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**RHOPOINT**  
**NOVO-GLOSS™** 

**Novo-Gloss Glossmeters**

- 60° Glossmeter
- 20/60/85° Glossmeter
- 20/60/85° Glossmeter with Haze
- 45° Glossmeter

# Why measure gloss?



The gloss level of an object is one of the visual attributes used by a consumer to determine whether or not that object is fit for purpose.

Gloss has been defined as ‘The attribute of surfaces that causes them to have shiny or lustrous, metallic appearance.’

Manufacturers design their products to have maximum appeal: from highly reflective car body panels to glossy household appliances or matt finish automotive interior trim.

This is especially noticeable where parts may be produced by different manufacturers or factories but will be placed adjacent to one another to create the finished product.

Gloss can also be a measure of the quality of the surface, for instance a drop in the gloss of a coated surface may indicate problems with its cure, leading to other failures such as poor adhesion or lack of protection for the coated surface.



It is important therefore that gloss levels are achieved consistently on every product or across different batches of products.

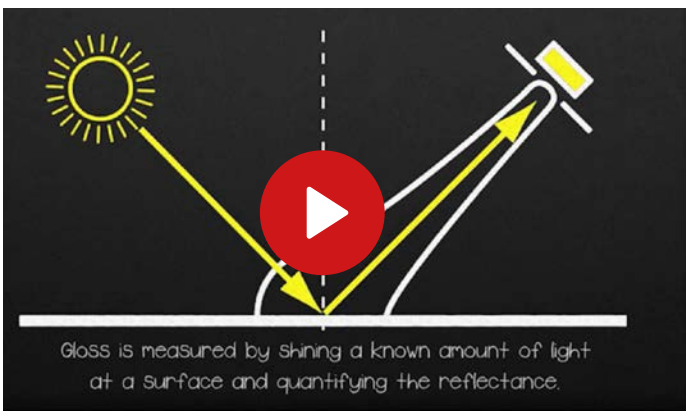


The gloss of a surface can be greatly influenced by a number of factors, for example the smoothness achieved during polishing, the amount and type of coating applied or the quality of the substrate.

It is for these reasons that many manufacturing industries monitor the gloss of their products, from cars, printing and furniture to food, pharmaceuticals and consumer electronics.

# How is gloss measured?

Gloss is measured by shining a known amount of light at a surface and quantifying the reflectance.

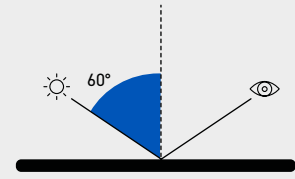


The angle of the light and the method by which the reflectance is measured are determined by the surface material and which aspect of the surface appearance is to be measured.

## Which angle should I use for my application?

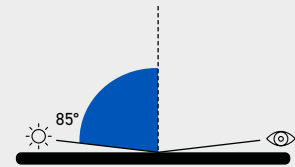
ISO 2813 and ASTM D523 (the most commonly used standards) describe three measurement angles to measure gloss across all surfaces.

Gloss is measured in gloss units (GU) and is traceable to reference standards held at NIST (USA).



### Universal Measurement Angle: 60°

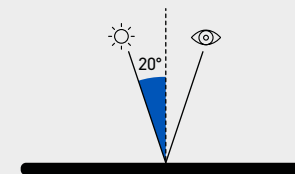
All gloss levels can be measured using the standard measurement angle of 60°. This is used as the reference angle with the complimentary angles of 85° and 20° often used for low and high gloss levels respectively.



### Low Gloss: 85°

For improved resolution of low gloss a grazing angle of 85° is used to measure the surface. This angle is recommended for surfaces which measure less than 10GU when measured at 60°.

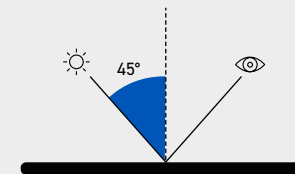
This angle also has a larger measurement spot which will average out differences in the gloss of textured or slightly uneven surfaces.



### High Gloss: 20°

The acute measurement angle of 20° gives improved resolution for high gloss surfaces. Surfaces that measure 70GU and above at the standard angle of 60° are often measured with this geometry.

The 20° angle is more sensitive to haze effects that affect the appearance of a surface.



### Speciality measuring angle: 45°

This measuring angle is in accordance with the ISO 2457 standard for the gloss measurement of plastic films and solid plastic parts as well as according to the standard ASTM C346 for the gloss measurement of ceramics

*To quantify haze, distinctness of image, reflected image quality and other surface texturing please consider the Rhopoint IQ.*

# Why measure haze?

Haze can be described as *near specular reflection*. It is caused by a microscopic surface structure which slightly changes the direction of a reflected light causing a bloom adjacent to the specular (gloss) angle. The surface has less reflective contrast and a shallow milky effect.

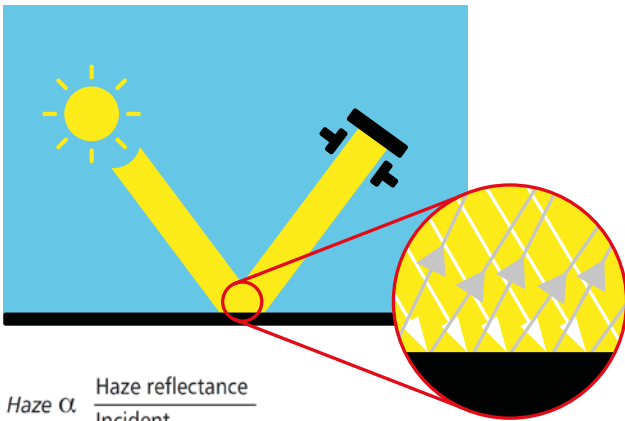


In the coatings industry, this microscopic surface texture is often due to poorly dispersed raw materials, incompatible raw materials or oxidation and weathering. For polished metal surfaces, haze is often associated with polishing marks or chemical residue.

## Haze

Haze is light that has been reflected by small surface structures adjacent to the main specular component.

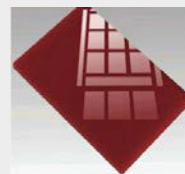
**Reflectance haze** – An optical effect caused by microscopic texture or residue on a surface.



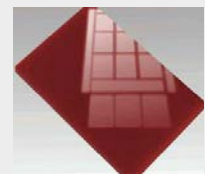
## Reflection haze

Reflection haze is an optical phenomenon usually associated with high gloss surfaces.

It is a common surface fault that reduces appearance quality. A hazy surface has a visibly shallower reflection with a milky finish and halos appear around reflections of strong light sources.

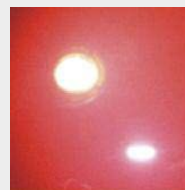


Sample 1  
No Haze, deep reflection



Sample 2  
High Haze, 'shallow' finish

A high gloss finish with haze exhibits a milky finish with low reflective contrast, reflected highlights and lowlights are less pronounced.



Sample 3  
Low Haze



Sample 4-  
Higher Haze

On surfaces with haze, halos are visible around the reflections of strong light sources.





## Causes of Haze

### Coating & Raw Materials

- Dispersion
- Pigment properties
- Particle size
- Binder compatibility
- Influence and migration of additives
- Resin types and quality

### Curing

- Drying conditions
- Cure temperature

### Post Coating

- Polishing marks
- Cleanliness
- Ageing and oxidisation



Haze: Often visible as milky finish on high gloss surfaces

## Gloss and haze measurement with array technology

The Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 version with haze uses a 512 element linear diode array which profiles reflected light in a large arc from 14° to 27°.

The instrument processes this high resolution data, selecting individual elements within the array that equate to the angular tolerances outlined in international measurement standards.

In a single 20° measurement, the following calculations are made:

$$\text{Gloss} = \frac{\sum \text{Pixels between } 20^\circ \pm 0.9^\circ \text{ (sample)}}{\sum \text{Pixels between } 20^\circ \pm 0.9^\circ \text{ (standard)}}$$

$$\text{Haze} = 100 * \frac{\sum \text{Pixels from } 17^\circ \text{ to } 19^\circ \text{ (sample)} + \sum \text{Pixels from } 21^\circ \text{ to } 23^\circ \text{ (sample)}}{\text{Specular Gloss (standard)}}$$

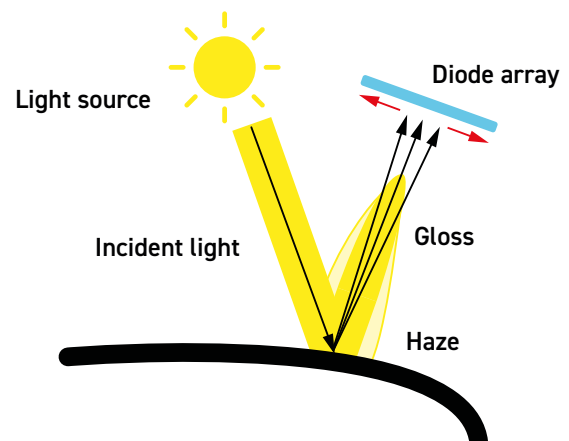
$$\text{logHaze} = 1285 (\log_{10}((\text{Haze}/20)+1))$$

## Curved surface adjustment

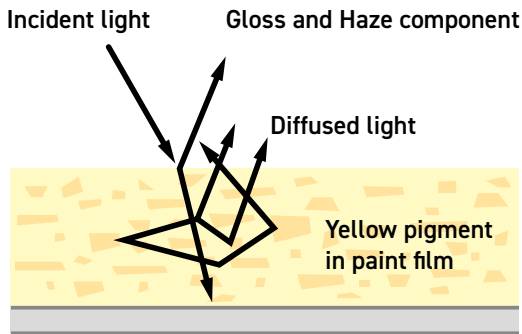
A major advantage of the Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 version with haze is that it automatically compensates for curved or textured sample surfaces by virtually adjusting the measurement position.

Conventional gloss-hazemeters have fixed optics which can make measurement unreliable as any sample curvature will reflect light away from the centre of the measurement sensor causing errors.

The Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 version with haze automatically adjusts the sensor position by detecting the peak of the reflected light. The laws of reflection state that the incident angle is equal to the reflection angle thus the peak equates exactly to the 20° gloss angle.



The Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 version with haze automatically adjusts for non-flat surfaces by sensing the reflected peak and virtually adjusting the position.



The Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 version with haze compensates for reflection from within the coating for highly reflective pigments, metallic coatings and speciality pigments, allowing the haze of any painted surface to be measured.

### Diffuse corrected measurement with array technology\*

Reflection haze is caused by micro texture on a surface which causes a small amount of light to be reflected adjacent to the gloss angle.

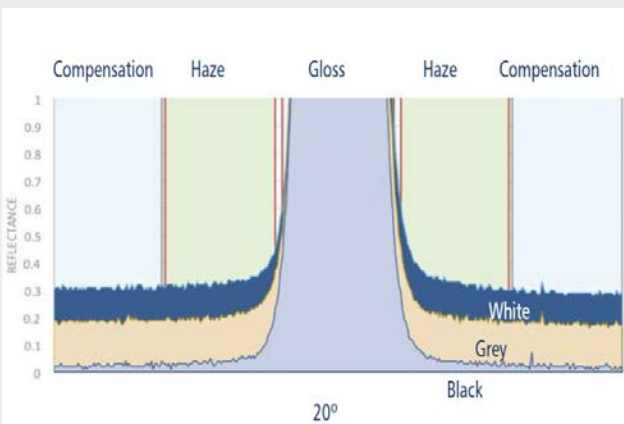
For white surfaces, bright colours and metallics, a certain amount of diffuse light, reflected from within the material, is also present in this region.

This diffuse light exaggerates the haze signal for these surfaces causing higher than expected readings.

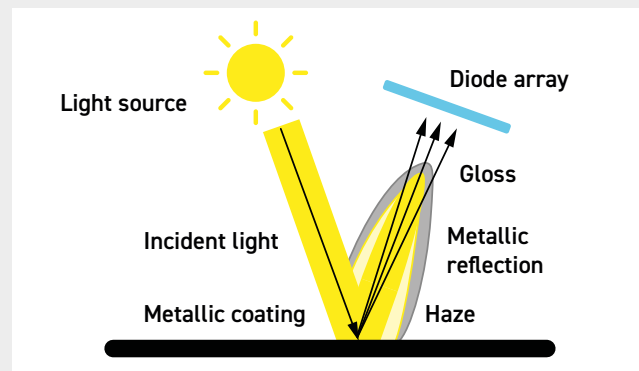
\* Only enabled when the instrument is set to haze measuring mode of ASTM E430

### Corrected haze measurement on metallic coatings

For non metallic surfaces, the diffuse component is Lambertian: it is equal in amplitude at all angles in relation to the sample surface. Conventional gloss-hazemeters measure diffuse reflection using a luminosity sensor positioned away from the gloss angle. Luminosity is subtracted from the haze signal allowing non metallic surfaces to be measured independently of their colour.



Goniophotometric information profiling the reflection from white, grey and black panels with an identical topcoat.



The Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 version with haze captures compensation information from a region adjacent to the haze measurement angle. This means it can be used on metallic coatings which reflect light.

An advantage of the Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 version with haze is that unlike a conventional instrument, compensation is calculated using a region adjacent to the haze angle. This technique gives compatible readings on solid colours but also compensates for directional reflection from metallic coatings and speciality pigments.



# Rhopoint Novo-Gloss range of glossmeters

Single 60°, Single 45°, Trio 20/60/85° and Trigloss 20/60/85° with haze versions for maximum accuracy and resolution in all gloss applications.



Novo-Gloss 60



Novo-Gloss 45



Novo-Gloss Trio



Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 with Haze

Model	20° Gloss HIGH GLOSS	45° Gloss SPECIALITY ANGLE	60° Gloss ALL GLOSS FINISHES	85° Gloss LOW GLOSS FINISHES	Haze ASTM E430	Haze ASTM D4039	
Novo-Gloss 60	-	-	✓	-	-	-	Shop
Novo-Gloss 45	-	✓	-	-	-	-	Shop
Novo-Gloss Trio	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	Shop
Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 with Haze	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	Shop



# The Rhopoint Novo-Gloss

## Applications



Paints and Coatings



Yacht Manufacturers



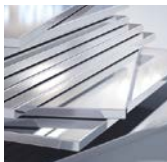
Automotive Re-finish



Smart devices, PC & Laptop Covers



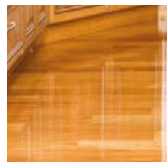
Furniture



Metal Polishers



Polished Stone



Wood Coatings



Automotive



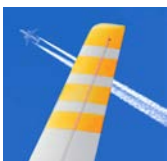
Printed Cartons



Plastics Industry



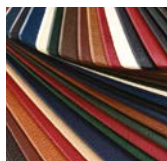
Printing Ink



Aerospace



Detailing

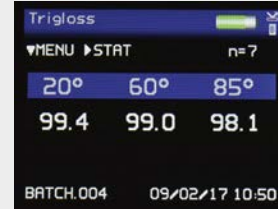


Textile

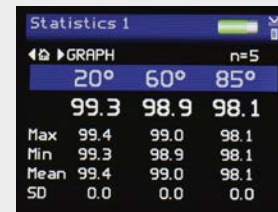


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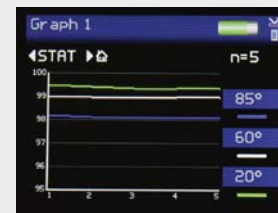
## Features



**Measurement**  
Simultaneous measurement of all parameters in GU or % reflectivity, date and time stamped.



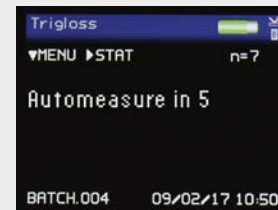
**Statistics**  
Displays full statistics for the readings in the current batch.



**Graphical**  
Graphical reporting for quick trend analysis.



**Parameters**  
Pass / fail parameters can be defined for instant identification of non-conformances.

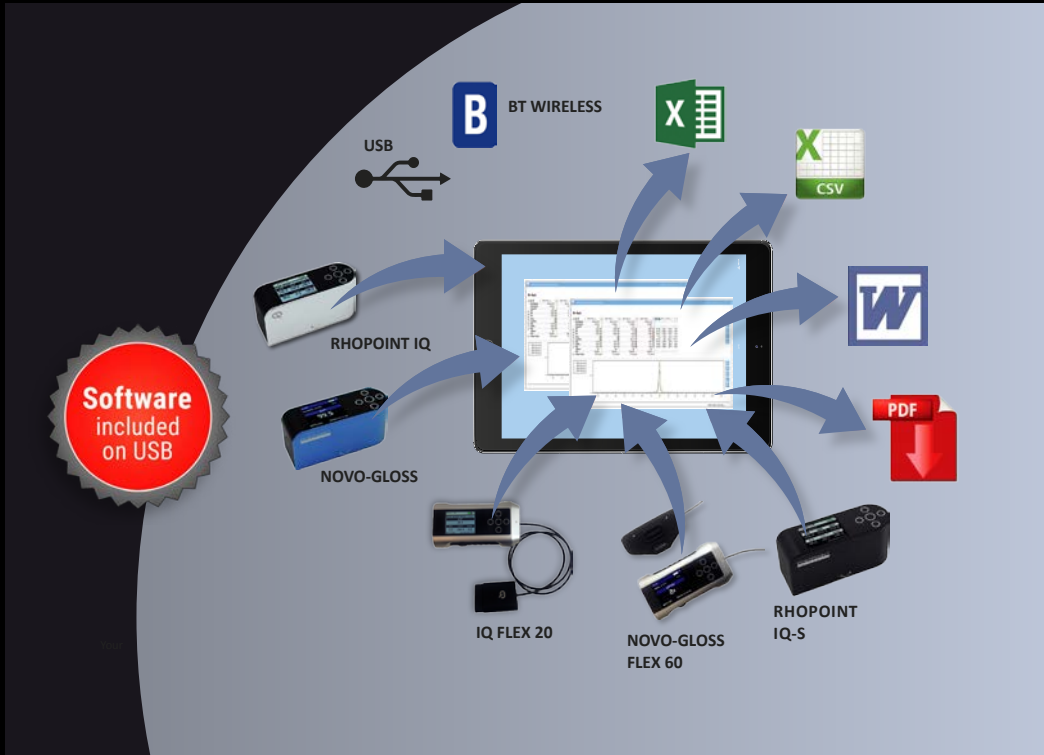


**Automatic Measurement**  
Automatic measurements at pre-defined intervals for easy checking of large surface areas.



**Batch Names**  
User definable batch names and batch sizes for quicker and more efficient reporting.





# Data analysis and transfer

## Software-free data transfer

USB connection to PC instantly recognises the device as a drive location which facilitates the quick transfer of .CSV files using Windows Explorer or similar.



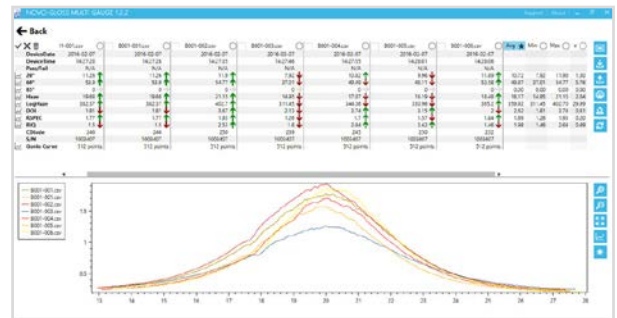
## Direct data input via BT wireless

Instantly transmit measured readings directly to programs such as MS Excel on your PC / tablet to greatly simplify the reporting process.

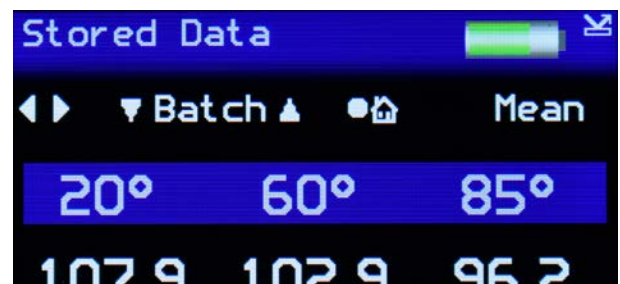


## Statistical analysis via Novo-Gloss Multi Gauge software

The included software provides an easy means to measure, import and compare data and export the measurements into several other file formats, e.g. PDF, Excel® or CSV.



## View and inspect data saved on the instrument



# Specifications

20° Gloss				
Range (GU)	0-100		100-2000	
Repeatability	0.2 (GU)		0.2%	
Reproducibility	0.5 (GU)		0.5%*	
Resolution (GU)	0.1			
Measurement Area	6.0 x 6.4 (mm)			
Standards	ISO 2813	ASTM D523	ISO 7668	ASTM D2457
		IN 67530	JIS Z 8741	

#### Recommended product

- Novo-Gloss Trio
- Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 with Haze

45° Gloss				
Range (GU)	0-60		60-1000	
Repeatability	0.2 (GU)		0.2%	
Reproducibility	0.5 (GU)		0.5%*	
Resolution (GU)	0.1			
Measurement Area	8 x 12mm ellipse			
Standards	ASTM D2457 ASTM C346			

#### Recommended product

- Novo-Gloss 45

60° Gloss				
Range (GU)	0-10	10-100	100-1000	
Repeatability	0.1 (GU)	0.2 (GU)	0.2%	
Reproducibility	0.2 (GU)	0.5 (GU)	0.5%*	
Resolution (GU)	0.1			
Measurement Area	6.0 x 12.0 (mm)			
Standards	ISO 2813	ASTM D523	ISO 7668	
	ASTM D2457	IN 67530	JIS Z 8741	

#### Recommended product

- [Novo-Gloss 60](#)
- Novo-Gloss Trio
- Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 with Haze

85° Gloss				
Range (GU)	0-100		100-199	
Repeatability	0.2 (GU)		0.2%	
Reproducibility	0.5 (GU)		0.5%*	
Resolution (GU)	0.1			
Measurement Area	4.4 x 44.0 (mm)			
Standards	ISO 2813	ASTM D523	ISO 7668	
	ASTM D2457	IN 67530	JIS Z 8741	

#### Recommended product

- Novo-Gloss Trio
- Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 with Haze

Haze				
Range (Log HU)	0-500			
Repeatability (Log HU)	1			
Reproducibility (Log HU)	10			
Resolution	0.1			
Measurement Area	6.0 x 6.4 (mm)			
Standards	ASTM E430 ASTM D4039			

#### Recommended product

- Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 with Haze

\* A mirror gloss calibration standard is required to achieve this reproducibility

# Specifications

<b>Battery Type</b>	Rechargeable lithium ion
<b>Operation (hours)</b>	17+
<b>Readings per charge</b>	20.000+
<b>Memory</b>	8MB, 2,000 readings
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	15-40°C (60-104°F)
<b>Operating Humidity</b>	Up to 85%, non condensing
<b>Commodity Code</b>	9027 5000

## Dimensions & Weights

<b>Dimensions</b>	65mm x 140mm x 50mm (H x W x D)
<b>Instrument Weight</b>	390g
<b>Packed weight</b>	1.6kg
<b>Packed dimensions</b>	110mm x 280mm x 220mm (H x W x D)

## Order Codes

<b>Novo-Gloss 60</b>	A4000-008
<b>Novo-Gloss Trio 20/60/85</b>	A4000-006
<b>Novo-Gloss 20/60/85 with Haze</b>	A4000-009
<b>Novo-Gloss 45</b>	A4000-011
<b>Mirror gloss calibration standard</b>	B6000-101

**Free extended 2 year warranty:** Requires registration at [www.rhopointinstruments.com](http://www.rhopointinstruments.com) within 28 days of purchase. Without registration, 1 year standard warranty applies.

**Free light source warranty**  
Guaranteed for the life of the instrument.

**Calibration and service:** Fast and economical service via our global network of accredited calibration and service centres. Please visit [www.rhopointinstruments.com](http://www.rhopointinstruments.com) for detailed information.

**Languages:**



## Included accessories

- Certified calibration tile with certificate
- USB data cable
- Wrist strap
- Novo-Gloss Multi Gauge software
- Instructional videos
- USB data stick
  - Instruction manual
  - BT wireless data app
  - Example Excel spreadsheets





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## We offer two options for you to try out the Novo-Gloss Glossmeters before buying

- 1 Online demonstration:** Online presentation of the Novo-Gloss with your samples measured LIVE on Zoom, Microsoft Teams or Skype. Includes a consultation with an application specialist
- 2 Factory sample testing:** Send in samples of your material for testing and receive a comprehensive test report

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