

LI-3000C Portable Area Meter

And LI-3050C Transparent Belt Conveyor Accessory

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LI-3000C Portable Area Meter

Leaf Area of Living Plants or Detached Leaves in the Field or Laboratory

- Non-destructive leaf area measurement in the field
- 1 mm² resolution
- Displays and stores individual leaf area, accumulated area, leaf length, average width, maximum width
- Data storage for up to 125,000 individual leaf measurements
- RS-232 and USB ports
- Lightweight for portability
- Precise measurement of perforated and irregular margin leaves
- Easily combined with a belt conveyer system for lab use (using LI-3050C)
- Simple Windows[®] software for file transfer and real-time data collection



The LI-3000C provides a non-destructive, precise method to measure leaf area. Leaf area development or reduction associated with conditions of insect infestation, drought, disease or air pollution can be measured in the field or in growth chambers.

Leaf area can be monitored without damaging the plants. This allows precise evaluation of plant canopy development throughout the growing season. The effects of diminishing the stand density that occurs when plants are harvested for measurement are eliminated. This technique allows area data collection in the field before the detached leaves appreciably shrink or curl. For many experiments, the need to transport samples away from the plot site is eliminated.

The remaining area of insect-damaged leaves can also be measured. Data can be collected from the same plant throughout its life cycle. For severely damaged leaves, a transparent sheath can be used to support the remaining tissue.

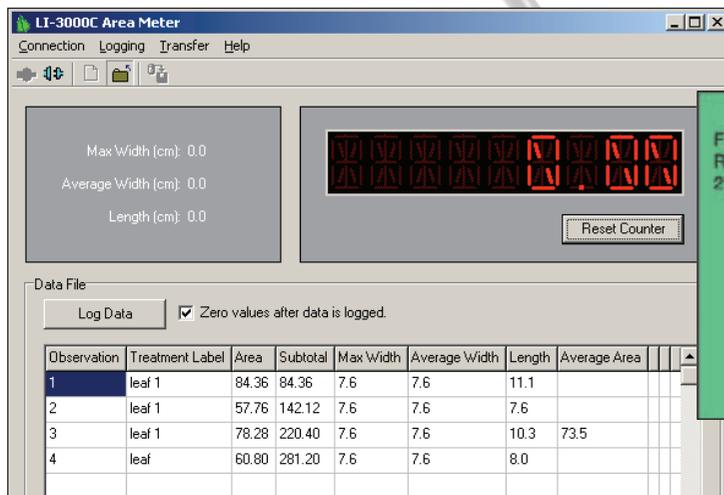
Forest canopy or urban foliage development can be recorded for purposes such as evaluating air pollution effects or pest damage. The LI-3000C's lightweight construction and long-life rechargeable battery (12 hours) provide extensive versatility for field use.



Readout Console Operation

For each leaf area measurement the LI-3000C records values of leaf area, leaf length, average width and maximum width. Each of these values can be shown on the display. Individual leaf area values can also be added to a secondary summing register to collect accumulated leaf area data for leaf area index or whole plant leaf area. After a measurement, the area data are stored using a convenient file system along with a time stamp from the real time clock and an alphanumeric remark to identify the data (e.g., field #, leaf #, plot #, etc).

Interface Software



Data can be collected with the Windows software included...

ENTRY	COUNT	AREA	LENGTH	AV WIDTH	MX WIDTH
1	0	13.67	2.9	4.7	5.3
2	0	14.16	5.1	2.8	4.2
3	0	13.35	3.9	3.4	5.0
4	0	21.72	4.9	4.4	5.6
5	4	62.90	16.8	3.7	5.6

... and opened in most spreadsheet or text editor programs.

The Windows® interface software provided collects data files transferred from the LI-3000C console. Data files can be saved separately or combined into a single, larger data file. The LI-3000C supports both RS-232 and USB data transfer.

The interface software also allows the user to monitor data on a computer and store readings in a log file. Realtime Capture Mode, initiated from the LI-3000C console, transmits data directly to the

computer. This feature is most commonly used in combination with the LI-3050C Transparent Belt Conveyer Accessory. Realtime Capture can save time when logging large amounts of data, as files do not need to be transferred to the computer. Log files include individual area, cumulative area, maximum width, average width, length, and average area. Remarks can be entered for each logged value. These files are easily opened in most spreadsheet or text editor programs.

Theory Of Operation

The LI-3000C Portable Area Meter utilizes an electronic method of rectangular approximation providing 1 mm² resolution. The major components are the scanning head and the readout console. Area data are recorded by the readout console as the scanning head is passed over the leaf.

Width Scanning

Object width is scanned by sequentially pulsing a row of 128 narrow-band, red light-emitting diodes (LEDs) located on 1 mm centers in the upper section of the scanning head. The LEDs are located 6.4 mm from the edge of the scanning head, permitting measurement close to the base of the leaf.

The lower section of the scanning head contains a lens-photodiode system which responds to the LED light. When one or more LEDs are masked by some object which passes through the scanning head, the width is measured (i.e. 3 LEDs masked are sensed as 3 mm width). The LEDs and associated digital circuitry provide measurements which are unaffected by leaf transmission properties or ambient light.

Length Scanning

A length encoding cord, with one end held against a stationary object, is drawn out of the scanning head as the head is moved over the leaf. The LEDs are sequentially pulsed once for each 1 mm of cord travel. For example, if a 20 mm width x 100 mm length object

is measured, 20 LEDs will be masked for 100 scanning cycles, resulting in a display of 20.00 cm². Accuracy is unaffected by the scanning speed (1 meter s⁻¹ maximum rate).



Area

The area is integrated and displayed as the scanning head is drawn over the leaf. Leaves with irregular margins or with holes, as in cases of insect damage, are correctly measured by the LI-3000C. As the portion of leaf with the hole passes through the scanning head, the lens-photodiode system senses the LED light. That particular LED location does not contribute to the accumulated area on the display until the LEDs are once again masked by a portion of leaf without a hole.

Scanning Head Operation

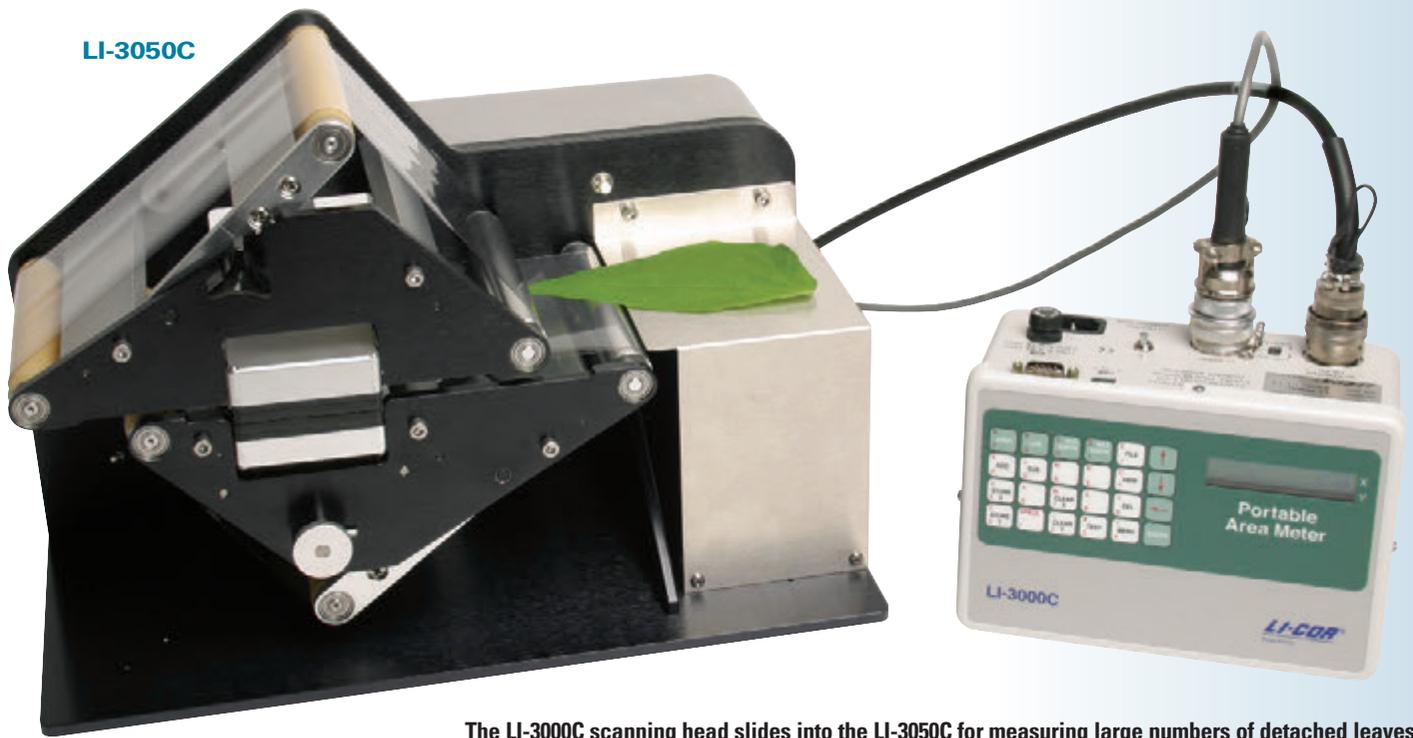


1) The scanning head is opened and placed over the leaf. The length encoding cord is held stationary against a stable object, usually the stem at the base of the leaf. The scanning head is closed at the base of the leaf and the reset button is pressed to initiate a new measurement.



2) The closed scanning head is drawn over the leaf, allowing the leaf apex to pass through completely.

LI-3050C



The LI-3000C scanning head slides into the LI-3050C for measuring large numbers of detached leaves.

LI-3050C – Transparent Belt Conveyor Accessory

Large numbers of detached leaves often are more efficiently measured using the LI-3000C Portable Area Meter in combination with the LI-3050C Transparent Belt Conveyor Accessory. The complete LI-3000C circuitry is utilized to provide a sophisticated laboratory instrument for a broad range of area analysis requirements.

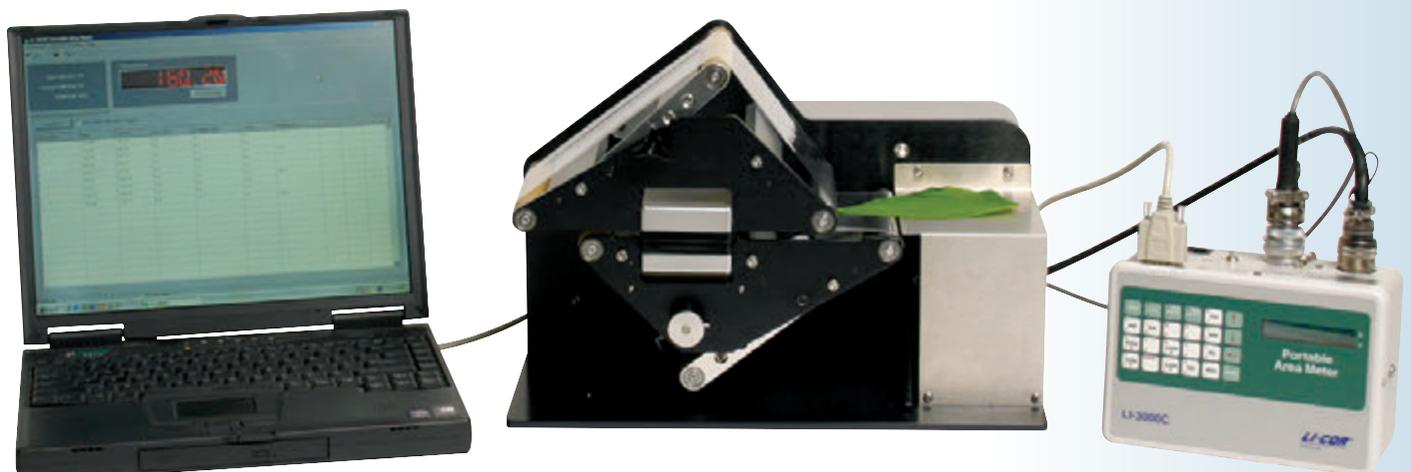
Advantages of the LI-3000C and LI-3050C Combination

- Fast, automatic operation for large numbers of samples
- Accuracy within $\pm 1\%$
- Rugged and durable transparent belts
- Ease of belt cleaning and adjustment
- Rapid logging and storage of individual or cumulative area
- Data can be displayed and logged on a computer

Measurement Process

The two units are coupled by sliding the LI-3000C scanning head into the LI-3050C assembly such that the upper and lower belts pass through the scanning head. In this mode, the conveyor belt moves at a constant speed to provide the encoded length information to the LI-3000C (the length encoding cord is not used).

Samples are placed on the lower transparent belt and allowed to pass through the LI-3000C scanning head. Accumulated area is shown on the LI-3000C display or on a computer screen when using the LI-3000C application software. The measurement is initiated using the reset button located on the front panel of the LI-3050C.



In Realtime Capture Mode, data are transmitted through the LI-3000C (or through the LI-3050C) directly to a computer.

LI-3000C Specifications*

Resolution: 1 mm² (1 mm x 1 mm scanning area).

Accuracy: Within ± 2% for samples > 50 cm².

Display Capacity: Area: 9,999,999.99 cm², Length: 99,999,999.9 cm,
Width: 12.8 cm

Display: 2 line x 16 character LCD

Keyboard: Sealed, 24 key tactile response with audio feedback.

Real Time Clock: Year, month, day, hour, minute, second.

Accuracy: ± 3 minutes per month (0-55 °C).

Internal Memory: More than 2.1 MB of non-volatile FLASH.

Measurement data are maintained even in absence of power.

Memory Capacity: From 65,000 to 125,000 individual leaf area measurements.

Communications: USB 1.1 Compliant, Full Speed, Bus rate @ 12 Mbps;
RS-232 DTE, N, 8, 1, Baud rate fixed at 38,400 bps, hardware flow control.

Sample Dimensions

Width: 127 mm maximum, 1 mm minimum.

Thickness: 8 mm maximum.

Length: 1 meter maximum.

Scanning Speed: Up to 1 m/s. Length encoding cord drawing speed need not be constant. Error message indicates if encoding cord is drawn too fast.

Power Requirement: Internal rechargeable 6V lead-acid battery;
or 115/230 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 20 watt maximum.

User-Replaceable Mains Fuse: 2/10 amp type T for 115 VAC,
1/10 amp type T for 230 VAC, 1/4 x 1 1/4 glass cartridge style.

Battery Capacity: Typically 12-15 hours of continuous operation.

Recharging Time: 5-8 hours, instrument off. Charging circuitry built-in.

Battery Voltage Sensor: Low battery warning occurs approximately 1 hour before automatically shutting off the instrument. Over-voltage warning occurs if battery becomes over-charged. Data are stored in FLASH memory, and is secure in either of these conditions.

Scanning Head

LED Light Source: 6.4 mm from outer edge.

Size: 30.5 cm overall length (12.0 ").

Weight: 680 g (1.5 lb.).

Readout-Control Unit

Size: 19.8 cm L x 15.5 W x 10.1 D (7.8" x 6.1" x 4.0").

Weight: 2.0 kg (4.4 lb.).

Operating Temperature: 0 to 55 °C, 5 to 95% RH (non-condensing).

Storage Temperature: -20 to 55 °C, 5 to 95% RH (non-condensing). Long term storage at high temperatures will shorten the life of the internal battery.

LI-3050C Specifications*

Resolution: 1 mm² (1 mm x 1 mm scanning area).

Accuracy: Within ± 1% for samples > 10 cm².

Sample Dimensions

Width: 127 mm maximum, 1 mm minimum.

Thickness: 7.5 mm maximum.

Length: unlimited.

Conveyer Belt Speed: 6.3 cm/s at 60 Hz; 5.4 cm/s at 50 Hz.

Transparent Belts: Rugged clear vinyl.

Power Requirement: 115/230 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 20 Watts maximum

User-Replaceable Mains Fuse: 2/10 amp type T for 115 VAC, 1/10 amp
type T for 230 VAC, 1/4 x 1 1/4 glass cartridge style.

Operating Temperature: 0 to 55 °C. 5 to 95% RH (non-condensing).

Storage Temperature: -20 to 55 °C. 5 to 95% RH (non-condensing).

Size: 27.9 cm H x 27.9 W x 38.1 L (11.0" x 11.0" x 15.0")

Weight: 7.7 kg (17.0 lb.).

*Specifications subject to change without notice.

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"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

—Proverbs 3:5,6