

The attached document can be used to calibrate your color monitor with any color printer. I have made the side margins narrow so as to accommodate thermal printers such as QMS, Océ, etc.

I found after much and very costly trial and error, that it is very difficult if not impossible to accurately predict what the color will look like when output by your local service bureau. This is even more complicated when combining scanned color images with spot color elements.

I have developed a technique that seems to save the many iterations necessary to get what the color you want. First, I have the attached color test pages printed by the service bureau on their color printer. My current favorite is the Canon CLC 500. Next, I compare the spot color I really am after, say Pantone 242 from the Pantone book with the printout of the colors from the printer. Computer printed Pantone 242 will be different, lighter or darker, redder, bluer, etc. So I pick a color from the printout that is closest to my desired color and then I specify that color in my document or drawing. Even though the colors may not look perfect on the screen, the colors will be exactly what you're after on the page.

Canon Info: I have found that when printing scanned color images on the Canon CLC 500 with the Freedom of the Press interpreter, the most accurate colors come from printing in RGB mode. However, if you are printing only spot colors, the more accurate results will come from selecting CMYK mode. If you have a document which has both kinds of colors, print using RGB and adjust the spot colors according to this "calibration" guide since it's more difficult to control color shift on the scanned images.

If you find the color calibrator was helpful, please donate to my favorite charity, The Concern Foundation for Cancer Research. Make your checks payable to "Concern Foundation for Cancer Research" c/o Jeb Jochenning
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For your information, I have created a similar document for use with Pagemaker. This is available for an additional \$20.00.

Thanks for your support of this worthy cause.

Please send me any comments about how I might improve this product.