

**Contrast steps  $C_{Y_i}$  ( $i=1$  to 8), CIE tristimulus values  $Y_W$  and  $Y_N$  according to ISO 9241-306<sup>1)</sup>**

| Contrast step $C_{Y_i}$ and $Y$ -ratio ( $i=1 \dots 8$ ) | CIE tristimulus values; Ratio $Y_W : Y_N$ of White $W$ and Black $N$ | absolute Gamma $G_{P_k}$ ( $k=0$ to 7) for display (P) with $G_{P_0}=2,4^{2)}$ $G_{P_k}=2,4-0,18k$ | Paper (S) luminance; Ratio $[cd/m^2]$ $L_{WS} : L_{NS}$ | Display (P) luminance; Ratio $[cd/m^2]$ $L_{WP} : L_{NP}$ | application and colour mode at work place; illuminance on display 500 lux or 250/125/62 lux |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| $C_{Y_8}$ <b>288:1</b>                                   | 88,9 : 0,31  | $G_{P_0} = 2,40$   | 142 : 142/288   | 142*36 : 018  | display, only 062 lux   |
| $C_{Y_7}$ <b>144:1</b>                                   | 88,9 : 0,62  | $G_{P_1} = 2,22$   | 142 : 142/144   | 142*36 : 035  | display, only 125 lux   |
| $C_{Y_6}$ <b>72:1</b>                                    | 88,9 : 1,25  | $G_{P_2} = 2,04$   | 142 : 142/72  | 142*36 : 071  | display, only 250 lux   |
| $C_{Y_5}$ <b>36:1</b>                                    | <b>88,9 : 2,50</b>   | $G_{P_3} = 1,86$   | <b>142 : 142/36</b>                                     | <b>142*36 : 142</b>                                       | <b>display &amp; surface</b>  |
| $C_{Y_4}$ <b>18:1</b>                                    | 88,9 : 5,00  | $G_{P_4} = 1,68$   | 142 : 142/18  | 142*18 : 142  | display & surface   |
| $C_{Y_3}$ <b>9:1</b>                                     | 88,9 : 10,0  | $G_{P_5} = 1,50$   | 142 : 142/09  | 142*09 : 142  | display & surface   |
| $C_{Y_2}$ <b>4,5:1</b>                                   | 88,9 : 20,0  | $G_{P_6} = 1,32$   | 142 : 142/4,5   | 142*4,5 : 142   | display & surface   |
| $C_{Y_1}$ <b>2,25:1<sup>3)</sup></b>                     | 88,9 : 40,0  | $G_{P_7} = 1,14$   | 142 : 142/2,25  | 142*2,25:142  | display & surface   |

1) The example is given for data projectors (P). The standard contrast step (bold)  $C_{Y_5}$  with  $L_{WP}=142*36 cd/m^2$  is hard to reach.

2) The computer operating system *Apple* has used the value 1,8 until 2010. The change to 2,4 (= *Windows*) is in the wrong direction.

3) For the contrast  $C_Y=2:1$  the viewing luminances of both the black in the projection and the white standard offset paper are equal (!).

Visual fatigue caused by the adaptation luminance ratio 36:1 of the black at the screen and the black at the paper shall be reduced.

If for example a grey screen with the CIE tristimulus value  $Y_Z = 22,2 (=0,25*88,9)$  is used the contrast step  $C_{Y_i}$  remains constant.

Then the luminance ratio of all colours at the screen and the paper has reduced to 9:1. This reduces visual fatigue.