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UVC exposure (254 nm) of UV sensitive material at different irradiation levels

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RISE Research Institutes of Sweden has evaluated the colour shift for a $1000 \text{ mJ/cm}^2 \text{ UVC}$ indicator after exposure to UVC irradiation at 254 nm. The colour of the samples after exposures of 0, 250, 500, 750 and $1000 \text{ mJ/cm}^2 \text{ was measured}$ and evaluated using the 1976 CIELab colour space.

Identification

Object Yellow 1000 mJ/cm² UVC indicator.

Object state Upon arrival the sample had no visual damage and were without

any colour changes.

Location Borås, Sweden Measurement date May 07, 2020

Measurement methods and procedures

Small pieces of the sample were exposed by UV-radiation at 254 nm wavelength using a UVP Transilluminator equipped with fluorescent UVC-tubes. The irradiation level at the sample plane (about 1500 μ W/cm²) was determined by a calibrated silicon detector with a precision aperture in front of the detector's photosensitive surface.

Each sample piece was exposed a certain time corresponding to exposure levels of 250, 500, 750 and 1000. The colour of the exposed sample area was measured using a spectrophotometer Perkin-Elmer Lambda 900 equipped with an \emptyset 150 mm integrating sphere, using the geometry 8°/total. Also, a picture of the sample was taken with the sample placed in a light both using D65 illumination with high colour rendering index (>95).

Based on the colour coordinates in CIE 1976 L* a* b* colour space (reference illuminant CIE D65), the total colour difference ΔE^* relative to a non-exposed sample was determined as:

$$\Delta E^* = \sqrt{(\Delta L^*)^2 + (\Delta a^*)^2 + (\Delta b^*)^2}$$

where ΔL^* , Δa^* and Δb^* are the differences between the individual coordinates.



Measurement conditions

Ambient temperature 23 ± 2 °C Sample temperature (during exposure) 30 ± 5 °C Exposure wavelength 254 ± 2 nm

Results

The results only refer to the object specified in this document. Pictures of the sample at the different exposure levels are shown in the appendix.

Table 1. Measured colours and colour changes at different exposure levels.

Exposure	CIE 1976 L*a*b* colour coordinates			Colour difference
mJ/cm ²	L*	a*	b*	ΔE^*
0	91,2	-5,9	46,7	0,0
250	82,1	10,3	17,2	34,8
500	80,2	15,9	3,8	49,3
750	79,5	18,0	-0,7	54,3
1000	79,3	19,6	-4,7	58,6

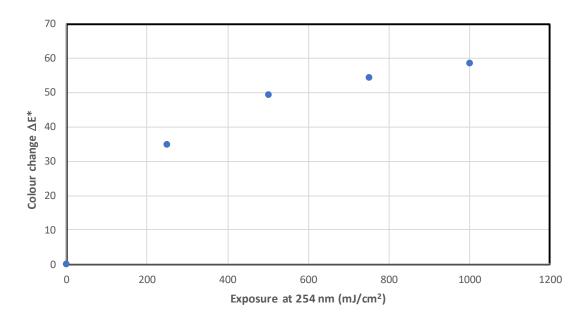


Figure 1. Colour change at different exposure levels relative to an unexposed sample-

The uncertainty is estimated to ± 8 % of the reported exposure levels. The measurement uncertainty for L*, a* and b* is $\pm 2,0$.



Equipment

Reference silicon detector 10×10 mm, inv.no. 500963 UVP Transilluminator 254 nm, no. 95-0153-02 Picoammeter Keithley 6485, inv.no 603159 Precision aperture Ø 7,5 mm, inv.no. 502607 Spectrophotometer PE Lambda 900, inv.no. 503052 Accessory devise for geometry 8°/t, inv.no. 503059 Light booth True Color TC-60 Nikon D7000 digital camera

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Appendix

Pictures of the samples at different exposure levels





