

Test report

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: **Sienna**

Results:

Colour	L*	LRV
9985	28.09	5.49
9955	37.22	9.66
9001	21.56	3.39
9531	25.80	4.68
8411	25.62	4.62
7412	32.26	7.20
8802	37.40	9.76
9606	46.02	15.29
3111	26.99	5.09
7561	33.23	7.64
3811	21.19	3.29
2921	27.45	5.25

Colour	L*	LRV
8313	31.55	6.89
2053	36.90	9.48
4301	30.34	6.38
9031	23.32	3.89
8171	27.23	5.18
2933	35.94	8.98
2117	24.43	4.23
3021	24.94	4.40
7283	35.68	8.84
4031	22.32	3.60
9970	37.87	10.02
8224	40.06	11.29

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.desso.com