

# Using a Leica DISTO™ Device with Chief Architect Software

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## QUESTION

Is there a way to use my Leica DISTO™ laser measuring device with my Chief Architect software so I can take measurements of an existing job site?

## ANSWER

[Leica Geosystems](https://leica-geosystems.com/en-us) (<https://leica-geosystems.com/en-us>) manufactures several types of laser measurement devices among which are the DISTO™ distance measuring devices.

Depending on the model, many of these support Bluetooth which allow you to interface with a computer that also has Bluetooth. Currently, both the [Leica DISTO™ X3](https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/buy/package/x3) (<https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/buy/package/x3>) and the [Leica DISTO™ X4](https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/buy/package/x4) (<https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/buy/package/x4>) can be used with Chief Architect software seamlessly on both the Windows and macOS platforms.

To use a supported DISTO™ device with Chief Architect software

1. Pair the supported DISTO™ measuring device to your computer via Bluetooth.

**Note:** If you have trouble pairing your DISTO™ measuring device to your computer, please refer to the Leica Help documentation for your device model.

2. Select a wall or other object in your Chief Architect/Home Designer program and click on the wall's controlling dimension line.



3. With the input field active, use your DISTO™ measuring device and take a measurement.
4. The DISTO™ measuring device will transmit the data to the open dimension field and will automatically press **Enter/Return** to move the object to the new distance.

If the dimension field does not close, press **Enter/Return** on your keyboard.

**Note:** If you notice that the unit of measurement ('', ') is not following the measurement value, enter this in using your keyboard and then select the Enter/Return key.

5. Repeat the process until you are done measuring the rest of the structure.

## MORE INFORMATION

If you'd like to use a different Leica DISTO™ device model that supports Bluetooth, install and configure [DISTO™ Transfer](https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/disto-transfer-software-pc) (https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/disto-transfer-software-pc) for PC, a program designed to accept input from your DISTO™ device for use on your Windows based computer. DISTO™ Transfer is not compatible for the macOS platform at this time.

For additional information on how to use DISTO™ Transfer or your DISTO™ device, please consult the Leica Help documentation.

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