Bluehill® Universal

The Next Generation of Testing Software

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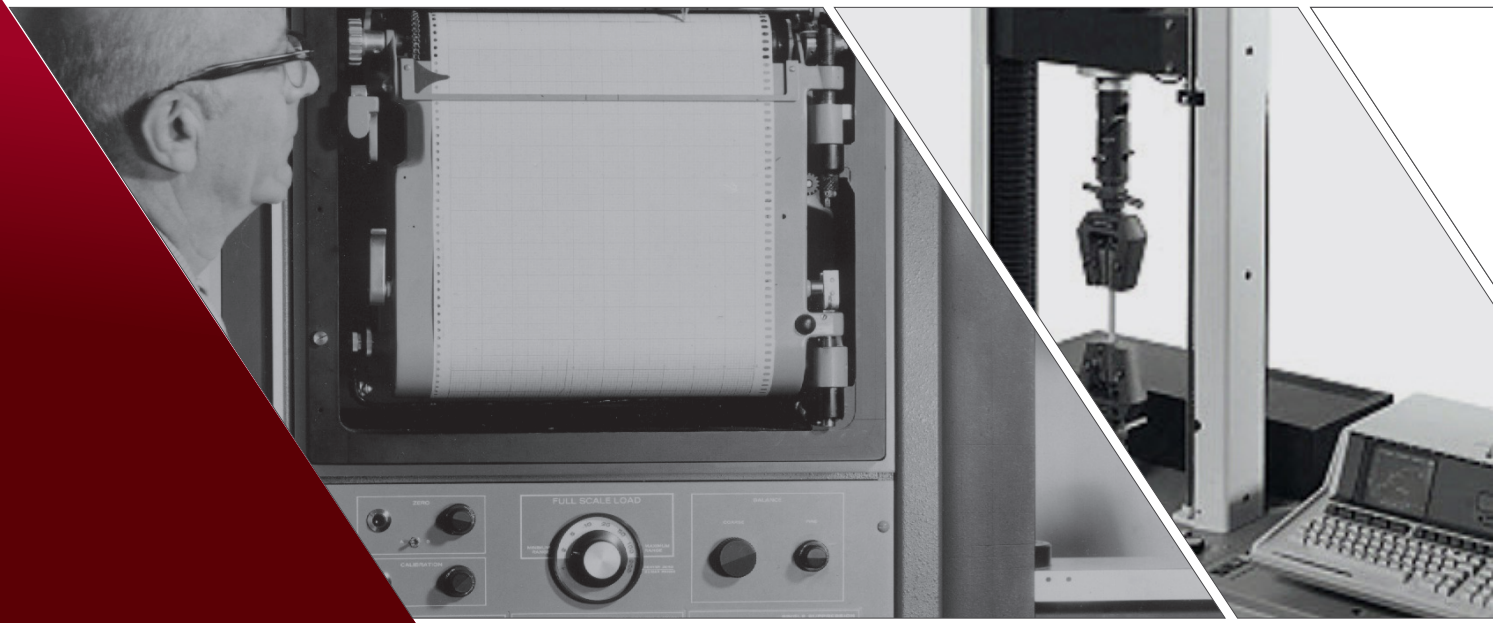
The digital revolution of the 1980s and 1990s introduced us to personal computers, operating systems, and the internet. These monumental changes catalyzed an evolution in Universal Testing Machines to embrace digital electronics, moving operators away from a world of dials, pushbuttons, and controls to a world of right and left clicks.



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Today, the evolution of consumer devices and the use of smartphones has once again changed the way we view the world. We expect all of our devices and systems to have endless computing and communications power, with simple interfaces controlled with the touch of a finger.

BLUEHILL® UNIVERSAL

Simpler. Smarter. Safer.

Bluehill Universal is the testing industry's most powerful and advanced testing software. Its intuitive workflows are designed to simplify operator training, increase testing efficiency, and minimize safety hazards.

Live Displays

Configure unlimited Live Displays to show force, displacement, time, and results to provide users with immediate feedback on current test status.

Graphs and Control Charts

Graphs, most typically displaying force vs. displacement data or stress vs. strain data, can easily be viewed in more detail by pinching to zoom. Multiple graphs can be displayed in the workspace, including control charts in a completely customizable layout.

Results Table

Using subsample, users have the ability to sort results by all parameters including operator name, specimen break location, and specific specimen properties.

Specimen Selector

Specimen selector allows users to view and manage tests quickly and easily. Press on any specimen to view the graph, results, test inputs, and status, with options to exclude or delete if permissible.

SIMPLER

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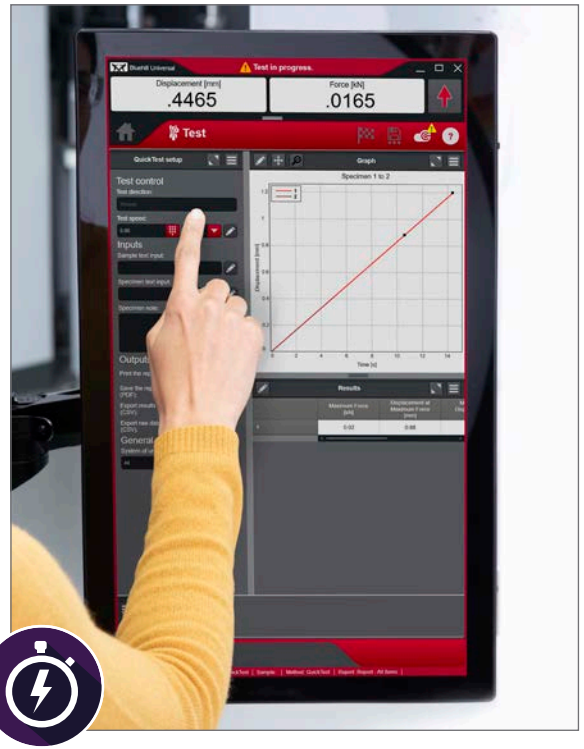
Bluehill® Universal's streamlined functionality keeps testing workflows simple for new or infrequent users and helps high-volume labs remain efficient.

Pre-loaded Templates

Bluehill Universal features an extensive library of pre-configured methods for some of the most commonly used ASTM, ISO, and EN standards. The methods are packaged in modules that are specific to your testing application.



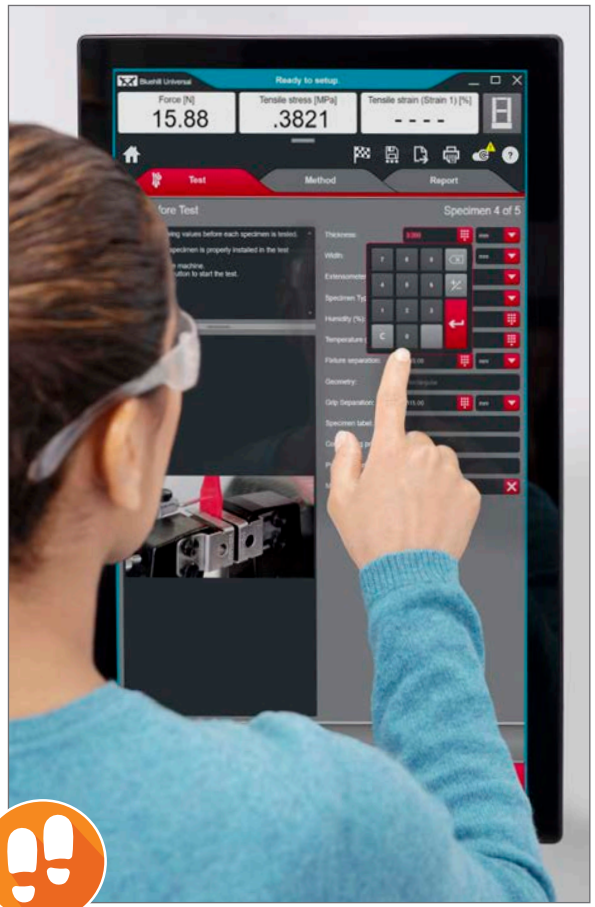
QuickTest

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

Integrated Specimen Measurement

Connect micrometers and calipers directly to the system to effortlessly import specimen dimensions into Bluehill Universal.

SCAN THE QR CODE
to learn more and see
Bluehill Universal in action.

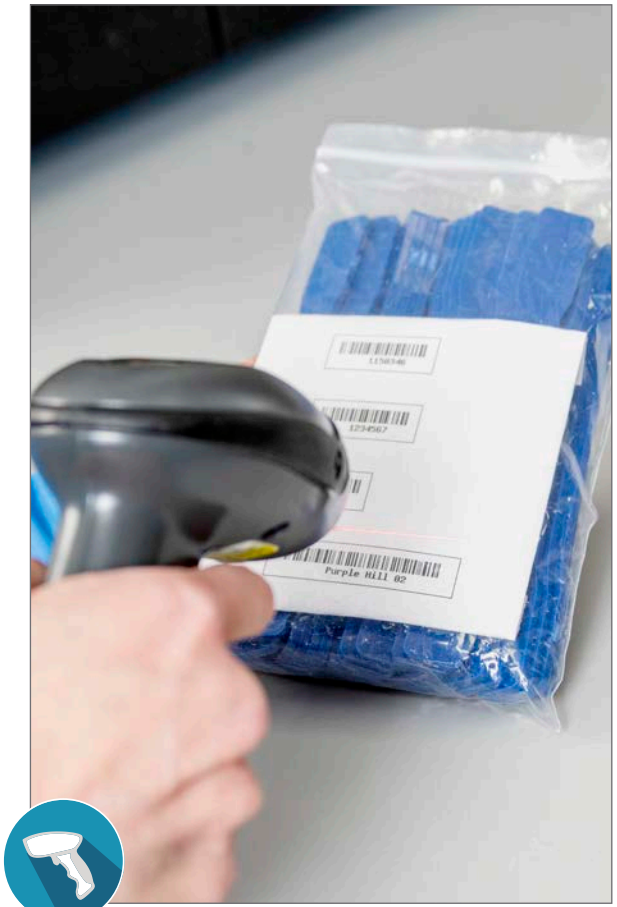


Workflow

Users can be guided through the entire testing process with step-by-step instructions, ensuring that your tests remain repeatable, simple, and error-free. The prompts are customizable with your own text and images.

Pass/Fail

Quickly visualize whether or not a test has passed or failed based on the acceptance criteria set in the test method.



Barcode Scanner

Quickly and accurately enter sample or specimen information into Bluehill Universal by using a barcode or QR scanner.

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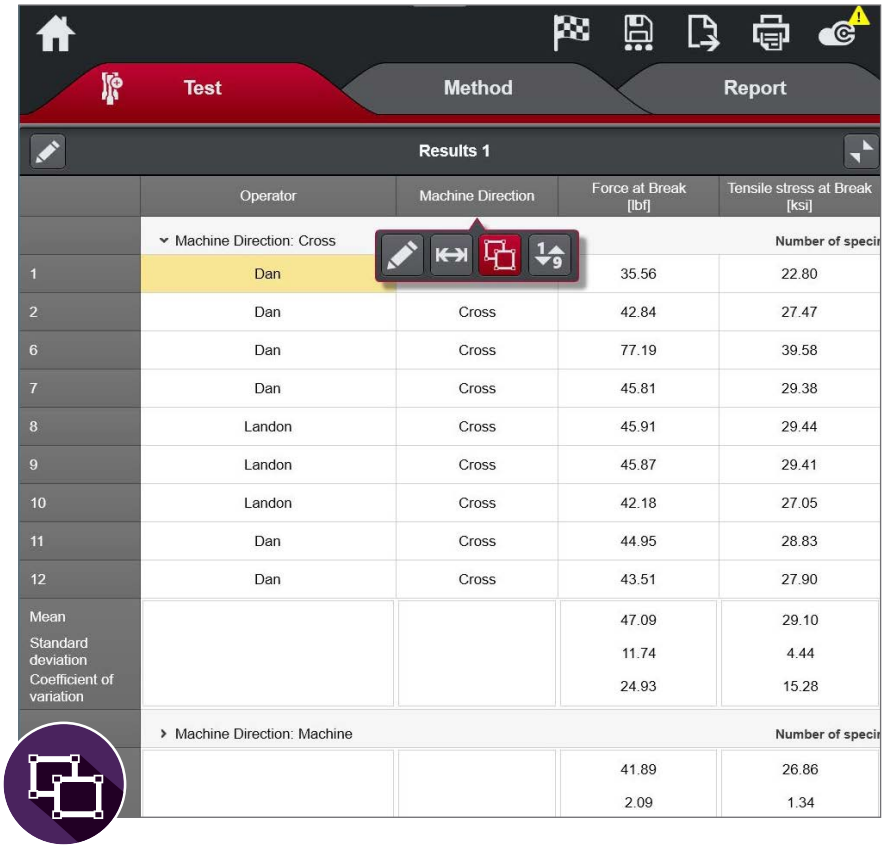
Simplicity doesn't mean sacrificing advanced features. Bluehill Universal offers customizable modules that give you the power and flexibility to run tests at any level of complexity.



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2	Dan	Cross	42.84	27.47
6	Dan	Cross	77.19	39.58
7	Dan	Cross	45.81	29.38
8	Landon	Cross	45.91	29.44
9	Landon	Cross	45.87	29.41
10	Landon	Cross	42.18	27.05
11	Dan	Cross	44.95	28.83
12	Dan	Cross	43.51	27.90
Mean			47.09	29.10
Standard deviation			11.74	4.44
Coefficient of variation			24.93	15.28
	Machine Direction: Machine			Number of specir
			41.89	26.86
			2.09	1.34

Subsample

The Results table allows you to sort specimens into groups by shared traits such as material ID, machine direction, or operator name. Once sorted, results can be configured to display group statistics for each selected calculation.

TestProfiler Option

Build simple cyclic tests that include ramps, holds, and triangle waves. Conditional logic allows you to create looping patterns that help you simulate real life scenarios with your tests.

TestCam Option

Connect a USB webcam to experience point-by-point video playback, allowing you to view the test even after it has finished.

Analysis Option

Replay, re-analyze, or make modifications to previously tested specimens without having to repeat the entire testing process.

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Expression Builder

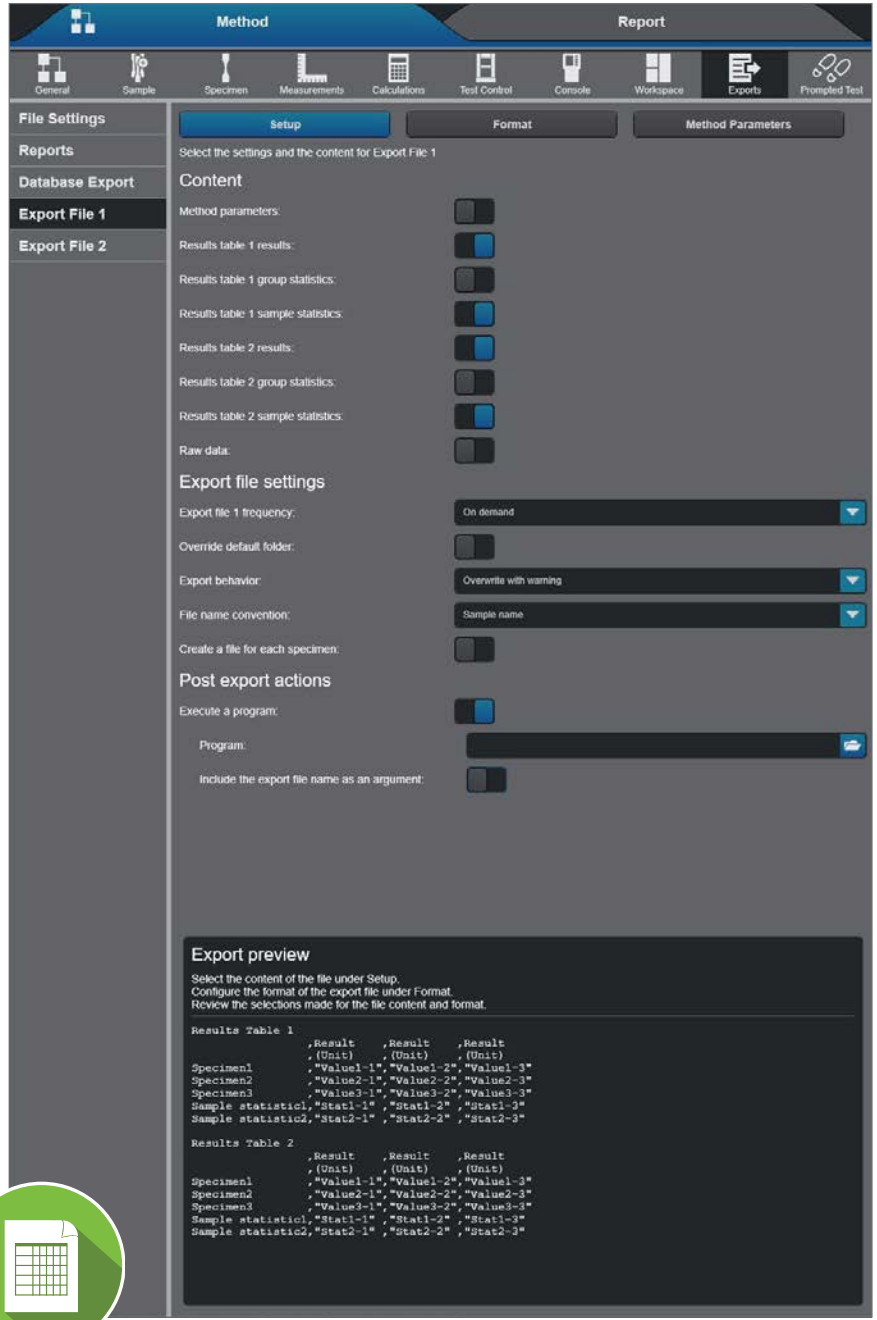
Build your own test method functions using a list of pre-defined variables. Users can write functions for detecting test events, defining new calculations, making measurements, or setting domains for calculations. For example, ASTM D790 for the flexural testing of plastics requires the test speed to be set as a function of the support span, specimen depth, and a straining rate of 0.01. Using Expression Builder, Bluehill can automatically calculate test speed per each specimen based on these parameters.

Export Setup Tab

The Setup tab allows users to choose which content to export, including test method parameters and results. The export preview allows users to easily review the content, format, frequency, and behavior of their export. This includes enabling the system to execute an external program after data export.

Export Format Tab

In the Format tab, users choose their preferred output file format. The format can be a CSV file or a custom text file, allowing for complete flexibility to integrate with a lab information management system (LIMS).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Results table 1 sample statistics:
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Export behavior:
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Sample statistic1,"Stat1-1" ,"Stat1-2" ,"Stat1-3"
Sample statistic2,"Stat2-1" ,"Stat2-2" ,"Stat2-3"
Results Table 2
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Export units:
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Show section titles:
Show row indicator:
Show acceptance range indicator:
Layout:
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Section separator:
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SAFER

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Bluehill Universal features integrated safety coaching compatible with all 6800 and 3400 Series systems. A highlighted border on the dashboard's interface changes color depending on the status of the system, providing a clear warning to anyone using or approaching the test space that a test is in process.

Setup

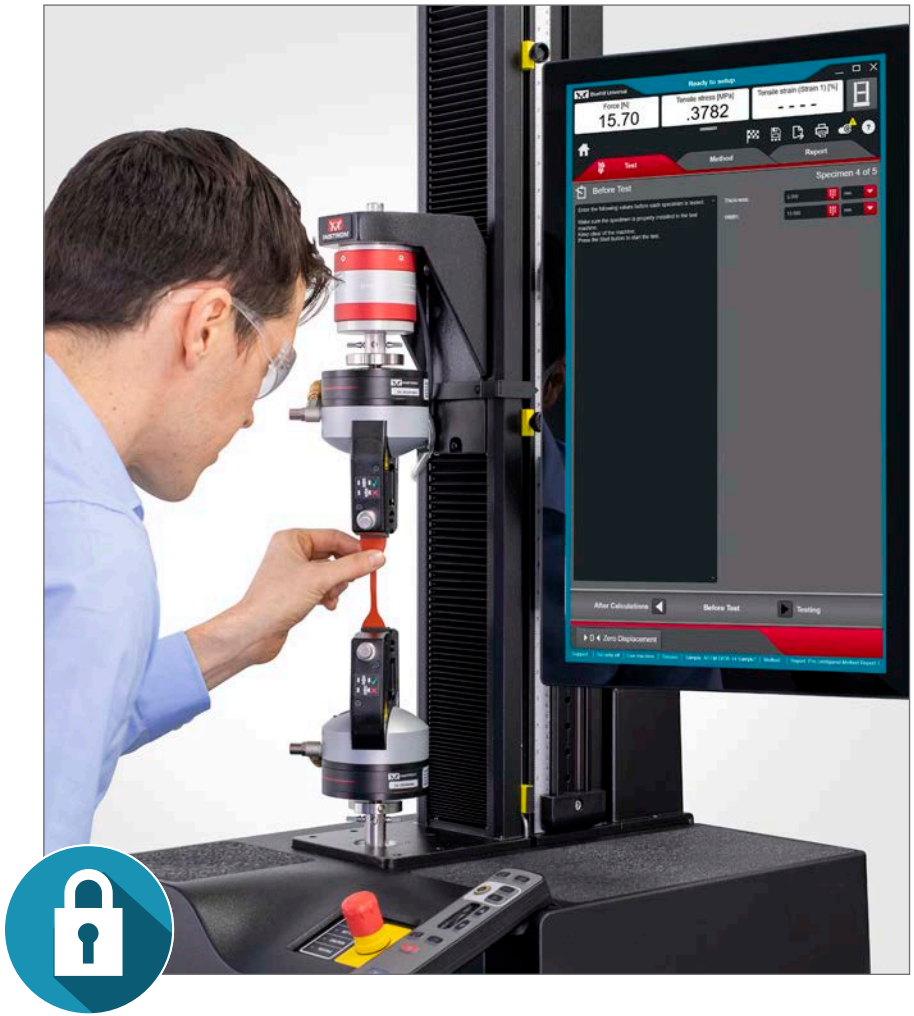
When an operator is setting up a test, the software's border is blue to signify that the testing system is in the Setup state. While in Setup, the software limits the crosshead to a safer jog speed and reduces the pneumatic grip closing pressure when paired with Instron's Smart-close Air Control Kit.

Caution

When an operator is ready to test, the frame is unlocked and enters a Caution state. Bluehill Universal software uses a yellow border and clear warning to indicate that the system is now fully enabled. If the operator does not press Start within two seconds, the system automatically returns to Setup mode.

Testing

When Start is pressed in the Caution state, the system enters the Testing state, changing the border and warning color to red. The warning message disappears after two seconds but will return if the test is left unattended for five minutes or more.



Ready to test.
Force [N]
15.77
Tensile stress [MPa]
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Test
Method
Before Test
WARNING
Keep clear of test area.
Crush hazard.
After Calculations
Before Test
Zero Displacement

Test in progress.
Force [N]
15.80
Tensile stress [MPa]
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DATA ANALYSIS AND REPORTS

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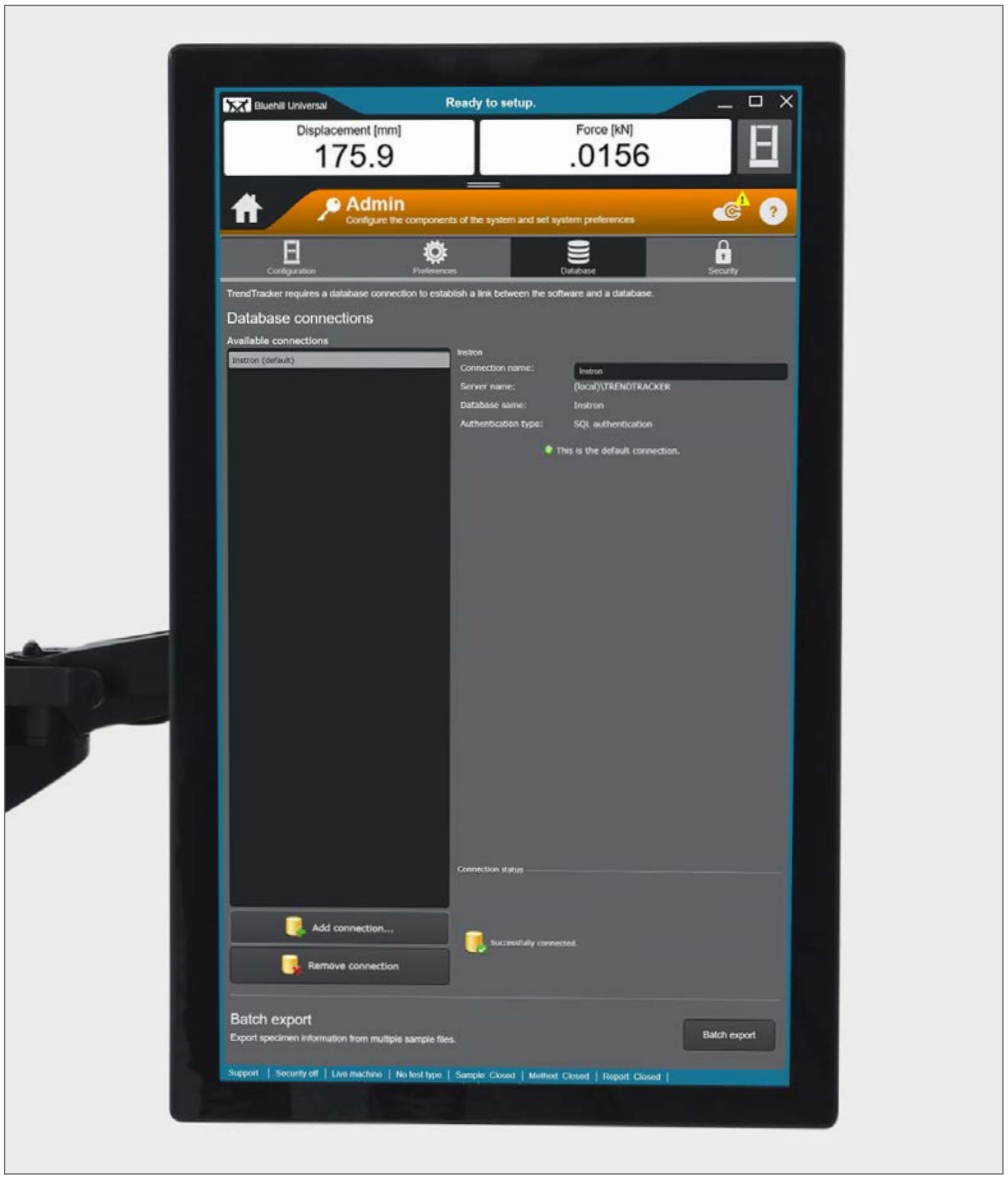

TrendTracker™ Option

The TrendTracker option allows users to configure test methods to automatically send specimen parameters and results to a Bluehill Central database.

Data Analysis with TrendTracker™

The TrendTracker module in Bluehill Central accelerates the data analysis workflow of your lab. An intuitive interface allows you to quickly search, display, and analyze results over time and across multiple samples and test systems. Say goodbye to tedious file searching and copy-pasting of data.

Report Generator

Create customized report templates that ensure a professional and consistent style for reporting test results. Reports can be generated, printed, and emailed with the press of a button. Report format options include Word, PDF, and HTML.

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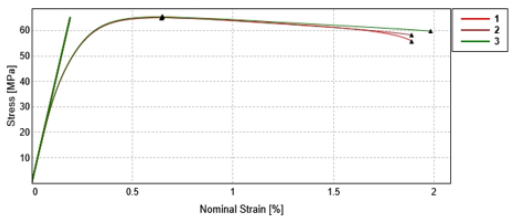
ASTM D638-14 Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics

ID of material tested	
Conditioning procedure	
Preparation method	
Sample size	5
System of units	SI
Extensometer Class	Class B-2
Primary source	Strain 1
Specimen Type	Type I
Control mode 1	Displacement
Rate 1	50.00 mm/min
Temperature (C)	23.0
Humidity (%)	50.0
Method revision date	12/2014

ASTM D638-14: Stress vs. Nominal Strain



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1	13.00	3.200	2960	2790	65.1	65.1	7.42	21.72	1.89	55.8
2	13.00	3.200	2950	2780	65.0	65.0	7.41	21.71	1.89	58.2
3	13.00	3.200	2960	2810	65.4	65.4	7.46	22.77	1.98	59.7
Mean	13.00	3.200	2960	2790	65.2	65.2	7.43	22.07	1.92	57.9
S.D.	0.000	0.000	6.69	13.928	0.205	0.205	0.028	0.610	0.053	2.017

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SECURITY

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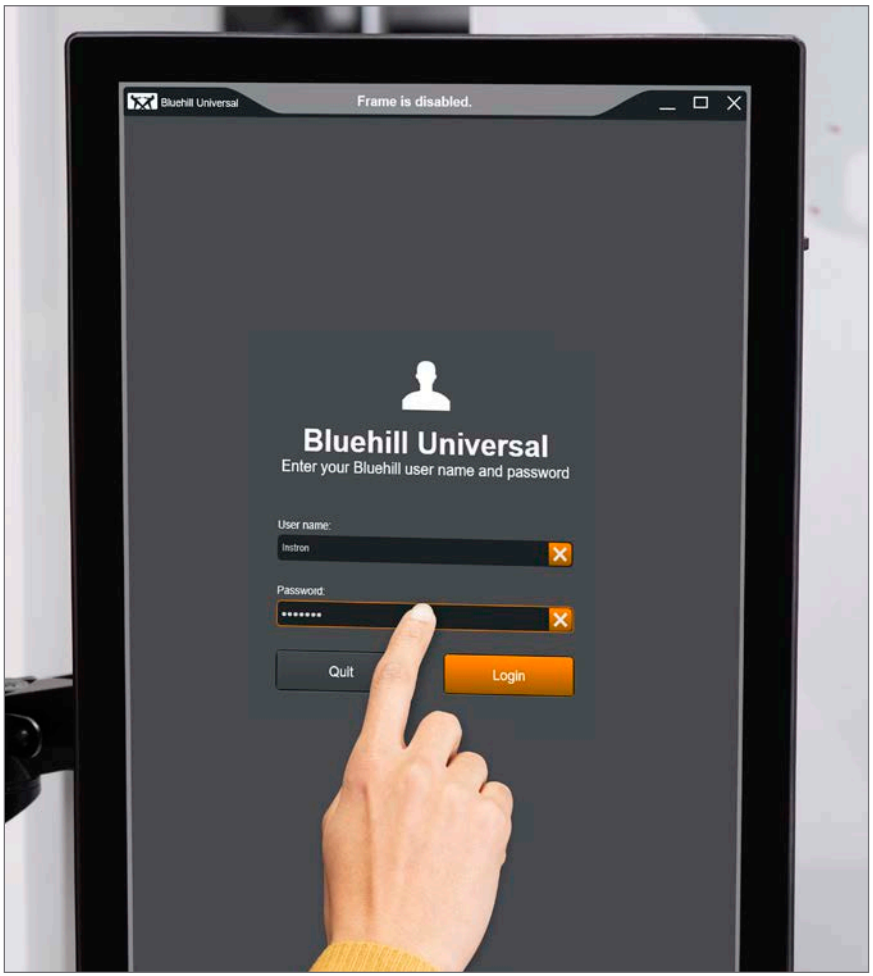
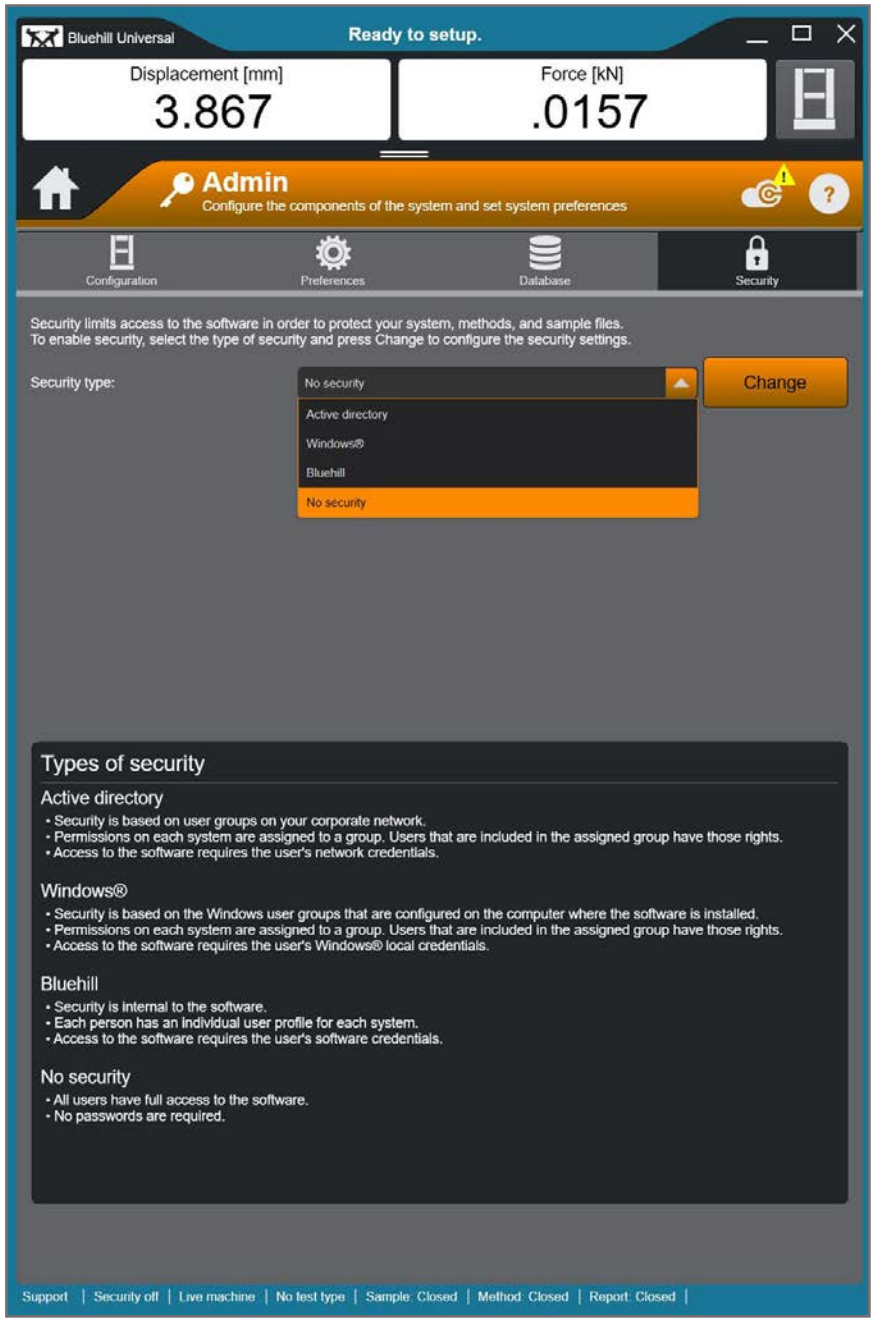
Bluehill Security allows lab managers to configure permissions in the software, granting access to trained personnel and limiting access where needed. Bluehill users can choose from three different security options that offer various levels of integration with your organization's existing security network.





Active Directory

Link usernames and passwords in Bluehill Universal to usernames and passwords on your corporate network. Active Directory ensures that your Bluehill login information meets your corporate IT standards for password length, expiration, and character requirements. With Active Directory security, laboratories can allow consistent access to Instron equipment between labs, regardless of location. It is ideal for organizations with multiple Instron systems and system operators, as security is easily configured by selecting user groups.

Windows®

When using local Windows to manage permissions in Bluehill Universal, usernames and passwords in Bluehill are linked to usernames and passwords on your local computer. Instead of meeting network-level standards, Bluehill passwords are required to meet the standards set on the local computer. Windows Security is ideal for laboratories with dozens of Instron operators where Active Directory cannot be used, as security can still be easily configured by selecting user groups.

Bluehill

Set up users by creating unique usernames and passwords directly in Bluehill Universal. Since an individual profile must be created and configured for each person in a lab, Bluehill's internal security is ideal for laboratories with few Instron systems and a small group of system operators.

No Security

Not all laboratories require the use of security. For example, research and development labs often change Bluehill method, sample, and system-level parameters constantly, and do not need to restrict permissions.

TRACEABILITY

Bluehill® Universal Traceability Module

Bluehill Universal's Traceability Module enables users to meet the audit requirements associated with FDA 21 CFR Part 11, ISO 17025, NADCAP, and others. Through seamless integration of electronic approvals, revision history*, and an automated audit trail, this powerful add-on combines with Bluehill's built-in security to provide unmatched data traceability.

Revision History*

View the full revision history of Bluehill methods, tested samples, and report templates. Each revision contains the details of its affected item, including a time stamp, both the previous and the new value, as well as the name of the users involved with initiating and, if required, approving the change.

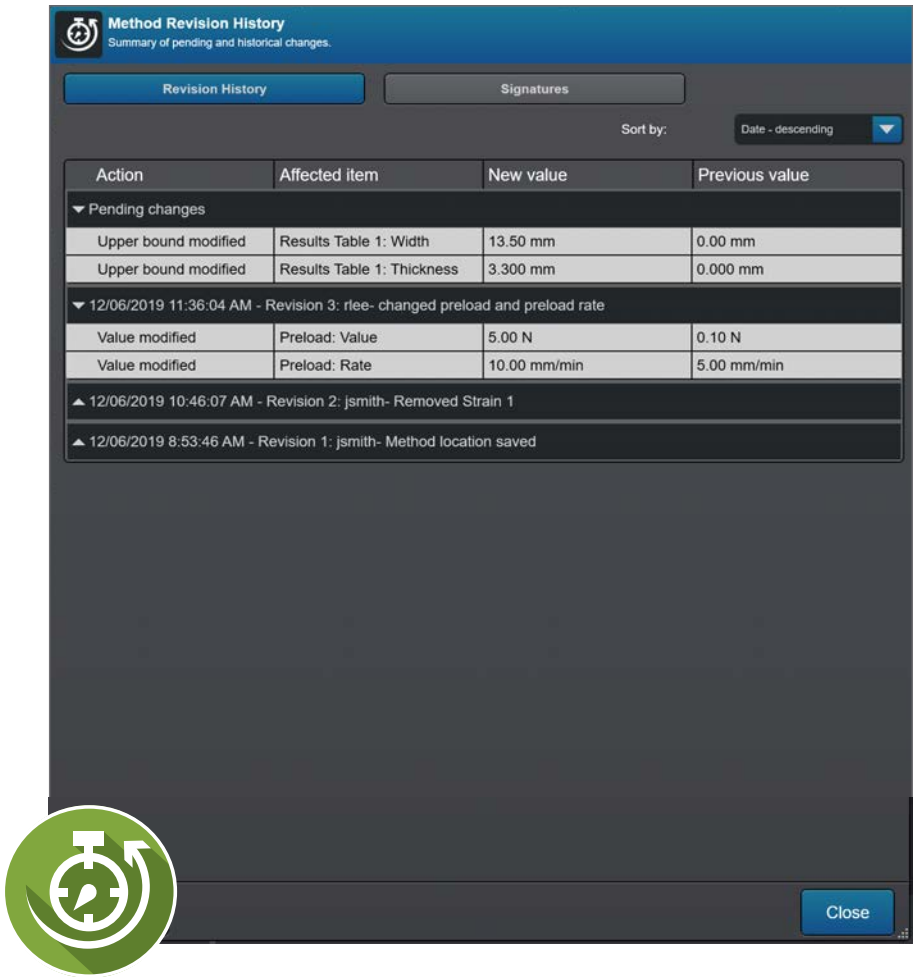
*Revision history is available without the Traceability Module add-on

Electronic Approval

Configure primary, secondary, and tertiary electronic signatures to ensure method revisions and test data are reviewed before a change is implemented or data is publicized.

Audit Trail

Track system level usage, additions, modifications, and deletions in a secure and searchable audit trail. System level activities range from starting a new test sample to failing a login attempt.



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Comment: sample finished - no observations
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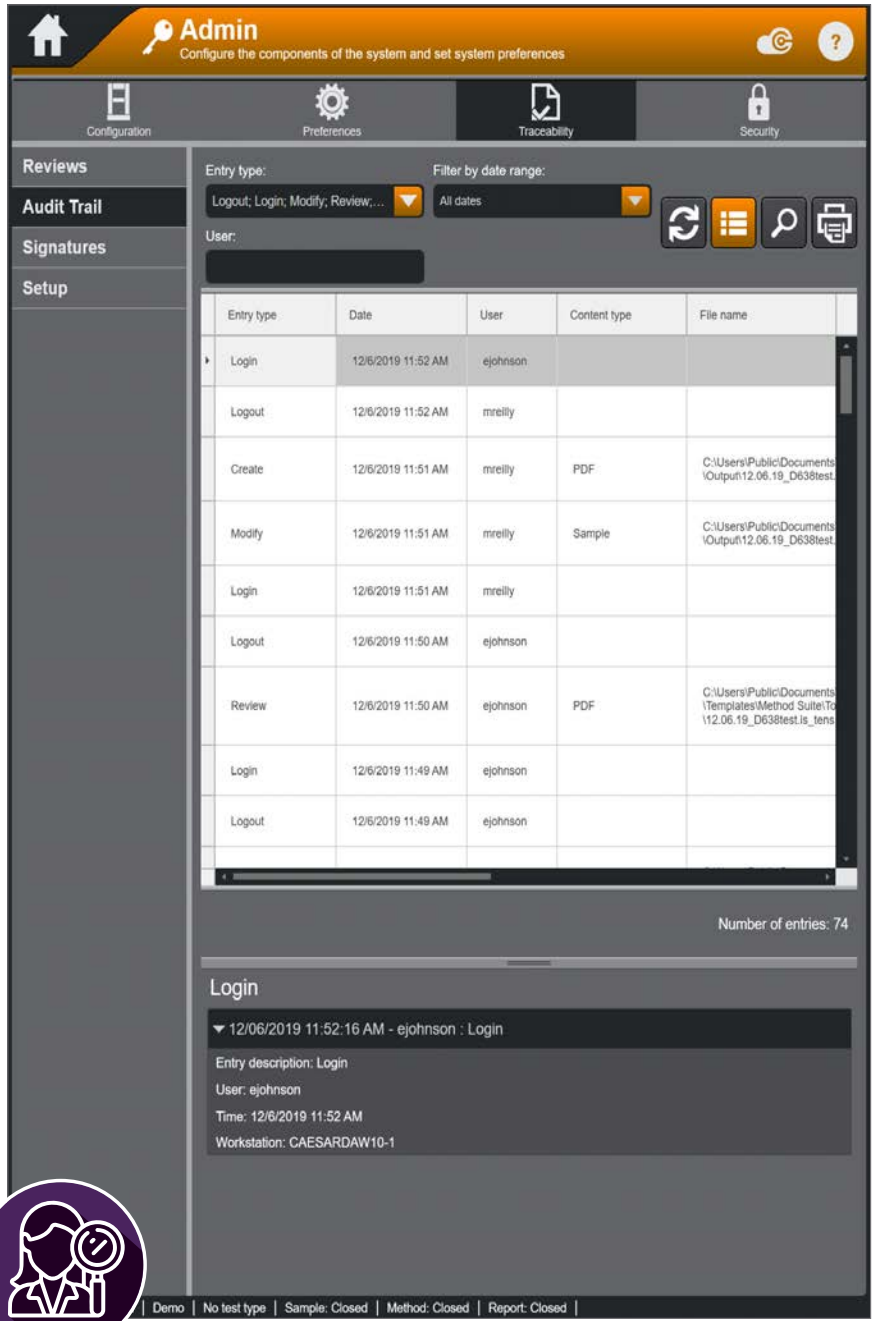
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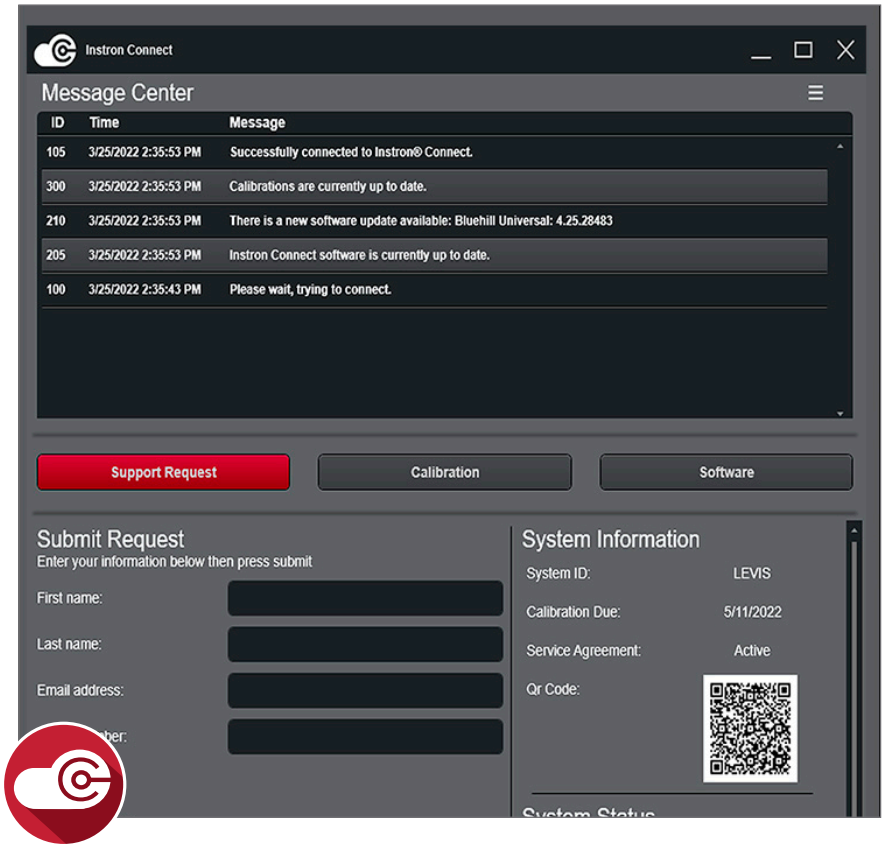
INSTRON® CONNECT

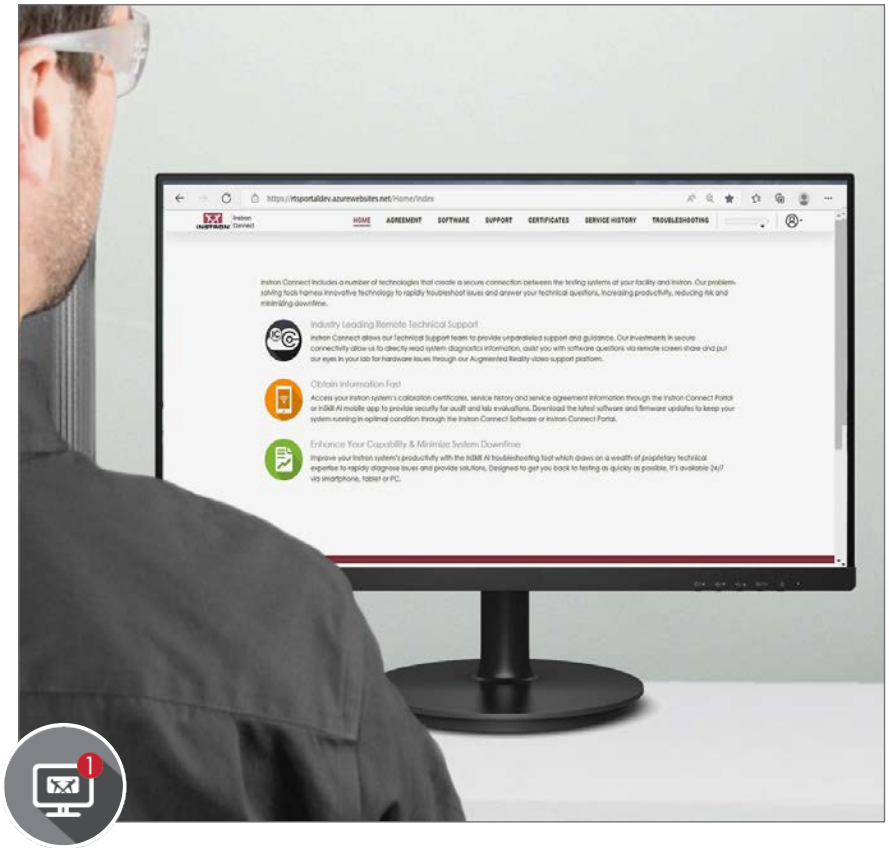
The Next Generation of Technical Support

Instron Connect introduces a powerful communication platform that brings our support engineers even closer to your organization. Including a number of technologies, Instron Connect enables you to connect with our technical support teams, rapidly troubleshoot issues, and obtain information fast.



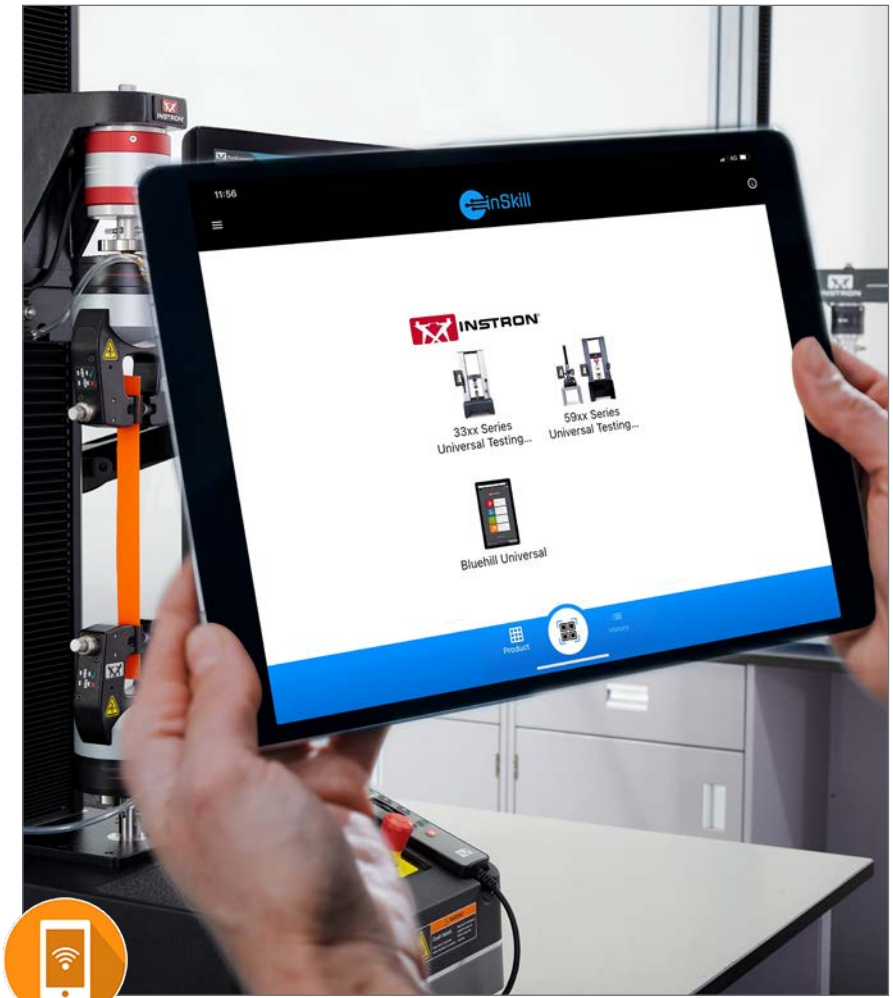
Instron Connect Software

An integrated support tool that is launched through Bluehill Universal on our operator dashboard or PC, enabling you to screenshare and send system diagnostics data with Instron, download software updates, and raise support requests.



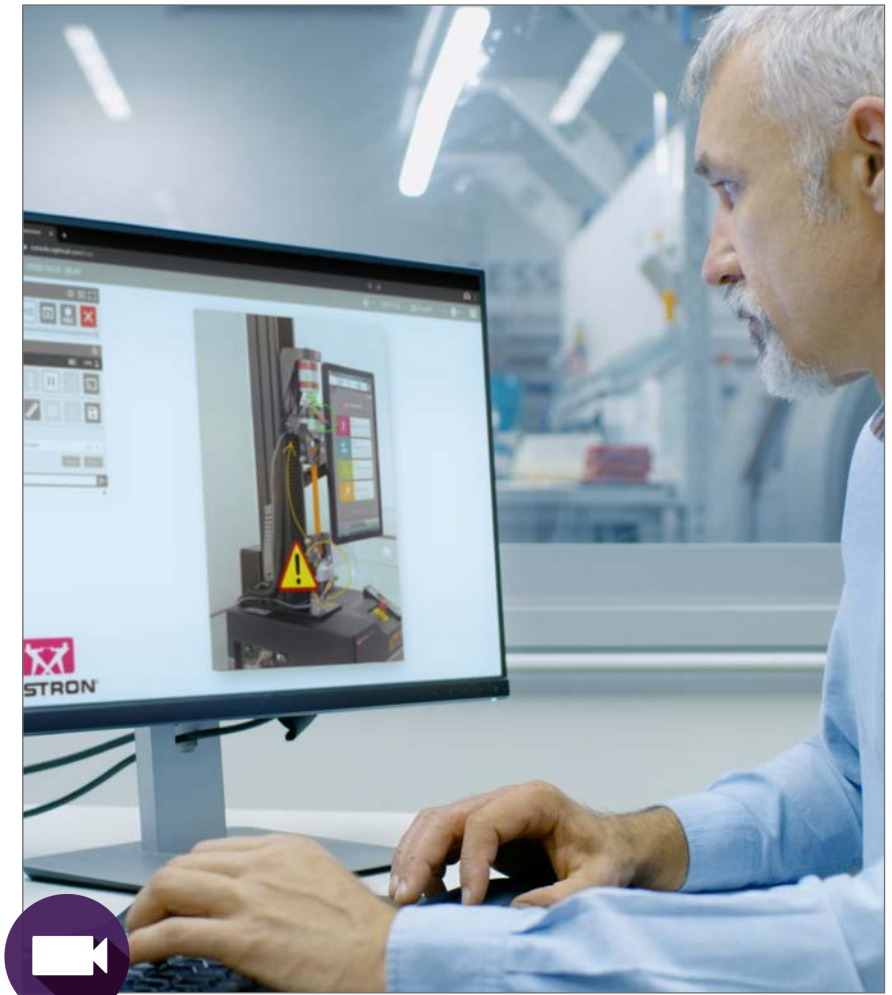
Instron Connect Customer Portal

A site that can accessed, on any device with a web browser, allowing you to download software updates, troubleshoot issues, raise support requests, and access calibration certificates and service history.



InSkill AI Mobile App

A mobile app, powered by InSkill, that can help you minimize downtime with its built-in troubleshooting tool and quickly obtain your system's calibration certificates and service history.



SightCall Augmented Reality (AR) Tool

A digital tool, powered by SightCall, that provides you with remote visual support from Instron's Technical Support team.

SYSTEM COMPATIBILITY

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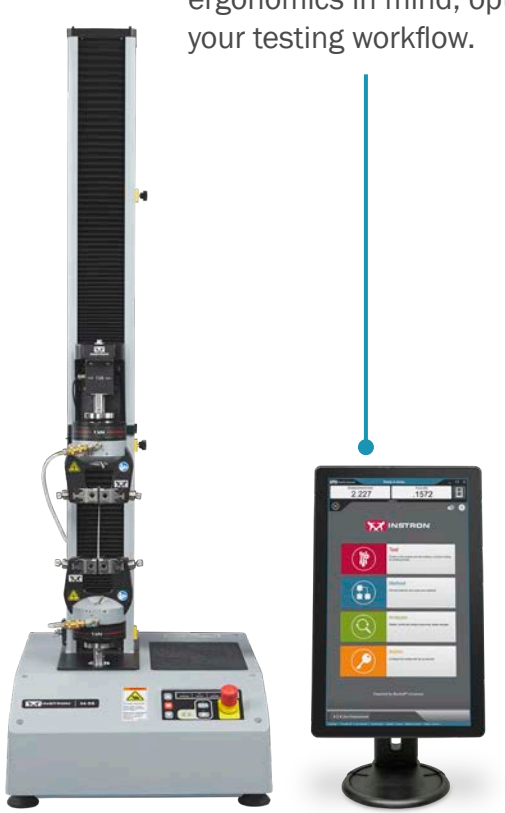
Bluehill Universal is available with an Operator Dashboard on new 6800 and 3400 systems, as well as existing 6800, 3400, 5900, 3300, 5500, 59R and IS02 static testing systems. ElectroPuls™ and 8800 dynamic systems can also take advantage of Bluehill Universal's versatility and ease-of-use when running static tests.

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



All Operator Dashboard mounting options allow for vertical and angular adjustment to suit any operator.

The Operator Dashboard saves space in your lab or production line by eliminating the need for a table and desktop PC.

THE WORLD STANDARD

We stake our reputation on the integrity of data. From the measurement of primary test data to result generation, we design and manufacture the full data integrity chain (e.g. load cells, sensor conditioning, and software). Additionally, we calibrate more than 90,000 of these sensors annually with the lowest accumulated uncertainty.

30,000+

We service and calibrate more than 30,000 Instron systems in active use worldwide every year.

96%

96% of the Fortune 100 list of the world's largest manufacturing companies use Instron test systems.

18,000+

Instron systems have been cited in more than 18,000 patents since 1975.

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