The Channel Mixer



Each channel of channel mixer increases or decreases value of just that channel.
Eg. In R channel, moving any of the RGB sliders will only affect the R channel. In G channel, moving any slider will only affect the $G$ channel.
This value change causes saturation, luminosity, and hue shift, pending how it combines with values in the other channels.
If value $=0$, decreasing that value will have no apparent affect
If value $=255$, increasing that value will have no apparent affect
The three sliders in each channel must sum to $100 \%$ in order for greys to remain neutral.

Below are tables showing how the primary, secondary and tertiary colours will shift, pending which slider is adjusted in which channel. Here are the formulas used to find these colours:

Decrease: Channel value - (adjustment percentage * slider colour value)
Increase: Channel value + (adjustment percentage * slider colour value)

Eg 1. You are adjusting Violet, which is R 128 , G $0, B 255$. You decrease the B slider by $50 \%$ in the R channel.
Channel value $=128$, adjustment $\%=0.5$, slider colour value $=255$
Therefore, new value $=128-(0.5 * 255)=0$
New RGB value $=$ R 0, G 0, B 255. New colour is Blue.

Eg 2. You are adjusting Peach, which is R 255, G 128 , B 128 . You increase the R slider by $200 \%$ in the $G$ channel.
Channel value $=128$, adjustment $\%=2$, slider colour value $=255$
Therefore, new value $=128+(2 * 255)=638$
New RGB value $=$ R 255, G 638, B 128
However because you cannot have a value <0 or > 255, our new value is R 255, G 255, B 128 . New colour is Lemon.

Keep in mind it is the values that are changing, so the colours will look slightly different in each colour space.
The profile used in this document is "Generic RGB" in Excel.
*blank spaces indicate colour stays the same.

## Red Channel



Green Channel


## Blue Channel



Notes:
You might wonder why increasing B in B channel has no effect on blues. That is because all starting blues in these tables are already at 100\% saturation (B 255 ). Ditto increasing $G$ in $G$ channel, and $R$ in $R$ channel.
You cannot saturate past $100 \%$. However increasing B in less saturated blues will have an affect. Ditto $G$ in less saturated greens, and $R$ in less saturated reds.

## Red channel

| Increase | Any | Turns $\mathrm{N}>\mathrm{R}$. Saturates R. Desaturates C . |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | R | Any colour with red in it ( $L, Y, O, R, P, M, V)$ becomes more red. Turns $L>Y, V>M$ |
|  | G | Any colour with green in it ( $T, C, A, G, L, Y, O)$ becomes more red. Turns $G>Y, C>W$ |
|  | B | Any colour with blue in it ( $P, M, V, B, T, C, A)$ becomes more red. Turns B > M, Turns C > W. |
| Decrease | Any | Turns $\mathrm{N}>\mathrm{C}$. Desaturates R. Saturates C . |
|  | R | Any colour with red in it ( $L, Y, O, R, P, M, V)$ becomes more cyan. Turns $Y>G, B>M, R>K$ |
|  | G | Any colour with green in it ( $T, C, A, G, L, Y, O)$ becomes more cyan. Turns $Y>G$ |
|  | B | Any colour with blue in it ( $\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{V}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{T}, \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{A}$ ) becomes more cyan. Turns $\mathrm{M}>\mathrm{B}$ |
| Green channel |  |  |
| Increase | Any | Turns $\mathrm{N}>\mathrm{G}$. Saturates R. Desaturates M. |
|  | R | Any colour with red in it ( $L, Y, O, R, P, M, V$ ) becomes more green. Turns $R>Y, M>W$. |
|  | G | Any colour with green in it ( $T, C, A, G, L, Y, O)$ becomes more green. Turns $O>Y, T>C$. |
|  | B | Any colour with blue in it ( $P, M, V, B, T, C, A)$ becomes more green. Turns $B>C, M>W$ |
| Decrease | Any | Turns $N>M$. Desaturates R. Saturates $M$. |
|  | R | Any colour with red in it ( $L, Y, \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{R}, \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{V}$ ) becomes more magenta. Turns $\mathrm{Y}>\mathrm{R}$. |
|  | G | Any colour with green in it ( $T, C, A, G, L, Y, O$ ) becomes more magenta. Turns $Y>R, C>B, G>K$ |
|  | B | Any colour with blue in it ( $P, M, V, B, T, C, A$ ) becomes more magenta. Turns $C>B$ |
| Blue channel |  |  |
| Increase | Any | Turns $\mathrm{N}>\mathrm{B}$. Saturates B. Desaturates Y . |
|  | R | Any colour with red in it ( $L, Y, O, R, P, M, V)$ becomes more blue. Turns $R>M, Y>W$ |
|  | G | Any colour with green in it ( $T, C, A, G, L, Y, O)$ becomes more blue. Turns $G>C, Y>W$ |
|  | B | Any colour with blue in it ( $P, M, V, B, T, C, A)$ becomes more blue. Turns $P>M, A>C$ |
| Decrease | Any | Turns $\mathrm{N}>\mathrm{Y}$. Desaturates B . Saturates Y . |
|  | R | Any colour with red in it ( $L, Y, O, R, P, M, V$ ) becomes more yellow. Turns $M>R$ |
|  | G | Any colour with green in it ( $T, C, A, G, L, Y, O)$ becomes more yellow. Turns $C>G$ |
|  | B | Any colour with blue in it ( $P, M, V, B, T, C, A$ ) becomes more yellow. Turns $C>G, M>R, B>K$ |

## Trends:

Increasing sliders gives secondaries and pastels.
Decreasing sliders gives primaries and darks

Increasing sliders that don't match the channel (Eg. R and G in B) turns affected primaries into secondaries between slider colour and channel colour on the hue wheel, and the channels opposite white. Increasing sliders that do match the channel (Eg. B in B) turns affected tertiaries at edge of slider colours range into secondary of that channel.

Decreasing sliders that don't match the channel (Eg. R and G in B) turns affected secondaries between slider colour and channel colour on the hue wheel into slider colour. Decreasing sliders that do match the channel (Eg. B in B) turns both affected secondaries into primaries that don't match the channel, and the channel black

Now to really make your head spin, try increasing and decreasing in multiple directions, in multiple channels!

