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## Color stability & UV resistance

CIELAB = Commission internationale d'éclairage L\*a\*b\* color space  
 $\Delta E$  = color difference,  $\Delta L$  = lightness axis,  $\Delta a$  = red/green axis,  $\Delta b$  yellow/blue axis

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$\Delta E$  0.0 to 1.0 = difference slightly visible when comparing 2 samples side by side  
 $\Delta E$  1.0 to 2.0 = difference clearly visible when comparing 2 samples side by side  
 $\Delta E$  2.0 to 4.0 = maximum acceptable difference

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GS = Grey scale by AATCC = American Assoc. of Textile Chemists and Colorists

Swisspearl large size panel - examples of ATI Test results as follows:

Tested product		1000 h	2000 h	3000 h	4000 h	5000 h
CARAT grey 7020 HR	$\Delta E$	0.76	0.99	1.07	1.06	0.97
CARAT red 7030 HR	$\Delta E$	0.21	0.57	0.29	0.22	0.56
CARAT white 7099 HR	$\Delta E$	0.84	0.87	0.83	0.79	0.79
XPRESSIV green 8050	$\Delta E$	0.76	0.87	1.05	1.20	1.28
XPRESSIV white 8090	$\Delta E$	0.35	0.28	0.30	0.38	0.48
XPRESSIV grey 8220 HR	$\Delta E$	0.43	0.59	0.72	0.71	0.68
XPRESSIV blue 8240	$\Delta E$	0.76	0.98	0.83	1.05	0.95
REFLEX black 9221	$\Delta E$	0.13	0.24	0.37	1.06	1.19
REFLEX blue 9242	$\Delta E$	0.53	0.29	0.39	1.70	3.59
NOBILIS grey N 211	$\Delta E$	0.40	0.51	0.27	0.26	0.25
PLANEA red P 314	$\Delta E$	0.33	0.33	0.91	1.60	1.59
CARAT grey 7020 HR	GS	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.5
XPRESSIV green 8050	GS	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.0
REFLEX blue 9242	GS	4.5	5.0	5.0	4.0	3.0
NOBILIS grey N 211	GS	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.0
PLANEA red P 314	GS	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5

Correlation between Grey scale and  $\Delta E$  values as follows:

	AATCC Grey scale	CIELAB $\Delta E$	Tolerance
Best performance	5	0	+ 0.2
	4 - 5	0.8	$\pm$ 0.2
	4	1.7	$\pm$ 0.3
	3 - 4	2.5	$\pm$ 0.35
	3	3.4	$\pm$ 0.4
	2 - 3	4.8	$\pm$ 0.5
	2	6.8	$\pm$ 0.6
	1 - 2	9.6	$\pm$ 0.7
Worst performance	1	13.6	$\pm$ 1.0