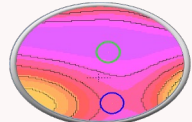


Powerboost Lenses: Understanding the Benefits and Limitations



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Powerboost




An energy drink can give you a quick pick me up.
What can we do to help with eye fatigue?

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Our Learning Journey:

- Brief Historical Background
- Marketing Message/Fitting Recommendations
- A Shallow Dive into the Characteristics and Performance
- Overview of Several Product Portfolios
- Case Presentations to Illustrate benefits and contraindications

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What is a Powerboost Lens?



Type of Near Task Specific Lens

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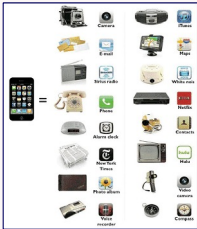
Technology Timeline: Over a century ago

1920's - 1930's - Radio
 1940's - 1950's - B&W TV
 1950's - 1990's - Color TV
 1990 - present- HD TV

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The Digital Revolution: Shift from Mechanical to Electronic



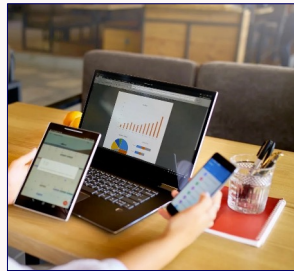
One small, handheld device = Lots of large individual things

50 years: Radio to Computer
20 years: digital devices major part of life

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The Physical and Visual Response

1990's: Computers are the major source of information



Breakdown of DES* Symptoms
(6 out of 10 adults report)

- 35% Neck/shoulder pain
- 27% Dry eyes
- 28% Headaches
- 32% Eye strain
- 28% Blurred vision

* DES = Digital Eye Strain, formerly Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS)

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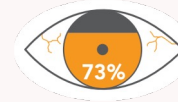
Some Perspective on DES

The Vision Council Digital Eye Strain Report



90%

of patients do not talk with their eye care provider about digital device usage.



73% of Americans said they did not know about the benefits of computer eyewear.

#1 reason for not wearing computer eyewear:
"My eye care provider never recommended them"

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Lens Manufacturers Respond to DES

2009: Essilor launches Anti-Fatigue Lens

"... Essilor Anti-Fatigue lenses feature a special "Power Boost" area in the lower portion of the lens, to give the wearer's eyes greater clarity and comfort when focusing up-close for extended periods..."

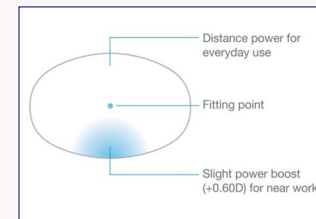
- Compensate for:
- DES
 - Closer working distance



POWERBOOST term created by Dr. Dennis Fong

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Design Idea



Design:

- 0.60D "power boost" in the lower lens
- Performs like a Single Vision lens; minimal swim and magnification
- Reduces Digital Eye Strain symptoms

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Marketing Messages



| Marketing Messages | Alternate Names |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Target Pt: Pre & emerging presbyopes ● Treat DES ● Excessive Digital Device Usage ● Compensate closer WD (33 cm) ● Boost ≠ ADD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anti-Fatigue Lens ● Single Vision with a power boost ● Starter Progressive |

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Powerboost Lenses – Fitting Guides

Hoya Sync III

ORDERING

When ordering, please provide the Distance Prescription and the chosen level of near functional support.

MINIMAL OR NO SYMPTOMS
SYNC 5 (+0.57D)

MILD TO MODERATE SYMPTOMS
SYNC 9 (+0.95D)

MODERATE TO SEVERE SYMPTOMS
SYNC 13 (+1.32D)

Fitting Zeiss Digital Lens

SELECT LENS
ZEISS Digital Lens is fitted like a progressive lens. ZEISS Digital Lens is available in 4 add powers, ranging from +0.50D to +1.25D. The appropriate add power should be determined by a near refraction.

Fitting Guides

- By Symptoms?
- By Age?
- By Add Power? (Boost Power?)

Essilor Eyezen

| EYEZEN 0 | EYEZEN 1 | EYEZEN 2 | EYEZEN 3 | EYEZEN 4 |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Patients age 17 & under (0.50 diopeters) | Patients age 18 to 24 (0.65 diopeters) | Patients age 25 to 29 (0.80 diopeters) | Patients age 30 to 44 (0.95 diopeters) | Patients age 45 to 54 (1.10 diopeters) |
| TYPICAL PATIENT PROFILE: Child, Teen | TYPICAL PATIENT PROFILE: Student, Young Professional | TYPICAL PATIENT PROFILE: Parent of Young Child, Experienced Professional | TYPICAL PATIENT PROFILE: Parent of Teen, Manager | TYPICAL PATIENT PROFILE: Parent of Teen, Executive |

Designed for:

- Light to moderate digital eye strain symptoms
- Default for patients 34 years or younger

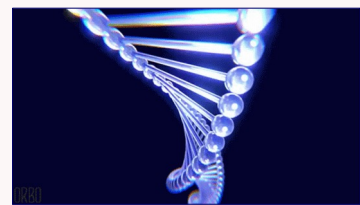
Designed for:

- More severe digital eye strain symptoms
- Default for patients 35 years or older

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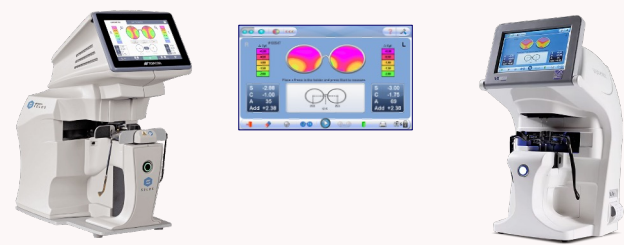
Deconstructing a Powerboost Lens

- Optical Properties
- Performance Comparison
 - Single Vision
 - Bifocal
 - Computer Lens
 - PAL
- Boost = ADD?



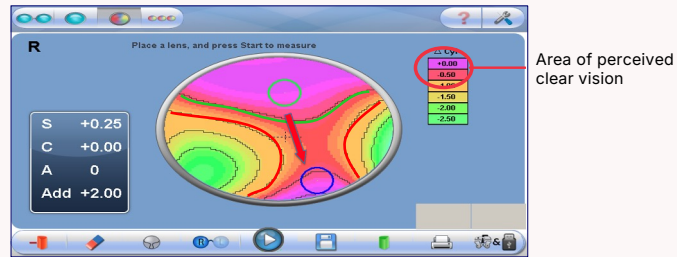
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How can we better understand variable power lens designs?



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What Can We Measure?

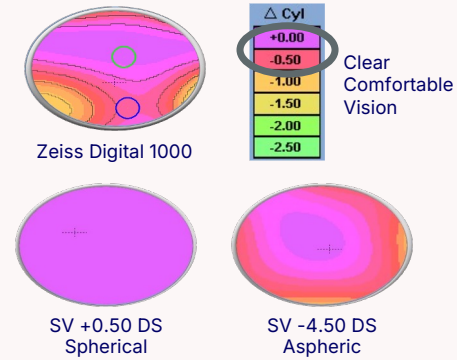


Cylinder Aberration Contour Plot

- Perceived clear vision
- Isometric contour lines (unwanted cylinder)

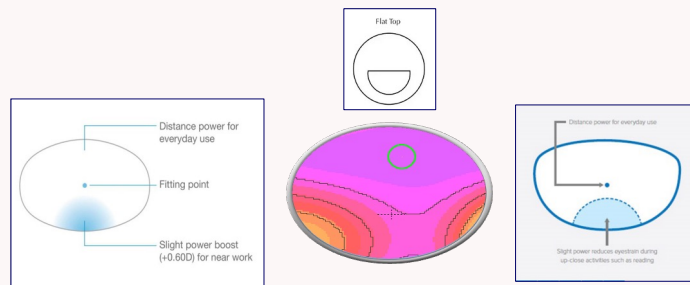
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Is a Powerboost = Single Vision?



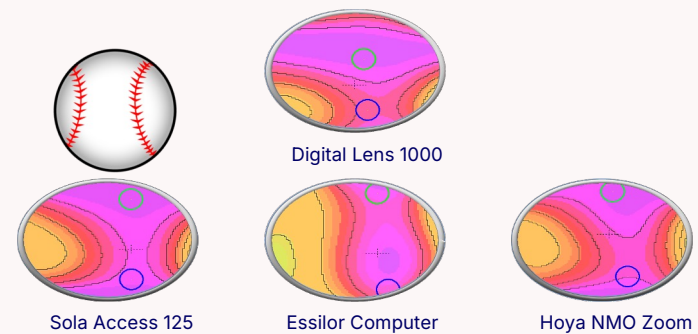
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Is a Powerboost = Bifocal?



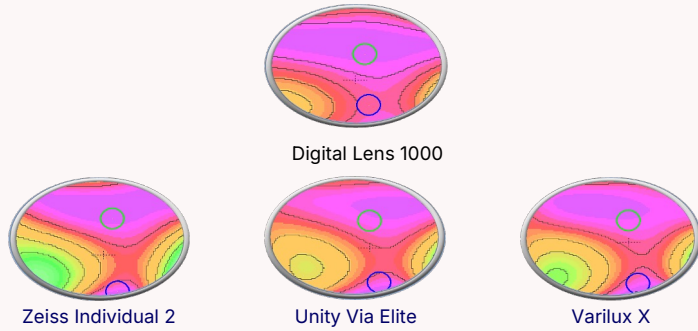
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Is a Powerboost Lens = Computer Lens?



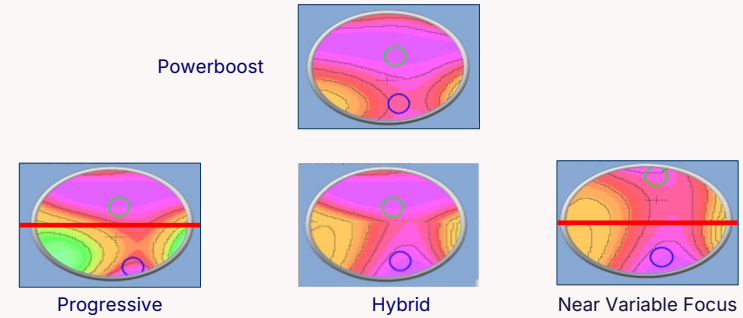
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Is a Powerboost = Progressive lens?



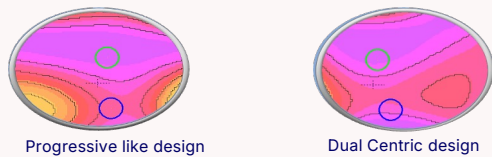
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Powerboost Lens Design Characteristics



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A Better Description



- Specialized progressive-like or dual centric lens
- reduces digital eye strain signs and symptoms
 - compensates for a closer working distance

Prescribing and Fitting

- severity of the symptoms
- patient's age
- exam data

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Powerboost Marketing Material

- Wide clear distance
 - Wide short power progression
 - Fast access to near power
 - Large wide near area
 - Low Add Power +0.40 to +1.32
 - Very low aberration
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Fitting & Ordering Guidelines

Dist. Mono PD
OD = 29
OS = 28

Fitting Ht. = Pupil Center

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NAME: Annie ADDRESS: _____ DATE: _____

| | SPHERICAL | CYLINDRICAL | AXIS | PRISM | BASE |
|------|-----------|-------------|------|-------|------|
| D.O. | +1.00 | DS | | | |
| D.S. | +1.00 | DS | | | |
| N.V. | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

Remarks: Zeiss Digital 1000

DR: _____

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Powerboost
Lenses
Product
Portfolio

| Power Boost Lenses | | Boost at the Bottom |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Zeiss Digital Lens | Digital 500 | +0.50 |
| | Digital 750 | +0.75 |
| | Digital 1000 | +1.00 |
| | Digital 1250 | +1.25 |
| Eyezen | Eyezen +1 | +0.40 |
| | Eyezen +2 | +0.60 |
| | Eyezen +3 | +0.85 |
| | Eyezen +4 | +1.10 |
| Hoya Sync III | Hoya Sync 5 | +0.57 |
| | Hoya Sync 9 | +0.95 |
| | Hoya Sync 13 | +1.32 |
| Unity Relieve | Relieve 50 | +0.50 |
| | Relieve 70 | +0.70 |
| Shamir Relax | Relax 50 | +0.50 |
| | Relax 65 | +0.65 |
| | Relax 80 | +0.80 |

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Why the odd numbers?

Acc. Demand + Lag

2.97D

0.40D

2.57D

[Viewing distance and character size in the use of smartphones across the lifespan](#)

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Symptoms Related to DES

Digital Eye Strain – Symptoms

- Red, Dry, Irritated, Sore Eyes
- Blurred Vision at Distance and/or Near
- Eye Fatigue
- Neck and Back Pain
- Headaches

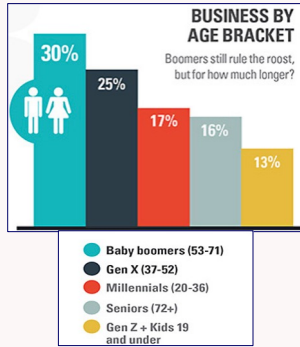
Digital Eye Strain – Areas of Concern

- Refractive Errors
- Accommodative Disorders
- Binocular Vision Dysfunctions
- Dry, Sore Eyes
- Presbyopia

[NeuroLens Life Index](#)

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Who's Sitting in Your Chair?



- Baby Boomers + Gen X = fill most appointments
- Spectacles \$ = 62% of total revenue
 - Half from premium lenses
- Sales are increasing for
 - Computer
 - Anti-fatigue
 - PAL's

Eyecare Business January 2018 and 2020 Mega Market Trends

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How to prescribe and recommend a PBL?



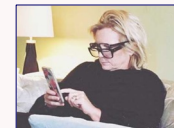
Latent Hyperopes
BV Disorders



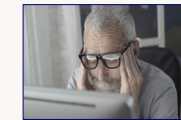
Myopes w/ Eff
ADD



Young People



Int/Near Presbyope



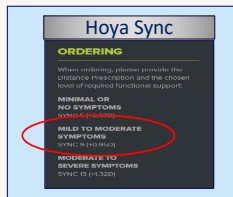
Digital Device User

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Fitting only by Manufacture's Guidelines



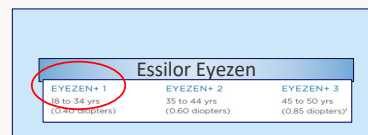
Symptom Severity: Mild
Rx: Hoya Sync 9 (+0.95D)



Convergence Insufficiency



Age: 32
Rx: Eyezen +1 (+0.40D)



Caution



Effective Add = +4.00
without glasses

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Powerboost for the Emerging Presbyope

| Power Boost Lenses | Boost at the Bottom |
|--------------------|--|
| Zeiss Digital Lens | Digital 500 +0.50 Digital 750 +0.75 Digital 1000 +1.00 Digital 1250 +1.25 |
| Eyezen | Eyezen +1 +0.40 Eyezen +2 +0.60 Eyezen +3 +0.85 Eyezen +4 +1.10 |
| Unity Relieve | Relieve 50 +0.50 Relieve 70 +0.70 |
| Shamir Relax | Relax 50 +0.50 Relax 65 +0.65 Relax 80 +0.80 |



Lisa 43 yo
Rx: +0.25 -0.75 x 180
+0.25 -0.50 x 005 Add +0.75

BV, OH, GH = WNL, unremarkable

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Accommodative Disorders



| Condition | NPA | Flippers | Treatment |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Insufficiency | Reduced | | (+) Lenses @ Near |
| Infacility | | Reduced | VT (+) Lenses @ Near |
| Spasm | | (+) difficult | VT (+) Lenses @ Near |
| Ill-Sustained | Reduced on Repeat | (-) difficult | (+) Lenses @ Near |

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Binocular Vision Conditions



| Condition | Treatment |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Exophoria | Prism, VT |
| Esophoria | (+) Lenses, Prism |
| Gross Convergence Insufficiency | Prism, VT |
| Convergence Excess | (+) Lenses, Prism |
| Vertical Phoria | Prism |

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Lens Designs for Rxing Near Plus



| Lenses | Benefits | Limitations |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Single Vision Near | Wide Field of View | Distance Blur |
| Bifocal | Wide Field of View | Cosmesis Image Jump |
| PAL | Cosmesis | Small Reading Area Narrow Corridor Cost |
| SV Distance with Near Power Boost | Wide Field of View Cosmesis Lower Cost | (Practically None) |

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Powerboost for Accommodative Esophoria

| Power Boost Lenses | Boost at the Bottom | |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Zeiss Digital Lens | Digital 500 | +0.50 |
| | Digital 750 | +0.75 |
| | Digital 1000 | +1.00 |
| | Digital 1250 | +1.25 |
| Eyezen | Eyezen +1 | +0.40 |
| | Eyezen +2 | +0.60 |
| | Eyezen +3 | +0.85 |
| | Eyezen +4 | +1.10 |
| Hoya Sync III | Hoya Sync 5 | +0.57 |
| | Hoya Sync 9 | +0.95 |
| | Hoya Sync 13 | +1.32 |



Annie: 11yo
CC: Ped MD referral for H/As, onset @ beginning of school year

Dry/Wet Ret. and Refraction:
Dist. Rx: +1.00 DS ADD +1.00

Dist CT : ortho Near CT: 5 Esophoria
AC/A = 8/1

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Lab order

- Recommended Powerboost lens
- monocular distance PD
- fitting height (at pupil center)

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NAME Annie
ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

| R | | SPHERICAL | CYLINDRICAL | AXIS | PRISM | BASE |
|------|------|-----------|-------------|------|-------|------|
| D.V. | O.D. | +1.00 | DS | | | |
| | O.S. | +1.00 | DS | | | |
| N.V. | O.D. | ⊘ | | | | |
| | O.S. | | | | | |

Remarks **Zeiss Digital 1000**


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FM-1075

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Powerboost for Students

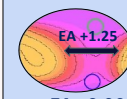
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| Unity Relieve | Relieve 50 +0.50 Relieve 70 +0.70 |
| Shamir Relax | Relax 50 +0.50 Relax 65 +0.65 Relax 80 +0.80 |




Sophie: 20 yo College student
CC: Eye strain and blurry vision in class
**Rx: -0.75 DS
-1.00 DS add +0.75**
Acc. Insuff.
BV, OH, GH = WNL, unremarkable

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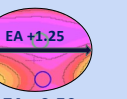
Powerboost for Intermediate/Near Use




EA +1.25
Access 1.25



EA +1.25
NVF- Int/Near



EA +1.25
Powerboost



| Power Boost Lenses | Boost at the Bottom |
|--------------------|--|
| Zeiss Digital Lens | Digital 500 +0.50 Digital 750 +0.75 Digital 1000 +1.00 Digital 1250 +1.25 |
| Hoya Sync III | Hoya Sync 5 +0.57 Hoya Sync 9 +0.95 Hoya Sync 13 +1.32 |

Fred: 61yo w/multiple screens
CC: Trouble seeing at near w/ Access 75
Rx: Plano OU, Int. +1.25, Near +2.50
BV, OH, GH = WNL, unremarkable

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Master Rx

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| R | | SPHERICAL | CYLINDRICAL | AXIS | PRISM | BASE |
|------|------|-----------|-------------|------|-------|------|
| D.V. | O.D. | Plano | DS | | | |
| | O.S. | Plano | DS | | | |
| N.V. | O.D. | +2.50 | | | | |
| | O.S. | +2.50 | | | | |

Remarks **Intermediate = +1.25**

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Powerboost Rx

Int = +1.25
Near = +2.57

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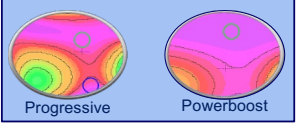
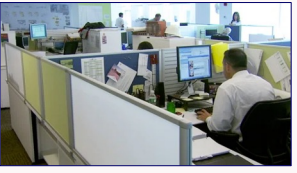
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| | O.S. | +1.25 | DS | | | |
| N.V. | O.D. | ⊘ | | | | |
| | O.S. | | | | | |

Remarks **Hoya Sync 13 for Intermediate/Near**

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Powerboost for Progressing Presbyope

| Power Boost Lenses | | Boost at the Bottom |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Zeiss Digital Lens | Digital 500 | +0.50 |
| | Digital 750 | +0.75 |
| | Digital 1000 | +1.00 |
| | Digital 1250 | +1.25 |
| Eyezen | Eyezen +1 | +0.40 |
| | Eyezen +2 | +0.60 |
| | Eyezen +3 | +0.85 |
| | Eyezen +4 | +1.10 |
| Hoya Sync III | Hoya Sync 5 | +0.57 |
| | Hoya Sync 9 | +0.95 |
| | Hoya Sync 13 | +1.32 |

Walter: 57yo IT Support
CC: Trouble seeing at near current PAL
Current PAL: +1.00 DS OU add +1.50
RX: +1.00 DS OU Int: +1.25 Near +2.25
BV, OH, GH = WNL, unremarkable

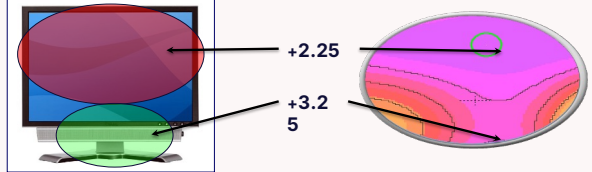
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Example: Powerboost as Intermediate/Near

Rx +1.00D, add +1.25 intermediate, add +2.25 near

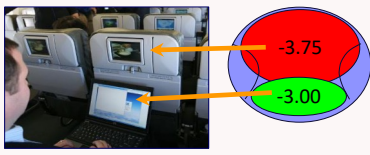
Zeiss Digital 1000 (+1.00 boost)

| Powerboost Lens | Power at FRP | Distance (above FRP) | Near (below FRP) | Power at near |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Zeiss Digital 1000 | Intermediate add | No distance | 14mm | Boost power |



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Powerboost for the Traveling Presbyope




| Power Boost Lens | Boost at the Bottom | |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Zeiss Digital Lens | Digital 500 | +0.50 |
| | Digital 750 | +0.75 |
| | Digital 1000 | +1.00 |
| | Digital 1250 | +1.25 |
| Eyezen | Eyezen +1 | +0.40 |
| | Eyezen +2 | +0.60 |
| | Eyezen +3 | +0.85 |
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| | Relieve 70 | +0.70 |
| Shamir Relax | Relax 50 | +0.50 |
| | Relax 65 | +0.65 |
| | Relax 80 | +0.80 |

Evan: 56 YO retired Silicon Valley tech, traveling the world
CC: PAL not ideal for viewing seat-back screens in flight
Rx: -5.00 DS OU Add +2.00
Seatback screen EA +1.25
BV, OH, GH = WNL, unremarkable

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Clinical Pearls

- Developed to relieve DES, closer WD
- Cat = SV, but more like hybrid variable power lens
- Prescribe using visual assessment data
- Not just for Pre-presbyopes/Digital Eye Strain
 - Accommodative Disorders
 - Binocular Dysfunction
 - 1st time PAL
 - Task Specific/Advanced Presbyope



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Contraindications

- Convergence insufficiency
- Moderate exophoria at near



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At the End of the Day



Sunset over UC Berkeley

- Did I address the chief concern with the appropriate recommendations?
- Is it an improvement over what they are used to?
- Continue to develop your skills in the art and science of vision care.
- Practice with compassion.

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