

Neutral Field Guide

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Scope

The Neutral Field Register records finishes as relationships rather than isolated samples. A finish is assessed against substrate, ambient condition, adjacent compatibility and the likelihood that ordinary replacement will preserve the field. B-400 / I QUIETEARTH MSN / 18 FIELD / 04 Illustrative register swatches / not a commercial sample set

Method

Neutral Materials evaluates chromatic stability across the conditions in which a finish is expected to remain ordinary. Ambient continuity is relevant because the same surface may read differently as background conditions change. Placement Systems contributes substrate and persistence observations; Transitional Solutions maintains replacement consistency. Neutral Field Register classification Class Primary consideration Current use N-1 Stable across institutional substrates B-400 Institutional N-2 Controlled adjacent compatibility QuietEarth™ N-3 Replacement consistency Meridian Standard Neutral R Retired; substrate variance exceeded tolerance Historical reference

Revision history

2004 / First register Established substrate and finish as a combined observation. 2010 / Classification revision Retired a finish class whose appearance varied beyond substrate tolerance. 2018 / Ambient revision Added background condition to field evaluation. 2025 / Current edition Added replacement consistency and Transitional Solutions cross-reference.

Related publications

See MQT-TN-11 for ambient conditions and SCR-6 for persistence review.