

**A Practical Introduction to Computer Matching in the Dyeing Industry**, Dymatecs Ltd, 25 Long Furrow Industrial Estate, East Goscote, Leicester, UK. 67 pp. Price: £4.

The declared aim of this monograph is to give practical details as to the use of colour physics techniques and to indicate the benefits, financial and otherwise, which result. Details of the theory underlying the methods are readily available elsewhere, but information regarding applications is much harder to find and so this monograph is particularly welcome.

It is assumed throughout that computer programs required will be bought as part of a system consisting of spectrophotometer, computer and associated software. Topics covered include the selection of such a system and detailed consideration of the costs and possible savings. The care needed in data base preparation (sample dyeings) is emphasised. The book is short (67 pages) and not always well organised. Some of the chapters appear to have been written independently and overlap considerably. References to Dymatecs are very restrained.

Anyone considering buying a computer colour matching system should read this book. All the questions which such a person should be asking are considered. Persons already running such a system might also find valuable tips for improving the performance of the system. Although examples are confined to the textile industry, users in other industries should find the volume useful.

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