click the plus sign to add it using the IP address, DNS name, or by searching.
- 3 Select one of the following tasks:
 - **Recalibrate** - Update a calibration using the selected calibration setting.
 - **Create calibration** - Create a new calibration and profile to define a new color printing condition on the Fiery server.

- 4 Click **Next**.

Note: The number of steps required to complete the selected task depends on the connected press. Some settings or options may not be available for your press model.

Update calibration for the server

To recalibrate, start with the previously saved calibration data.

- 1 Choose an existing calibration set from the list.

Based on the calibration you selected, the color mode is displayed. If color mode is not displayed, it is not supported on the press you calibrated.

The comments shown are those that were added at the time the calibration was created.

- 2 Optional: Select the down arrow by the **Next** button and choose **Load measurements from file** to allow you to bypass the print and measure workflows. This option is reserved for expert users who already have measurements for their press. It is recommended that you always print and measure your actual press.
- 3 Click **Next**.

Obtain measurement for linearization

You can print a patch page to measure, or import measurements from a recent calibration. These measurements must accurately represent the current performance of your press.

Note: This procedure applies to presses without light inks and duplicate inks.

- 1 Choose one of the following:

- **Print measurement chart**

Select **Include visual chart** to print the measurement patches for visual inspection.

If you choose this option, follow the online instructions to print patch pages and measure them.

- **Import measurements from file**

Note: Loading measurements from file is most useful for tests and demonstrations. It is otherwise generally not recommended. Best results are obtained when measurement pages for all calibration creation steps are printed and measured in a single session.

Keep in mind the following:

- The response of the press may have changed since the measurement file was saved.
- Measurement files do not contain information on how the measurement pages were printed. Default job properties are assumed.
- Depending on your Calibrator version, the option to import measurements from a file is available in the **Calibrator** window or the measurement instruments list.
- When calibration settings are created, the **Job Properties** window opens and allows you to specify how the measured samples are printed.

When you select this option, you are automatically taken to the location where the measurements files are stored.

If you choose this option, the measurements will be displayed in the next window.

2 Click **Next**.

If you selected **Print measurement chart** in the first step, the **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed. In the **Patch Layout** window, select the instrument and the chart size. Click **Print** to continue.

Note: When you are recalibrating, be sure to a substrate type very similar to the substrate type that was used to create the calibration. Do not change settings from the **Color** tab and the **Image** tab because these settings were automatically set by the calibration software.

Obtain measurement for verifying calibration

You can print a patch page to measure, or import measurements from a recent calibration. These measurements must accurately represent the current performance of your printer.

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Keep in mind the following:

- The response of the printer may have changed since the measurement file was saved.
- Measurement files do not contain information on how the measurement pages were printed. Default job properties are assumed.
- Depending on your Calibrator version, the option to import measurements from a file is available in the **Calibrator** window or the measurement instruments list.
- When calibration settings are created, the **Job Properties** window opens and allows you to specify how the measured samples are printed.

When you select this option, you are automatically taken to the location where the measurements files are stored.

If you choose this option, the measurements will be displayed in the next window.

2 Click **Next**.

If you selected **Print measurement chart** in the first step, the **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed. In the **Patch Layout** window, select the instrument and the chart size. Click **Print** to continue.

Calibration Manager

Calibration Manager allows you to view and delete calibration settings. Comments can also be added to or deleted from individual calibrations.

Typically, calibration settings and output profiles are appropriate for specific paper and printing conditions. A calibration setting can be associated with more than one output profile.

Open Calibration Manager from Calibrator by clicking  in the lower-left corner of the window. The window displays all the calibrations for the selected server. The following categories are shown:

- **Calibration:** Completed calibrations for the server listed by name.
- **Last calibrated:** The time of the last calibration.
- **Color mode:** The color mode is the color space of the output profiles that the calibration set supports.

You can perform a number of actions for the calibration you select in the list. Not all actions are available for all calibrations. If an action is not available, it is grayed out. The actions are:

- **Edit** opens a window where you can edit the basic information of a custom calibration setting.
- **View measurements** opens a window providing more details about the highlighted calibration.

The information displayed in the window is determined by the measurement space.

- **Delete** removes the selected calibration set.

Profiles relying on this calibration will also be deleted, after confirmation from the operator. Factory calibration sets, such as Plain, cannot be deleted.

Edit calibration setting

You can edit the basic information of a custom calibration setting. You cannot edit a factory-supplied calibration setting.

You must have Administrator privileges to edit a custom calibration setting.

Job properties (print settings) cannot be edited since any measurement data saved with the calibration setting would become invalid. To edit the job properties of a calibration setting, create a new calibration setting based on the existing one.

- 1 In **Calibration Manager**, select the calibration setting in the list and click **Edit**.
- 2 Specify the following settings:
 - **Name** - Type a name that describes the paper name, weight, and type plus any other specific printing conditions (for example, halftone or gloss settings). The name can have a maximum of 70 characters.
 - **Comment** - (Optional) Type additional descriptive information. This information appears in the list of calibration settings available on the Fiery server.

View measurements

View details of calibration in a DeltaE measurement space.

You can reset the measurement data for a particular calibration setting to the default data (either the factory default data or, for a custom calibration setting, the initial measurement data). This option is not available if the current measurement data is already the default data.

- 1 In **Calibration Manager**, select a calibration and click **View measurements**.
Details of the calibration are displayed.
- 2 To reset the calibration data, click **Reset to Default Measurements**.
When you perform this action, the last set of calibrator measurements is deleted.

Inkjet Delta E-based calibration workflow

When you calibrate a Fiery server, you perform the following tasks.

- Print a calibration page, which contains patches of various colors in a specific layout. You use this page to measure the current output of the press.

The output of the press changes with time and usage. For the most current data, always measure a newly printed calibration page.

- Measure the color values of the patches on the calibration page using a supported measurement instrument.
- Apply the measurements.

The measurement data is saved with the specific calibration setting. When you print a job with the calibration setting, the measurement data is used to calculate the calibration adjustment that is needed to produce the desired output (the calibration target).

Select a task

Start the Calibrator to create a new calibration setting or update an existing one for a Fiery server.

- 1 Start Calibrator.
- 2 If Calibrator is started from Fiery Color Profiler Suite, click **Select Fiery server** in the **Select a task** window, and select the Fiery server from the list. If the Fiery server is not in the list, click the plus sign to add it using the IP address, DNS name, or by searching.
- 3 Select one of the following tasks:
 - **Recalibrate:** Update a calibration using the selected calibration setting.
 - **Create calibration:** Create a new calibration and profile to define a new color printing condition on the Fiery server.

- 4 Click **Next**.

Note: The number of steps required to complete the selected task depends on the connected printer. Some settings or options may not be available for your printer model.

Calibrator Settings

The settings in the **Calibrator Settings** window affect various aspects of the calibration procedure. You can set the calibration status (expiration), calibration time limit, and job suspension.

Note: You must have Administrator privileges to change preferences.

In Command WorkStation, Fiery Calibrator can be opened with one of the following methods:

- Click the **Calibrate** toolbar icon in Job Center.
- Click **Server > Calibrate**.
- Click **Server > Device Center**. Under **General**, click **Tools**, and then click **Calibrator**.

In the **Fiery Calibrator** window, click the Calibrator Settings (gear) icon located in the lower-left corner.

To use dark mode on a Mac computer, make a setting in Fiery Command WorkStation preferences. For more information on dark mode, see *Fiery Command WorkStation Help*.

Calibration status (expiration)

If you set a time limit for a calibration, an outdated calibration results in status messages in Command WorkStation and can cause a job to be suspended.

Command WorkStation displays a warning (yellow) for the job in the Job Center when the calibration will be outdated within 30 minutes, and an error (red) when the calibration is outdated.

If the calibration of a job is outdated, the Fiery server can suspend the job when you try to print it. The suspended job is not printed but remains in the Printing queue in a suspended state.

The calibration status is checked just before the job is sent to print. If the calibration becomes outdated while a job is printing, the job will not be suspended. We recommend that you calibrate before printing a long job to minimize the possibility of the calibration becoming outdated while the job is printing.

If you double-click the suspended job, you can do one of the following:

- Calibrate the Fiery server for the job's calibration setting(s). After you update the calibration measurements, select the suspended job and print it.
- Continue printing the job using the outdated measurement data. Select this option if output consistency is not important for this job.

Types of jobs affected by calibration limit

The Fiery server can determine if the calibration is outdated for most jobs, including:

- Jobs submitted from an application using the Fiery PostScript printer driver or Fiery VUE.
- Imported PDF and TIFF jobs.
- Jobs that have been processed (including processed VPS and VIPP jobs).

The Fiery server cannot determine if the calibration is outdated and therefore will not suspend the following types of jobs:

- PCL and PJJL jobs.
- Jobs submitted from an application without using the Fiery PostScript printer driver or Fiery VUE. This includes VPS and VIPP jobs that have not been processed.
- Jobs submitted through the Direct connection. These type of jobs cannot be suspended in any case.

In addition, the Fiery server does not check the calibration of jobs that were printed using the Force Print command. The Force Print command can be used on jobs that were suspended because of a job mismatch (the paper or finishing required for the job was not available). These types of jobs, because they are being forced to print, are not checked for calibration.

Set calibration time limit and job suspension

You can set a calibration time limit and set whether Fiery Command WorkStation suspends the job if calibration has expired.

1 In the **Calibrator Settings** window, do any of the following:

If you choose to set an expiration time, you can set one of the following:

- To show expiration status, select **Show status in Job Center**.
- To enable job suspension, select **Suspend job printing when calibration expires**.

For a suspended job, you can do one of the following:

- Calibrate the Fiery server for the job's calibration setting(s). After you update the calibration measurements, select the suspended job and print it.
- Continue printing the job using the outdated measurement data if output consistency is not important for the job.
- To enable Zero-touch recalibration, select **Calibrate job with inline sensor automatically**.

2 Optionally, select the **Create G7 calibrations** check box to calibrate and print profiling measurement patches.

G7 calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7 specification, using measurement data from a specific G7 target (patch page).

3 Click **Factory Defaults** to reset the settings to their original defaults.

4 Click **Save** to save the settings.

Create calibration for the server

To create a calibration, enter a name and other details, as required.

The required information is dependent on the Fiery server and printer that you are calibrating.

1 Type a calibration name of your choice.

Note: The calibration name should be unique for each server. The name you type must not already be used by a calibration setting or profile on the server.

2 Select **Color mode**.

3 (Optional) Click **Settings** to change the setting for **Use existing calibration for Job Properties (Read-only)**.

You can update the calibration properties in the **Job Properties** window.

4 (Optional) Select **G7 calibration options**.

5 (Optional) Choose from one of the following calibration targets:

- Select **G7 gray balance calibration**.

G7 calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7 specification, using measurement data from a specific G7 target (patch page).

- Select **G7+ gray balance calibration**.

After selecting **G7+ gray balance calibration**, you can optionally select the **High density smoothing** check box.

When a density value of 2.2 or more is achieved, the High Density Smoothing feature can help minimize banding and improve calibration. Using the feature with a density value of 2.2 or less may produce unexpected results in the output.

Note: To use G7 and G7+ gray balance calibration, Fiery Color Profiler Suite must be installed and licensed. The option is otherwise grayed out.

6 (Optional) Select **Specialty color over CMYK mode**.

7 (Optional) Select **Specialty color under CMYK mode**.

To calibrate CMYK only for a printer with two specialty colors, select both **Specialty color over CMYK mode** and **Specialty color under CMYK mode**.

8 Click **Next**.

G7 calibration workflow

G7 calibration is conducted between the Fiery server calibration and printing of profiling measurement patches.

G7 calibration is applied on the top of the Fiery server calibration. Entering the G7 calibration process, you will select the patch layout for the P2P target you wish to use, measure them, inspect the results, and make adjustments to the settings, if needed.

The G7 specification defines standard grayscale curves that can be used to create a common neutral appearance of output on different printers. G7 calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7 specification, using measurement data from a specific G7 target (P2P target). Fiery Color Profiler Suite supports printing and measuring different P2P targets that are used for G7 calibration. You can measure with any supported measurement instrument, including inline measurement instruments, in which case the process can become automated without user interaction.

1 In the **Patch layout** window, select the **G7 patch set** you want to use:

- P2P51 (the newer target, a revision of the original)
- P2P25Xa (the original target)

Note: The actual values used in the targets are similar, but the newer version is a more precise version of the G7 specification.

2 Click **Print** and measure the patch page.

3 Review the **G7 gray balance measurement results**.

Because this is the G7 calibration run, it is expected that the results are failing. It is the measurements from this target that will be used to calculate the NPDC curves necessary for G7 calibration.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

4 (Optional) Click **Correction options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves.

You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.

5 Click **OK** to print the P2P patch page again with the NPDC curves applied.

6 Measure the patch pages and view the G7 results.

7 If the G7 result is passing (all results show in green), click **Next**. If the result is failing (any result highlighted in red), then click **Iterate** to repeat the process. Additional iterations will not lead to better results. You can perform a maximum of four iterations.

G7+ calibration workflow

G7+ calibration is conducted between the Fiery server calibration and printing of profiling measurement patches.

G7+ calibration is applied on the top of the Fiery server calibration. Entering the G7+ calibration process, you will select the patch layout for the P2P75+ target, measure it, inspect the results, and make adjustments to the settings, if needed.

The G7+ specification defines standard grayscale curves that can be used to create a common neutral appearance of output on different printers. G7+ calibration adjusts the color output of a printer to the G7+ specification, using measurement data from a P2P75+ target. Fiery Color Profiler Suite supports printing and measuring a P2P75+ target that is used for G7+ calibration. You can measure with any supported measurement instrument, including inline measurement instruments, in which case the process can become automated without user interaction.

1 In the **Patch layout** window, select **P2P75+** from the **G7+ patch set** list.

2 Click **Print** and measure the patch page.

3 Review the **G7+ gray balance measurement results**.

Because this is the G7+ calibration run, it is expected that the results are failing. It is the measurements from this target that will be used to calculate the NPDC curves necessary for G7+ calibration.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

4 (Optional) Click **Correction options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves.

You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.

5 Click **OK** to print the P2P75+ patch page again with the NPDC curves applied.

6 Measure the patch pages and view the G7+ results.

- 7 If the G7+ result is passing (all results show in green), click **Next**. If the result is failing (any result highlighted in red), then click **Iterate** to repeat the process. Additional iterations will not lead to better results. Additional iterations will not lead to better results. You can perform a maximum of four iterations.

Create a color output profile for a calibration setting

To be able to create a color output profile, Fiery Color Profiler Suite must be installed and licensed on the same computer as Calibrator. When you create a custom calibration setting, you must specify a measurement instrument as the measurement method. ColorCal uses a photocopier scanner to make measurements. Therefore, ColorCal is not available as a method to create calibrations and profiles due to scanner limitations.

You must have Administrator privileges to create a custom calibration setting.

After you create a new calibration setting, you associate it with an output profile. Depending on your paper, a new calibration setting may not give satisfactory results when used with an existing output profile. If it does not, we recommend that you create a new, custom output profile based on your paper.

- If you create a new, custom output profile, printing test pages with existing output profiles is not needed. A profiling page is printed. You measure the page using Printer Profiler in Fiery Color Profiler Suite, and the resulting profile is imported to the Fiery server and associated with your new calibration setting.
- If you select an existing profile, select the profile for the paper that is the most similar to your paper. A copy of this profile with the same name as the calibration setting is created, and the existing calibration target (goal) of the profile is changed to a new target calculated using the calibration measurements. The new calibration setting is associated with this profile.

- 1 Select an output profile from the list of profiles that reside on the Fiery server.

Calibrator will duplicate the output profile and rename it.

- 2 Click **Test Page**.

You can print a test page to help you decide whether to associate the calibration setting with a copy of the currently selected output profile or create a new output profile.

Without a licensed copy of Fiery Color Profiler Suite, you can do test prints with a few output profiles to help you determine which one gives the best results. For best results, use a licensed Fiery Color Profiler Suite application to create an output profile optimized for the calibration just created.

The test page is printed using the currently selected output profile.

- 3 If Fiery Color Profiler Suite is installed on your computer, click **Create New Profile** to create a new, custom output profile.

Set calibration settings

When you print a calibration page, first specify the calibration settings by specifying the inks used, preset, and other details, as required.

Note: If G7 or G7+ calibration is applied, a message appears showing the validity of your calibration measurements.

- 1 In the **Color** tab in the **Job Properties** window, choose the color mode that is required for your production output:

- CMYK
- CMYK + N

Note: Where N is an additional color mode available for the press, if supported.

- 2 Specify an output profile in the **Color** tab in the **Job Properties** window.

The only additional setting to modify in the **Color** tab is the output profile.

Select an output profile from the available list that closely matches your substrate properties. Although Calibrator will not use the output profile for color management, Calibrator and Fiery Color Profiler Suite use proprietary information in output profiles to optimize their internal settings.

- 3 On a press that requires Substrate Catalog, define the substrate from **Substrate Catalog** and the substrate size from **Size ID** on the **Substrate** tab in the **Job Properties** window.

On a press where Substrate Catalog is optional or is not available, make sure the substrate source (tray) contains the substrate properties you are selecting in **Job Properties**, for example, weight, type, coating, and size. Do not use settings such as "any" or "automatic", because the calibration you are creating must be for the exact print conditions. Generic settings do not guarantee optimal results.

- 4 (Optional) Specify other job properties if you choose not to use the default settings for printing a job.
- 5 For presses requiring manual ink limiting, select the **Apply preliminary ink values** check box, click **Settings** to define the ink limits, and then click **OK**.

Click **Link** to link all the ink limits together and then you can change only one ink value. If only 100% of ink on substrate gives an issue, then use this option, otherwise you can skip this step. Reprint with option turned on.

Click **Reset** to reset to the default ink values.

Note: If the Fiery server supports light inks, then the light ink limits are calculated automatically depending on the normal ink limits.

- 6 Click **Print Pages** to print the calibration page and proceed to measurement.

Print a calibration page for measurement

When you print a calibration page, specify the measurement instrument and chart size.

Calibrate the spectrophotometer to prepare it for measuring the calibration page.

Note:

At least one manual spectrophotometer is always offered, for example the Fiery ES-3000. Spectrophotometer measurement instruments are the most precise.

Some inline instruments are based on scanners needing their inks to be calibrated against the paper for best results. This is often referred to as "training". When a pair of measurement instruments is listed in the menu, the inline instrument and the inline instrument with the spectrophotometer. The setting with both instruments will create more accurate color thereafter by reusing a table optimized for your paper and inks.

- 1 In the **Patch Layout** window, set the following options:
 - Select a measurement instrument in the **Instrument** list.
 - Select a patch page size in the **Chart size** list.
Click **Custom** to specify a custom patch page size.
- 2 Click **Print** to print patch pages and proceed to measurement.
Follow the on-screen instructions to measure the calibration page.

Using an existing output profile

You can use an existing output profile if a matching output profile is detected on the Fiery server.

- Do one of the following:
 - Click **Continue** to create a custom output profile.
 - Click **Done** to use the existing output profile.

Set ink controls

After you have measured the patches, you can view the ink usage and consumption that will be applied to linearize your press.

The Set ink controls feature is available for presses requiring manual ink limiting.

You can view individual channels by clicking the tab for each color channel.

- 1 Optional: Specify the ink usage values for settings shown.
Click **Reset** to return to the original ink values.
- 2 Click **Next** to continue the calibration process.

User-selectable ink splitting using presets

Calibrator supports double-hit of ink when a printer has two containers of the same colorant. This technique allows for much denser saturation than a single hit can produce.

The Ink splitting feature may be available depending on the press.

A Calibrator preset lets you control how the requested amount of ink is distributed between the two containers.

In Calibrator, you can define the ink split method for duplicated inks at the start of the calibration process using one of the available presets. The presets offered in the **Select the ink split method for duplicate inks** list are as follows:

- **Second ink starts at 30%** - The second ink will not be used until the requested amount reaches 30%.
- **Second ink starts at 38%** - The second ink will not be used until the requested amount reaches 38%.
- **Second ink starts at 46% (default)** - The second ink will not be used until the requested amount reaches 46%.

- **Second ink starts at 55%** - The second ink will not be used until the requested amount reaches 55%.
- **Second ink starts at 2%** - The second ink will not be used until the requested amount reaches 2%.
- **Equal ink split** - Both inks start at 0% and are equally split.
- **Equal ink split, -10% dot gain** - Both inks start at 0% and are equally split. There is approximately a 10% ink reduction in mid-tones.
- **Equal ink split, -20% dot gain** - Both inks start at 0% and are equally split. There is approximately a 20% ink reduction in mid-tones.

Set total ink limit for linearization

After you have successfully measured the patch page provided for the total ink limit, the results are displayed and you can make some adjustments.

The total ink limit feature is available for presses requiring manual ink limiting.

1 Choose one of the following:

- Choose a value for the total ink limit.

The value displayed is the value suggested for your press without additional measurements required. You can enter a numerical value of your choosing should you decide not to use the suggested value.

- Choose a value from a printed visual chart.

The value displayed is the value suggested for your press based on a specific column number in the chart. You can select a column number of your choosing should you decide not to use the suggested value. The printed visual chart may reveal issues that measurements alone cannot detect. For instance, ink might seep through the substrate if too much is allowed. In this case, you will want to use a lower value than the suggested one.

2 Optional: Print a visual chart.

The **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed. Click **Print** to continue.

3 Click **Next**.

Now watch the video on how to set the total ink limit [here](#).

Obtain measurement for G7 gray balance

You can print a patch page to measure. These measurements must accurately represent the current performance of your printer.

1 Select **G7 calibration options** and choose one of the following options:

- **G7 gray balance calibration**
- **G7+ gray balance calibration**

After selecting **G7+ gray balance calibration**, you can optionally select the **High density smoothing** check box.

When a density value of 2.2 or more is achieved, the High Density Smoothing feature can help minimize banding and improve calibration. Using the feature with a density value of 2.2 or less may produce unexpected results in the output.

2 In the **Set total ink limit** window, click **Next**.

The **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed.

3 Click **Print** to continue.

4 Click **Next**.

G7 gray balance measurement summary

View the summary of the G7 gray balance measurement.

1 Review the G7 gray balance measurement summary.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

2 Click **Correction Options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves. You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.

3 Click **Back** to discard your initial measurements.

4 Click **Iterate** to repeat the process.

G7+ gray balance measurement summary

View the summary of the G7+ gray balance measurement.

1 Review the G7+ gray balance measurement summary.

The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.

2 Click **Correction Options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves. You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.

- 3 Click **Back** to discard your initial measurements.
- 4 Click **Iterate** to repeat the process.

Correction Options

Review the output correction curve.

- 1 You can set various correction options.
 - **Fade gray balance:** reduces the gray balance correction applied by the G7 NPDC correction curves above the fade adjustment value.
 - **Fade tone adjustment:** reduces the tone adjustments applied by the G7 NPDC correction curves above the fade adjustment value.
 - **Fade adjustment value:** reduces adjustment of tone and/or gray balance above specified percent dot value.
 - **Add smoothing:** smooths calibration curves for noisy or irregular calibration data.
- 2 Select **OK** to accept changes or **Default** to return to the default values.

G7 gray balance measurement results

View the results of the G7 gray balance measurement.

- 1 Review the G7 gray balance measurement results.
The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.
- 2 Click **Correction Options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves. You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.
- 3 Click **Iterate** to print the patches with the G7 calibration curves to see if the results are passing.
- 4 Click **Back** to discard your iteration measurements.
- 5 If the results are acceptable, click **Accept** to continue the calibration process.

G7+ gray balance measurement results

View the results of the G7+ gray balance measurement.

- 1 Review the G7+ gray balance measurement results.
The NPDC (Neutral Print Density Curve) is displayed separately for CMY (composite) and K (black). Gray balance is plotted as a^*b^* . In the table, the weighted average must be less than 1.5 to show as green. The weighted maximum must be less than 3 to show as green.
- 2 Click **Correction Options** to display the correction curve, and expose advanced options applied to the formation of the correction curves. You can choose to keep the defaults or change them.

- 3 Click **Iterate** to print the patches with the G7+ calibration curves to see if the results are passing.
- 4 Click **Back** to discard your iteration measurements.
- 5 If the results are acceptable, click **Accept** to continue the calibration process.

Set an output profile

You can proceed to Fiery Printer Profiler to create the output profile, or save the results for later.

- Choose to create a profile.
 - a) Choose **Create output profile with Fiery Color Profiler Suite**.
 - b) Click **Next**.

Fiery Printer Profiler will create an output profile for use with the calibration you have just completed.

Or choose to save the calibration results for later.

- a) Choose **Save calibration now and create output profile later**.

You can click the **Save Measurement** icon to save the measurement to your desired location. You can view the file in Fiery Verify or Fiery Profile Inspector.

- b) Click **Done**.

A temporary output profile is applied to the calibration visible in Command WorkStation Profile Manager. For color management to be accurate, a custom profile must be created for use with the calibration.

Recalibrate

After you have calibration data for the Fiery server, you can recalibrate it at any time. The existing calibration will be updated to match the color benchmark produced for the Fiery server when this calibration was created.

Note: Recalibration is available only for presses without light inks or duplicate inks.

- 1 Start Calibrator.
- 2 If Calibrator is started from Fiery Color Profiler Suite, click **Select Fiery server** in the **Select a task** window, and select the Fiery server from the list. If the Fiery server is not in the list, click the plus sign to add it using the IP address, DNS name, or by searching.
- 3 Select one of the following tasks:
 - **Recalibrate** - Update a calibration using the selected calibration setting.
 - **Create calibration** - Create a new calibration and profile to define a new color printing condition on the Fiery server.
- 4 Click **Next**.

Note: The number of steps required to complete the selected task depends on the connected press. Some settings or options may not be available for your press model.

Update calibration for the server

To recalibrate, start with the previously saved calibration data.

- 1 Choose an existing calibration set from the list.

Based on the calibration you selected, the color mode is displayed. If color mode is not displayed, it is not supported on the press you calibrated.

The comments shown are those that were added at the time the calibration was created.

- 2 Optional: Select the down arrow by the **Next** button and choose **Load measurements from file** to allow you to bypass the print and measure workflows. This option is reserved for expert users who already have measurements for their press. It is recommended that you always print and measure your actual press.
- 3 Click **Next**.

Obtain measurement for linearization

You can print a patch page to measure, or import measurements from a recent calibration. These measurements must accurately represent the current performance of your press.

Note: This procedure applies to presses without light inks and duplicate inks.

- 1 Choose one of the following:

- **Print measurement chart**

Select **Include visual chart** to print the measurement patches for visual inspection.

If you choose this option, follow the online instructions to print patch pages and measure them.

- **Import measurements from file**

Note: Loading measurements from file is most useful for tests and demonstrations. It is otherwise generally not recommended. Best results are obtained when measurement pages for all calibration creation steps are printed and measured in a single session.

Keep in mind the following:

- The response of the press may have changed since the measurement file was saved.
- Measurement files do not contain information on how the measurement pages were printed. Default job properties are assumed.
- Depending on your Calibrator version, the option to import measurements from a file is available in the **Calibrator** window or the measurement instruments list.
- When calibration settings are created, the **Job Properties** window opens and allows you to specify how the measured samples are printed.

When you select this option, you are automatically taken to the location where the measurements files are stored.

If you choose this option, the measurements will be displayed in the next window.

2 Click **Next**.

If you selected **Print measurement chart** in the first step, the **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed. In the **Patch Layout** window, select the instrument and the chart size. Click **Print** to continue.

Note: When you are recalibrating, be sure to a substrate type very similar to the substrate type that was used to create the calibration. Do not change settings from the **Color** tab and the **Image** tab because these settings were automatically set by the calibration software.

Obtain measurement for verifying calibration

You can print a patch page to measure, or import measurements from a recent calibration. These measurements must accurately represent the current performance of your printer.

1 Choose one of the following:

- **Print measurement chart**

Select **Include visual chart** to print the measurement patches for visual inspection.

If you choose this option, follow the online instructions to print patch pages and measure them.

- **Import measurements from file**

Note: Loading measurements from file is most useful for tests and demonstrations. It is otherwise generally not recommended. Best results are obtained when measurement pages for all calibration creation steps are printed and measured in a single session.

Keep in mind the following:

- The response of the printer may have changed since the measurement file was saved.
- Measurement files do not contain information on how the measurement pages were printed. Default job properties are assumed.
- Depending on your Calibrator version, the option to import measurements from a file is available in the **Calibrator** window or the measurement instruments list.
- When calibration settings are created, the **Job Properties** window opens and allows you to specify how the measured samples are printed.

When you select this option, you are automatically taken to the location where the measurements files are stored.

If you choose this option, the measurements will be displayed in the next window.

2 Click **Next**.

If you selected **Print measurement chart** in the first step, the **Patch Layout** window in FieryMeasure is displayed. In the **Patch Layout** window, select the instrument and the chart size. Click **Print** to continue.

Calibration Manager

Calibration Manager allows you to view and delete calibration settings. Comments can also be added to or deleted from individual calibrations.

Typically, calibration settings and output profiles are appropriate for specific paper and printing conditions. A calibration setting can be associated with more than one output profile.

Open Calibration Manager from Calibrator by clicking  in the lower-left corner of the window. The window displays all the calibrations for the selected server. The following categories are shown:

- **Calibration:** Completed calibrations for the server listed by name.
- **Last calibrated:** The time of the last calibration.
- **Color mode:** The color mode is the color space of the output profiles that the calibration set supports.

You can perform a number of actions for the calibration you select in the list. Not all actions are available for all calibrations. If an action is not available, it is grayed out. The actions are:

- **Edit** opens a window where you can edit the basic information of a custom calibration setting.
- **View measurements** opens a window providing more details about the highlighted calibration.

The information displayed in the window is determined by the measurement space.

- **Delete** removes the selected calibration set.

Profiles relying on this calibration will also be deleted, after confirmation from the operator. Factory calibration sets, such as Plain, cannot be deleted.

Edit calibration setting

You can edit the basic information of a custom calibration setting. You cannot edit a factory-supplied calibration setting.

You must have Administrator privileges to edit a custom calibration setting.

Job properties (print settings) cannot be edited since any measurement data saved with the calibration setting would become invalid. To edit the job properties of a calibration setting, create a new calibration setting based on the existing one.

1 In **Calibration Manager**, select the calibration setting in the list and click **Edit**.

2 Specify the following settings:

- **Name** - Type a name that describes the paper name, weight, and type plus any other specific printing conditions (for example, halftone or gloss settings). The name can have a maximum of 70 characters.
- **Comment** - (Optional) Type additional descriptive information. This information appears in the list of calibration settings available on the Fiery server.

View measurements

View details of calibration in a DeltaE measurement space.

You can reset the measurement data for a particular calibration setting to the default data (either the factory default data or, for a custom calibration setting, the initial measurement data). This option is not available if the current measurement data is already the default data.

- 1** In **Calibration Manager**, select a calibration and click **View measurements**.
Details of the calibration are displayed.
- 2** To reset the calibration data, click **Reset to Default Measurements**.
When you perform this action, the last set of calibrator measurements is deleted.

Black-and-white calibration workflow

When you calibrate a Fiery server, you perform the following tasks.

- Print a calibration page, which contains patches of various shades of gray in a specific layout. You use this page to measure the current output of the printer.

The output of the printer changes with time and usage. For the most current data, always measure a newly printed calibration page.

- Measure the gray values of the patches on the calibration page using a spectrophotometer.
- Apply the measurements.

The measurement data is saved with the specific calibration setting. When you print a job with the calibration setting, the measurement data is used to calculate the calibration adjustment that is needed to produce the desired output (the calibration target).

Update calibration for the server using a measurement instrument

After you have calibration data for the Fiery server, you can recalibrate it at any time. The existing calibration will be updated to match the black-and-white benchmark produced for the Fiery server when this calibration was created.

- 1 Start Calibrator.
- 2 Select a measurement instrument in the **Measurement method** list.
- 3 Select the desired paper source in the **Paper source** list.

Note: Be sure that the paper source contains paper that is appropriate for the calibration setting. If a warning appears under the **Paper source** setting, it might be because the paper source does not match the calibration setting. You can either select a different calibration setting or a different paper source.

- 4 Click **Next** and proceed to measurement.

Follow the on-screen instructions to measure the calibration page.

Calibrator Settings

The settings in the **Calibrator Settings** window affect various aspects of the calibration procedure. You can set the calibration status (expiration), calibration time limit, and job suspension.

Note: You must have Administrator privileges to change preferences.

In Command WorkStation, Fiery Calibrator can be opened with one of the following methods:

- Click the **Calibrate** toolbar icon in Job Center.
- Click **Server > Calibrate**.
- Click **Server > Device Center**. Under **General**, click **Tools**, and then click **Calibrator**.

In the **Fiery Calibrator** window, click the Calibrator Settings (gear) icon located in the lower-left corner.

To use dark mode on a Mac computer, make a setting in Fiery Command WorkStation preferences. For more information on dark mode, see *Fiery Command WorkStation Help*.

Calibration status (expiration)

If you set a time limit for a calibration, an outdated calibration results in status messages in Command WorkStation and can cause a job to be suspended.

Command WorkStation displays a warning (yellow) for the job in the Job Center when the calibration will be outdated within 30 minutes, and an error (red) when the calibration is outdated.

If the calibration of a job is outdated, the Fiery server can suspend the job when you try to print it. The suspended job is not printed but remains in the Printing queue in a suspended state.

The calibration status is checked just before the job is sent to print. If the calibration becomes outdated while a job is printing, the job will not be suspended. We recommend that you calibrate before printing a long job to minimize the possibility of the calibration becoming outdated while the job is printing.

If you double-click the suspended job, you can do one of the following:

- Calibrate the Fiery server for the job's calibration setting(s). After you update the calibration measurements, select the suspended job and print it.
- Continue printing the job using the outdated measurement data. Select this option if output consistency is not important for this job.

Types of jobs affected by calibration limit

The Fiery server can determine if the calibration is outdated for most jobs, including:

- Jobs submitted from an application using the Fiery PostScript printer driver or Fiery VUE.
- Imported PDF and TIFF jobs.
- Jobs that have been processed (including processed VPS and VIPP jobs).

The Fiery server cannot determine if the calibration is outdated and therefore will not suspend the following types of jobs:

- PCL and PJJL jobs.
- Jobs submitted from an application without using the Fiery PostScript printer driver or Fiery VUE. This includes VPS and VIPP jobs that have not been processed.
- Jobs submitted through the Direct connection. These types of jobs cannot be suspended in any case.

In addition, the Fiery server does not check the calibration of jobs that were printed using the Force Print command. The Force Print command can be used on jobs that were suspended because of a job mismatch (the paper or finishing required for the job was not available). These types of jobs, because they are being forced to print, are not checked for calibration.

Set calibration time limit and job suspension

You can set a calibration time limit and set whether Fiery Command WorkStation suspends the job if calibration has expired.

1 In the **Calibrator Settings** window, do any of the following:

If you choose to set an expiration time, you can set one of the following:

- To show expiration status, select **Show status in Job Center**.
- To enable job suspension, select **Suspend job printing when calibration expires**.

For a suspended job, you can do one of the following:

- Calibrate the Fiery server for the calibration setting of a job. After you update the calibration measurements, select the suspended job and print it.
- Continue printing the job using the outdated measurement data if output consistency is not important for the job.

2 Click **Factory Defaults** to reset the settings to their original defaults.

3 Click **Save** to save the settings.

Update calibration for the server

To recalibrate, start with the previously saved calibration data.

1 Choose an existing calibration set from the list.

The comments shown are those that were added at the time the calibration was created.

2 Click **Next**.

View calibration summary

After you measure a calibration page, the measurement results are ready to be applied. Applying the measurement data overwrites the existing data.

- Do one of the following:
 - Click **Apply & Close** to save the calibration settings.
 - Click **Cancel** to cancel the calibration. When you perform this action, the calibration settings will not be updated.