Color Management Handbook

Strategies to master color management in the digital workflow
Start applying them today
Is that really the correct color?

“Is this color good to go?”
— A hesitation we often have before making prints in the digital workflow.

Photographer

Are the application settings on the monitor correctly adjusted and does the color match the printed image?

Retoucher

Is the photograph edited the way it was intended?

Designer

Do the colors in the design comp and color proof match?
No more color worries. The basics of color management.

We will explain about the key points in each production step. Keep these in mind to significantly improve your color management.

🚀 Concerns over color in the digital workflow

A monitor to display the data, a printer to check it on paper.... Issues concerning color are a constant concern in the print production digital workflow. Anyone involved in creating printed materials is bound to have experienced color variations depending on the monitor used for the check, or a difference in color tones between the comp output and printed matter.

Your color management in the digital workflow can lead to big problems at the back end of the process.

💡 Color management in practice

Color management can be performed by following a set of rules to correctly handle the data. Color management will not only improve the end quality but also bring other major benefits to each work step.

 yourselves with potential problems in the digital workflow

What is color management?

Color management provides a unified environment for handling colors where a common color reference is used at each step of production, from photography to design, plate making, and printing. It aims to unify the image throughout the entire production by using the profiles of the various devices to adjust their colors.

If we compare the color space widely used in digital cameras, Adobe RGB with the printing color standard of Japan Color 2001 Coated, we can tell that there is a difference in the color gamuts that can be reproduced. These two gamuts cannot be made to coincide, but color management can make them approximate one another. Maintaining an awareness of the final printed color in the finished product in the photographic, design, and plate making stages, and making it the shared standard, makes it possible to handle data smoothly.

Monitors and printers have their own color idiosyncrasies and it is impossible to make them a perfect match.

However, it is possible to convert the color data of each device via a common color space (a color space independent of any device) so that the various colors can match more closely. This is the basic principle of color management.
The Benefits of Color Management in Practice

Preparing an environment for color management involves installing the appropriate machinery, adjusting settings, and deciding and sharing rules for color management with work staff to remain consistent. While it may be a challenge, we will show the benefits of using a color management system in the creative workflow.

Communication between front-end and back-end of the process is smooth

1. Photographer / Retoucher
   - Illustrator
   - Photographer under a 5000 K light source with printing in mind
   - Embed the profile while working in a correctly lit environment

2. Design company
   - Design with the colors as they are on the monitor
   - Output a comp and PDF based on the printer profile
   - Define the color space underpinning the work process

3. Plate making company
   - Gives you peace of mind as you work
   - Accurate display
   - Proof
   - Deliverable

4. Printing company
   - Peace of mind
   - 1st proof → 2nd proof → 3rd proof
   - Reduce cost and time associated with reprints and multiple proofs
   - Good 1st color proof or monitor-based proof!
   - Apply color management

What should we be careful about to ensure that data is handled correctly in each process leading up to the finished product? We will deal with each production step separately. By referring to these steps, you can greatly increase your color management accuracy.

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Printer
- Convert images to CMYK while looking at the monitor
- Output a color proof via DDCP or an inkjet printer

Summary
- The perfect monitor for every workflow

Extras
- Define the color space underpinning the work process

You can increase the quality of the final product with these benefits.
Photographer

### Photograph

**Photograph under a 5000 K light source with printing in mind**

In ISO international standards and Japanese printing standards, “D50” is adopted as the light source for evaluating the color tones in printed materials. This value, determined by sampling based on the human sense of color, is a color temperature of 5000 K. For proper color management it is vital to keep this 5000 K in mind right from the photography stage.

It is possible to maintain color consistency from the photography stage to printing by making the color temperature of the light source during the shoot as close to 5000 K as possible, and by using 5000 K as a yardstick in the white balance settings of the camera and in the RAW development.

**Key points when comparing the subject at the shoot and how it looks on the monitor**

- Use a fluorescent light designed for color appraisal when you compare the subject and its image on the monitor at a shoot. The color temperature of the fluorescent light is important, but you must pay just as much attention to the color rendering index (Ra). Accurate color reproduction requires Ra90 or above. The colors of the monitor and the subject will match when viewed in fluorescent light with high color rendering properties.

- Modeling lamps with a low color temperature are usually used in studios.

- If you illuminate the subject with a fluorescent desk lamp designed for color appraisal, the colors will match those on the monitor.

**Settings for color sample comp output and proof printing**

When outputting a color sample comp to send to the back-end printing process, select “Normal Printing” in the Photoshop Print dialog box and choose “Photoshop Manages Colors” for color handling and specify a printer profile compatible with the paper. When you do so, make sure that ColorSync is checked. However, in the case of proof printing (color proof), select “Hard Proofing” instead of “Normal Printing”. The document profile (source profile) used in the digital printing workflow is Adobe RGB or sRGB. The white point in these profiles is set as D65 and, based on this, some people hold that the color temperature of the monitor should be 6500 K. However, as was stated earlier, ISO and Japanese printing standards stipulate viewing under D50 light source and in Photoshop, the white point is also processed at 5000 K. When retouching photographs, it is essential to prepare a 5000 K work environment that accords with these standards.

### Retoucher

**Retouching**

- **Embed the profile while working in a correctly lit environment**

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Use a display monitor specifically for color management.

Why is a dedicated monitor necessary?

There are many different types of LCD monitors, from inexpensive ones to high performance models. However, the display properties of the monitor are very important for accurate display and proper color handling. The ColorEdge series shown in (1) has clear gradations for each RGB color, but the monitors shown in (2) and (3) have uneven and fluctuating gradations. This not only means that they cannot display images correctly, but there is also the danger of corrupting good quality data. It is essential to employ a display monitor specifically for color management in the digital workflow.

What is monitor color?

Of the many adjustable color settings, “brightness” and “color temperature” are especially important.

- Brightness: Brightness of the monitor display. Expressed in cd/m² (candela).
- Color temperature: Color tone when white is displayed on the monitor. Expressed in a unit called K (kelvin).

We have a color reference also for monitors.

Just like the color of paper can look different depending on the lighting conditions, different monitors will display different colors. Correct use of color is possible by adjusting the monitor to the reference.

Using a dedicated monitor

Individual adjustment prior to shipping

Every ColorEdge monitor is individually adjusted at the factory for displaying the entire RGB color space, giving each one a smooth, consistent display.

Dedicated circuit for display correction

Sometimes LCD monitors may display uneven levels of brightness and color across the screen. Monitors with a dedicated circuit to rectify this enables work efficiency with a uniform display.

Easy setup using dedicated software

When print output is being evaluated in a 5000 K environment, adjusting the monitor to 5000 K enables good color matching and correct use of color. ColorNavigator, dedicated calibration software for ColorEdge, facilitates accurate and quick monitor adjustments to the target color temperature and brightness.

Automatically generate accurate profiles

Setting an accurate monitor profile is essential for accurate color matching. With its dedicated calibration software, ColorEdge is able to automatically generate and store an accurate profile.

Color management with an automatic internal sensor

The newest ColorEdge models come with a built-in sensor that automatically adjusts the monitor at user-determined intervals. This gives the user a consistent display that is easy to setup and maintain.

Hardware calibration that doesn’t sacrifice gradation expression is possible with ColorEdge.

ColorEdge uses ColorNavigator, its dedicated calibration software, in combination with a commercially available sensor or the in-built sensor, so the monitor’s internal settings are adjusted directly and its color display adjusted. This is known as hardware calibration. Unlike software calibration, where computer output is adjusted in a general purpose LCD monitor by a combination of a commercially available calibration sensor and software, hardware calibration performs more accurate monitor adjustment with no gradation loss or color shift.
Color management has seen revolutionary changes in both the input (photography, scanning etc.) and output (printing) processes. However, in the design process, which lies directly between them, the traditional method of determining colors by CMYK values is still going strong, while there are many cases where people who use the traditional method of determining colors by CMYK values is still going strong, while there are many cases where people who use monitors with a low level of accuracy are swayed by their visible perception of the colors. However, by using a monitor with excellent tone and color reproducibility, and introducing color management, it becomes possible to simulate the print finish on the monitor. Both creativity and productivity are boosted when design work is just as it’s shown on the monitor.

Use the same profile embedded in the image in the design process.

Sometimes the profile embedded in the photographic data is deliberately removed by the designer. This is probably due to an incomplete understanding of dynamic color management. Removing an image’s profile puts the colors in an unknown state and can cause problems in the back-end process. It is important for the designer to use the photographic data as it is, without removing the profile. The color way to do it is to select “Enable Preview” in the InDesign or Illustrator color settings.

The InDesign color settings

When comparing with the paper, it is possible to regenerate profiles to match the objective. With ColorEdge, it is possible to regenerate a profile to better match the objective by performing a remeasurement based on the target values obtained from manual fine tuning. It is possible to regenerate profiles to match the objective.

Fine tuning after adjusting to 5000 K

Even with the color temperature of the monitor set to 5000 K, its white may still not match that of the paper. In this case, fine tuning the monitor’s white to match the paper will improve color accuracy.

Calibrating the monitor using target values that have been standardized under a 5000 K light source as described on Page 11, it is possible to derive a calibration target value that is better suited for the matching application.

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An intuitive user-friendly interface

ColorNavigator’s manual adjustment function makes fine tuning white color easy!

Color matching between the printed material and the monitor (evaluate side-by-side) can be done by:

Color matching between prints and monitor

Either method can be used with ColorEdge.

For example, if the white of the paper is judged by performing a remeasurement based on the target values obtained from manual fine tuning, it is possible to regenerate profiles to match the objective.

The ColorEdge internal sensors cannot perform paper white measurement. To use the method of measurement, it is necessary to prepare a separate external calibration sensor.

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5000 K

Example) 5000 K/Ra.99

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Matching the monitor color for all workers.

Color quality in the digital workflow can be improved by matching the color of each monitor and having the workers share a common image. There are also two methods by which the color of monitors may be matched.

**Case 3:** Matching them to the printed output

By using each of these methods appropriately for a given purpose, accuracy in the use of color can be improved.

**Case 4:** Matching them to an industry reference value

Matching them to the printed output

Not compatible outside the company but very convenient for in-house color unification!

By taking the adjustment value to match the white of the printer paper obtained in Case 3 and applying it to all monitors in the company, theoretically, the display color of all monitors will be matched.

Settings may be slightly different between each monitor due to model differences.

Matching them to an industry reference value

Provides a high level of compatibility but may not match print output.

By adjusting all in-house monitors to an industry standard, a basic color management environment can be established. This may not meet necessary requirements in terms of matching with actual print output.

**Comp and PDF**

Output a comp and PDF based on the printer profile

Once the design is finished, the comp is output using a laser printer or inkjet printer. This is a very important stage where the designer and the client both look at the printed output and do a comprehensive check of the composition, color coordination and so on. This cannot be done efficiently if the color tones on the monitor and in the comp output are different. Recently it’s becoming more common to export a PDF file and send it to the client. This is a very convenient way of doing things if the printing colors can be simulated at the PDF stage. Outputting a comp and PDF based on the printer profile makes it possible to share the finished image with the client.

The appropriate fluorescent lighting

The client’s environment

The designer’s work environment

Acrobat 8 or later

Adobe Illustrator or InDesign

PDF output in the printer profile color gamut

PDF

5266 K
98 cd/m²
γ 2.2

5000 K
80 cd/m²
γ 2.2

6500 K
80 cd/m²
γ 2.2

5000 K 80 cd/m² or above (2.2 gamma) [D50/D65]


ISO 12646:2008: Characteristics of the monitor and observation conditions

Adobe RGB

Adobe Color: [ISO 12646] is a core standard for “soft proofing”, the practice of performing print color proofing on a monitor. The Japanese printing industry also follows this standard.

Adobe RGB

Adobe Color

Adobe Color: An international standard on color gamut. A standard set for CRT monitors, but many manufacturers still conform to this standard. The large installed base provides high compatibility thus making it useful in applications such as web content development.

With ColorEdge, it is possible to store monitor adjustment settings for each application and easily switch between them depending on the job.

With ColorEdge, ColorNavigator makes it easy to share target values between different monitors using its target adjustment value import/export function.

Within the Adobe RGB color gamut
Display using applications that support color management.

For accurate color management, it is necessary to check the data and simulate printing on the display using applications that support color management.

To correctly view an image in accordance with color management rules, the application must load each of the profiles for the monitor and the image, and perform accurate color conversion.

Display images using applications

Open Creative Suite and select “Creative Suite Color Settings” under Edit. A window for selecting settings for all applications will appear.

Select Europe “Prepress 3” and click “Apply.”

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Open the image file

Loading the image profile

To open an image file correctly while referencing a profile, select one of the following two methods.

1. Use the profile embedded in the image.
2. Use the profile specified in “Color settings.”

In normal digital work, the embedded profile should be used by selecting method 1.

STEP 1
First, check the application’s color settings

For precise color utilization, color settings are first adjusted to the requirements of each job.

You can adjust the color settings in any software individually, but with Adobe Bridge you can save settings across all Adobe programs at once. Bridge is usable with CS2 and above.

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Select Europe “Prepress 3” and click “Apply.”

The color settings you choose in Bridge will stay consistent with every Adobe application as “Europe Prepress 3” will also carry over.

Applications supporting color management

< Recommended Photoshop color settings >

Select “Color settings” under “Edit.”

- Working Spaces
  It is convenient to have the profile for your normal digital workflow set up in advance.
  RGB: Typically, “sRGB” or “Adobe RGB.”
  CMYK: Select according to the color standard used in the workflow. When re-embedding the image profile, make selections based on the back-end workflow and the type of end deliverable.

- Color Management Policies
  For both RGB and CMYK, select “Preserve Embedded Profile.”
  Select all check boxes so it is possible to make positive identification either when files that have embedded profiles do not match the “Working Spaces,” or when files without an embedded profile are being opened. (Recommended)

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  For RGB: select “Preserve Embedded Profiles.”
  For CMYK: select “Preserve Numbers (Ignore Linked Profiles).”
  CMYK affects how RGB is that does not define color-space, but prioritizes percentage values.

ColorEdge

will automatically set accurate monitor profiles in the OS.

The image can be viewed in the working space specified in the application's "Color Settings." This is a useful function utilizing data that come from various external organizations or devices, or when it is necessary to switch profiles depending on the back-end process.
Output a comp to a printer with the correct settings.

For precise color management it is necessary to prepare the printer you will be outputting the comp to with the correct settings.

**Using an inkjet printer**

In order to manage colors using your image software, you must specify a printer profile. While referring to the printer profile and the image profile within the software, we can change the colors for output.

**Using a laser printer**

Laser printers are equipped with a RIP (raster image processor). We will apply the output profile directly to the laser printer (DTP full color all-in-one printer-copier) so there will be no need to manage color settings in your image software.

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Check the color under the correct light source.

**Why the light source must be controlled**

The printed material reflects the light from the light source so colors look different depending on the environmental light (ambient light).

Even with a clear image of the desired color, a change in environment can result in the following:

- Work created under improper lighting
- Correcting colors to match the comp
- Send to Printer
- The creator's intended colors
- \(?\)

To correctly control color in the digital workflow, it is necessary to evaluate printed material according to set standards with appropriate lighting conditions.

- Natural light (sunny)
- Natural light (cloudy)
- Cool fluorescent light
- Incandescent light
- Reference color in the publishing/printing industry
- Color tone of regular LCD monitors
- Color tone of regular televisions

**Photoshop print settings**

- Select "Photoshop Manages Colors" under Color Handling and the paper profile you will be using under Printer Profile.

**Illustrator print settings**

- Select "PostScript color settings" for Color Handling.

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**Printer profile**

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Colors change:

- Color change
### Controlling environmental light

1. Fluorescent light with a high color rendering index and appropriate color temperature.
2. Block outside light and view solely under fluorescent lighting as much as possible.

### Solution

- **High Color Rendering Fluorescent Lights**
  - **Type** | **Size** | **Name** | **Ra** | **Color Temp.**
  - FL20SN-EDL | 20” | 5000 K | 99
  - FL40SN-EDL | 40” | 5000 K | 99

In the printing digital workflow, confirm your prints using fluorescent light with the following specs:
- **Color Temp:** 5000 K
- **CRI (RA):** 99

### High quality comes from sharing the same image!

The image profile and evaluation environment of the printed output are the staples that provide a common output image across different steps in the digital workflow.

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- Light source
- Monitor is displayed at 5000 K
- Printed output is checked under 5000 K light source

### Use of color evaluation systems can be very effective!

Installing a dedicated color evaluation system will make it possible to perform color checks of printed material in a more optimal environment.

- Desktop color viewing light box
- Hanging fluorescent light module for color proofing designed to reduce unevenness in color and illumination
- Color viewing system

### Example 5000 K/ Ra 99

Photograph taken with printing in mind

Correct color under 5000 K light source

Final check under 5000 K light source. Start printing

### Printed color simulation using Photoshop’s “Proof Colors” command

Converting RGB data to CMYK means revising the image from the wide RGB color gamut to the narrower CMYK one. The image quality deteriorates if this is done repeatedly. Rather than first converting the image to CMYK to perform retouching during the plate-making process, you can get better results if you finish the retouching while it is still in RGB form, and then convert it to CMYK and make any minute adjustments required. If you select “Working CMYK” in the Photoshop “Proof Setup”, and use “Proof Colors” to switch between them as you work, you can run simulations of the print colors while still in RGB, which makes for more efficient retouching.

- Make the monitor setting 5000 K
- The right fluorescent lighting

RGB, however, RGB data is sometimes submitted. Whichever kind of data it is, as long as you have color conversion software that supports color management, such as Photoshop, and a monitor calibrated to D50 (5000 K), you can do your work with a fairly good idea of how the final print will look.
Color proof

Output a color proof via DDCP or an inkjet printer

Before sending material to be printed, you should check the color proof. Even in an environment appropriately prepared for color management and color properly checked on the monitor, the texture and whiteness of the printer paper, and the reproducibility of the ink used can cause different results. Thus, it is necessary to output a color proof on paper. Here we introduce various kinds of color proofs and their characteristics.

What is DDCP?

DDCP printing includes hardware such as laser, thermal, and inkjet. Traditionally in terms of color proofs, DDCP refers to a system required to satisfy the need for high precision output. However, recently it has come to also refer to digital output. Depending on the type, DDCP can be affected by ambient lighting. In order to accurately evaluate a color proof, it is important to maintain a properly lit environment.

Characteristics of DDCP

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Color proof trends

A flat-bed proof, press proof, DDCP (Direct Digital Color Proofing), or inkjet can be used for printing color proofs to match purpose, cost, and speed. Recently, high-end DDCP is capable of reproducing each dot and is the most popular while inkjet is lower cost by comparison. The main types of proofs are detailed in the chart below.

Color proofs: from flat-bed proof presses to DDCP, and now ink-jet is mainstream

The need for inkjet output of color proofs is gradually increasing, but paper type is limited and they cannot reproduce moire patterns. When compared to printed color proofs, there are still limitations to its reproducibility. Soft proofing, where proofs are done on a display monitor, may be a way to resolve these technical challenges.
Summary

Color Management Setup

The perfect monitor for every workflow

So far we have followed each workflow to a finished final product by covering correct use of data and putting color management into practice. Here we will introduce the best monitors for using color management in the workflow.

Summary

Recommended Monitors

Standard Level

ColorEdge CX Series

Professional Level

ColorEdge CG Series

Recommended Monitors

Professional Level

ColorEdge CG Series

Standard Level

ColorEdge CX Series

Highly recommended!

- The power to reproduce nearly all Adobe RGB
- Stabilized display in only 7 minutes* from startup.

*Varies depending on environment conditions.

Conclusion

In this section we covered some important aspects of color management and introduced the best monitors to use for color management in various workflows. By using these monitors, you can ensure accurate color display and reproduction, leading to higher quality end results.

Printer

Maintain Settings with the Built-In Correction Sensor

The CX series has display capabilities on a par with the CG series and has a wide color gamut that reproduces most of Adobe RGB. With an external sensor, you can calibrate using ColorNavigator software and maintain your settings with the built-in correction sensor for an accurate color display environment.

Design freely in a wide workspace

The CX series and CS240 have a wide color gamut that reproduces most of Adobe RGB as well as common print color standards such as U.S. Web Coated. With an external sensor, you can calibrate using ColorNavigator software. The CX series lets you maintain your settings with the built-in correction sensor for an accurate color display environment.

Retoucher

More Efficient Calibration

The built-in calibration sensor of each CG series monitor is individually adjusted at the factory to ensure no deviation. Compared to conventional monitors, this reduces the time required for maintenance while meeting the need for strict color control.

Clean up photo images under a

5000 K light source

Create an appropriately

lit environment and

embed the profile

under the correct

lighting conditions

Printer

Automatic color management at regular intervals

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Designer

Work with the embedded

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it stabilizes. The circuit enables a high-quality display, supporting the delicate nuances of image work.

Printer

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Designer

Complete matching between

prints and a correct color display

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1000 K light source

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checked under a

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Printer
Color matching for digital devices

Most of the end-use display devices, such as tablets and digital signage, do not have a color space or profile that can act as a reference when creating content. Nor are they installed with a color management function that would use such benchmarks. It is therefore necessary to do the creative work on a monitor which can reproduce the tones of the display device in order to produce a design with the intended final color tones.

Device emulation

Using ColorNavigator, the dedicated calibration software, ColorEdge monitors provide an emulation function for the color tones of devices such as tablet computers. Emulation is performed by reading color patches displayed in the web browser of the emulated device, and creating an ICC profile which is adopted for the ColorEdge's internal parameters. This function can be used with a variety of devices such as smartphones, portable game terminals, and CRT monitors as well as tablets.

Color management of web content

There is an increasing need to create web content with accurate color display, particularly for e-commerce sites. However, the color tones on the devices displaying the web content depend on the display environment of each user. It is thus effectively impossible to have all users view the content in the correct color tones.

When creating web content it is necessary to conform to the highly versatile sRGB, designated as the web standard by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and to think about how to enable as many people as possible to see the intended colors.

Compatibility with web browser color management

There is great diversity in the color tones of the devices that display web content so recently more and more browsers are equipped with a color management function. Browsers such as Safari, the Mac standard, and Firefox in the Windows environment are compatible with color management functions, so it is desirable that images for use in web content be embedded with a profile. On the other hand, there are still many environments, such as the long-established Internet Explorer, that are incompatible with color management functions so it is probably safer to create images using the sRGB color gamut.

ColorNavigator automatic measurement technology used to display on a Web browser is EIZO patented technology.

Viewing the colors in the same way would be ideal...

Workplace issues in the creation of digital content

New devices are constantly being released, and a compatible creative environment needs to be set up.

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View on a tablet or portable device

Advertisement signage

Viewing conditions on various monitors using sales websites

Actual subject matter

Paper sales promotion materials

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