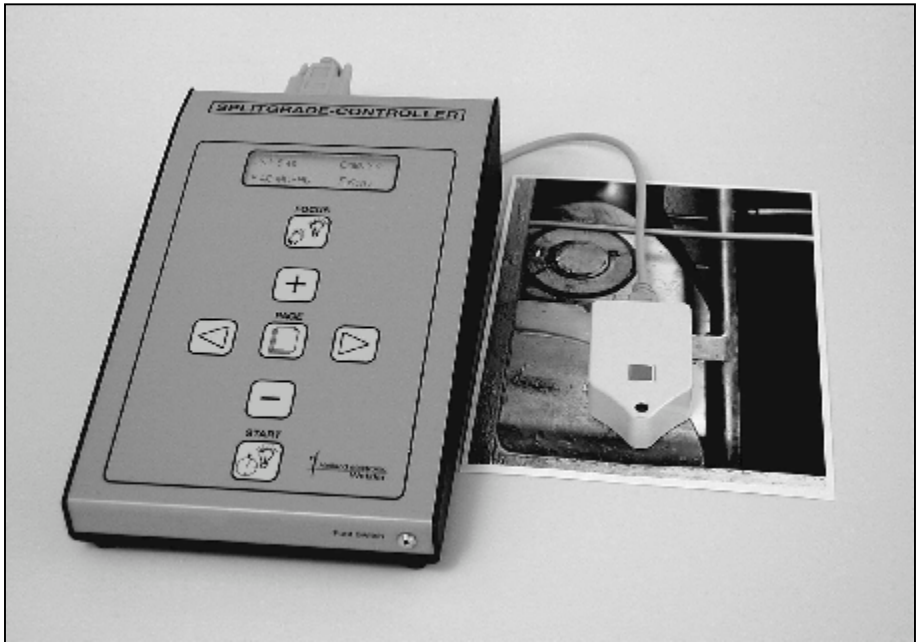


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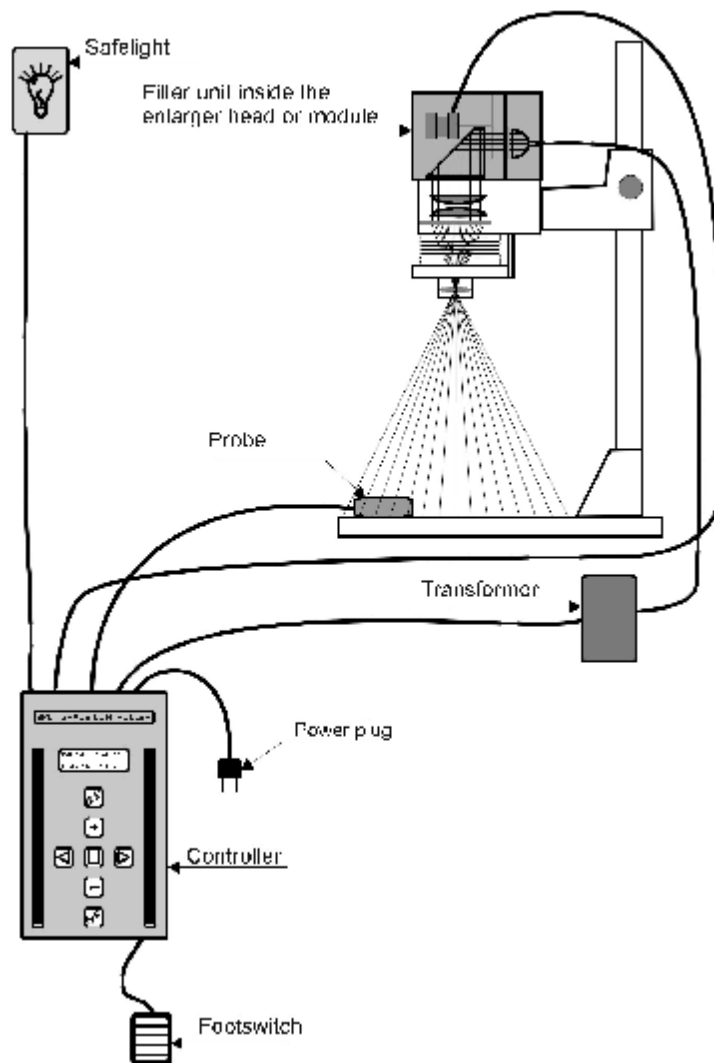


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Schematic view of the complete SPLITGRADE System



The product

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The manufacturer is not liable for direct, indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages arising of the use or inability to use this instrument or documentation even if advised of the possibility of such damages. In particular the manufacturer assumes no liability for any material including negatives or photographs used with this instrument including whatever costs of repairing, replacing or recovering such materials.

This instrument has been carefully manufactured and tested using flawless materials and state-of-the-art technology. In case of failure return the instrument to an authorised service agent accompanied by proof of purchase. Within the warranty period, the manufacturer assumes the cost of replacement parts and repair. The manufacturer reserves the right to replace the instrument in lieu of repairing at its discretion.

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Technical Specifications of the control unit

Measuring probe	probe for exposure and gradation reading automatic setting of filter module and operating panel, acoustic support by beeper and LED, diameter of reading point: $\varnothing 3\text{mm}$
Exposure control	built-in exposure timer and light shutter
Measuring range	0.01- 10 lx (10 f-stops)
Exposure time range	0.5 - 500 sec,
Resolution	0.01 sec
Time error	<0.5%, repeatability error <0.1%
Gradation input	automatic in 0.1 steps, after reading of the contrast
Manual input gradation time	in 0.1 steps with automatic density control in 1/10f-stops or 0.1 sec steps with constant grade
Grad tables	factory adjusted for 29 papers (main brands: AGFA, AMALOCO, FORTE, ILFORD, KODAK, KENTMERE, MOERSCH, ORIENTAL, TETENAL ...) and 6 films, updates by floppy disk or internet download via PC
Interfaces	reading probe, foot switch, RS232
Display	illuminated LCD display with 4 lines
Voltage supply	90 to 250 V, 45 to 65 Hz (automatic setting)
Dimensions (WxLxH)	160mm x 260mm x 80mm
Weight	approx. 1kg without accessories and crating
Delivery content	controller, filter module, probe, footswitch, electrical connectors
Fuse	6,3A time lag

Factory calibrated paper types

Paper type	Display	Developer	Dilution/Time
AGFA Multicontrast Premium RC	AG MCPRC	AGFA Neutol	1+7 / 60 s
AGFA Multicontrast Classic FB	AG MCCFB	AGFA Multicontrast	1+6 / 120 s
AMALOCO Varioprof Extra RC	AM VP RC	AM. Varimax 6006	1+9 / 90 s
BERGGER Prestige Variable CB	BE PR CB	ILFORD Multigrade	1+9 / 120 s
BERGGER Prestige Variable NB	BE PR NB	ILFORD Multigrade	1+9 / 120 s
FORTE Polygrade V RC	FO PGV RC	ILFORD Multigrade	1+9 / 70 s
FORTE Polywarmtone RC	FO PWT RC	ILFORD Multigrade	1+9 / 70 s
FORTE Polygrade V FB	FO PGV FB	ILFORD Multigrade	1+9 / 120 s
FORTE Polywarmtone Plus FB	FO PWT FB	FORTESPEED NTD	1+9 / 120 s
FOTO IMP. Classic-Art FB PW matt	IM CA PW	Tetenal Eukobrom	1+9 / 180s
FOTO IMP. Polycooltone FB * use setting Bergger NB			
ILFORD Multigrade IV RC	IL MGIVRC	ILFORD Multigrade	1+9 / 60 s
ILFORD Multigrade RC Warmtone	IL MGRCWT	ILFORD Multigrade	1+9 / 60 s
ILFORD Multigrade RC Cooltone	IL MGRCCT	ILFORD Multigrade	1+9 / 60 s
ILFORD Multigrade IV FB	IL MGIVFB	ILFORD Multigrade	1+9 / 120 s
ILFORD Multigrade FB Warmtone	IL MGFBWT	ILFORD Multigrade	1+9 / 120 s
KENTMERE VC Select	KE SE RC	KE VC Select Plus	1+9 / 90 s
KENTMERE Fineprint VC	KE FP FB	KE VC Select Plus	1+9 / 100 s
KODAK Polymax II RC	KO PMIIRC	KODAK Polymax	1+9 / 60 s
KODAK Polycontrast III RC	KO PIII RC	KODAK Dektol Powd.	1+2 / 60 s
KODAK Polymax Fine Art FD	KO PMFAFD	KODAK Dektol Powd.	1+2 / 150 s
MACO Multispeed 1Fneu und 2M * use setting		AGFA Multicontrast	
MOERSCH Sepia VC RC	MO SP RC	MOERSCH 2 Warm	1+9 / 120s
MOERSCH Sepia VC FB	MO SP FB	MOERSCH 6 Blue	1+9 / 180s
ORIENTAL New Seagull FB	OR SE FB	AGFA Multicontrast	1+6 / 150s
ORIENTAL New Seagull Select VC RP * use setting		Kentmere VC Select	
TETENAL Vario Ultra RC	TT VU RC	TETENAL Variospeed	1+9 / 60 s
TETENAL Vario Comfort RC	TT VC RC	TETENAL Variospeed	1+9 / 60 s
TETENAL Vario Fineart FB	TT VA FA	TETENAL Variospeed	1+9 / 90 s
TETENAL Baryt Vario FB	TT BA VA	TETENAL Variospeed	1+9 / 90 s
TETENAL Work * use setting		AGFA MCP RC	
ZONE VI Brilliant VC III	ZVI VCIII	ILFORD Multigrade	1+9 / 120 s
Other papers**	Others		
Paper of fixed gradation***	Fixed		

* These papers have not been calibrated, but the mentioned settings may be used with good results. That does not mean that papers are identical.

** These 3 channels may be used to adapt other papers. Factory setting is made for low, normal and high sensitive paper. Calibration is done with general corrections (see page 21)

*** Exposure with white light, time and grade are to be defined by the user.

Please note: All factory settings assume fresh chemistry and paper and 20° Celsius bath temperature !

Factory calibrated film types

<u>Film type</u>	<u>Display*</u>
Conventional Silver halide film	Conv.
ILFORD „XP2“	XP 2
ILFORD „XP2 Super“	XP2 S
KODAK „T400CN“	T400C
KODAK „Portra“	Portr
KONICA „VX400“	VX400

*Notice: When a chromogenic B&W film is selected, an additional symbol will be displayed for the film speed selected during the exposure:

- “+” for 50 - 100 ASA
- “N” for 200 - 400 ASA
- “-“ for 800 - 1000 ASA

Contents of the delivery

If any of the following items are missing or damaged, please contact your supplier immediately.

- The enlarger module or enlarger head with the motor-driven filter wheel
- The controller, which interprets the measured values, translates them into the appropriate paper grade and exposure time and controls the filter wheel
- The probe, which scans the projected picture and transmits the values to the controller
- The footswitch starts or stops the exposure
- The cables to connect the controller, enlarger and darkroom safe light

Note: we recommend to keep the packaging of the instrument in case of the need for further shipment.

Features

SPLITGRADE is an electronic instrument intended to control the contrast range of variable contrast papers (VC) during the enlarger process. By printing the picture in two steps, first through the Yellow filter and then through the Magenta filter, (or first through Magenta and then through Yellow) the reproduction of the different tonal values is greatly improved by usage of the SPLITGRADE.

The contrast range of variable contrast papers will be perfectly matched to the given contrast range of the negative.

The characteristics of various variable contrast papers from AGFA, AMALOCO, FORTE, ILFORD, KENTMERE, KODAK, TETENAL and ORIENTAL are stored in the SPLITGRADE controller unit.

These values can be easily updated by floppy disk or download from Internet via PC, if the manufacturer's paper characteristics should change.

The exposure time is automatically calculated for each gradation of the programmed and selected paper.

The exposure time and the gradation are calculated after scanning the projected picture using the probe until the darkest and the brightest areas were detected. An acoustic and optical signal supports finding a quick result. The evaluation and the composition of the picture takes place under white light.

When the filter module is disconnected, the SPLITGRADE controller can be used as a high quality B&W analyser and exposure meter.

The focus light will be automatically switched OFF after 5 minutes.

The use of the SPLITGRADE module enables the production of high quality prints and fine art prints at highest level, never reached before and not equalled by any other system. The SPLITGRADE module is not only the translation of our sensitometric knowledge, but also the comprehension of our practical experience acquired over many years.

As this printing system greatly improves printing efficiency, while saving time, chemistry and paper, every photographer will have much more time for creative printing.

Operation conditions

Safety advice

This instruction manual should be read prior to installation and first use.

The SPLITGRADE controller and module contained in this package are intended to operate only with the appropriate enlarger. The type of enlarger is specified on the front label of the package.

To prevent electric shock or fire hazard, remove the power cord from the AC supply prior to connecting or disconnecting any signal lead or prior to replacing the fuse.

If one of the AC cables becomes damaged, replace it immediately or refer servicing only to qualified personnel.

Should any liquid fall into the SPLITGRADE controller or modules, unplug the set and have it checked by qualified personnel before operating it any further.

Unplug the SPLITGRADE controller from the voltage supply, if it is not going to be used for several days or more. To disconnect the supply cable, pull it by the plug. Never pull the cord itself, otherwise the cable will be damaged. Make sure that the mains voltage and frequency are in the range indicated on the identification label on the bottom of the instrument.

This instrument should only be connected to a properly installed voltage supply outlet that has been properly grounded to earth.

It is not permitted to exchange the power cables for any other without protected ground / earth wire and safety plug.

Always keep the instrument in a dry place and never immerse it in any kind of liquid.

To prevent electric shock do not open. There are no user-serviceable parts inside.

To avoid fire hazard, use only a fuse of the correct type, voltage and current rating as specified in technical data (see page 6).

Installing the filter module and controller

All filter modules or enlarger heads, supplied together with SPLITGRADE, are compatible to those of the enlarger manufacturer. Please refer to the user manual of the enlarger regarding the installation of the module or head. Do not install the set in a hot or humid place or in a place subject to excessive dust. Take care that there is enough working space around the controller to operate it safely in the dark.

Connecting the system

The controller can be used at any voltage between 90V and 250V; 50Hz and 60Hz. It will adapt automatically to any value within these ranges.

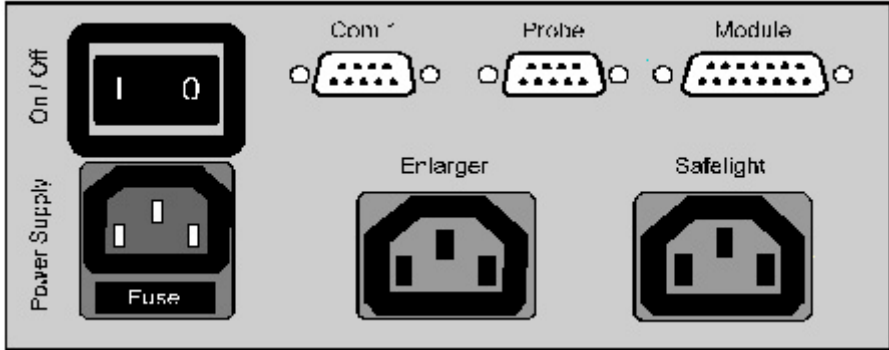


Fig. 2: Rear view of the SPLITGRADE Controller unit

First, connect all components to the controller like filter module or filter head, the enlarger lamp and the darkroom safelight. Secure the signal cables by fastening the screws carefully. Please do not apply brute force. Then you can connect the SPLITGRADE Controller to the main voltage supply. The connectors, main switch and fuse are located at the rear side connector panel (see Fig. 2). The filters in the module will be moved to an initial position after switching ON. The rotation of the motor may be audible.

Component	Cable/Plug	Connector at Controller
Filter module	15-pin	Module
Probe	9-pin female	Probe
PC-Serial com Port 1...4 (only for software update)	9-pin male	Com 1
Power plug of transformer	Adapter cable	Enlarger
Darkroom safelight	Adapter cable	Safelight
Voltage Supply	Power cable	Power Supply
Foot switch	Jack plug 2.8mm	Foot Switch

Tab. 1: Connections

Using the controller

Description of the push-buttons and the display

The functions are controlled by push-buttons, the buttons marked by * have an auto repeat function.

One short press changes the value in one step, a longer press will result in a repeated change of the value.



Focus, ON/OFF switches the enlarger light on/off, for setting the enlarger and scanning the picture with the probe.



Start/Stop, starts (or stops) the exposure time shown in the display.



The remaining time is still stored and can be recalled by pressing the start button again. If during exposure any button other than the start button is pressed, the exposure will stop and the time will be cancelled. Splitgrade controllers of the first generation are using the upper symbol, those of the second generation the second symbol.



Plus,* increases the value marked by the cursor in one step, or changes the function.



Minus,* reduces the value marked by the cursor in one step, or changes the function.



Cursor, moves the cursor in the direction of the arrow or to the next line.



Page, switches between the pages of the LCD display.

Foot switch, starts (or stop) the exposure.

Probe switch, starts and stops the density measurement

Display

All data important for the working of the system are shown in the 4-lines display. The brightness can be regulated by turning the resistor using a screw driver cautiously. The resistor is accessible through a tiny hole at the left side of the controller.

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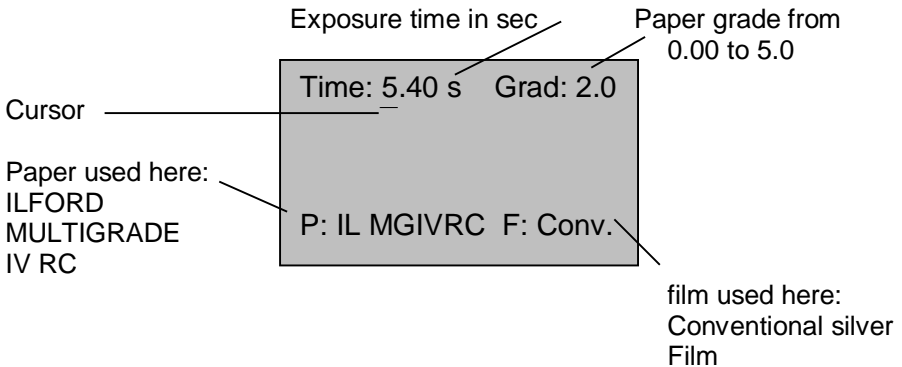
In order to profit from the SPLITGRADE system very quickly you should proceed as follows:





Preparation

- Connect the controller following the safety advice on page 10.
- Use a paper and matching chemistry as indicated on page 7 of this manual using only fresh paper and chemistry.
- Do not use old paper or used chemistry.
- Switch the controller ON.
If the filter module and the probe are connected properly, the controller displays the following information for a short while:


1. Software version
2. Type of enlarger

This display will then look like the following one:




- If you are using a different paper, move the cursor to the 2nd line to P: by pressing the  or  button.
- Start the selection of the paper type by pressing the  or  button.

Each time you press the button, a sub menu will appear, listing the manufacturer of the paper in line one and in the subsequent line

their various papers. Continue pressing the “+” or “-“ button until your preferred paper is displayed. Quit the selection by pressing the button 

- If necessary, move the displayed cursor to “F”: in the display and change the type of film in the same way.

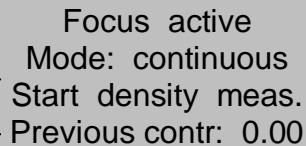
Printing

- Put the negative in the negative carrier .
- Switch the enlarger light ON by pressing the  button, set up the enlargement size and compose the image which is done under white light.

The following display appears:

Hint on the measurement mode (see page 20)

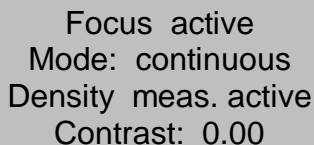
The measured contrast of the previous negative



Focus active
Mode: continuous
Start density meas.
Previous contr: 0.00

- Focus the negative and stop down the f-stop of the enlarger lens.
Measurement is always done at working f-stop.
- Put the probe on any part of the projected image, taking care that the window on top of the measuring cell is uncovered.
- Start the measuring procedure by briefly pressing the red button on the probe,

An intermittent signal sounds and you will have the following display:



Focus active
Mode: continuous
Density meas. active
Contrast: 0.00

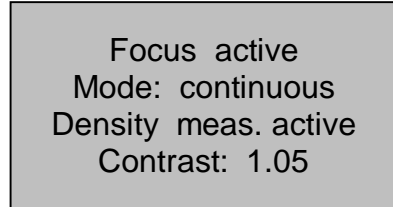
- Move the probe over the projected image (looking for the darkest and the brightest areas) until the signal stops. Maximum probe movement velocity is 5cm/sec.

We recommend **not** to measure very small spots like lamps and candle lights, in our experience their contribution is not important for the overall impression of the print but can falsify the measurement resulting in too soft a grade.


- Stop the measuring procedure by pressing the red button again.

You will get the following display:

Result of the measurement:
i.e. 1.05




Focus active
Mode: continuous
Density meas. active
Contrast: 1.05

Switch OFF the enlarger light by pressing the  button

The display shows the exposure time and the gradation as calculated by the controller for the selected paper and film type.

If there is any error report, the measurement should be repeated.

- Put the paper on the enlarging easel and start the exposure by pressing the  button
- Develop the paper according to the procedure described by the manufacturer.

Result

The lightest and darkest portions of the negative, which have been measured, result in near max. density and near white print tones. This technically correct print, which includes the whole tonal value scale of the paper, will satisfy your requirements in most cases.

If you wish to change the print, please refer to the chapter “Manual change of the grade” on the next page.

Error messages

Failures during or after measuring will be announced by a signal and displayed as follows:

Too much light
Start meas. again

Too much light, close the f-stop
and start measuring again

Too little light
Start meas. again

Too little light, open the f-stop and
start measuring again

Time too long
Start meas. again

Exposure time is too long, open the f-stop and
start measuring again

Time too short
Start meas. again



Exposure time is too short, close the f-stop and
start measuring again

Check contrast

The measured contrast is out of the print range of
the selected paper. If you proceed, you may
lose details in highlights or such will become too
grey, because the paper grade could not be fitted
to this negative.

MANUAL CHANGES

Changing the grade

If, after developing the print, you have the impression that the grade of the print should be a little harder or softer, move the cursor in the display to line 1 position Grad: and change the grade with the  or the  button



- in steps of 1/10 grade - in the direction you wish. When you change the grade, the exposure time will automatically be adjusted.

By making the print **harder** you always will get the deepest black, but you might lose details in the highlights. If you try to compensate for this by choosing a longer exposure time, the shadows will also lose details.

When you change to a softer grade, you will always get white and black, but the print might lose brilliance.

These changes are valid until a new measurement is started.

Changing the exposure time

If, after developing the print, you have the impression that the exposure time of the print should be a little longer or shorter, move the cursor in the display to line 1 position Time: and change the exposure time with the  or the 

button in steps of 1/10 f-stops or in units of seconds in the direction you wish. These changes are valid until a new measurement is started.

Adjustments in special cases

Portraits

If there is a lack of black and white tones in the negative, you should first change the measured grade to a softer grade. The amount of change necessary can only be estimated. If necessary you should also change the exposure time. The most important part to evaluate the correctness of the exposure is the highlight skin tone.

White egg on white plate

In this case the contrast is very low and the measuring device is compensating for this with a too hard grade and a too long exposure time. Solve this problem by altering these values in the opposite direction.

Black dog on black coal

In this case the contrast is also very low. Like in the previous example, a softer grade has to be selected, but the exposure time should be extended.



Same tone range for different enlargement scales

If you like to get the same tonal range for pictures of different magnification, you should always select the same points to measure the grade and the exposure time. If the darkest and the brightest points are not situated in the area to be printed, do not hesitate to look for these points outside the printing area.

Burning in with pure Yellow or Magenta

If the cursor is in line 1, Pos. Grad: then you may fast change the paper grade

to 00.0 by pressing the  and  simultaneously

or to 5.0 by pressing  and  simultaneously.


Depending on the selected paper, the light for grade 00.0 may contain a small amount of Magenta. This is not an error, it is needed for reaching the max. density of the paper.





USER PREFERENCES

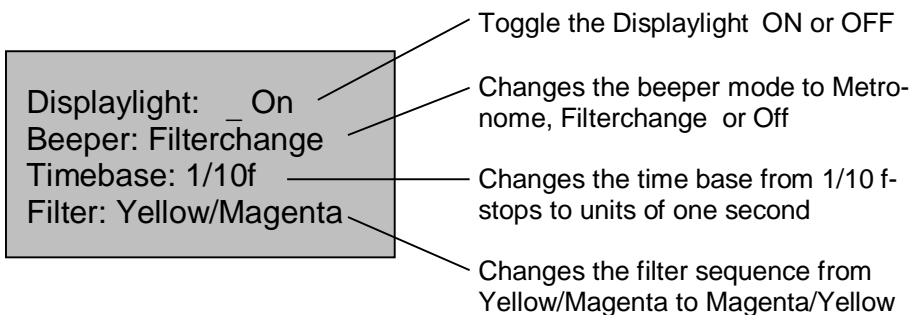
Controller-specific settings

Changing the factory set values

Change the settings of the controller according to your needs. Every change will be stored, even after switching OFF the power, until you change these values again.

Press the button  to get the following display :

 or  moves the cursor to a different line,  or  changes the setting



Details of the functions

Displaylight:

On: Normal setting.

Off: Display and push-button illumination is switched off, e.g. when working with films or colour papers in the darkroom.

Beeper:

Metronome: Every second a short signal is produced while the exposure time is elapsing.

Filterchange: 1 sec. before the filter changes a long signal is produced.

Off: No signal during the exposure time



Time base:

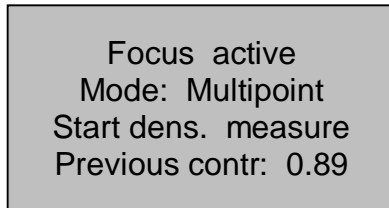
Toggles the time base between 1/10 f-stops and units of one second. The advantage of 1/10 f-stop is that changes are easier to evaluate when you are thinking in density values. Moreover, changes are faster when the exposure time is long. Changing the time in units of a second adapts the step size dynamic to the exposure time and uses step sizes of 0.01 / 0.1 / 1 seconds, depending on the absolute exposure time. A quick change of exposure time is possible, by pressing and holding the + or – button. This mode is provided for photographers, who do not like to work with 1/10 f-stops.

Filter:

To change the sequence of filtration. This is very helpful when you want to burn-in or dodge the print. To change for example some areas in the picture during the exposure with Yellow light, it is advisable to choose the sequence Magenta/Yellow. You thus can locate the area during the Magenta exposure phase in order to manipulate this area immediately after the filter change.


Measurement mode / Density measurement

A second mode may be implemented for measuring only selected parts of the negative. To activate this mode switch on the Focus light,  then press the button  to get a display like this:




Focus active
Mode: Multipoint
Start dens. measure
Previous contr: 0.89

First place the probe at the lightest point of the negative with details in, then press the red button of the probe for about half a second. The 3rd line displays now the density in reference to this first point, the next line displays the contrast that is taken into later calculation. To check the density of other areas in the negative simply move the probe to this point, to add the selected point to the later calculation, simply press the red button of the probe for a short while. You may also measure the whole negative while moving the probe and simultaneously pressing and holding down the red button.



To calculate the exposure, release the red button and press  again.



General corrections of exposure time and paper grade

Press the  button until you get the following display:

Offset Time:	+0.0 f
Offset Grad:	+0.0



Exposure time



If, due to changes in the paper emulsion, your darkroom conditions, the kind of images or your perception of your prints are generally looking too bright or too dark, you may compensate this by adapting the exposure time. Press the  or  button until the cursor is at position: **Offset Time**.

Press the  or  the button, you can change the exposure time in 1/10 f-stops. For special applications like "Lith printing" the range of exposure time offset is +/- 4 f-stops. The setting for the grade is not affected by these changes.

Paper grade

If your prints are generally too hard or too soft, you should change the grade setting.


Press the  or the  button until the cursor is at position: **Offset Grad**.

Using the  or the  button you can change the setting in 0.1 steps.

The setting for the exposure will be adjusted automatically according to these changes.




Note: All offsets are stored, even when the SPLITGRADE Controller is switched off. For every paper a separate Offset can be chosen. Resetting the values to factory calibration is done by selecting 0.0.

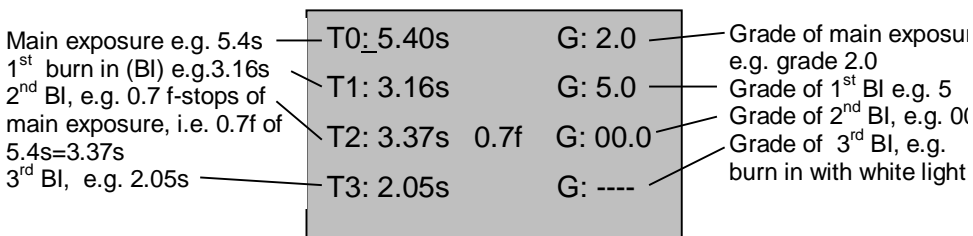
By using these corrections, you can easily adapt the exposure time and the grade setting to the specific properties of your darkroom or the requirements of your image.

By pressing the button  several times, you return to the main menu.



BURN-IN FUNCTION



Activation and Setting

Your SPLITGRADE has a very useful burn-in function. It enables you to store up to 7 independent burn-in times, building up an exposure sequence together with the main exposure time. The main exposure is automatically followed by the burn-in exposure. To enter the menu with the burn in functions press the  key several times. If the controller is in the main menu, a short cut is to press the two keys  and  simultaneous.




In line 1 (T0) the calculated (main) exposure time and grade are listed. If you change these values, please pay attention to the fact that the time and grade in menu 1 are also altered accordingly.

Changing the time/grade in either line is done by pressing the  or  button until the cursor appears in the desired position. The display switches automatically between Times 0 to 3 and 4 to 7, while moving the cursor.

Altering the values of the time and grade is done by pressing  or 





By pressing these both keys simultaneous, you alter the mode of the burn in time, which is actually marked by the cursor. You decide if the time should be independent of the main exposure (in the above example T1 and T3) or should be adapted to the main exposure in case that the main exposure is altered (in the above example T2). This feature could be selected for any of the burn in times. The advantage of the f-stop method is, that after a change of the enlargement scale, you only have to measure the main exposure time again and the whole burn in sequence is adapted to this new time.

If you have entered all the times and grades for a special sequence, set the cursor to the first unused burn-in exposure time. Press and hold the  button in order to change this time to 0.00s or 0.0f-stop. This



signals the end of defining the exposure sequence to the controller.

Exposing

Example: You may like to use the main exposure and two additional burn-in times as well. The values T0 and G0 are the main exposure, values T1 / G1 are the first burn-in and T2 / G2 are the second burn-in time. Afterwards please set T3 to 0.00s.


Go back to time T0, by using  or  button. To start the exposure sequence press the  button. After the main exposure is finished, the cursor moves on to line 2 and the first burn-in time can be started by pressing  again.


The whole sequence is terminated after the last programmed (maximum 7) exposure has been executed and the cursor moves back to time T0.

You may stop and continue an exposure by pressing the  again, or you can terminate the whole sequence at any time  (also while exposing) by pressing any other button.



Between the single steps of the sequence you may turn in the red (safe light) filter in front of the lens and switch on the focus light in order to search for areas that should be dodged. The focus mode will not terminate the exposure/burn-in sequence.

All settings will be stored automatically when you leave the burn in menu.

Of course, you may also select only one of the burn in times and start this time by pressing the  button.

To quit the burn-in function, press the  key, the main menu is displayed.

Burn-in using white light

For any of the burn-in times 1-7, you may select white light for burn-in. To do so, change the paper grade to 5.0 and press  one more time or select paper grade 00.0 and press .

The display will then show "---" to indicate the while light mode.

To cancel this setting, simply select another paper grade.

TEST STRIP MODES

The SPLITGRADE system incorporates 3 different test strip modes for various purposes. One test strip mode alters the paper grade, the other ones alter the time and use separate exposures (which is recommended) or additive exposure times.

Within every test strip mode you have the flexibility of setting the total number of test strips as well as the step size. In all cases the center exposure will be the results of the measuring of the negative, while the beginning exposure will be reduced and the later ones increased. The time and grade of the center exposure are fixed within this menu and could only be altered in the main menu.

The number of steps is set as the parameter 'Count'.

Mode 'Time Separate'






Each exposure time will vary by the setting of "Step width" as a complete exposure – requiring the masking of all but the exposed step. Contrast is fixed.

Mode 'Time Additive'

Each exposure time will vary by the setting of "Step width" as a part of the overall exposure – requiring the unmasking of all the exposed steps in order to accumulate the required exposure time. Contrast is fixed.


Mode 'Grade'


Each exposure will vary the contrast by the setting of "Step width". This mode requires the masking of all but the exposed step. Exposure is not fixed, but the changes in time fix the shadows in the prints. I.e. while changing the contrast the reference point are the shadows. That is the same behaviour as in the main menu.

To print a test strip, enter the menu by pressing the button  several times. As in any other menu you can move the cursor by using the buttons   and alter the value that is indicated by cursor with the  or  button.

Example:



Time: 5.40s	Grad: 2.0	Center exposure time and grade
Teststrip: _	Time Sep.	Test strip mode (e.g. time separate)
Count: 5		Total no. of exposures
Step width: 0.3f		Change in exposure time (or grade) from step to step

After you have defined all necessary values, press the  button, to start the exposure for the test strips. The display will show the actual time and grade while exposing.

In this example five strips are generated with a paper grade of 2.0 and the following times: (first exposure) 3.56s / 4.39s / 5.40s / 6.65s / 8.18s (last exposure). Each exposure will be started after pressing the  button.


While doing the various exposures, the controller displays

Time: 4.39s	Grad: 2.0
Teststrip	2 of 5

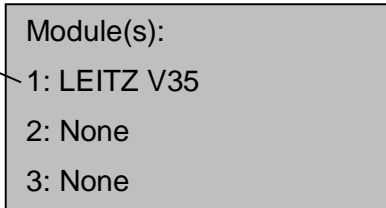
The whole exposure sequence of the test strip can be stopped by pressing any other button except the button . This could be useful, if you like to  check the position of the mask, with the red filter moved in front of the lens.





Controlling up to three different types of enlarger

You may use different types of enlargers / modules with only one controller. To set up and select the module type, please proceed as follows:



- 1) Switch off the controller and connect the new filter module.
- 2) Press and hold the button  while switching on. Hold the button until the following display appears.

In the first line the original delivered module is displayed, e.g. Leitz V35.

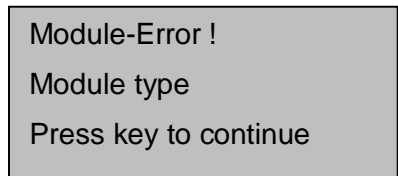


- 3) Move the cursor to one of the three lines by using   buttons and select the module type with the buttons.  

ATTENTION: The enlargers AGFA Varioscope, Leitz Ic and Iic use all Dunco Filtermodules, so please select “DUNCO” in this case.

- 4) By pressing the button  you may toggle between the described menu and a menu, that enables to enter filter offset values for yellow (green) and magenta (blue) filters. If you have so far used values in % or you do not know the offset values, please contact Heiland electronic to receive the values in units of 1/10 f-stop. Further more you are able to enter a delay time which is defined from switching on the enlarger output until the shutter is opened. You may change this time, if you use a stabilised transformer which need more then 0.5 sec. until the lamp is switched on. Please note all settings on a sheet of paper.
- 5) Finally select the required enlarger or module type by moving the cursor in the corresponding line and press the button . In case of a module error or in case of a non existing module, the controller displays






In this case check the module and switch on again, or quit the error message and use the controller as a timer only.



Using the controller as a high quality analyser (SPL-M1)

The controller of the SPLITGRADE system can be used as a B&W analyser and timer in conjunction with enlargers for which there is at present no motorised filter module. The version with order code SPL-M1 is already set to this manual split exposure mode.

Prior to working, the controller needs to be calibrated in reference to your enlarger. An instruction for calibration may be requested at the manufacturer, in this case please mention the type of enlarger and light source. To use the manual split exposure, proceed as follows:

- Install and set up the controller according to the description on page 10.
- If you have not purchased the SPL-M1 version, follow the instruction on page 26 to set the enlarger type to 'Manual'.
- Select paper and film type.
- If using a colour or multigrade head on the enlarger, set to white light. Otherwise remove all filters from the light path.
- Switch the enlarger light ON by pressing the  button
- Select the f-stop in order to achieve an exposure time of at least 5s. This will reduce the effect of lamp start-up and after-glow on the exposure
- Measure the exposure and grade as described on page 14
- Terminate the measurement by pressing the  button again
- Press the button  and select the displayed filter type. On the colour or multigrade head dial maximum magenta or yellow; otherwise insert grade 5 or grade 00 filter in the light path.
- Start the first exposure by pressing the  button
- Remove the inserted filter or select filter position 0 and select the second filter as displayed in the controller display
- Start the second exposure by pressing the  button again.
- The image has been exposed by using two different filter settings according to the split grade method.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

CAUTION:

To prevent electric shock do not open the instrument. There are no user serviceable parts inside.

Note: Any unauthorised opening or servicing invalidates the guarantee.

Changing the fuse

The fuse is located in a fuse carrier in the power entry module on the rear side of the instrument. To change the fuse, remove the power supply cord and open the fuse carrier by using a small screwdriver.

!!! Use only fuses with the same values listed in the technical data !!!

Care of instrument

The case should be cleaned with a lightly dampened soft cloth or chamois only, if necessary with the addition of a mild cleaner.

Do not use solvents or abrasive materials.

The probe should be cleaned only with a soft brush or compressed air to remove dust, otherwise the incorporated sensor might be damaged permanently.

Unplug the instrument when not in use for long periods of time.

For necessary repairs send the instrument to the manufacturer or authorised service centre.

APPENDIX: DETAILS OF FILM AND PAPER PROGRAMS

The controller is factory-equipped with programs controlling the exposure time and grade for a given combination of variable contrast paper and negatives of a certain kind.

These programs may be adjusted from time to time according to the current characteristics of commercially available papers and films.

Program adjustment for films

The program 'Conv.' covers all conventional silver halide films as long as the film base does not show any peculiar colour, which could influence the measurement of the time and the grade.

The other programs cover various chromogenic B&W films developed in a professional lab under typical conditions for the particular film.

Detailed tests show that despite the strictly standardised developing process C41, the tint of the film can differ from laboratory to laboratory.

As these differences can imply non-predictable differences in exposure time and grade, the measured values can only be a clue which should be adjusted if necessary.

Another peculiarity of chromogenic film is its reaction to different exposures. In the same way as for silver halide films, the best results are obtained when the exposure is done with enough light. The reduction of the ASA setting by about a half or a quarter improves the details in the shadow areas of the print and yields finer grain.

The contrast of the negative changes with the exposure value: with increasing exposure the contrast becomes higher with the result that doubling or quadrupling the ASA value yields negatives which are hard to print.

For all these reasons the programs for chromogenic films are provided with a compensation for the different modes in which the film was exposed. They are collected in the group "N" for normally exposed film, "+" for longer and "-" for shorter exposures.

When you do not know the exposure mode for a given film, start with the adjustment “**N**”. If the result is too light try again with the “**+**” setting , if they are too dark, try it with the “**-**” setting. If you are not able to get satisfactory results, try to use the "General corrections" (see page 21).

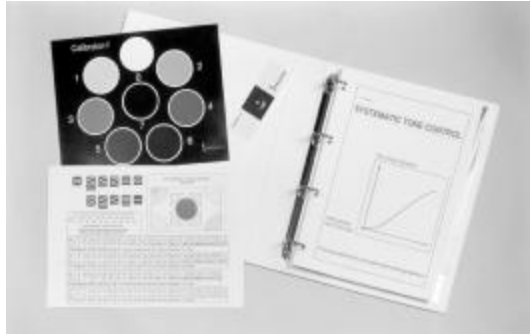
Paper programs:

The papers listed in the Table 1 are all with glossy surface and were developed in a tray, strictly following the recommendations of the manufacturers, including the kind of chemicals used and developing time. The prints were dried with hot air at 60°C. If you prefer to use papers with a matt surface, it could be necessary to adjust the programs accordingly.

Note: The use of old materials, paper or developer, or varying the instructions of the manufacturers, may change the results you can expect.

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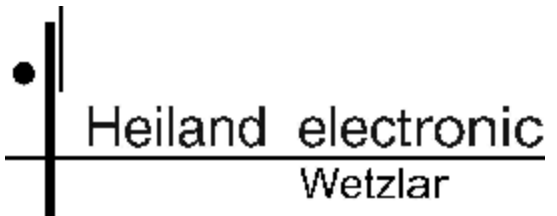
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