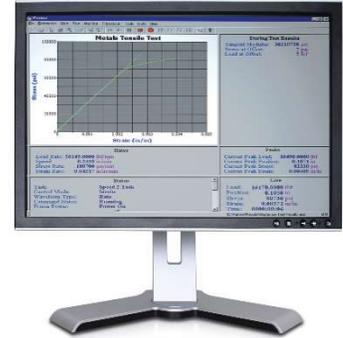




## Product Life Cycle Support Notice

### Instron Partner Software Phase 3 – Out of Production/Reasonable Efforts Support

This is a formal notice to inform you that the Instron Partner software has entered Product Life Cycle Phase 3 – Out of Production/Reasonable Efforts Support. The section below details the conditions which apply to a product in Phase 3. Eventually, the product will enter Phase 4, “Discontinued”, the final Product Life Cycle Support Phase with no support or further updates of any kind.



Instron’s Product Life Cycle Policy is intended to help you plan the maintenance and ultimate evolution of your Instron test system. Notices such as this are issued at life cycle milestones to inform you of pending changes and provide recommendations on how to move forward.

**Phase 3 – Out of Production/Reasonable Efforts Support** nears the end of the Product Life Cycle. This formal designation means that products are no longer in production and service support is on a best-effort basis, where sourcing parts for your system will take longer and will be at a higher cost. Advance notification of transition to **Phase 4 – Discontinued**, the final Product Life Cycle Support step, will be provided for these affected products. For safety and data integrity issues, customers will be notified.

### Partner Support in the Phase 3 Life Cycle

Instron Partner software was introduced in **1995 on the MS Windows95 operating system**. **Advancements in technology - operating systems, instrumentation and materials testing requirements over the past 25 years** Partner moves to this next support phase.

The following conditions apply to Partner software in the “Out of Production / Best Effort Support” life cycle phase:

- No further additions of features or enhancements
- No support for newer Instron hardware accessories
- No support for newer PC hardware or operating systems
- Technical phone support and operator training are on a “best effort” basis

### Affected Instron Systems

- All Instron Static Hydraulic, Torsion and Electromechanical test frames running Partner software

### Protect your investment for Optimal Performance

- Improve efficiency with the latest industry solutions capabilities
- Increase operator productivity with user-friendly software
- Protect your competitive advantage for the long term

## Why Migrate to Newer Technology?

Upgrade and Replacement Recommendations



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- Modern interface
- Automatic and Advanced Testing simplified
- Choice lists minimize number of test procedures required when testing multiple materials
- Significantly improved reports and graphs
- Configurable workspace – flexible display so you see what is important to you
- Computer control, analysis, and test reports (*no chart paper or manual analysis*)
- Conforms to latest industry safety standards
- Support for strain measurement using extensometers and LVDTs, including the newest Instron video and automatic contacting extensometers
- Enter and save important test and user information with new User Input Text and Numeric Fields
- Guided test prompts offer GPS-like navigation throughout the testing process
- Expanded results library meeting the latest ASTM, ISO, and DIN standards, including a user calculation creator
- Webcam option for recording and replaying tests



## What are your Options?

Bluehill® Universal Upgrade

Bluehill Universal is the latest generation materials testing platform designed from the ground-up for touch interaction and is fully compatible with the latest Windows operating system. Existing test methods and test data can be easily converted. Partner software users with other test frames should consult with their Instron representative for upgrade migration path recommendations.



Simpler. Smarter. Safer.

# BLUEHILL UNIVERSAL



Bluehill Universal was built from the ground-up for touch interaction. The new portrait layout, with its meticulously crafted visual design, gives the most comprehensive view of the test workspace on the Operator Dashboard, a stunning large-format touch monitor with an integrated controller.

Bluehill Universal's large touchpoints and intuitive gestures make the user experience simpler and smarter. Easy-to-understand icons and workflows make it easy to train new or experienced users, simplifying operator training, and allowing you to start testing even faster.



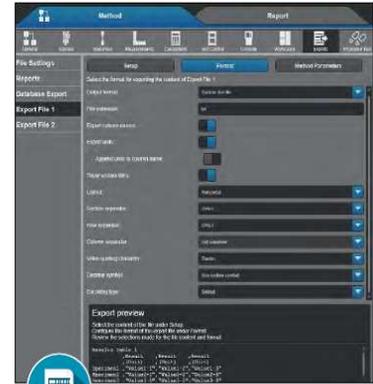
### QuickTest

For when you need results fast, QuickTest allows you to simply enter a few simple parameters and run your test within seconds.



### Expression Builder

Build your own user-defined functions using a list of variables from the method. Users can write functions for detecting test events, defining new calculations, making measurements, or setting domains for calculations.



### Exporting Tools

Whether you need a polished PDF report, or a customized file to integrate with your lab information management system, Bluehill's exporting tools have the flexibility to output results, user inputs, raw data, graphs, and more in a wide variety of formats.



### Effortless Workflows

An easy-to-use touch interface, built from the ground up with ergonomics in mind, optimizes your testing workflow.



### Increased Efficiency

Console functions and numerical keypads are conveniently located and accessible, making your testing faster and easier.



### Advanced Capability

Powerful Bluehill architecture gives you complete control over how you set up test methods, allowing you to achieve optimal results.

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