

# Contrast step $C_{Yi}$ (i=1 to 8), CIE tristimulus values $Y_W$ and $Y_N$ according to ISO 9241–306<sup>1)</sup>

Contrast step $C_{Yi}$ and $Y$ -ratio (i=1 .. 8)	CIE tristimulus value; ratio $Y_W : Y_N$ White $W$ and Black $N$	CIE tristimulus value; range $Y_{N1} \dots Y_{N2}$	Display (E) illuminance <sup>2)</sup> ; ratio lux $E_{WE} : E_{NE}$	Display (P) luminance <sup>2)</sup> ; ratio [cd/m <sup>2</sup> ] $L_{WP} : L_{NP}$	application and colour mode at work place; illuminance on display 500 lux or 250/125/62 lux
<b><math>C_{Y8} \ 288:1</math></b>	88,9 : 0,31	0,00 ... <0,46	125*36 : 015	36*36 : 4,5	display, only 062 lux
<b><math>C_{Y7} \ 144:1</math></b>	88,9 : 0,62	0,46 ... <0,93	125*36 : 031	36*36 : 09	display, only 125 lux
<b><math>C_{Y6} \ 72:1</math></b>	88,9 : 1,25	0,93 ... <1,87	125*36 : 062	36*36 : 18	display, only 250 lux
<b><math>C_{Y5} \ 36:1</math></b> <b><math>88,9 : 2,50</math></b>	<b>1,87 ... &lt;3,75</b>	<b>125*36 : 125</b>	<b>36*36 : 36</b>	<b>display and surface</b>	
<b><math>C_{Y4} \ 18:1</math></b>	88,9 : 5,00	3,75 ... <7,50	125*18 : 125	36*18 : 36	display and surface
<b><math>C_{Y3} \ 9:1</math></b>	88,9 : 10,0	7,50 ... <15,0	125*09 : 125	36*09 : 36	display and surface
<b><math>C_{Y2} \ 4,5:1</math></b>	88,9 : 20,0	15,0 ... <30,0	125*4,5 : 125	36*4,5 : 36	display and surface
<b><math>C_{Y12,25:1}^3)</math></b>	88,9 : 40,0	30,0 ... <60,0	125*2,25 : 125	36*2,25 : 36	display and surface

- 1) The example is intended for data projectors (P). The standard contrast step (bold)  $L_{WP}=36*36 \text{ cd/m}^2$  is hard to reach.
- 2) 500 lux corresponds to the viewing luminance  $L_v=36 \text{ cd/m}^2$  for the standard offset paper (S) with the tristimulus value  $Y_W=88,9$ .
- 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  $C_{Yi}$  remains constant. Then the luminance ratio of all colours at the screen and the paper has reduced to 9:1. This reduces visual fatigue.