

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.

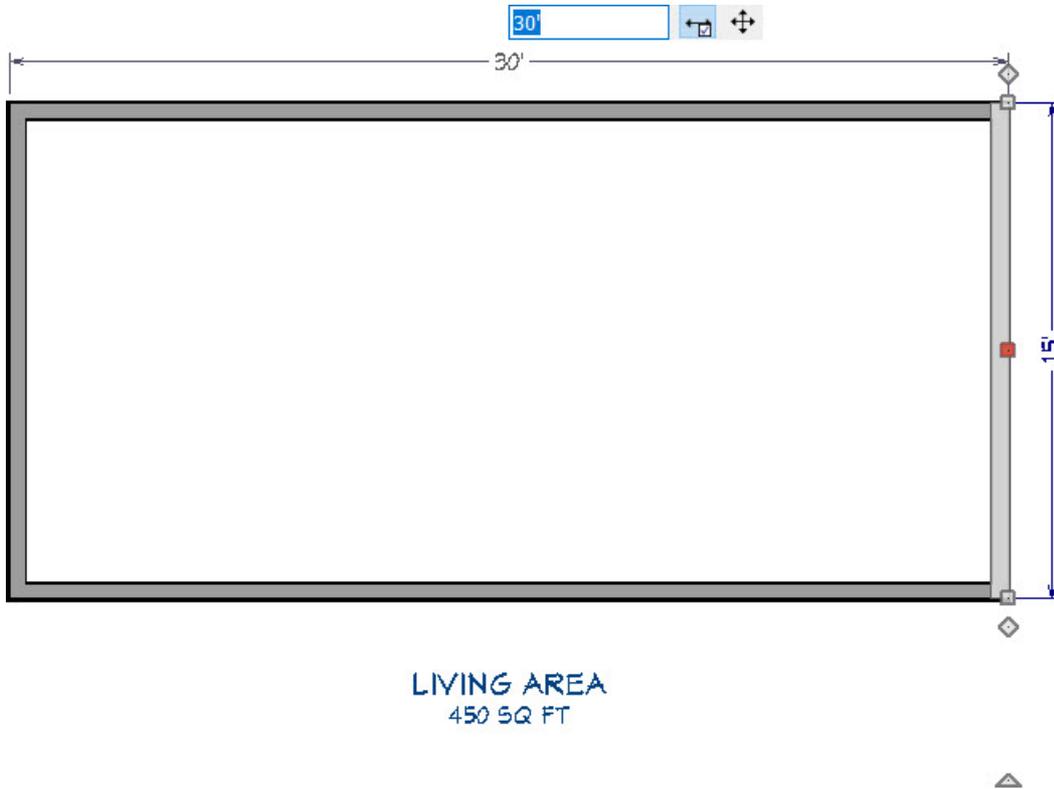
Depending on the model, many of these devices support Bluetooth which allow you to interface with a computer that also has Bluetooth. Both the [Leica DISTO™ X3](https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/measurement-tools/disto/leica-disto-x3/buy) (<https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/measurement-tools/disto/leica-disto-x3/buy>) and the [Leica DISTO™ X4 \(Discontinued\)](https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/measurement-tools/disto/leica-disto-x4/buy) (<https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/measurement-tools/disto/leica-disto-x4/buy>) 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 your device's documentation.

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/measurement-tools/disto/disto-transfer-software-pc) (https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/measurement-tools/disto/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 refer to your device's documentation or [Leica's Support](https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/support) (https://shop.leica-geosystems.com/support).

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