



# **DISC Self and Motivators - Lite**

A Dual Evaluation of Behavioral & Motivational Styles

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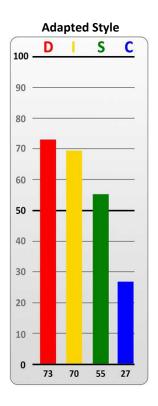


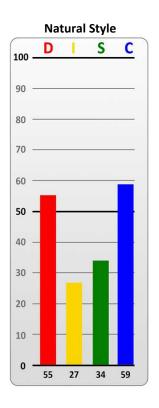
### **UNDERSTANDING DISC & MOTIVATORS**

# **DISC STYLES**

DISC is a simple, practical, easy to remember and universally applicable model. It focuses on individual patterns of external, observable behaviors and measures the intensity of characteristics using scales of directness and openness for each of the four styles:

Dominance, Influence, Steadiness, and Conscientious.





Sample, you score like those who maintain a high sense of urgency in most things they do. You are always thinking about more efficient or effective ways of getting things done. This urgent tempo can help propel you and your team to new successes, but may sometimes cause frustration on your part when faced with setbacks.

You tend to be assertive and responsive to creative ideas and solutions. When in creative mode, you may tend to withdraw a bit and process information internally. Once the decision has been made, or the solution created, you emerge as a more assertive and mission-focused leader. Sample, you score like those who push the envelope of their own creativity, and tend to lead their teams to optimal performance. To get the most out of this trait, be certain to display a more people-oriented side at times, so that others on the team can see this side of you as well.

You make day-to-day operational decisions very quickly and easily. You put substantially more time, effort, and caution into larger decisions. You score like some who tend to be worriers, in a good sense, because of the level of detail and quality of thought behind the important decisions you make. At times, you may present yourself with "double-bind" situations: "damned if you do, and damned if you don't." You may reduce stress in these types of situations by seeking input from trusted advisors.



# **WORD SKETCH - Adapted Style**

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This chart shows your ADAPTED DISC Graph as a "Word Sketch." Use it with examples to describe why you do what you do and what's important to you when it comes to (D)ominance of Problems, (I)nfluence of People, (S)teadiness of Pace, or (C)onscientiousness of Procedures. Share more about the specific needs that drive you in each area of FOCUS. If your DISC intensity scores at levels 1 and 2, your emotions and needs are the opposite of those at Levels 5 and 6 in that area.

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# **WORD SKETCH - Natural Style**

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This chart shows your NATURAL DISC Graph as a "Word Sketch." Use it with examples to describe why you do what you do and what's important to you when it comes to (D)ominance of Problems, (I)nfluence of People, (S)teadiness of Pace, or (C)onscientiousness of Procedures. Share more about the specific needs that drive you in each area of FOCUS. If your DISC intensity scores at levels 1 and 2, your emotions and needs are the opposite of those at Levels 5 and 6 in that area.

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# Your Behavioral Style: Explorer

Explorers display opposing directions in their behaviors. There is a desire for results and goal achievement AND a competing desire for those results to be perfect. Explorers shift between aggression and sensitivity, the desire for immediate results vs. consideration of alternatives. They often make routine decisions quickly but may need to exercise caution for bigger ones. They are change agents who will want the space and flexibility to explore by retesting and revisiting their conclusions over time. They can be seen as emotionally distant and sometimes surprisingly direct.

Below are some key behavioral insights to keep in mind and share with others to strengthen your relationships.

- **Emotional characteristic:** May shift between being aggressive or restrained.
- Goals: Achieving dominance and reaching unique goals.
- **How others are valued:** Do others meet their standards? Can others present unique ideas that move things forward both effectively and accurately?
- Influences group: Will establish an observable focus on building structures to help the group achieve objectives and accomplish goals.
- Value to the organization: Will initiate or adjust tactics and plans.
- **Cautions:** Can become overly critical, blunt with others and sometime look down at other peoples ideas.
- **Under Pressure:** Can become bored with routine tasks. Does not respond well to micro-management. Can attempt to dominate situations and trailblaze.
- Fears: Situations without personal influence; will struggle with personal poor performance.



# **Adapting in Different Situations: AT WORK**

# **DOMINANT STYLE**

#### **HELP THEM TO:**

- More realistically gauge risks
- Exercise more caution and deliberation before making decisions
- Follow pertinent rules, regulations, and expectations
- Recognize and solicit others' contributions
- Tell others the reasons for decisions
- Cultivate more attention/responsiveness to emotions

### **INFLUENCING STYLE**

#### **HELP THEM TO:**

- Prioritize and organize
- See tasks through to completion
- View people and tasks more objectively
- Avoid overuse of giving and taking advice
- Write things down

### **STEADY STYLE**

### **HELP THEM TO:**

- Utilize shortcuts and discard unnecessary steps
- Track their growth
- Avoid doing things the same way
- Realize there is more than one approach to tasks
- Become more open to some risks and changes
- Feel sincerely appreciated
- Speak up and voice their thoughts and feelings

### **CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE**

#### **HELP THEM TO:**

- Share their knowledge and expertise with others
- Stand up for themselves with the people they prefer to avoid
- Shoot for realistic deadlines and parameters
- View people and tasks less seriously and critically
- Balance their lives with both interaction and tasks
- Keep on course with tasks, less checking
- Maintain high expectations for high priority items, not everything



# **Adapting in Different Situations: IN SALES AND SERVICE**

### **DOMINANT STYLE**

- Plan to be prepared, organized, fast-paced, and always to the point
- Meet them in a professional and businesslike manner
- Learn and study their goals and objectives what they want to accomplish, how they currently are motivated to do things, and what they would like to change
- Suggest solutions with clearly defined and agreed upon consequences as well as rewards that relate specifically to their goals
- Get to the point
- Provide options and let them make the decision, when possible

### **INFLUENCING STYLE**

- Take the initiative by introducing yourself in a friendly and informal manner and be open to new topics that seem to interest them
- Support their dreams and goals
- Illustrate your ideas with stories and emotional descriptions that they can relate to their goals or interests
- Clearly summarize details and direct these toward mutually agreeable objectives and action steps
- Provide incentives to encourage quicker decisions
- Give them testimonials

### **STEADY STYLE**

- Get to know them more personally and approach them in a non-threatening, pleasant, and friendly, but professional way
- Develop trust, friendship, and credibility at a relatively slow pace
- Ask them to identify their own emotional needs as well as their task or business expectations
- Get them involved by focusing on the human element... that is, how something affects them and their relationships with others
- Avoid rushing them and give them personal, concrete assurances, when appropriate
- Communicate with them in a consistent manner on a regular basis

#### CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE

- Prepare so that you can answer as many of their questions as soon as possible
- Greet them cordially, but proceed quickly to the task; don't start with personal or social talk
- Hone your skills in practicality and logic
- Ask questions that reveal a clear direction and that fit into the overall scheme of things
- Document how and why something applies
- Give them time to think; avoid pushing them into a hasty decision
- Tell them both the pros and cons and the complete story
- Follow through and deliver what you promise



# **Adapting in Different Situations: IN SOCIAL SETTINGS**

# **DOMINANT STYLE**

- Let them know that you don't intend to waste their time
- Convey openness and acceptance of them
- Listen to their suggestions
- Summarize their achievements and accomplishments
- Give them your time and undivided attention
- Appreciate and acknowledge them when possible

### **INFLUENCING STYLE**

- Focus on a positive, upbeat, warm approach
- Listen to their personal feelings and experiences
- Respond openly and congenially
- Avoid negative or messy problem discussions
- Make suggestions that allow them to look good
- Don't require much follow-up, detail or long-term commitments
- Give them your attention, time and presence

### **STEADY STYLE**

- Focus on a slower-paced, steady approach
- Avoid arguments and conflict
- Respond sensitively and sensibly
- Privately acknowledge them with specific, believable compliments
- Allow them to follow through on concrete tasks
- Show them step-by-step procedures
- Behave pleasantly and optimistically
- · Give them stability and minimum of change

### **CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE**

- Use a logical approach
- Listen to their concerns, reasoning, and suggestions
- Respond formally and politely
- Negative discussions are OK, so long as they aren't personally directed
- Privately acknowledge them about their thinking
- Focus on how pleased you are with their procedures
- Solicit their insights and suggestions
- Show them by what you do, not what you say



# **Adapting in Different Situations: IN LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

# **DOMINANT STYLE**

- Likes to learn quickly; may be frustrated with a slower pace
- Has own internal motivation-clock, learns for their own reasons, not for anyone else's reasons
- May like to structure their own learning design
- Does okay with independent self-study
- Defines own goals
- May have a short attention span

#### **INFLUENCING STYLE**

- Likes learning in groups
- Interacts frequently with others
- Responds to extrinsic motivation, praise, and encouragement
- Needs structure from the facilitator; may lose track of time
- Needs "what to do" and "when to do it"
- May exceed deadlines if left on their own and learning may be completed late

### **STEADY STYLE**

- Accepts a balance between individual and group work
- Shows patience with detailed or technical processes
- Likes journaling and follow-through
- · Prefers explicit instructions
- Wants to know the performance outcomes and expectations
- May need help in prioritizing tasks if a long assignment; may take criticism personally

### **CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE**

- Prefers individual work over group interaction
- Accepts more impersonal training, such as remote or on-line
- Has high expectations of their own performance
- Will structure their own activities only with explicit goals and outcomes established
- Emphasizes details, deep thinking, and theoretical bases for the learning
- May get overly bogged down in details, especially if the learning climate is pressured

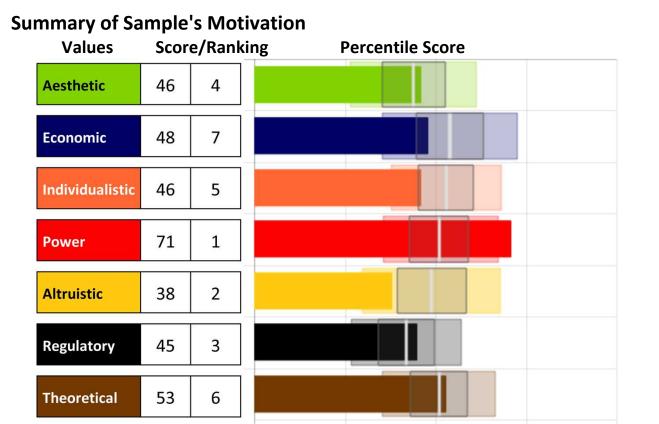


# A DEEPER LOOK AT THE FOUR DISCStyles™

Below is a chart to help you understand some of the characteristics of each of the Four Basic DISC Styles, so you can interact with each style more effectively. Although behavioral style is only a partial description of personality, it is quite useful in describing how a person behaves, and is perceived, in personal, social and work situations.

	HIGH DOMINANT STYLE	HIGH INFLUENCING STYLE	HIGH STEADY STYLE	HIGH CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE
Tends to Act	Assertive	Persuasive	Patient	Contemplative
When in Conflict, this Style	Demands	Attacks	Complies	Avoids
Needs	Control	Approval	Routine	Standards
Primary Drive	Independence	Interaction	Stability	Correctness
Preferred Tasks	Challenging	People related	Scheduled	Structured
Comfortable with	Being decisive	Social friendliness	Being part of a team	Order and planning
Personal Strength	Problem-solver	Encourager	Supporter	Organizer
Strength Overextended	Preoccupation- goals over people	Speaking without thinking	Procrastination in addressing change	Overanalyzing everything
Personal Limitation	Too direct and intense	Too disorganized and nontraditional	Too indecisive and indirect	Too detailed and impersonal
Personal Wants	Control, Variety	Approval, Less Structure	Routine, Harmony	Standards, Logic
Personal Fear	Losing	Rejection	Sudden Change	Being Wrong
Blind Spots	Being held accountable	Follow through on commitments	Embracing need for change	Struggle to make decisions without overanalyzing
Needs to Work on	Empathy, Patience	Controlling emotions, Follow through	Being assertive when pressured	Worrying less about everything
Measuring Maturity	Giving up control	Objectively handling rejection	Standing up for self when confronted	Not being defensive when criticized
Under Stress May Become	Dictatorial, Critical	Sarcastic, Superficial	Submissive, Indecisive	Withdrawn, Headstrong
Measures Worth by	Impact or results, Track record	Acknowledgments, Compliments	Compatibility, Contributions	Precision, Accuracy, Quality of results





1. The lightly colored, shaded area for each Motivator highlights the majority of the population's scores. This means that if you took a normal sample of motivator scores and ranked the scores from 0 – 100, you can expect that a majority of the scores would fall inside the shaded area. This indicates if most of the population scores higher or lower in the dimension. Are you similarly driven in your Motivators as most others are?

25%

50%

75%

100%

0%

- 2. The white, vertical line in the center of the lightly colored, shaded (majority) area represents the median score. Like the median in a road, the median divides the range of scores into equal halves. 50% of the scores are above the median line and 50% of the scores fall below the median line.
- 3. The norm box (small box plot) represents the AVERAGE scoring range. The scores inside this box represent the scores of people who are more like everyone else (therefore, it is considered normal). When your score falls inside the norm box, it is situational; you consistently ranked the statements of that dimension both high and low.
- 4. The **colored bar is aligned to your score from 1-100**. These reveal the **level of importance** of that motivator to you. Higher numbers mean you consistently ranked the motivator as more important & lower numbers mean the motivator was consistently ranked less important. The number also reveals placement in Very Low, Low, Average, High and Very High. The people who score within each group share common traits and descriptions (i.e. those who have Very Low scores will share common values with one another).
- 5. Your ranking reveals how influential the Motivators are to your behavior and decisions in order from 1-7. Keep in mind that some Motivators have relationships with other Motivators that strengthen them, but this is a true 1 through 7 ranking based on which are individually most impactful. Rankings are determined by each score's distance from 50. The farther away from 50, whether high or low, the more impact that Motivator will have.



# **Details of Sample's Motivation**



### **Aesthetic - Average**

You will balance yourself between creative alternatives and practical approaches without being extreme in either dimension.



### **Economic - Average**

You will balance yourself between being satisfied with what you have and a need for more.



# **Individualistic - Average**

You can both lead and follow and can be flexible between taking a stand or sitting quietly.



# **Power - Very High**

You will seek to achieve positions of authority and will be drawn to roles that allow you to direct and control.



### **Altruistic - Low**

You will make sure you position yourself, so you don't get burned when working closely with others.



### **Regulatory - Average**

You understand structure but will not be bound by another's idea if it does not work for you.



### **Theoretical - Average**

You can rely on both new information and what has worked in the past when making decisions.



# Sample's Aesthetic Motivator - Average

Strong desire and need to achieve equilibrium between the world around us and ourselves (within) while creating a sustainable work/life balance between the two. Creative, imaginative, arty, mystical and expressive, this style may redefine or resist real world approaches to current challenges.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You keep impractical and creative/mystical types grounded.
- You possess a healthy balance between style, purpose, and function.
- You can work well with others to create and transform.
- You work equally well with practical and imaginative, self-expressive types.

# Sample's Economic Motivator - Average

The motivation for security from self-interest, economic gains, and achieving real-world returns on personal ventures, personal resources, and focused energy. The preferred approach of this motivator is both a personal and a professional one with a focus on ultimate outcomes.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You are not driven by monetary rewards and competitive frameworks.
- You may believe money is for spending on things you want.
- You score in a range that indicates a lower interest in gaining material wealth.
- You may be sensitive to inequities and injustices and will not want to be a victim to others demands.

# Sample's Individualistic Motivator - Average

Need to be seen as autonomous, unique, independent, and to stand apart from the crowd. This is the drive to be socially independent and have opportunity for freedom of personal expression apart from being told what to do.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You likely won't "hog the ball" when working with others.
- You'll likely prefer to be seen and not heard.
- You are not one to steal the spotlight or gain excessive recognition.
- You appreciate a team mentality and will think in terms of "we" as opposed to "me."

# Sample's Power Motivator - Very High

Being seen as a leader, while having influence and control over one's environment and success. Competitiveness and control is often associated with those scoring higher in this motivational dimension.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You believe the skies the limit.
- You don't turn back: there's typically no Plan B with you.
- You may be looking for rewards and recognition for a job well done.
- You need signs of personal authority such as your name on your parking space.



# Sample's Altruistic Motivator - Low

An expression of the need or energy to benefit others at the expense of self. At times, there's genuine sincerity in this dimension to help others, but not always. Oftentimes an intense level within this dimension is more associated with low self-worth.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You'll likely see certain people as a means to any given end.
- You may think in terms of you first and others last.
- You will protect your own turf at times and want to qualify people you don't know.
- You may survive, as opposed to thrive, in certain life and business situations.

# Sample's Regulatory Motivator - Average

A need to establish order, routine and structure. This motivation is to promote a black and white mindset and a traditional approach to problems and challenges through standards, rules, and protocols to color within the lines.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You are generally in the middle when it comes to instructions, protocols, and having to do things a certain way.
- You can appreciate details to a point, but will likely not depend on them.
- You can challenge rules that do not make any sense to you.
- You may desire a more stable atmosphere with some structure and uniformity.

# Sample's Theoretical Motivator - Average

The desire to uncover, discover, and recover the "truth." This need to gain knowledge for knowledge sake is the result of an "itchy" brain. Rational thinking (frontal lobe), reasoning and problem solving are important to this dimension. This is all about the "need" to know why.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- Your technical prowess will be limited to the things you love.
- You want to know why, but won't let it get in your way of getting things done.
- You are more of a broad-minded person and less a detailed person when it comes to finding out why.
- You will likely learn what you need to learn in order to get to the next step.



# How to Assure Assessment Accuracy? Independent & Qualified Testing at Standards Set by the APA and EEOC.

- "...this DISC assessment has one of the highest Cronbach scores in the DISC marketplace."
- "...we applaud your efforts at making Motivators reliable and valid.."
- Assessment Standards Institute

#### The Assessment Industry's Past and Present

Assessments have been used since the mid-20th century, initially relied upon by Fortune 500s, calculated by highly skilled PhDs and produced by only a handful of trusted developers. With the advent of the internet in the 1990s, the ability to produce, market, and sell assessments became exponentially easier and less expensive. Since then, it has developed into a kind of "global cottage industry" with hundreds of new assessment developers, producing thousands of different assessments. Each developer purporting its assessments to be scientifically accurate instruments sold, resold and used by individuals and organizations of all kinds; including many of our largest institutions like Fortune 500s, major universities, world governments, and even military. Frighteningly, this "global cottage industry," which produces data relied upon by millions, is entirely unregulated with nothing to ensure its consumers are receiving what they are being told and sold. There are zero requirements, safeguards, laws or regulations ensuring the consumer receives a scientifically accurate instrument - or even what the developers and sellers claim.

### The Solution? Independent & Verifiable Testing by a Qualified Institution

The Assessment Standards Institute (ASI) provides our assessments with verifiably objective testing and reporting that meet standards set by the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). This battery of tests is both voluntary and verifiably transparent. Our goal? To ensure this assessment's professional merit and scientific accuracy for you, the user. These reports are readily available upon request and include:

### Construct Validity (APA Standards) [DISC & Motivators]

Construct validity is one of the most central concepts in psychology. It is the degree to which a test measures what it claims, or purports to be measuring. Researchers generally establish the construct validity of a measure by correlating it with a number of other measures and arguing from the pattern of correlations that the measure is associated with these variables in theoretically predictable ways.

#### Reliability - Cronbach's alpha (APA Standards) [DISC]

This technique is regarded as one of the most robust measures of reliability and presents the highest 'bar' from which to compare. The readers should note that Cronbach's alpha is the method selected for this instrument, because of its high standards. The reader is encouraged to compare reliability coefficients presented herein to other vendors, and also to ask those vendors which reliability formulas they used to compute their reliability coefficients. Cronbach's alpha is a measure used to assess the reliability, or internal consistency, of a set of scale or test items. In other words, the reliability of any given measurement refers to the extent to which it is a consistent measure of a concept, and Cronbach's alpha is one way of measuring the strength of that consistency.

### **External Data Reliability (APA Standards) [Motivators]**

The term reliability in psychological research refers to the consistency of a testing or assessment method. In this case we are measuring the reliability or consistency of assessment measures over time. External Reliability measures the extent to which assessment measure varies from one use to another. In this analysis we are measuring reliability from the use of a test at one time as compared to another time. The comparison is using a mean variance measure referred to as the mean value ratio. The mean value ratio measures the external or time consistency of an assessment.

#### Disparate Impact (EEOC Guidelines) [DISC & Motivators]

Employers often use tests and other selection procedures to screen applicants for hire and employees for promotion. The use of tests and other selection procedures can be a very effective means of determining which applicants or employees are most qualified for a job. However, use of these tools can also violate the EEOC Guidelines if they disproportionately exclude people in a protected group by class, race, sex, or another covered basis. Importantly, the law does allow for selection procedures to select the best candidates based on job related requirements. If the selection procedure has a disparate impact based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, the employer is required to show that the selection procedure is job related and consistent with business necessity. If discrimination exists, the challenged policy or practice should therefore be associated with the skills needed to perform the job successfully.

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