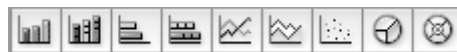


Illustrator Graphing and Symbol Sprayer Tools

These two are kind of odd tools out. The graphing tool has been around for some time, and the symbol sprayer is relatively new. The graphing tools make a lot of sense, and make drawing graphs quite simple, but the symbol sprayer? It seems another bit of feature creep. It's involved, takes a ton of power, and rates pretty high on the goofy scale. I'm quite sure there are people out there who have a legitimate use for it...

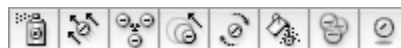
The Graphing Tool(s)



Without going into a lot of detail here, the Graph tools are used by clicking and dragging an area. The a box will open, allowing you to enter data, either by typing it in or importing it. The types of graphs are as follows: column, Stacked Column, Bar, Stacked Bar, Line, Area, Scatter, Pie, and Radar.

The graphs will be created in grayscale, and grouped, so selection is done with the Direct Selection tool, to color different parts. Entering data is similar to spreadsheet applications.

The Symbol Sprayer



Truly one of the goofiest tools... The Symbol Sprayer and its modifiers—Shifter, Scruncher, Sizer, Spinner, Stainer, Screener and Styler—basically spray out and then modify symbols, or predefined objects. I really don't care to go into much more than that (forgive me). Just play with it.

