

Texas Instruments TI-Nspire CX (N3/TBL/1L1/J, N3/TBL/2L1)

Texas Instruments TI-Nspire CX Graphing Calculator User Manual

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1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Texas Instruments TI-Nspire CX Graphing Calculator is a powerful tool designed for advanced mathematics and science education. It features a full-color, backlit display that enhances visualization of equations, graphs, and geometric representations. This handheld device supports the transfer of assignments between the calculator and a computer, allowing for flexible learning environments. Its capabilities include 3D graphing, real-world image integration, and a long-lasting rechargeable battery, making it a versatile and efficient instrument for students and professionals.

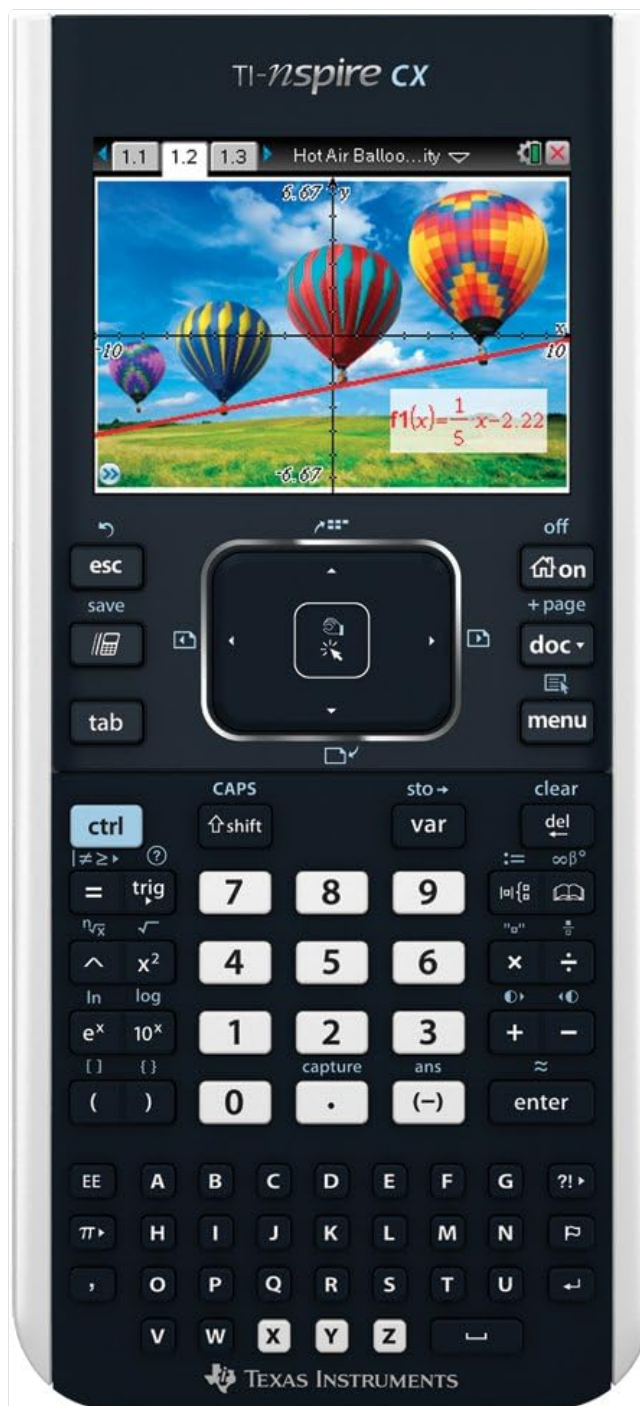


Figure 1: The TI-Nspire CX calculator showcasing a colorful graph with hot air balloons, demonstrating its full-color display capabilities.

2. WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Upon opening the package, verify that all components are present:

- TI-Nspire CX Graphing Calculator
- Charger
- Calculator Connector (USB cable for computer connection)
- Rechargeable Battery (pre-installed)
- Unit-to-Unit USB Cable (for connecting to another TI-Nspire CX handheld)
- Software License for Student Software (PC/Mac)

3. INITIAL SETUP

3.1 Charging the Battery

The TI-Nspire CX comes with a pre-installed rechargeable battery. Before initial use, it is recommended to fully charge the device. Connect the calculator to the charger using the provided cable. A full charge typically provides up to two weeks of normal use. The battery indicator on the screen will show the charging status.

3.2 Powering On/Off

- To power on the calculator, press the **ON** button located on the top right of the keypad.
- To power off, press **ON**, then select **Shut Down** from the menu, or hold the **ON** button for a few seconds.

3.3 Initial Configuration

Upon first power-on, you may be prompted to select a language and adjust basic settings. Follow the on-screen instructions using the touchpad and keypad to navigate and confirm selections.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Navigation and Keypad

The TI-Nspire CX features an intuitive touchpad for cursor control and menu navigation, similar to a computer mouse. The keypad is divided into several sections:

- **Touchpad:** Use your finger to move the cursor on the screen. Press down to select.
- **Document Keys:** Keys like **doc**, **menu**, **esc**, **tab** are used for document management and menu access.
- **Control Keys:** **ctrl** and **shift** (CAPS) modify the function of other keys.
- **Numeric Keypad:** Standard numbers and basic arithmetic operations.
- **Alphabetical Keypad:** For entering variables and text.

4.2 Working with Documents

The TI-Nspire CX operates on a document-based system. Each document can contain multiple "pages" with different applications (e.g., Calculator, Graphs, Geometry, Lists & Spreadsheet, Data & Statistics, Notes). To create a new document, press **doc** and select **New Document**.

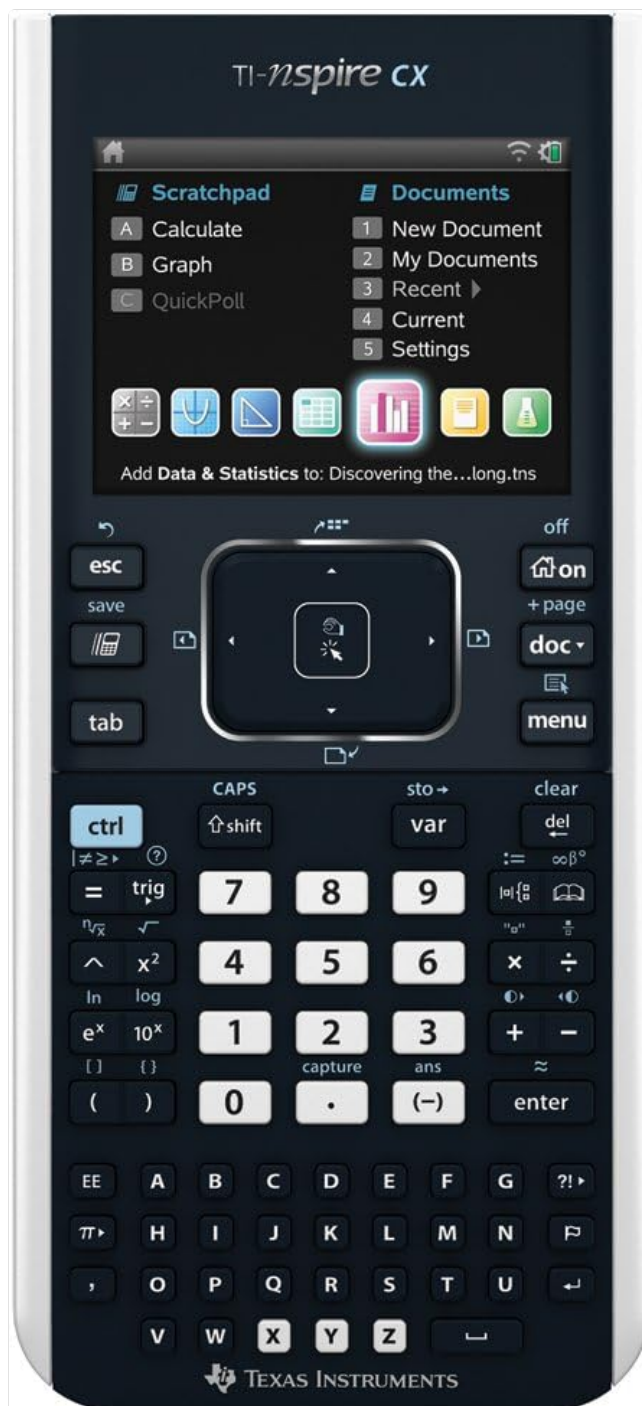


Figure 2: The calculator's main menu, showing options for creating new documents or accessing various applications like Scratchpad, Calculate, and Graph.

4.3 Graphing Functions

To graph a function:

1. From the Home screen or within a document, select the **Graphs** application.
2. Enter your equation(s) in the entry line. The full-color display allows for color-coding of multiple graphs for clarity.
3. Use the touchpad to pan and zoom the graph. Access graph analysis tools via the **menu** key.

4.4 3D Graphing

The TI-Nspire CX supports 3D graphing. Within the Graphs application, you can switch to 3D view to graph and rotate 3D functions. This feature allows for manual and automatic rotation, and you can customize the wire or surface color of your 3D graph for better visualization.



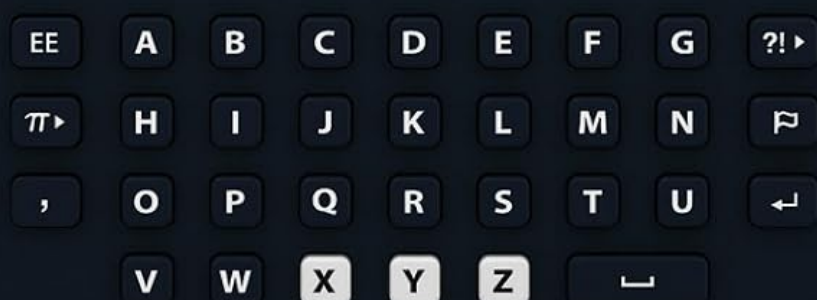
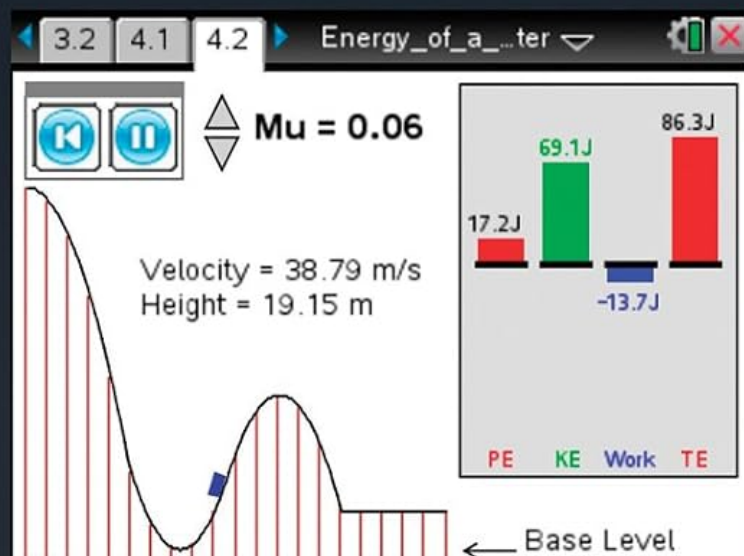


Figure 3: The calculator displaying an energy graph, illustrating its ability to visualize complex physics concepts with data points for velocity, height, and energy types.

4.5 Data Transfer

Connect your TI-Nspire CX to a computer (PC or Mac) using the provided Calculator Connector USB cable. With the TI-Nspire Student Software installed on your computer, you can transfer documents, assignments, and data between the handheld and your computer, facilitating work outside of the classroom.

5. KEY FEATURES

- **Full-Color Backlit Display:** A high-resolution, 320 x 240 pixel (3.5 inches diagonal) screen with 125 DPI and 16-bit color depth for clear and vibrant visuals.
- **Rechargeable Battery:** An included Lithium Metal battery provides up to two weeks of typical use on a single charge, eliminating the need for disposable alkaline batteries.
- **Thin and Lightweight Design:** The sleek design ensures portability and comfortable handling.
- **Intuitive Touchpad Navigation:** Easy and precise cursor control for navigating menus and graphs.
- **Ample Memory:** Equipped with 100 MB of storage memory and 64 MB of operating memory for storing documents and data.
- **3D Graphing Capabilities:** Visualize and manipulate 3D functions with options for rotation and color customization.
- **Real-World Image Integration:** Overlay math and science concepts on digital images or personal photos to discover real-world connections.
- **Student Software Compatibility:** Transfer assignments and work seamlessly between the handheld and computer software.

6. MAINTENANCE

6.1 Cleaning

To clean the calculator, use a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn smudges, slightly dampen the cloth with water. Avoid using harsh chemicals, abrasive cleaners, or solvents, as these can damage the screen or casing.

6.2 Battery Care

To prolong battery life, avoid fully discharging the battery frequently. Charge the calculator regularly, especially if it will be stored for an extended period. Store the calculator in a cool, dry place.

6.3 Storage

When not in use, store the calculator in its protective cover or a suitable case to prevent scratches and damage to the screen and keypad.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

7.1 Calculator Does Not Turn On

- Ensure the battery is charged. Connect the calculator to the charger and allow it to charge for at least 30 minutes before attempting to power on again.
- Perform a soft reset by pressing and holding the **ON** button for approximately 10 seconds.

7.2 Screen is Blank or Frozen

- Try adjusting the screen brightness (if applicable, via menu settings).
- Perform a soft reset as described above. If the issue persists, connect to a computer with TI-Nspire Student Software to check for firmware updates.

7.3 Data Transfer Issues

- Ensure the Calculator Connector USB cable is securely connected to both the calculator and the computer.
- Verify that the TI-Nspire Student Software is correctly installed and running on your computer.
- Try using a different USB port on your computer.

8. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	N3/TBL/1L1/J, N3/TBL/2L1
Display Type	Full-Color, Backlit LCD
Screen Size	3.5 inches diagonal
Screen Resolution	320 x 240 pixels, 125 DPI, 16-bit color
Storage Memory	100 MB
Operating Memory	64 MB
Battery	Rechargeable Lithium Metal (included)
Dimensions	11.8 x 7.25 x 2 inches
Item Weight	7 ounces
Connectivity	USB for computer and unit-to-unit connection
Manufacturer	Texas Instruments

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

9.1 Warranty Information

Texas Instruments products are covered by a limited warranty. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the documentation included with your product or visit the official Texas Instruments website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

9.2 Customer Support

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Note: Product specifications and features are subject to change without notice.

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Question

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