



Leica DISTO™

Real stories

Of all mobile (and non-mobile) tools, it's the one I cannot fathom why any appraiser would be without. Even the most traditional, non-techie appraisers in our office (even the ones in our subsidiary using Bradford) use a DISTO.

— Michael Elliot

The DISTO has cut the time it takes to measure a house nearly in half. It is a must for the complex properties. I love not having to drag my tape around, over or under vegetation, fences and yes, even animals. The lack of upset homeowners because of footprints on carpet in and of itself has been worth the investment.

— Parrish Foster

I bought my first DISTO about 5 years ago. I can't live without my DISTO. I started using one about 6 years ago. I've had no problem using it and I don't even carry a tape measure as backup anymore. I actually had an error pop up on the original one after about 2 years of service, but the manufacturer replaced it, no questions asked and I've had no problems since.

I had that DISTO stolen a year ago out of my truck. I tried to tough it out without one due to the cost to replace, but that only lasted a day of 3 inspections. I heard about a cheaper device at Sears that was similar in design and utility. It was only \$100 and worked very similar to the DISTO. The only main difference was that the DISTO had an

eye piece (viewer) and the one from Sears didn't. This turned out to be a pretty big difference, when after inspecting 10 to 15 homes with the Sears device, I broke down and bought a used Bluetooth enabled DISTO from a buddy. I won't go another day without my DISTO.

— Greg Mellies

I used my tape with the DISTO on the first couple of houses to build my confidence and from then on the tape has stayed in the truck. Twice since then I've used my tape measure. Once when I had to replace my DISTO (my bad) and once when I taught a "how to measure" class for the local Realtors. For the class I used both to show the speed and accuracy advantage of a laser to the Realtors and from that class several bought a DISTO. Most threw away their ultrasonic devices when they saw they were not accurate.

— Paul James

I've been appraising for nearly 10 years now. About 2 years ago I started using a DISTO and haven't looked back at my tape. I use it on everything from using it on long

walls that my tape claw used to fall off of, to the little nook and cranny inside the utility closet. It's saved hours of time and scrapes and bruises. No more walking against the wall in the mud and between thorny bushes. Just keep your batteries charged. Going back to the tape might make you cry.

— Cru Jones

I use the A3 for the small size of the unit. It rests in the little holder — so I have that on one finger of my left hand, have a small Casio camera dangling from another finger on my left hand, and my Tilt (HTC) phone/pda in my left — so I can write notes, sketch, etc with my stylus, then grab the DISTO, take the measurements, slide it back in the holder, and tap it or write it in.

I love this A3 unit. Good accuracy — and fairly easy visibility outside. If I can't find a shaded area of the home to hit, I'll get my red sunglasses out of the car — and wear them around in the Florida Sunshine to better see the dot.

These are the only tools I take into any inspection with me now and I love it!

— Richard Ferris