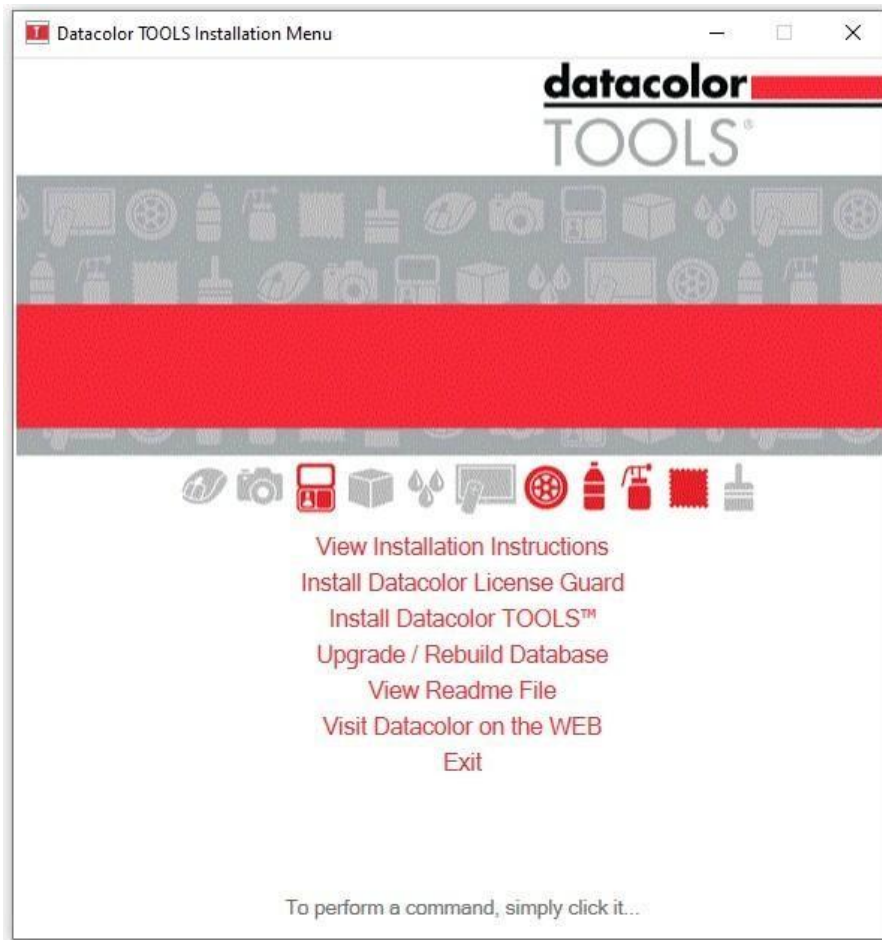


# Datacolor TOOLS



## Installation Instructions



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**Installation Overview**

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**Introduction**

This document provides the procedures required to install and license Datacolor TOOLS in a stand-alone configuration. This procedure includes the following steps:

Installation of Datacolor TOOLS



**NOTES**

If Sybase V17.0.10.6089 is not installed on the system, you cannot complete the installation of Datacolor TOOLS. You must first install Sybase V17.0.10.6089 *also Sybase Installation Guide for detailed instructions.*

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## System Requirements

Follow the link below for information on the system requirements: <https://www.datacolor.com/business-solutions/downloads>

Please contact Datacolor for Terminal Server hardware and software requirements.

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## Database Installation

Datacolor TOOLS runs under Sybase and MS-SQL. The majority of installations use the Sybase database management program.

### Sybase Database

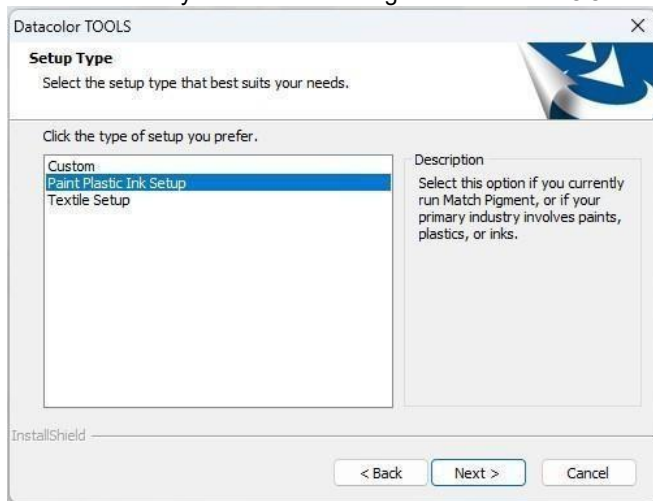
Sybase is a database management system and is required to run Datacolor TOOLS. Sybase V17.0.10.6089 must be installed to install or update Datacolor Tools. See also Sybase V17.0.10.6089 Installation guide for installation instructions for both new installations and Sybase updates.

### MS-SQL Database

Some systems use MS-SQL for database management. If your previous version of Datacolor Tools was using an MS-SQL database, the program update does not install Sybase Adaptive Server. See also *Appendix, Installing Datacolor TOOLS Using MS-SQL* in this guide for information on the MS-SQL setup.

## Setup Type

The most critical selection you will make during the Datacolor TOOLS installation is the Setup Type:



### IMPORTANT

If you add color formulation software at a later time, this selection determines whether you can share Datacolor TOOLS data with the color formulation program.

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Setup Type	Program Compatibility
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This selection determines the database structure created for your TOOLS data and defines the Datacolor color formulation programs that can share data with TOOLS. Review the table below carefully before making this selection.

<b>Custom Setup</b>	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED FOR MOST APPLICATIONS</b> Allows you to install specific features of Datacolor TOOLS. This is provided only for use by Datacolor representatives.
<b>Paint Plastic Ink Setup</b>	This is used by manufacturers that color products using pigments, typically paint, coatings, plastics, and ink applications. It is the required selection if you will be adding Datacolor MATCH Pigment at a later time.
<b>Textile Setup</b>	This is used by the manufacturers of textile products. It is the required selection if you will be adding Datacolor MATCH Textile at a later time.

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## Overview

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### NOTE

If Sybase V17.0.10.6089 is not installed on the system you cannot complete the installation of Datacolor TOOLS.



### NOTE

If Microsoft .NET 3.5 SP1 is not presented on the system, Datacolor TOOLS setup will install it, and internet connection is not required.

# Datacolor TOOLS Installation

## Before You Begin

Microsoft Windows® should be properly installed on your computer.

You must have Windows Administrator rights to install this software.

Install Sybase V17.0.10.6089 database management software.

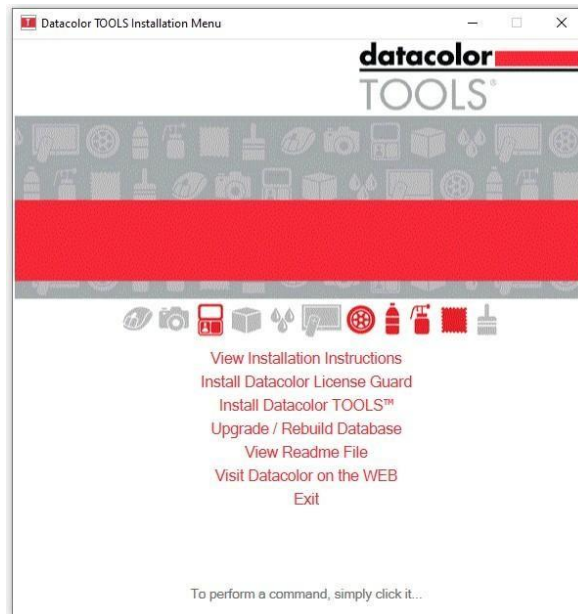
Close all other programs that are running.

Have all program installation ISO images readily available.

Have a valid license activation code with a maintenance date greater than the release date of the installer. For Offline and Local License Server activation and installation, please refer to their respective installation instructions.

## Datacolor TOOLS Installation Procedure

1. Mount the Datacolor TOOLS ISO image and run the Menu.exe. An installation menu will appear:



If you do not see this installation menu, do the following:

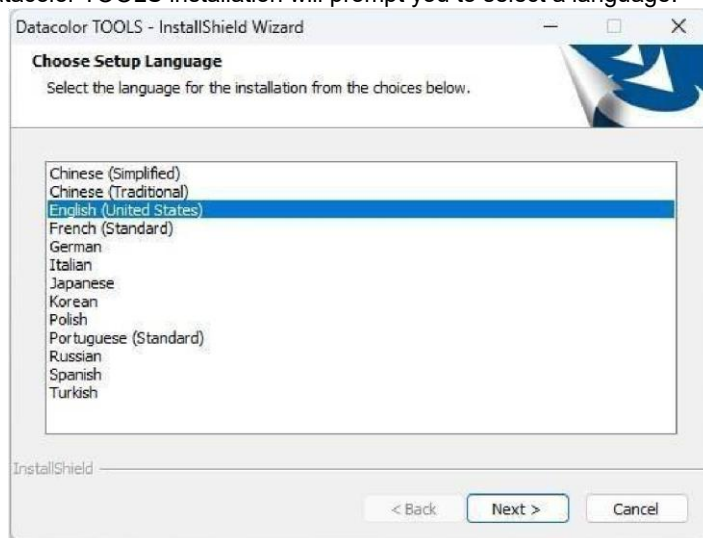
Click the **Start** button.

From the Start menu, choose **Run**.

In the Run dialog box, type **D:/MENU** and click **OK**. (If your mounted ISO image is a letter other than D, use that letter in the dialog box.)

2. Click on Install Datacolor TOOLS.

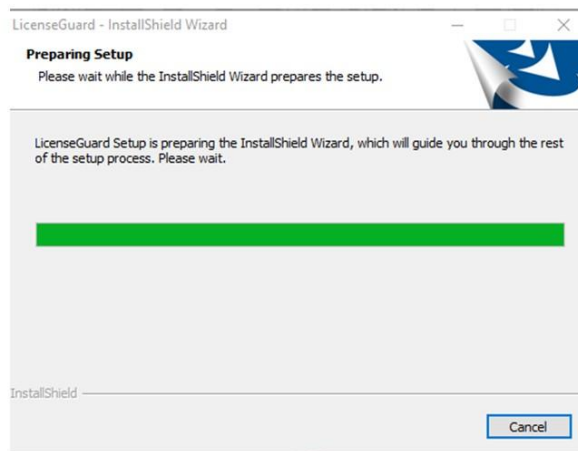
3. The Datacolor TOOLS installation will prompt you to select a language:



4. Select the appropriate language and click **Next**. A window will display **Preparing Setup**.



DCLicenseGuard component will now install.



5. Click **Next** to continue.

The software will detect that there is no license found.

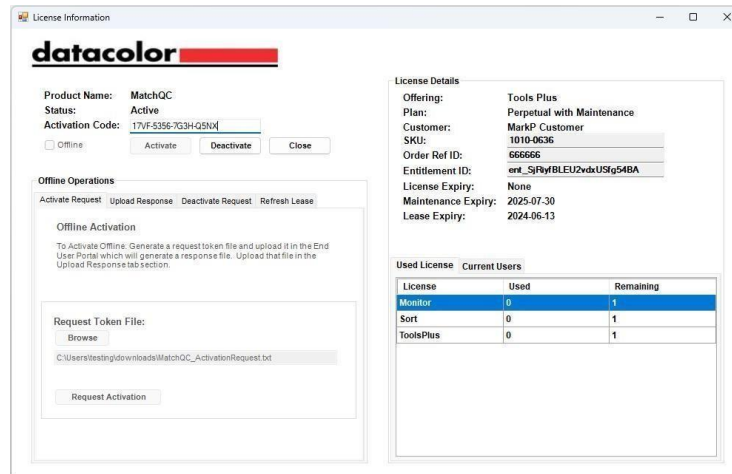


\* If a previous valid license is found in your system, you will not be prompted to activate the license.

6. Click OK and the License Activation window is displayed.

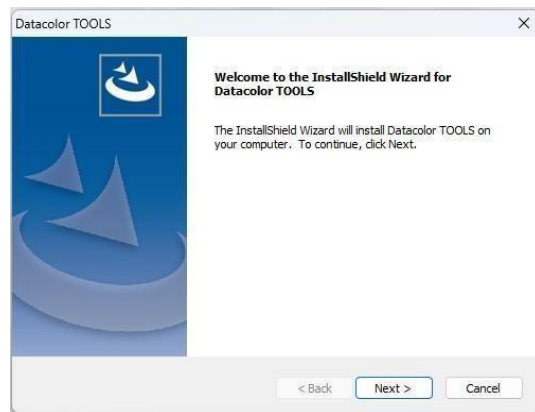


7. Enter an Activation Code and click **Activate**.



Click Finish and close the License Guard window.

8. The installation wizard will open:

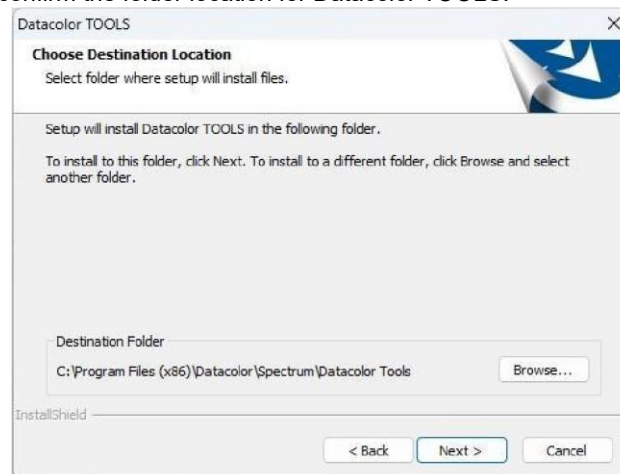


9. You will be prompted to accept a software license agreement:



10. To continue with the installation, you must accept the agreement and click **Next**.

The installation procedure will confirm the folder location for Datacolor TOOLS:

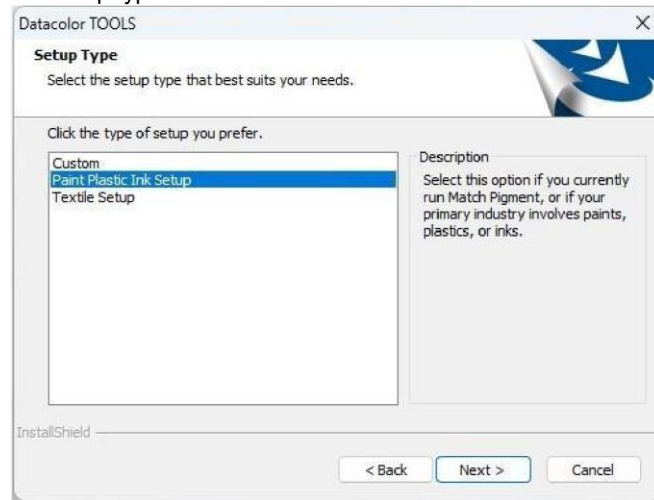


To select a different folder location, click **Browse**.



11. Click **Next** to accept the default location.

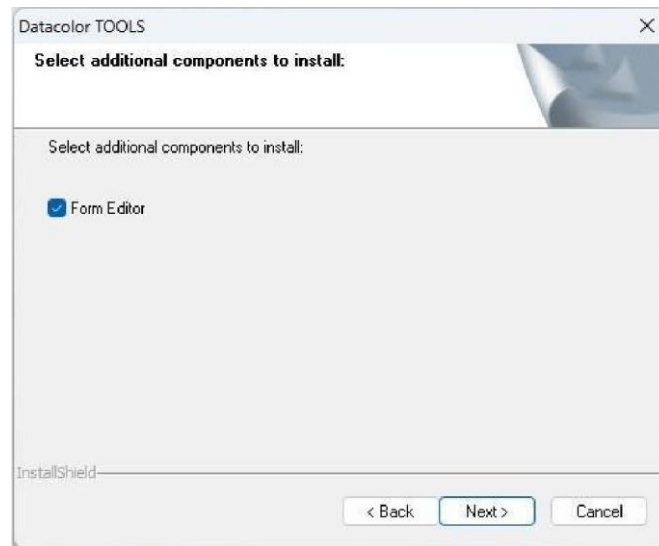
The program will prompt for a setup type:



**SETUP TYPE SELECTION IS IMPORTANT!** The most common choices are Textile Setup, and Paint Plastic Ink Setup. These refer to the types of materials you use. *See also Setup Type in this guide for a discussion of this selection.*

12. Make a setup selection and click **Next**.

The program prompts for additional Datacolor TOOLS components to be installed:



The optional program features that you can choose to install on the system include:

**Form Editor.** This is a separate program that allows you to customize Datacolor TOOLS forms. We strongly suggest that you install this program. If you do not and decide to use it later, you must repeat the entire program installation to install it.

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**Marks and Spencer Forms.** This option only displays for textile users.

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13. Make the selections appropriate for your application and click **Next**.

14. Click **Next** through the remaining screens that are displayed.



The installation is now complete.

15. Click **Finish**. To run Datacolor TOOLS, you must restart the system. After you have restarted the system, launch Datacolor TOOLS immediately.



#### NOTE

This restart is requested after each Datacolor program is installed. You do not have to restart between each program installation. ~~This is done once after all Datacolor programs are installed.~~

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## Launching Datacolor TOOLS

Datacolor TOOLS can be launched from a program icon on the desktop.

1. Click on the Datacolor TOOLS icon on your desktop:



#### NOTE

You can also start by clicking **Start/ Programs/Datacolor Spectrum/ Datacolor TOOLS**.

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#### Textile Setup

- The default user name is **dci**.
- No password is required for the default configuration.

#### Paint, Plastic Ink Setup

- The default user name is **User**.
- The default password is **CC3**.

2. Enter the appropriate login and password and click **OK**. The Tools desktop will open.

## Appendix

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### Installing Datacolor TOOLS using MS-SQL

Some systems are using MS-SQL rather than Sybase as the database program. For these systems, the installation procedure differs slightly for both new installations and upgrades.

#### New Installation on MS SQL System

If you are installing Datacolor TOOLS for first time and will be using the MS-SQL database program, you must do the following before installing Datacolor TOOLS:

From the Windows Control Panel, create the ODBC Data Source Name **dci\_itm**. Install Datacolor TOOLS.

To create a new MS-SQL database for Datacolor TOOLS, we have provided the tool on the ISO image to perform this function.

**Script File.** We have created a script file on the Datacolor TOOLS ISO image in the following location:  
**[Drive]:\database\SQL Server\MSSQLUpdate.sql.**

#### MS-SQL Upgrade

If you are not connected to the MS-SQL database server on the local system, during the database upgrade the dialog below will display:



Input the login name and password. If there is no password, just leave password as blank.

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**NOTE**

If you do not want to update MS-SQL database during the installation, click Cancel. You will receive the following message: *The SQL Server ColorQC database does not update during installation. You have to update manually after installation.*

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