What Does It Measure?

The MoistureMap MM 100 is a device, featuring a capacitance based sensor comparable to the renowned L'Oreal SkinChip®*. The sensor gives graphic information on the **near surface hydration distribution** and the micro-topography of skin and other tissues (textiles, plants, etc.).

The Measuring Principle

The sensor measures the **penetration of the electromagnetic field**. On the 18.0 x 12.8 mm silicon chip of the sensor, over 90,000 capacitors are located. Conductive material e.g. water will reflect the signal making the resulting pixel darker while non-conductive material will make the signal go farther inside and the resulting pixel will be lighter on a scale of 255 grey levels. Rather than absolute moisture figures, the MoistureMap indicates the distribution of hydration on the skin surface. With a special image analysis software the image can be evaluated in different ways.

Fields of Application

Wherever moisture distribution plays a role, the • MoistureMap MM 100 is an ideal imaging addition to the purely quantitative measurements.

- Efficacy testing of cosmetics & pharmaceu ticals & surfactants
- Sun damage and illustration of skin lesions

 and scars.
- To map the hair moisture level

Advantages

- Perfect addition to the quantitative measurement, as it shows the distribution of the water on the skin surface.
- Easy and quick to handle
- Live stream visible in the software
- Captured image in standard jpg-file
- Video possible (.avi)
- Spring loaded sensor

• Automatic saving of the images under study name

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- Optionally **footswitch** to trigger measurement
- In-vivo skin measurement and also in-vitro application can be performed.
- **Evenness** of the hydration is displayed in 5 different colours and a histogram.
- Additionally topographic measurements (profile, corner density, anisotropy index) give interesting aging parameters.
- Easy calibration possibility for the user
- All results are saved in an Excel®-file
- Up to six images together with their complete results can be **compared** in one overview.
- The only instrument working side by side with the established **Corneometer**[®] and **Tewameter**[®].

*The MoistureMap MM 100 is licenced worldwide under the L'Oréal patent for the Skin Chip[®] (EP 1 438 922 B1). A variety of articles on the measurement principle of the Skin Chip[®] (same as MoistureMap) has been published.



Technical Data

Device: Dimensions: 13 x 14.6 x 5 cm, Weight: approx. 1.5 kg, Power supply: external 100-240 VAC, 47-63 Hz, DC 12V/4A, Port: USB 2.0, type B connector

Probe: Dimensions: length: 16.6 cm, measurement head: 4.3 x 3 cm, Weight: approx. 90 g, Active measurement area: 18,0 x 12.8 mm, Sensor size: 256 x 360 pixel, Sensor resolution: 508 DPI 8Bit/pixel, Measurement principle: relative permittivity; MoistureMap in-vitro Adapter: Dimensions: 23 cm (H) x 8 cm x 8 cm, Weight: 220 g Technical changes may be made without prior notice.

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