

CI-203 Handheld Laser Leaf Area Meter



Operation Manual

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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on the purchase of your new CI-203 Portable Laser Area Meter. Making leaf measurements, in the field or laboratory, is now very easy with the CI-203 Portable Laser Area Meter. This state-of-the-art instrument has been designed to be the most portable leaf area measurement system available. Although you may be anxious to use your new meter, please take the time to read this manual first. This manual is for instruments with firmware version 4.03.

Specifications

Maximum Capacities:

◆ Thickness:	25 mm
◆ Width:	150 mm
◆ Length:	1-2 m
◆ Area:	1 m ²
Resolution:	1 mm ²
Computer Interface:	Full speed USB interface 12MBit/s
Area Units:	cm ²
RAM Memory Size:	64KB
SPI Flash:	1024KB
Storage:	HD SD card 4GB
File System:	Fat32
Display:	TFT LCD 320x240
Scanning Speed:	500 mm/sec
Battery:	7.2 V rechargeable Nickel Cadmium (NiCd)
Operating Temperature:	0~50°C
Operating Time:	to a minimum of 500 leaves
Dimensions:	355L x 45W x 50H mm
Weight:	1Kg

Features

- ◆ Non-destructive measurements
- ◆ Measures area, length, width and perimeter, saves and displays synthesized images
- ◆ Calculates shape factor, aspect ratio and voids number in object
- ◆ Area resolution down to 0.01 cm²
- ◆ Unlimited storage capacity (replaceable 4GB SD card)
- ◆ USB port for viewing/copying files, upgrading firmware and debugging the output
- ◆ Supports USB mass-storage device class
- ◆ Serial Flash to store non-volatile scan/file parameters
- ◆ Single self-contained instrument with built-in LCD display
- ◆ Measure objects up to 150 mm wide and 25 mm thick of virtually unlimited length¹
- ◆ Easy calibration when required
- ◆ Rechargeable battery through USB port

1. ¹ See specifications for maximum length and area capabilities.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The CI-203 is a self-contained, hand-held, battery-powered instrument with a built-in display. It contains an optical scanner to measure leaf width, a roller with a shaft encoder to measure length, and a microcomputer to coordinate the measurement functions, calculate results, and store collected data.

Taking a measurement is as simple as turning the instrument on, inserting a leaf in the objective, and drawing it out. The instrument does the rest.

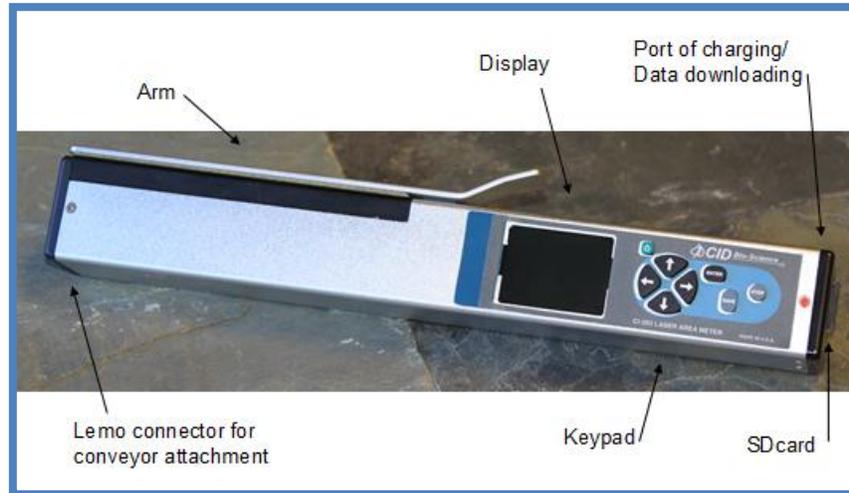


Figure 1. CI-203 Laser Area Meter

To turn the instrument on, press the power button. When the instrument powers on, a copyright notice will appear for 0.5 seconds. Following this, a menu will appear on the display with the following options: Measure, Setup, View and File. You are now in the CI-203 menu system.

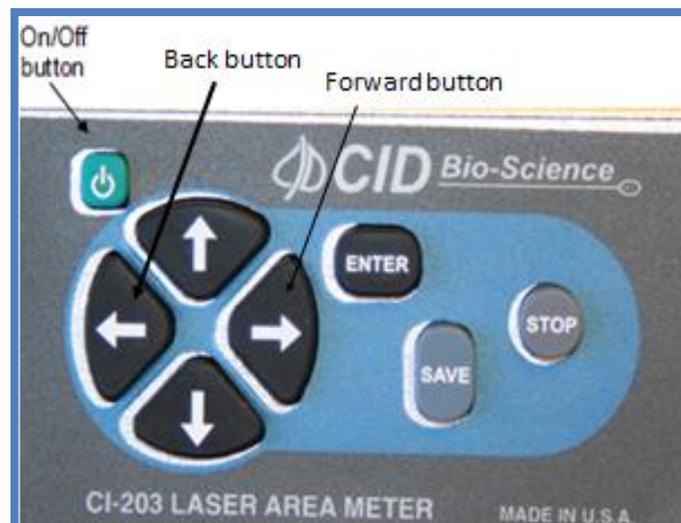


Figure 2. CI-203 Keypad

Error messages should rarely appear during normal operation of the CI-203. However, in the event that the display does not show the “Measure” prompt after displaying the copyright notice, see the Error Message section of this manual.

Note: To force a power off and reset of the instrument at any point, a user may press and hold the POWER button for 10 seconds. This “emergency hard shut-down” feature exists to address hardware or software problems and should not be used except when needed, in general, simply pressing the Power button in the typical manner will power off the CI-203.

Note: User must create a file (usually blank) before measurements can be taken. Failure to do so will hang the system in ‘Measurement’ mode, requiring a hard shutdown.

Menus and What They Do

The CI-203 menu system allows you to quickly and easily operate the instrument without repeatedly consulting the manual. It is recommended to read through the entire manual with the instrument before performing measurements in the field. The screen associated with a menu item will give you information about the choices that you can make or the options that are available. Pressing the right arrow or forward key will select a menu option and move you to the next menu. Pressing the left arrow or backward key will move you back to the previous menu screen.

MEASURE MENU

In the measure mode, the top line of the screen will read “Measure” on the left with the name of a file on the right. The bottom line of the screen will have the word “arm” in brackets on the left, and the four direction arrows on the right.

Measure	file00
<arm>	←→↑↓

The options are:

- ◆ to select another file with the UP or DOWN arrow keys
- ◆ to go back to the main menu with the LEFT arrow key
- ◆ to take measurements by lifting the arm

To start measuring, open the measurement arm until extended completely, and then allow it to slowly close upon the leaf to be measured. This begins the measurement process. The motor will start spinning up to speed as soon as the arm opens, and the display will read “Spinning Up”, “Stabilizing”, and “Arm Open” in quick succession, then “Measurement” near the top line. When the arm closes, the laser will power on and the display will read “Measuring”. At this point, draw the leaf being measured through the instrument. When the leaf has been drawn out completely, the instrument will stop automatically and display the results of the measurement. With ‘Autofile’ = ON, the measurement is automatically stored to the currently selected file. With ‘Autofile’ = off, the user must press the ‘SAVE’ button to save the measurement to the currently selected file.

The display will show the name of the current file in the upper left-hand corner of the screen and the sequence number of the measurement in the upper right-hand corner. Below these the parameter names appear on the left and parameter values on the right of the screen.

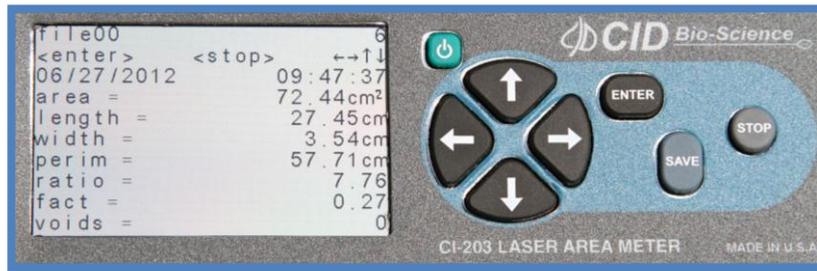


Figure 3. CI-203 display read out and key pad

To bring an image into view, press the RIGHT arrow key. Pressing the RIGHT arrow key again will display the barcode data. Pressing the LEFT arrow key from any screen will return the instrument to the ready to measure mode. To discard the last measurement, press the STOP button. Now another measurement may be taken, if required. Depending on the setup of the automatic save function of the instrument, the measurement will or will not be saved.



Figure 4. Image of measured leaf on CI-203 display screen

To save the measurement, press the SAVE button; the word “saved” will be shown near the top line of the display to confirm that the data is saved. Make sure the SDcard is present when saving data to a file. The user may verify and transfer files by connecting the instrument to a computer using the USB port on the CI-203, or by mounting the SDcard into the SD slot on the computer and using it as a local drive; then open the file explorer to view the files. Files should be copied from the SDcard and saved to the hard drive before proceeding with any calculations or data manipulation.

SETUP INSTRUMENT MENU

The CI-203 has a number of utility functions that allow the user to manage the instrument's capabilities. These functions are accessed by pressing the RIGHT arrow when Setup is highlighted on the Main Menu. The setup utility options are: Autosave, Measure, Scanner, Storage, Time and SDCard. Use the UP/DOWN arrows to select the desired option and then press the RIGHT arrow to enter the choice.

Setup AutoSave Feature

Pressing the RIGHT key when Autosave is highlighted enters the Autosave feature. This allows the user to setup the instrument to automatically store measurements, and to start a new measurement without explicitly saving the old one. This mode is convenient when taking fast, repetitive measurements as well as when it is not necessary to review each measurement immediately after taking it.

In the *Autosave setup* mode, the top line of the display will read "autosave =" on the left and either "yes" or "no" on the right. The bottom line of the display will read "<stop>" and "<save>" and the directional arrows.

Autosave	=	yes
<stop>	<save>	←→↑↓

To set the instrument up to automatically store measurements press the UP/DOWN arrow key until the word "yes" is on the display, then press the SAVE key to save the configuration. To set the instrument up to automatically discard measurements, press the UP/DOWN arrow key until "no" is on the display, then press the SAVE key to save the configuration. To avoid changing the configuration, press the STOP key to exit back to the Setup Menu.

Setup Measure

Pressing the RIGHT key when Measure is highlighted enters the Setup Measure mode. Here the user can switch between Leaf and Root mode using the UP/DOWN arrows. For instructions to access Conveyor mode, see Appendix I of this manual. Press SAVE when the desired mode is on the display. Press STOP to go back to the Setup Menu.

Measure	=	Leaf
<stop>	<save>	←→↑↓

The Measure Leaf mode is the regular mode for doing leaf measurements using the CI-203 and the arm. When the instrument is in Root Mode, the arm is removed and the instrument is used in conjunction with the CI-203RL root length tray accessory. Please see Appendix II of this manual for more information about using the CI-203 in Measure Root mode.

Setup Scanner Thresholds

NOTE: Normally, there is no need to adjust the threshold of the CI-203 because the instruments are factory-adjusted to a threshold level that is ideal for “all-around” use.

The CI-203 automatically adjusts an internal threshold to a level that is optimum for detecting the presence of a leaf in the scanner objective. If out-of-the-ordinary measurements are being recorded or if the instrument has suffered from abuse or excessive aging, the manual threshold setting may need to be adjusted. If the instrument appears to be making incorrect measurements, make sure the instrument is clean and the reflective tape and the objective window appears to be undamaged and in good condition. If there is something blocking the optical path in the scanner, no amount of threshold adjustment will correct the problem. Refer to the section on cleaning and maintenance for more information on insuring that the instrument is clean. Please do not hesitate to consult with the manufacturer or with the nearest manufacturer’s representative if there is a problem and the threshold needs adjustment.

Use the UP/DOWN arrow to highlight Scanner on the Setup Menu display. Next, press the RIGHT arrow to enter the Setup Scanner menu. The options on the Setup Scanner menu include HiThld (High Threshold), LoThld (Low Threshold), Manual, Filter and Adjustment. Use the UP/DOWN key to switch between options and the RIGHT arrow to select.

Threshold Adjustment (Width Calibration)

In the event you need to alter the normal threshold settings, perform the following steps. First, check the threshold of the CI-203 alone, with its arm in place. To do so, access the Setup Scanner menu, select “HiThld” and press the RIGHT arrow key. The instrument’s motor will turn on and a “t” and “w” value will appear and count down on the display. Next, the display will show the high threshold value briefly before returning to the Scanner Setup menu. Make note of the HiThld value.

Next, switch to “LoThld” menu and place a piece of white paper under the arm and press the RIGHT arrow key. Let the scanner run. The display will show a t value that counts down and w=0. When the t value is done counting down, the final Low Threshold value (t=) will display briefly before exiting back to the Scanner Setup menu. Make note of the LoThld value.

Remove the paper from under the arm. Next, select ‘Manual’ from the Scanner Setup menu by pressing the RIGHT arrow key. Make sure that the width reads 0 when there is no object under the arm. Stop the Manual scan and the motor by pressing the STOP key. On the scanner menu, scroll down to ‘Adjustment’. Here is where the user can adjust the width measurement based on the high and low threshold values. After increasing or decreasing the Manual threshold value, press STOP. You will be prompted to STOP (discard changes) or SAVE changes if you made any.

t = 76 w = 0
<stop> ←→↑↓

The next step is very important: every time the threshold is changed in any mode, switch to the “Measure” menu and press the LEFT and RIGHT key at the same time. The instrument will automatically compute and save the timing parameters. The user should repeat this computation a few times allowing the instrument to generate an accurate leaf width reading. Make sure to check the width reading with and without the filter. When checking the reading without the filter, the width should be above 0 but still a very small value.

If the instrument malfunctions after manual threshold adjustment, contact CID Bio-Science, Inc. for assistance.

Calibration of the Scanner Length

In order to calibrate the scanner step length (step len), from the main menu put the instrument into ‘Measure’ mode. Push the LEFT and DOWN arrow keys simultaneously, or press the RIGHT and DOWN arrow keys at the same time. This will start the length calibration and the user should be able to see the scanner laser light under the arm, however the motor will not start or spin up.

Slowly draw a piece of white paper (*mounted on an opaque, non-reflective surface*) of known length through the scanner several times. The unit will beep while you do this. A longer beep sound indicates a better calibration of the scanner lens. After drawing a piece of white paper through the CI-203 a few times, push STOP. The lens should now be calibrated. To see the image and measurement information, press the RIGHT or LEFT arrow keys. Compare known length to measured length.

Setup Scanner Filter

The scanner filter is used to filter out particles on the conveyor cylinder that may be mistaken as objects to be measured. Press the RIGHT arrow when Filter is highlighted to see the current filter settings and whether it is turned on or off. Use the UP/DOWN arrows to increase or decrease the size of the objects to be filtered out. Press the right arrow to toggle the OFF/ON state of the filter. Then press the left arrow and select *Save* to choose to make the change or *Stop* to abort the change and exit back to the Scanner Setup menu.

Filter	On
Value	200
Object	0.787mm

Setup Scanner Adjustment Menu

Press the RIGHT arrow when ‘Adjustment’ is highlighted to get to the Setup Scanner Adjustment Menu which provides access to precharge, scan width, scan time, step length (step len) and scanner defaults.

Press the RIGHT arrow to access the ‘Precharge’ setting and press ENTER to spin up the motor. Press LEFT or STOP to stop the motor or to exit back to the Scanner Setup Adjustment Menu. Use the UP/DOWN arrow to change the precharge value in the upper right corner.

Precharge should be at 85
First 2 digits should be 14

Precharge	85
<stop> 14xxxx: E	←→↑↓

At the ‘Scan Width’ selection, press the RIGHT arrow to start the motor spinning up. Press LEFT or STOP to stop the motor or to exit back to the Setup Scanner Adjustment Menu. Use the UP/DOWN arrow to change the scan width value in the upper right corner.

It is not recommended that the User adjust scan width.

Scan width	1575
<stop> 0.00mm	←→↑↓

Reading should be 15xx

At the 'Scan Time' selection, press the RIGHT arrow to start the motor spinning up. Press LEFT or STOP to stop the motor or to exit back to the Setup Scanner Adjustment Menu. Use the UP/DOWN arrow to change the scan time value in the upper right corner.

Scan time should be in the 40xxx to 41xxx range.

Scan time	40787
<stop>	0 ←→↑↓

At the 'Step Len' (step length) selection, press the RIGHT. Use the UP/DOWN arrow to change the step length value in the upper right corner. Press ENTER to increase the step length value to the maximum of 900. Press STOP to exit back to the Setup Scanner Adjustment Menu. Press STOP again and the display will prompt to save changes. Press SAVE to save any changes made or press STOP to exit.

Step Length should be 36xx – 37xx otherwise conduct the scan length calibration.

Step len	3xxx
<stop>	←→↑↓

Press the RIGHT arrow to access the Scan Defaults menu. Press ENTER and indicate whether you want to save the defaults by pressing the SAVE key or press STOP to exit. Press LEFT arrow to exit back to the Setup Scanner Adjustment Menu.

Scan	Defaults
<enter>	<stop> ←→

Setup Storage (SPI Flash Management)

SPI (serial peripheral interface) flash plays an important role in the architecture of the CI-203. It holds all the non-volatile scan parameters, the copy file descriptors, the measurements buffers, etc. The total size of the serial flash is 1MB, or 16 sectors with 64KB in each sector. Currently the CI-203 uses 4 sectors; sector 0 is inerasable while sectors 1-3 could be erased by the user from the "Set-Up Storage" menu. Sector 0 is protected because it holds all of the scan/timing parameters. The user is allowed to modify these parameters, but not to erase them. Sectors 1-3 could be erased thus eliminating all the files from CI-203.

The user must create at least one (usually blank) file or else the "Measure" function will hang the system requiring a hard reset. When the user creates a file the instrument allocates data structure at sector 1 of the serial flash. In addition to this, the same file is created on the SDcard. This is necessary because the CI-203 uses only special files with the removable SDcard. Without the SDcard inserted, the instrument is still able scan an object, but cannot store or save the measurement.

space =	128K
<stop>	←→↑↓

Format Storage

Pressing the UP/DOWN key switches the display to the “format storage” mode screen. Be careful! Formatting the storage space of the CI-203 will erase all data and all files. This is convenient when starting a new year’s work, but treat this command with care.

In the format storage mode the top line of the display will read “Clear all data”. The bottom line of the display will have the word “stop” to the left and “enter” to the right.

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Clear all data
<stop> <enter>
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To delete **every** file in your instrument, press the ENTER key. The instrument will erase **ALL** data from the memory, leaving the maximum possible amount of memory free for use. To stop the deleting process and exit Setup ‘Storage’ menu, press the STOP key. **To continue measurements, the user must create a blank file.**

Setup Time and Date

To change the time and date stamp on the CI-203, press the RIGHT key when “Time” is highlighted on the Setup Scanner menu. This utility allows the user to set-up the instrument in different time zones or to adjust the time after daylight savings.

To change the time on the instrument, use the UP/DOWN arrows to change the values of the first row (hour: minute: second). Use the LEFT/RIGHT arrow to highlight the appropriate column, make the appropriate shift in time and press SAVE. To change the date and access the second row, press the LEFT and RIGHT arrow keys *simultaneously*. The second row (month: day: year) should now be highlighted and the date can be changed using the UP and DOWN arrow keys. When done changing the date, press SAVE or STOP to clear any changes made.

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<stop>   <save>   →↑↓
          14:40:32
          04:02:12
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Setup SDcard

The Setup SDcard menu selection is only accessible by CID technicians.

VIEW MENU

The View Menu can be accessed from the main menu screen by pressing the RIGHT arrow key when “View” is highlighted on the display. This menu allows the user to navigate to and view the files or data saved on the instrument, as well as check on many features of the CI-203. Options from the View menu are: Files, Voltage, Battery, Flash, Time, GPS, and SDcard.

View Files

To view collected and saved data, use the ‘View’ mode from the instrument menu. Use the UP/DOWN arrows to highlight “Files” on the display. Then, press the RIGHT arrow to go forward to select which file to view. In the View Files mode, the top line of the display will show the word “View” on the left and the word Files’ on the right. The column beneath ‘View’ shows the file names, while the column below ‘Files’ lists the number of measurements in that file.

	View	Files	
The file name	File00	15	Represents the number of measurements in the file.
	Greg17	23	

The options are:

- ◆ Start the viewing process by pressing the RIGHT arrow button
- ◆ Select a different file (if there is more than one file) with the UP or DOWN arrow keys
- ◆ The LEFT arrow key will take you back to the files list.
- ◆ The RIGHT arrow key will scroll the user through the various screens relevant to that measurement.

Once you have selected a file to view and pressed the RIGHT arrow button, you will be able to look at the data in the file. The top line of the screen will have the file name at the left. On the right will be the number of the last recorded measurement (file record number).

file01	6
<stop>	←→↑↓
04/03/2012	16:04:16
area =	82.15cm ²
length =	15.94cm
width =	8.90cm
perim =	43.50cm
ratio =	1.79
fact =	0.55
voids =	2

Note: Because of the amount of information displayed on this screen the CI-203 cannot display any prompts in this mode.

The data displayed on several different screens include the most current measurement, the GPS location of measurement, the synthesized scan image and the bar code data. To bring GPS coordinates, the scan image, or the bar code data into view press the RIGHT arrow key. To bring another measurement from the file into view, press the UP or DOWN arrow key.

To return to the View File menu, press the STOP/RESET key or the LEFT arrow key. To return to the View Menu, press the STOP/RESET key again.

GPS System Features

The new CI-203 has a built-in GPS system which can relay the longitude, latitude and altitude of the instrument when performing measurements. The figure below shows the GPS menu display. The GPS uses GMT or Greenwich Mean Time for a standardized time. The GMT is displayed as the time (TIM) on the GPS menu and is synchronized with minute and second alignment. Often when the instrument is turned on indoors, the latitude, longitude and altitude will read “no fix.” This occurs when no satellite signal can be obtained by the instrument. Powering up the CI-203 outdoors will correct this problem and allow latitude, longitude and altitude readings to be taken along with leaf measurements.



Figure 5. CI-203 GPS menu

Other View Menu Options

Besides viewing saved data or files, you can also check on the voltage, battery power remaining, GPS location, time stamp (time and date) and the properties of the SDcard from the CI-203 View Menu.

Use the UP/DOWN arrow to highlight the desired setting and then press the RIGHT arrow to make a selection. Press the LEFT arrow key to go back to the View Menu. Press STOP to go back to the Main Menu.

The View Voltage screen shows the current voltage of the instrument and the View Battery displays the percent battery life left. If any of these numbers are rapidly changing after the instrument has warmed up, please contact technical support at support@cid-inc.com.

The View Flash option is only accessible by CID Bio-Science technicians.

The View Time screen displays the current time on the instrument. The View GPS screen displays the current GPS values for latitude, longitude, altitude and indicates the number of satellites currently connected to. Press the UP/DOWN arrow to display more GPS information. The GPS may read “nofix” if the instrument is located indoors and cannot connect with a satellite.

The View SDcard screen indicates if an SDcard is present in the unit. If no SDcard is in the instrument, or if the SDcard is not fully inserted, “no” will appear in the display next to SDcard.

FILE MENU

The File Menu is accessed by highlighting “File” on the Main Menu and pressing the RIGHT arrow key. Here, the user can manipulate files on the CI-203, with options to clear, delete, create and open files.

The CI-203 uses an SDcard to store all measurements. This means the user is able to create, clear and delete any measurement file. The instrument uses a regular FAT32 file system to access stored data.

To view data on a computer, simply connect the instrument to the USB port on the computer with the USB cable included or insert the SD card into the computer’s SDcard reader. The computer should automatically detect the SDcard as a new storage device and mount the drive so that measurement data will be accessible by any computer application. When the user creates a file to store data on the computer, the same file name created on the SDcard will be used, with the file extension ‘.img’. The image file is used to store synthesized images for each measurement.

Clear a File

Pressing the RIGHT arrow key when ‘Clear’ is highlighted on the display allows the erasure of the file contents without changing its name or its set-up. This feature is useful if it is necessary to do a number of similar measurements. The user can take these measurements to a particular file, copy the results, clear the file, and be ready to take a new set of measurements using that same file.

View	Files
File00	15
Greg17	23

With ‘Clear’ selected, the RIGHT arrow key will take you to the View Files menu. Use the UP or DOWN arrow keys to select the file to clear. Press the RIGHT arrow key to clear the file. The display will indicate “Done!” when the file contents are erased, and you will be returned to the View Files menu. Press STOP to go back to the File Menu.

Delete a File

With ‘Delete’ selected, the RIGHT arrow key will take you to the View Files menu. Use the UP or DOWN arrow keys to select the file to delete. Press RIGHT arrow key to delete the file. The display will indicate “Done!” when the file is deleted, and you will be returned to the View Files menu. Press STOP to go back to the File Menu.

Create a File

Press the RIGHT arrow when “Create” is highlighted on the display to get the unit into the create files mode. The top line of the screen will read “Name” on the left, and a file name (e.g. “file00”) on the right. The bottom line will read “enter” at the left, “erase” at the center, and the left/right arrows appear at the right.

Name:	file00
enter	erase ←→

NOTE: The STOP key can be pressed at any time to abort the file creation process and to return to this point.

Pressing the arrow keys will allow the user to enter an alpha or numeric selection for a six-character file name. The RIGHT/LEFT arrow keys select which character in the file name to edit and the UP/DOWN arrow keys are used to choose a character. The chart below lists the available characters.

!"#\$%&'()*+,-x/0123456789:;<=>?][¥^_@ A thru Z in uppercase a thru z in lowercase
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Pressing the ‘SAVE’ key while editing a filename deletes that character position. Note that the cursor position is represented by a reverse character display. Characters cannot be inserted into an existing file name.

Test10	Create
<enter>	<stop>

Once the desired filename has been selected, press ENTER. The next screen toggles through the test names with the RIGHT and LEFT arrow keys and toggles ‘yes’ and ‘no’ with the UP and DOWN arrow keys. **This has no effect on the measurements; all parameters are tested on every measurement. The user should just press enter to bypass this screen.**

Should the file name be identical to another file name, the instrument will display the message “duplicate name” and “enter” on the two top lines of the display.

duplicate name
<enter>

The CI-203 will save all parameters for each measurement (width, length, perimeter, area, aspect ratio, and shape factor) on the SDcard. Use the LEFT/RIGHT arrows to scroll through the parameters and the UP/DOWN arrows to include or exclude parameters. Once finished creating the file name and setting parameters, press the ENTER key. The file confirmation screen will appear. Press ENTER again for confirmation to create the file, or press STOP to abort the process.

Transfer Data to a Computer

To view the collected data on a computer, the user can use the supplied USB cable and connect the instrument to the USB host (computer). Alternatively, the user can remove the SDcard and view files/data on the SDcard on another computer. The 'Dump' command is used to close the last file accessed before transfer. To do this, select 'Open' from the File Menu screen and press the RIGHT arrow key. This will take the user to the View Files menu, and the last accessed file will be highlighted. Press RIGHT arrow again and that file will be closed and ready for transfer.

Once the instrument data source is connected to the computer, it is strongly recommended that the user copy and resave the files and images to the hard drive of the computer. The computer application used to view the files can also be used to resave them. It is recommended that the user does not work from the original file on the SDcard after the measurement has been made, because if any changes are made to the original file, it can break the alignment of the file causing error and possible data loss.

In order to keep the file system in sync, perform any editing or further calculations on the copied file saved to the computer hard drive. **Do not edit the file directly on the instrument.**



Figure 6. SDcard and USB cable connection for CI-203

Do not connect the USB cable to the instrument and the computer while performing measurements. If the user tries to operate the instrument through the computer, the files are subject to becoming out of sync, breaking alignment and causing errors in the files. This can also lead to problems with saving data.

If an error occurs in a specific data file, it can be deleted and created again. Go to the File Menu on the instrument; clear the file where the error has occurred. If the file has been transferred to the computer, delete it on the computer also. Once the corrupted files have been deleted, create the file again (if it has been properly deleted, the same file name can be used) and re-take the measurement.

How Data Appears in a File

Data saved by the instrument during measurement can be viewed later on a computer using a spreadsheet program. Fifteen different columns of data will be seen in the downloaded or transferred file, including the date (month/day/year), time of measurement (hour/minute/second), area, length, width, perimeter, ratio, factor, voids, latitude, longitude and altitude. Three columns are related to the new GPS function of the instrument and the columns for file start location, length, and pixel lines for the images (i.e. these columns do not relate directly to leaf measurements).

Date	Time	Area	Length	Width	Perim	Factor	Ratio	Void	Lat	Lon	Alt	Rec_ Off	Rec_ Len	Pix_Len

How to Work With or Manipulate Data Files

The CI-203's removable SDcard makes it easy to work with and manipulate data files after taking measurements. Remove the SDcard from the CI-203 after powering off the instrument. Insert the card into a computer. Copy and save the files from the SDcard onto the hard drive of the computer. Open the files saved on the hard drive to start any data manipulation or management work. Saving the data files in this manner and not working directly from the SDcard will help to prevent the corruption of the data on the SDcard and the instrument. Once files are copied and saved to a hard drive, they can be deleted from the SDcard.

Do not edit files directly on the instrument. Doing so may corrupt data and cause loss of files.

THEORY OF OPERATION

Overview of the Parts of the Instrument

The CI-203 consists of a number of sub-systems. It has a laser width scanner that is capable of measuring the width of an object in its objective 500 times a second to a resolution of 0.1 mm. It has a roller length measuring system that can measure length steps of 1 mm. The entire instrument is controlled by a microcomputer system that allows the user unparalleled flexibility in configuring the instrument to make measurements accurately, easily and quickly.

The Width Scanner

When the instrument is in the scanning mode, a rotating mirror causes a laser beam to scan across the objective 500 times a second. This beam is reflected off the special surface of the measuring arm and received by a light sensor inside the unit. The level from this sensor is compared to a threshold. The output of the “comparator” is fed to a counter, which is sampled at intervals during the width scan. This count is used to calculate the width measurement for each scan.

The Length Step (Roller System)

The instrument includes a roller under the measurement arm that determines length information. Each time the object being measured travels 1 mm, the computer is alerted, and integrates the width and length scan information into the various parameters being measured.

Computing the Parameters

The CI-203 measures only two parameters directly: width and length. From these it derives area, perimeter, aspect ratio, and shape factor from each scan.

Each time the meter senses the leaf has progressed 1 mm, the computer will check if the width reading is a non-zero value.

If the width measurement is non-zero, the computer takes the following actions:

The width measurement is added to the area accumulator.

If the width measurement is greater than the currently stored maximum width, the maximum width is updated.

The perimeter increment is calculated and added to the perimeter accumulator. This perimeter increment is calculated using the function:

$$\Delta p = \sqrt{4\Delta l^2 + (W_0 - W_1)^2}$$

Where Δp is the perimeter increment,
 Δl is the length increment (always 1 mm),
 W_0 is the current width measurement, and
 W_1 is the previous width measurement.

If the width measurement reaches zero and the instrument is not operating as part of the conveyer attachment, the measurement stops and is displayed.

Computing Aspect Ratio and Shape Factor Information

Aspect ratio and shape factor information can be easily determined from other calculated values. These derived quantities are not stored but calculated, whenever necessary, for the purposes of display or data dumping. The calculations used are shown below.

Aspect ratio is the ratio of the leaf length to its maximum width. It can be calculated from the equation:

$$r = \frac{l}{W_m}$$

Where r is the aspect ratio,
 W_m is the maximum width, and
 l is the length.

Shape factor is the ratio of the leaf area to the leaf perimeter, corrected so that the shape factor of a circle is equal to one. It can be calculated from the equation:

$$f = 4\pi \frac{a}{p^2}$$

Where f is the shape factor,
 a is the area, and
 p is the perimeter.

CARE AND CLEANING

Treat the CI-203 as any other fine optical instrument. Keep the lens clean and free from scratches. When not in use, keep the instrument in its protective case. Use only a mild detergent and damp cloth to clean the exterior areas of the instrument. Use a high quality lens cleaning cloth to clean the window. Do not submerge or use an overly wet cloth to clean the instrument. Do not drop the instrument.

For an extended storage period, we recommend storing the instrument in a cool and dry place.

Charging the Battery

The batteries are Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH). While they can be recharged hundreds of times, they do not have the shelf life of an Alkaline battery. They will need to be recharged even if the unit has not been used for a period of time. Any time that the battery indicator shows less than 30% charge, the instrument should be recharged. NiMH batteries have a tendency to hold optimum voltage for as long as possible, then drop off very quickly. To charge the battery, connect the charger output to the battery port on the instrument (the same port you would use to send data) for at least 14 hours. Batteries should be fully charged soon thereafter. Storing a battery in a discharged state could permanently damage it.

Taking Care of the Rubber Roller in the CI-203

When the rubber roller in the CI-203 gets dirty, it will stick or fail to spin as smoothly as it should. As a result, certain sections of the leaf will be scanned twice or more causing the measurement to not be repeatable. To correct this problem, the user should take the roller out. To remove the roller, press the roller towards the hand-held end, then gently lift it up from the hand-held end while pulling it out in the same direction.

The rubber roller may not be snug in its place, or it may shift out a little so that the scanning result is not linear. The user needs to make sure that the roller is snug in place to perform measurements correctly.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Technical Support

If you have a question about the CI-203 features and functions, first look in the CI-203 Instruction Manual. If you cannot find the answer, you can access troubleshooting information and the CI-203 Product Support Forum at:

<http://www.cid-inc.com/leaf-area/ci-203-support.php>

Questions can also be directed to a Technical Support Representative located in your country. CID Bio-Science, Inc. is committed to provide customers with high quality, timely technical support. Technical support representatives are to answer your technical questions by phone or by e-mail at:

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Error Message

The following error messages should rarely appear in normal operation. If they do appear, see Appendix III and follow the steps to restore the setup data.

MESSAGE:	MEANING:
Bad NVRAM Checksum <start>	Instrument setup data has been lost. Pressing the START key will restore default values and display the message "NVRAM Defaults Saved". Measurement will not be accurate until re-calibrated (See Appendix III).
Leaf Not Cal'ed <start> Root Not Cal'ed <start> Conveyor Not Cal'ed <start>	Conveyor, Leaf or Root mode selected when the power turned on has not been calibrated. Pressing the START key will dispatch the message and allow the instrument to operate, but measurements will not be accurate until calibrated. This message will appear every time the power is turned on, until the instrument is calibrated.
Bad EPROM Checksum	EPROM containing instrument firmware has bad checksum, indicating it has failed. The instrument will not operate with a bad EPROM.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where do I download the most current version of CI-203 software?
The latest version of software and the driver can be downloaded at www.cid-inc.com/Software/CI-203. This webpage has links for CI-203 transfer software, USB driver and firmware downloads.
2. How do I turn the CI-203 off if the instrument is hung-up and the display is frozen?
Connect the instrument to the computer with the USB cable. This should cause the freeze-up to go away and you will be able to restart the instrument.
3. Why is the instrument getting hung up or stuck stabilizing?
The CI-203 requires that you create at least 2 files before taking a measurement. To create a file, go to the File<Create menu and use the up/down arrows to set the file name to what you desire. Then, save the file name. If the unit does not have a file created, it will not be able to save measurement data and may not work properly.
4. How do I clean the CI-203?
Use a soft, clean lint-free cloth to wipe down the scan glass under the arm. Make sure the scan glass is free from particles and debris. You can use canned air to remove any debris on or under the glass by gently passing the air across the scan window.
5. How do environmental changes affect the CI-203?
The CI-203 can be affected by rapid changes in humidity and temperature, such as when moving from an air conditioned vehicle to a hot field habitat or greenhouse. With the rapid shift in the environment, there is a small chance condensation may form causing a temporary freeze-up of the CI-203. To remedy this, it is advised to wrap the instrument in a plastic bag and allow it to equilibrate with the ambient temperature when changing the instrument's environment. If the environmental change is small the user should not need to allow the unit to stabilize as long and should not incur a unit freeze-up.
6. Why can't I open all the files on the SDcard?
There are two files transferred for each data file. One holds the spreadsheet and length/area/width information. The other file is an image file which holds the image of the scanned leaf—what the user can see on the CI-203 display after a measurement is made. We are working on a software that allows the user to see this image after the initial measurement. For now, the .img file holds the information that the data file shows in numbers. Also, if there is no data in a file, the file name will still appear on the SDcard.
7. What are the Rec_Off, Rec_Len and Pix_Len data columns?
The last three columns in the data sheet (Rec_Off, Rec_Len and Pix_Len) hold image rendering information. This information does not affect the leaf measurement, but if the user changes any data in these columns and saves it to the SDcard, it can corrupt the data file. Rec_Off is for image offset information and Rec_Length has length of image information.

8. What do I do if the leaf length isn't accurate?

If your CI-203 or CI-203CA is not measuring length accurately, you may be losing the length value for either or both of the following reasons:

- a) You may not be pulling the longest portion of the leaf exactly perpendicular to the roller.
- b) You have missed the very start of the leaf. Only the longest petioles allow for complete leaf measurements.

These factors should be considered by the researcher and necessary adjustments made. The area measurement is typically more significant and more accurate than the length measurement, because it is based on two different vectors and sensing mechanisms. Area, however, is still subject to the 2 potential sources of error listed above, though to a lesser extent.

If you think your instrument is not measuring length accurately, a photo of the leaf or a video of the measurement would help determine whether the technique or the instrument is introducing the error. Please email support@cid-inc.com for help.

9. How do I transfer files off the CI-203?

There are two commonly used ways to transfer data from a CI-203 with an SDcard. The first is to connect the CI-203 to a computer using the USB cable. Typically, the computer's "Autoplay" will pop-up with a message asking what to do with the "Removable Device." Choose "Open folder to view files." Open and re-save the files off the SDcard before making any changes. The second transfer involves simply taking the SD card out of CI-203 and inserting in a computer's SDcard reader. Transfer and re-save the files off the SDcard before making any changes/edits.

Neither of these methods of transferring the data from the CI-203 require that the CI-203 driver be installed on a computer. The data transfer is designed to be quick and easy with the SDcard, involving NO software or drivers. ALWAYS SAVE THE FILE ON THE COMPUTER BEFORE MAKING ANY CHANGES. DO NOT EDIT FILES ON THE SDCARD.

10. How do I remove particles from the CI-203 Conveyor?

There are two small black caps on either side of the conveyor drum. These caps can be removed, allowing a cloth to be passed through the conveyor drum. Any loose debris or particles can be vacuumed out or otherwise removed. The drum can be wiped with a clean cloth to remove any smudges.

CI-203 Firmware Upgrade

Occasionally, firmware updates are released to correct bugs or problems found. The firmware of the instrument is tied to the hardware and serial number of the unit. All firmware updates are categorized by serial number, so be sure to check that you are installing the proper firmware file (.bin).

To begin the most recent update, there are two files on the CD or that need to be downloaded at:

<http://www.cid-inc.com/leaf-area/ci-203-software.php>

1. [ci-203-ver-4.17.bin October 22 2012: Binary code for CI-203.](#)
2. [DL203V1003.exe \(executable file\) 1107kB 22June2011. Download code to CI-203.](#)

- ◆ Download both files into one directory on the computer that has the CI-203 drivers installed.
- ◆ Turn on the instrument and plug in the USB cable, run DL203V1003.exe and select File, then select Open, then select ci-203-ver-4.17.bin.
- ◆ HOLD POWER BUTTON DOWN will be displayed. You must hold the power button on the CI-203 until the unit switches from normal mode to boot loader mode.
- ◆ The transfer may take several minutes. Please make sure you download all your data files and erase all files on the CI-203 before updating the firmware.
- ◆ Remember to create a file to save measurements into after updating the firmware version.

CHECK THAT THE SERIAL NUMBER HAS **3.01** FOR THE MIDDLE DIGITS TO BE COMPTABLE WITH VERS 4.17
(ex: 203-**3.01**-11xxx)

Installing the wrong firmware version can result in permanent damage to the microprocessor and control board! Please make sure to install the correct firmware version for your CI-203, based on the serial number.

CI-203 Driver Installation

There are two driver files (CI-203.inf and CI-203.cat) on the CD or that need to be downloaded at:

<http://www.cid-inc.com/leaf-area/ci-203-software.php>

If you need to install the CI-203 USB drivers on a Windows computer, you can use the software that was sent with the CI-203 or go to:

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/libusb-win32/files/libusb-win32-releases/1.2.4.0/libusb-win32-bin-1.2.4.0.zip/download>

The libusb-win32-bin-1.2.4.0.zip should be unzipped in your Documents folder and the .inf file CI-203.inf and the .cat file CI-203.cat should be saved in the resulting libusb-win32-bin-1.2.4.0 folder in your Documents folder. Plug the instrument in and browse to the libusb-win32bin-1.2.4.0 folder in the New Hardware Found wizard in order to install the drivers.

Re-computing the CI-203 Parameters

This procedure should be carried out whenever the CI-203's threshold settings are changed or if the instrument isn't measuring accurately. Re-computing the parameters will recalculate the effects of any changes made on the other parameters.

1. From the "Measure" menu, press the LEFT and RIGHT arrow keys at the same time.
2. Hold the buttons until the motor begins to spin. The motor should spin for about 4 seconds.
3. Do this twice by pressing the LEFT and RIGHT arrow keys simultaneously again and making sure that the motor spins up.
4. Take a test measurement and try to determine if the Length or Width readings need adjustment. Are the readings too high or too low?

APPENDIX I: OPERATING THE CI-203 LASER LEAF AREA METER WITH THE CI-203CA CONVEYOR ATTACHMENT

This appendix explains how the CI-203 is installed in the CI-203CA, and differences in operations between the CI-203 alone and used with the CI-203CA.

IMPORTANT NOTE: for shipping and transportation purposes only, the glass roller needs to be tightened down. There is a nylon screw on one side of the conveyor (see Figure 8) to hold the glass roller in place. Loosen screw for use; tighten the screw for shipping and transportation. For the conveyor to operate properly, loosen the screw.

Hardware Setup

To use the CI-203 with the CI-203CA, the CI-203 must be installed in the CI-203CA. Do not turn the CI-203 on from its keypad. To install the CI-203CA, follow these steps:

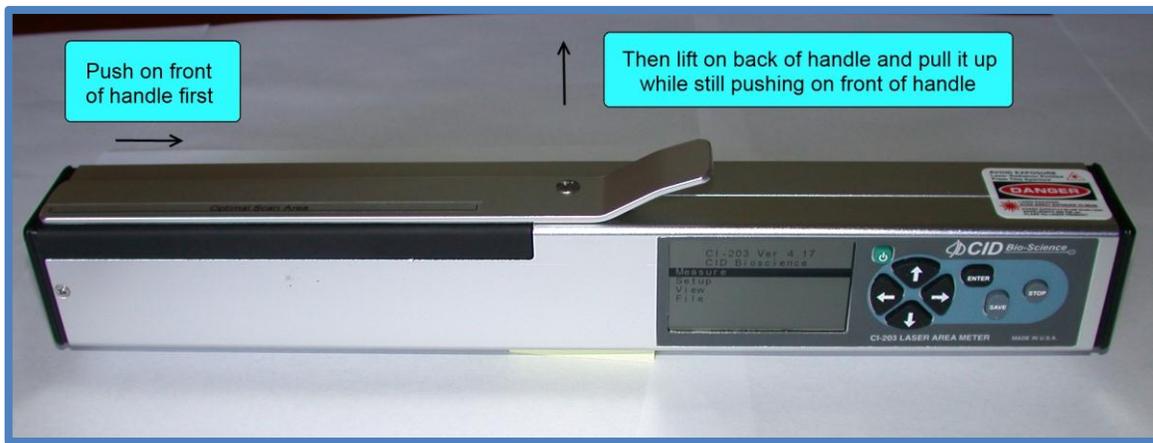


Figure 7. Illustration of how to remove the arm.

1. Remove the roller arm on the CI-203 Laser Leaf Area Meter by pushing the front section of the arm slightly back toward the display and lifting it out (see Figure 7). Orient the CI-203 so that the display will be lined up with the notch on the housing of the CI-203CA. Once this is done, insert the CI-203 all the way into the hole in the side of the CI-203CA. Confirm that the CI-203 is inserted into the CI-203CA all the way by verifying that the housing on the CI-203CA covers the left edge of the display. Once this is done, rotate the Lock lever on the CI-203CA counter-clockwise to secure the CI-203.

The white nylon screw on the right side of the conveyor is used to prevent shipping damage. It should be loosened when using the conveyor.

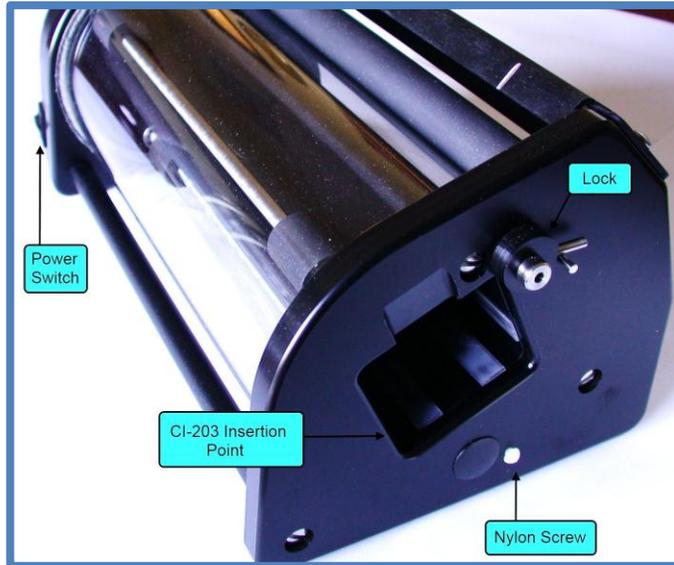


Figure 8. Insert the CI-203 into the housing (hole) in the side of the CI-203CA.

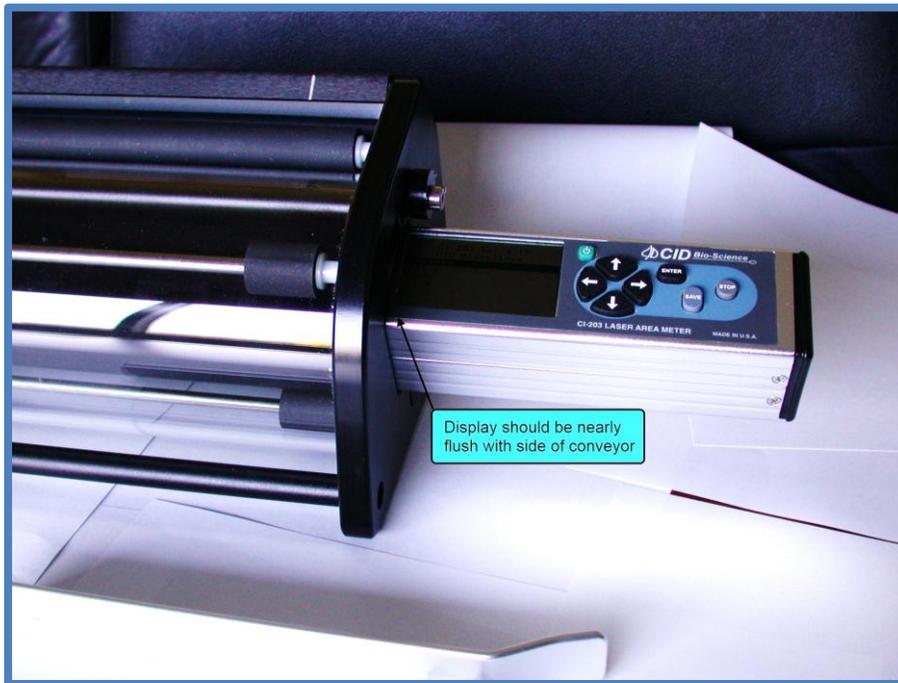


Figure 9. Insert the CI-203 until flush with side of conveyor.

2. Connect a suitable 9V DC power source, such as the AC adapter supplied by CID Bio-Science, Inc., to the power input socket on the back of the CI-203CA.



Figure 10. The RS232 port and the Power Jack of the CI-203CA.

3. Press the power switch on the CI-203CA (see Figure 10) to the ON position.

Note: The CI-203/CI-203CA combination must be turned on with the switch for the CI-203CA in order to take measurements!

Anytime a CI-203 is reinserted into the conveyor, or if any problems are encountered, press the right and left buttons simultaneously. This will match the conveyor to the CI-203. It will run for a few seconds, then turn off. Repeat this twice.

Measure

When the CI-203 is used with the Conveyor Attachment, it is assumed the user wishes to measure a large number of leaves all in one batch. Because of this, the instrument does not stop after each measurement to allow the user to preview and make a “save/no save” decision. Rather, the instrument will take measurements and automatically save them until the user stops the conveyor process.

In the Measure mode, the top line of the screen will read “Measure” on the right and the name of the file on the left. The bottom line of the screen will read “<start>” on the left and four direction arrows on the right.

File00	Measure
<start>	←→↑↓

The options are:

1. To select another mode with the ↑ or ↓ keys.
2. To select another file (if there is more than one) with the ← or → keys.
3. To take a set of measurements.

To begin a set of measurements, select a file to write to and press the *Enter* key. The conveyor, scan motors, and the laser beam will come on when the Enter key is pressed. The display will read “Measure” on the upper left corner with the name of the file in the upper right corner. The display will read “Stabilizing” on the bottom line for 0.25 seconds while the instrument adjusts the scan rate. When the instrument is ready to start taking measurements, the bottom line of the display will read “Measuring”. Begin feeding leaves into the conveyor. Once the first leaf has been measured, and for all subsequent leaves, the instrument will display the file name in the upper left of the display and the sequence number in the upper right. The lower lines of the display will show the area measurement parameters for the last leaf measured.

NOTE: Because of the amount of information displayed on this screen, the CI-203 cannot display prompts in this mode.

To stop taking measurements, press the STOP button or let the machine time out. The instrument will turn off the laser, conveyor, scan motors and laser and will return to the Measure menu. To view the measurements, see the View Menu section of this manual.

CI-203 Conveyor Calibration with CI-203

A new CI-203 needs to be calibrated to the conveyor. Put the 203 in the conveyor, plug the conveyor in and turn on the conveyor. If you have more than 1 CI-203 or update the firmware, the instrument and conveyor should be re-calibrated together. The CI-203 should power on and indicate it is in conveyor mode.

1. From the main menu, highlight the Measure option and press the right arrow button.
2. From the Measure menu, press the left and down arrow keys simultaneously to calibrate the length. Let the conveyor run for about 30 seconds, then press the stop button.
3. Next, from the Measure menu, press the left and right arrow keys simultaneously. You should hear the CI-203 motor spin up for about 4 seconds, and then shut off. Do this twice.
4. Next, go to Setup<Scanner<Adjustment<Scan Width selection and place a piece of paper with a known width in the conveyor under the top roller so the unit will measure it. Press the right arrow key. The CI-203 motor will spin up, but not the conveyor.
5. By pressing the up and down arrow buttons, adjust the width measurement to the width of the known paper. You should set the scan width to the known papers width minus 0.3mm.
6. Save your changes.
7. Go to the Measure menu and have the unit measure. Test out the unit to see how the calibration affected it.

Setup Instrument

There are some operating modes which are not available to the user when the CI-203CA is being used. The user does not have access to the menu options for the CI-203CA when the CI-203 is being used. The threshold setting is available only when the CI-203CA is being used (at the same time, the hand-held threshold setting is not available).

Changing the CI-203CA Springs

The tension on the rubber rollers is maintained with dowel pins and springs that are at each end of the rollers. If you desire to ease the tension of the rubber roller for thick and juicy leaves, you can use the alternate springs provided in the accessories. The plate above the rubber rollers holds the springs and pins in position. If this plate is removed to change the springs, take care not to get fingerprints or dirt on the reflective tape, which is on the underside of the plate. Also, take care in removing the plate so that the springs do not fly loose when the plate is removed. (Observe the orientation of the reflective tape, since on some units the tape is closer to one end than the other.) Since the conveyor allows direct measurements of difficult leaves through changing to alternate springs, there is no need for a sheath.

Unavailable Parameters

When used with the CI-203CA, the CI-203 will automatically save leaf measurements and set the *Auto Save* mode to yes. Consequently, the instrument will automatically reset *Auto Save* to *Yes* if it was manually set to *No* in the conveyor once power has been cycled. But no what it says, measurements are always being saved.

Setup Scanner Threshold

The operation of this menu item is identical to the operation described in the CI-203 portion of the Open manual. However, when the CI-203CA is being used, the threshold that is being set is the one that is used during conveyor measurements. In order to completely set up the instrument, it is necessary to set up threshold both with the hand-held instrument and in the CI-203CA. Also, when one is setting thresholds with the CI-203CA, the conveyor motor does not come on, as the objective is for the conveyor to keep measurement standards.

APPENDIX II: THE CI-203RL ROOT LENGTH MEASUREMENT

APPLICATION

When properly set up, the CI-203 allows measurements of root lengths by the line intersection method (Tennant, 1975). This appendix explains how to set up and use the CI-203 in the root measurement mode.

Hardware Setup

In order to use the CI-203 in the root measurement mode, the instrument must be reconfigured to allow use of the CI-203RL. Set-up includes selecting the root measurement mode from the CI-203 keyboard as well as changing the hardware setup. To install the CI-203 in the CI-203RL, follow these steps:

- ◆ Remove the roller arm on the CI-203 Leaf Area Meter by pushing the thumb section of the arm slightly back toward the display and lifting it out. Insert the supplied "T" shaped slide adapter into the CI-203 with the groove in the base of the "T" facing towards the right end of the instrument. The arm will snap into place when it is located correctly. See Figure 10 on page 22.
- ◆ Turn the instrument on, enter the Set-Up Measure menu, and set the measurement mode to "root". Then press the *Save* key to set the instrument to measure roots (this procedure is described in more detail in the section titled "Set-Up Instrument").

Measure

The CI-203 keeps track of the contents of files, and will not allow the instrument to record measurements to files that are not appropriate. If the instrument is in the root length measurement mode, it will attempt to find a file that is set up to record root length measurements. If it cannot find such a file, it will create one to avoid inadvertent measurements from not being recorded. Conversely, when the instrument is in the leaf measurement mode it will find or create an appropriate file. To use a file of root length measurement it must be set up for this mode! The "Create a File" section describes how to create a file for root length measurements (see page 6.)

In the *measure* mode, the top line of the screen will read "Measure" on the left and the name of a file on the right. The bottom line of the screen will read "start" in brackets on the left and four direction arrows appear on the right.

The options are:

1. To select another mode with the up or down arrow keys.
2. To select another file (if there is more than one) with the right or left arrow keys.
3. To take a root length measurement.

Prepare for a root length measurement by placing a root specimen in the CI-203RT Root Tray and filling the tray with just enough water to allow the root to spread out. Insert the CI-203RT Root Tray into the side of the CI-203RL Root Length Measurement Attachment, making sure the tray is pushed in all the way. If this tray is not fully inserted the CI-203 may make an inaccurate measurement. Select the Measure mode on the CI-203 by pressing the Up or Down arrow keys until the word "Measure" appears in the upper right-hand corner of the display. Once in the Measure mode, select the file to write to by pressing the left or right arrow keys. Next, fit the slide adapter into the slot in the CI-203RL Root Length Measurement Attachment (the instrument will be upside down). The instrument should slide freely in the slot.

To begin the measurements, press the START key. The scan motor and the laser will come on, and the display will read "Measure" in the upper right corner with the name of the file being written in the upper left corner. The display will read "Stabilizing" on the bottom line for 0.25 seconds while the instrument adjusts the scan rate. When the instrument is ready to start taking measurements, the bottom line of the display will read "Measuring". Slowly slide the instrument across the root tray. Once the instrument has been still for 0.5 seconds, the scan will stop and the root length measurement will be displayed. Depending on the set-up of the automatic save function of the instrument (see "Setup Auto Store" parameter in the main section of this manual), the measurement will or will not be saved.

NOTE: Because of the amount of information displayed on the screen, the CI-203 cannot display prompts in this mode.

To change files before saving data, use the Up and Down arrow keys to step through the files. To discard the measurement, press the STOP/RESET button. This allows the user to save different measurements types under different file names without having to set-up the measurement process each time.

Setup Instrument

An extra parameter capable of root length measurements is available in the "Setup Measure" menu. The "measure type setup" parameter allows the user to choose between root length or leaf measurements. The threshold setting for root length measurements is different for leaf measurement and must be set up separately (see below). This threshold setting is available only when the CI-203 is in the root length measurement mode (at the same time, the leaf measurement threshold setting is not available).

Setup Measure

Pressing the ENTER key when the display reads "Setup measure" allows the user to enter the *measure type setup* mode. The upper line of the display will read "measure=" on the left and "root" on the right. The lower line of the display will read "stop" and "save" along with up and down direction arrows.

To set the instrument for root measurements press the UP ARROW key. To set the instrument for leaf measurements press the DOWN ARROW key. To save the setup, press the SAVE/ERASE key. The instrument will flash "saved" on the display and return to the setup menu. To change the mode of the instrument, press the STOP/RESET key. The instrument will return to the setup mode without changing its measurement type.

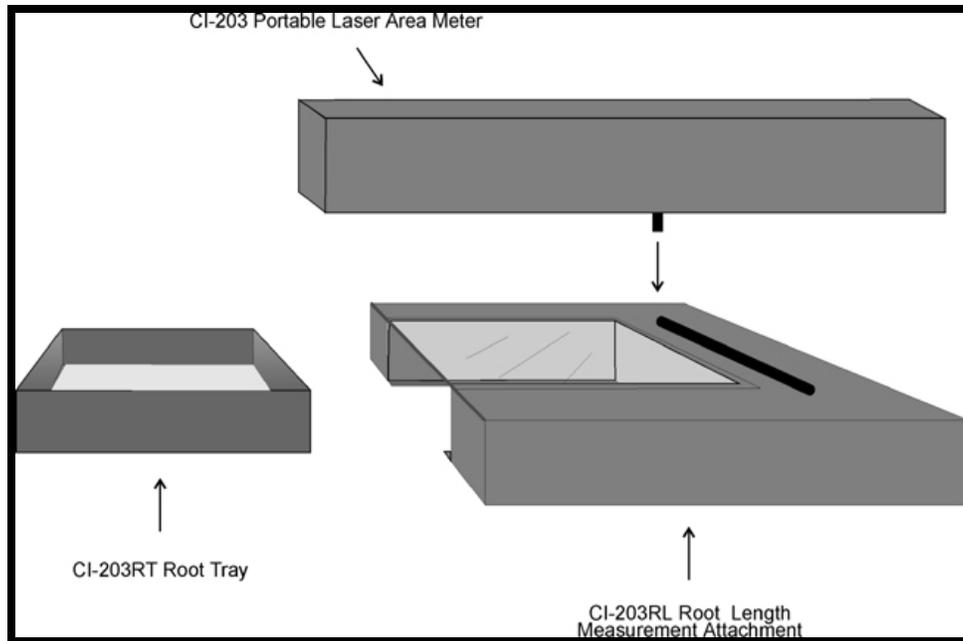


Figure 11. Root length measurement setup.

References:

Tennant, D. 1975. A test of a modified line intersect method of estimating root length. J. Ecol. 63:995-1103.

APPENDIX III: RESTORING SET-UP DATA

Restoring Set-Up Data for the CI-203

“Leaf Not cal’ed” or “Bad NVRAM Checksum <start>”.

If the display has the message: “Leaf Not cal’ed” or “Bad NVRAM Checksum <start>”, the instrument may have lost the setup data. To correct this, in the same display window, press START. Then using the DOWN arrow key, go to the instrument “setup” screen.

1. Use arrow forward to choose “setup scanner”.
2. Press START.
3. This puts you one of 3 scan windows:
4. While holding down the “save” key, press the “stop” key.

In this new screen, you have a series of items to check using the forward or back arrows. The numerical values are to the right of the items.

For this particular instrument, please ensure that you have the following data which can be set using the up and down arrow keys.

- ◆ Precharge = ___ ***see below
- ◆ Scan width = ___
- ◆ Scan time = ___
- ◆ Step length = ___

After checking the above figures, press “stop” and “stop” again. If you have made changes, it will ask if you want to save changes. Press “save”.

1. Now you are back in the “setup scanner” window.
2. Press “start”.
3. Arrow up or down to the “manual scan” window.
4. Press start.

Use the arrow up and down key to set “t” = ___. Press stop and stop again. Save changes.

If there are no other problems, the instrument should now be in working condition.

*** This following step may not be required.

To set the precharge value: In the “precharge xxx” display window, press “start”.

We are looking for a stable reading of “499X”. Use the up or down arrow key to get a stable reading for the 499 digits. The “X” or last digit will change rapidly. Set the value of this digit so that 499 does not change to 500 or does not change to 498. Once you have a stable “499X” reading, press stop.

After checking the above figures, press “stop” and “stop” again. If you have made changes, it will ask if you want to save changes. Press “save”.

Restoring Set-Up Data for the CI-203CA Conveyor Attachment

“Conveyor Not Cal’ed <start>

To restore setup data in the conveyor, plug the CI-203 into the conveyor and switch on the conveyor power. With the display showing, “Conveyor Not Cal’ed”, press start. Use the arrow keys to go to the “setup” screen.

1. Use arrow forward to “setup scanner”.
2. Press “start”.
3. This puts you in one of 3 scan windows.

While holding down the “save” key, press the “stop” key.

In this new screen, you have a series of items to check using the forward or back arrows. The numerical values are to the right of the items.

For this particular instrument, please ensure that you have the following data which can be set using the up and down arrow keys.

- ◆ Precharge = ____
- ◆ Scan width = ____
- ◆ Scan time = ____
- ◆ Step length = ____

After checking the above figures, press “stop” and “stop” again. If you have made changes, it will ask if you want to save changes. Press “save”.

1. Now you are back in the “setup scanner” window.
2. Press “start”.
3. Arrow up or down to the “manual scan” window.
4. Press start.
5. Then set threshold = ____.

Additionally, please ensure that the reflective tape surface for the laser on the conveyor is clean and undamaged.

CID BIO-SCIENCE, INC. HARDWARE WARRANTY

Important: Please Read

Seller's Warranty and Liability: Seller warrants new equipment of its own manufacturing against defective workmanship and materials for a period of one year, of a single shift operation, from date of receipt of equipment - ***the results of ordinary wear and tear, neglect, misuse, accident and excessive deterioration due to corrosion from any cause is not to be considered a defect.*** Any defect must be called to the attention of CID Bio-Science, Inc., Camas, Washington, USA, in writing, within 90 days after receipt of the unit.

Seller's liability for defective parts is limited to the repair or replacement of any part of the instrument without charge, if CID Bio-Science, Inc.'s examination discloses that part to have been defective in material or workmanship, and in no event shall exceed the furnishing of replacement parts F.O.B. the factory where originally manufactured. No equipment may be repaired or altered by anyone not authorized by CID Bio-Science, Inc.

Material and equipment covered hereby, which is not manufactured by Seller, is to be covered only by the warranty of its manufacturer. Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer for loss, damage, or injury to persons (including death), or to property or things, whatsoever, including, but without limitation, products processed by the use of the equipment; or for damages of any kind or nature (including, but without limitation, loss of anticipated profits), occasioned by or arising out of installation, operation, use, misuse, nonuse, repair, or replacement of said material and equipment, or out of the use of any method or process for which the same may be employed. The purchaser is to pack, ship, or deliver the instrument to CID Bio-Science, Inc., in Camas, Washington, USA, within 30 days after CID Bio-Science, Inc. has received written notice of the defect at the customer's expense. No other arrangements may be made unless otherwise approved in writing by CID Bio-Science, Inc.

The use of this equipment constitutes Buyer's acceptance of the terms set forth in this warranty. There are no understandings, representations, or warranties of any kind, express, implied, statutory, or otherwise (***including, but without limitation, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose***), not expressly set forth herein.

CI-203 PRODUCTION TEST CHECK SHEET

SERIAL NUMBER: _____

TESTING FUNCTION	
THRESHOLD: H L	THRESHOLD SET:
PRECHARGE:	SCAN WIDTH:
SCAN TIME:	STEP LENGTH:

NOTES: _____

CONVEYOR AND/OR ROOT LENGTH		
THRESHOLD SET:	SCAN WIDTH:	SCAN TIME:
PRECHARGE:	STEP LENGTH:	

ROOT LENGTH		
THRESHOLD SET:	SCAN WIDTH:	SCAN TIME:
PRECHARGE:	STEP LENGTH:	

WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD



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PRODUCT REGISTRATION CARD

Please complete and return this form to CID within 30 days to validate your Warranty on Parts and Labor.

Registration Information:

Your Name: _____ Title: _____
 Company/University: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Country: _____ Email: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 CID Serial Number(s): _____
 Purchase Date: _____ Purchase Price: _____

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Your opinions will help improve our service. Please answer the following questions.

1. What was the basis of your product selection?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representative Recommendation | <input type="checkbox"/> Price |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Product Features | <input type="checkbox"/> Product Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Specifications | <input type="checkbox"/> Brand Name |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warranty | <input type="checkbox"/> Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

2. What other competing brands did you consider? _____

3. Where did you first learn of this product?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement in _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Representative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Colleague | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

4. Who selected this product?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I did | <input type="checkbox"/> Research Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> University Department | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchasing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

5. Comments/Suggestions:

