## Light Reflective Values: The Importance of Contrast

Light Reflective Values are a measure of how much useful light is reflected by individual coloured objects in an interior space. Rather than a measure of colour; it's a measure of light and dark. The scale runs from 0 to 100 with black being 0 and white, 100. Different colours could have similar LRVs. Darker colours will tend to absorb more light rather than reflect.

Contrast is a fundamental element of interior design as it adds visual interest to a space to make it connective and impactful. Colour is one way of providing this contrast. Whilst good design should create a sense of relaxation, too much of the same colour can confuse and create a dull space. In care homes, the need for good levels of contrast is even more important, especially for those living with sight impairment or dementia. Working with LRVs helps designers to create spaces with clear contrast. Particularly focused on hard surfaces such as floors, doorways, walls & ceilings, LRVs can also be applied to plain fabrics used for soft-furnishings, within a commercial space. Knowledge of the LRV measure aids designers in creating beautiful, relaxing spaces, where fabrics can assist navigation and movement around the space to meet the needs of the resident/ user. Texture also plays an important role in defining objects and edges within a space.

**Skopos use specialist equipment to provide LRV readings for all of their plain fabrics.** These readings cannot be accurately applied to heavily patterned fabrics, though readings could be taken on a dominant colour within a patterned design. For LRVs of our current collections, please visit our collection pages. The chart shows LRV values for Chamonix Deuxieme fabrics, excluding Slalom.



## CHAMONIX DEUXIEME COLLECTION

DESIGN	COLOURWAY	LRV
ORELLE	CD53 OXIDE	12.5
ORELLE	CD54 PUMICE	16
ORELLE	CD55 LYNX	36
ORELLE	CD56 DIJON	19
ORELLE	CD57 PISTACHIO	31
ORELLE	CD58 ELM	14
ORELLE	CD59 ICEBERG	21.5
ORELLE	CD60 ACACIA	21.5
ORELLE	CD61 NUTHATCH	10.5
ORELLE	CD62 HYDRO	13
ORELLE	CD63 DRAGONFLY	6.5
MARMOTTE	CD41 RAFFIA	41.5
MARMOTTE	CD42 ANCHOVY	22
MARMOTTE	CD43 AMMONITE	7.5
MARMOTTE	CD44 FOX	9
MARMOTTE	CD45 NUTMEG	16.5
MARMOTTE	CD46 MAGENTA	3
MARMOTTE	CD47 PICCALILLI	27
MARMOTTE	CD48 KIWI	14
MARMOTTE	CD49 MINT	15.5
MARMOTTE	CD50 CORSICA	6.5
MARMOTTE	CD51 MARSEILLE	4.5
MARMOTTE	CD52 CHAMBRAY	8



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