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Light Reflectance Value

What is Light Reflectance Value (LRV)?

Light Reflectance Value (LRV) is the total quantity of visible light reflected by a surface, e.g. floorings, ceilings, walls and furniture, at all wavelengths and directions when illuminated by a light source.

The LRV scale runs from 0, which is a perfectly absorbing surface that could be assumed to be totally black, up to 100, which is a perfectly reflective surface that could be considered to be the perfect white. Because of practical influences in any application, black is always greater than 0 and white never equals 100. Additional to colour, the structure and gloss of the product or surface are determining factors for LRV.

The LRV value is directly measured according to British Standard 8493:2008 'Light Reflectance Value (LRV) of a surface'.

The L*-value (colour depth) is sometimes being used to calculate visual contrast, but should not be mixed up with the LRV as it is significantly higher. However, the L*-value can be used to calculate the LRV of a surface (also referred to as the 'ρ-value' (rho)), as a close approximation of the directly measured LRV according to BS 8493.

Formula: $\rho(\rho) = 100 \times ((L+16)/116)^3$

Product name: **DESSO Desert**

Results:

Colour	L*	LRV	Colour	L*	LRV	Colour	L*	LRV
1321	63.17	31.79	5402	50.40	18.76	8823	32.30	7.22
1914	57.24	25.17	6118	54.04	22.01	8915	45.02	14.56
2021	30.89	6.60	6431	49.76	18.22	9093	30.62	6.49
2117	27.22	5.17	7173	43.99	13.83	9508	52.74	20.81
2914	51.13	19.38	7852	41.67	12.29	9516	38.51	10.38
2928	61.87	30.25	7921	25.60	4.61	9518	56.83	24.75
4413	26.91	5.06	8114	41.46	12.15	9523	43.97	13.82
5121	37.19	9.64	8521	22.38	3.62	9580	27.95	5.44

Measurements tool/equipment/conditions:

- standard illuminant CIE D65
- 10° standard colorimetric observer
- 100% UV
- specular component included
- aperture: large

For more information on LRV in general and test results per product, visit www.tarkett.com