

Dear Customers,

The German Colour Fastness Committee (Deutsche Echtheitskommission – DEK) would like to thank you for purchasing these high-quality standard reference materials for determining the colour fastness of textiles.

**The following points should be considered when using these high-quality test materials:**

If properly stored, these test materials can be used for at least two years in an unrestricted standard-compliant manner for determining and evaluating colour fastness.

- Proper storage means:
  - In the original packaging and in a dry, dark place – in any event protected from direct sunlight (although the lightfastness of the grey scales is greater than grade 7) and as cool as possible, but in no event at a temperature above 25°C.
  - In an environment free of chemicals and air pollutants.
- These high-quality tools are subject to wear starting when they are first used.
- In order to reduce this wear as much as possible, the contrast colour areas (grey keys) of the grey scale in particular should be protected from any soiling and should not be touched with bare hands/fingers. We recommend the use of cotton gloves when making comparisons.
- For their protection, the grey scales should always be stored in their outer protective sleeve and under the same conditions as stated under “Proper storage” when not in use.
- With the blue wool lightfastness standards, it is particularly important that measures consistently be taken to protect them from unintentional exposure to daylight and/or artificial light. When not in use, these should therefore always be stored between the black sun protection boards and, if possible, any exposure to light that is not related to the actual test should be avoided.
- With regard to the storage of the blue wool lightfastness standards, the conditions stated under “Proper storage” (see also Annex B of ISO 105-B08) also apply.
- DEK GmbH guarantees conformity with the standards and proper quality of the delivered goods in their original delivery state. If the goods delivered by DEK GmbH have been further processed by third parties, any warranty with regard to conformity with the standards expires.

You will find the entire range of DEK auxiliaries with all the necessary information as well as the contact addresses of sales partners on the DEK GmbH website.

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