

1 **Measuring the color of granite rocks. A proposed procedure**

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10 **Abstract:** In spite of color is one of the physicochemical parameters most commonly  
11 used to characterize ornamental stone, there is as yet no standardized protocol for  
12 measuring this parameter. Such a protocol is of particular importance for characterizing  
13 the color of heterogeneous surfaces, as in the case of granite. The aim of the present study  
14 was to determine the minimum area and number of measurements required to characterize  
15 the color of granite rocks. A spectrophotometer and a tristimulus colorimeter, showing a  
16 minor variation inter-instrumental, were used to measure the color of granite samples,  
17 and the measurements were expressed in CIEL\*a\*b\* color system units. Three  
18 parameters were considered as variable factors: the type of rock (*Labrador Claro*,  
19 *Grissal*; *Rosa Porriño* and *Blanco Cristal*), surface finish (polished, honed, sawn and  
20 flamed) and target area (circular apertures of diameter 5, 8, 10 and 50 mm). The results  
21 of the application of MANOVA and of the classical CIEL\*a\*b\* formula and CIEL\*a\*b\*  
22 based color-difference formulae (i.e. CIE94 and CIEDE2000) to the data revealed that,  
23 although all considered factors affected the minimal area and number of measurements  
24 required, the different circular apertures of both instruments can be disregarded if the  
25 number of measurements and area recommended in this work are used.

26 **Keywords:** color measurement, granitic rocks, minimum area of measurement, minimum  
27 number of measurements, CIEL\*a\*b\*.

## 28 **Introduction**

29 Although color is frequently determined in studies involving the conservation and  
30 restoration of historical stone artworks, no standardized protocol for measuring color has  
31 yet been established for ornamental stones. Such a protocol is particularly necessary for  
32 measuring the color of stones constituted by minerals of very different colors, such as  
33 granite rocks. The measuring instruments used at present -colorimeters,  
34 spectrophotometers and telespectroradiometers- have some limitations in terms of  
35 measuring the color of heterogeneous surfaces, because the required integration of the  
36 field of view may produce an unrealistic color.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, in the case of colorimeters  
37 and spectrophotometers, the target area is always circular and of a size determined by the  
38 diameter of the measurement head (<60 mm), and therefore color measurements must be  
39 made sequentially, i.e. point-by-point, and the representative color of the whole non-  
40 homogeneous surface cannot be determined by a single measurement.

41 Prior determination of the number of measurements must therefore be made because of  
42 these limitations, so that the results be reproducible and the results of diverse types of  
43 studies can be compared, such as those involving measurement of the color of granite  
44 rock in order to characterize the material;<sup>2,3</sup> color changes produced by consolidation  
45 and/or hydrofugation treatments;<sup>4,5,6</sup> the ageing and weathering effects caused by  
46 environmental agents,<sup>3,7,8</sup> and the change in color produced by biological colonization.<sup>9</sup>

47 Moreover, although the International Commission on Illumination (*Commission*  
48 *Internationale de L'Eclairage*: CIE)<sup>10</sup> has explicitly recommended study of the color of  
49 surfaces of different texture, so far relatively few studies have focused on the  
50 methodology of study.<sup>11,12</sup> In some studies the color changes produced by different

51 mechanical surface treatments applied to ornamental rocks have been quantified and the  
52 importance of these types of measurements stressed.<sup>3</sup> However, as there is no  
53 standardized protocol, aspects such as the number of measurements and the area of  
54 measurement vary from study to study and therefore it is impossible to compare the  
55 results obtained by different authors and instruments.

56 For all of the above reasons, the aim of the present study was to determine the minimum  
57 number of measurements and the minimum area of measurement required, in relation to  
58 the dimensions of the measuring head, to quantify the color of a granite sample and to  
59 establish a methodology applicable to the determination of these parameters in other types  
60 of ornamental stone. This paper seeks to combine key aspects of colorimetry and using  
61 conventional statistical tools, however it must be stressed that there is still a lack of  
62 knowledge of the applicability of present color-difference formulas in color difference of  
63 heterogeneous surfaces and their correlation to visual judgments. In this line, despite the  
64 current interest in providing innovative color-difference formulas focused on the  
65 heterogeneous color surfaces and based on an improved understanding of the visual  
66 judgments, the success in this field has not yet been reached.

### 67 **Samples and equipment used**

68 Two different instruments were used to measure the color, a GretagMacbeth portable  
69 spectrophotometer (CE-XTH), with two diameter viewing apertures of 5 and 10 mm, and  
70 a Minolta colorimeter, which has two measuring heads: CR-300 with 8 mm-diameter  
71 viewing area and CR-310 with 50 mm-diameter viewing area. A wide range of  
72 measurement areas was thus achieved with the two devices (circular areas of 5, 10, 8 and  
73 50 mm diameter).

74 The same measuring conditions were fixed in both devices so that the measurements were  
75 comparable. The following were therefore selected: illuminant D65, which represents a

76 phase of daylight, with a CCT of approximately 6500K, including the ultraviolet region  
77 spectrum, and 2-degree observer (CIE 1931). The measurements were made by spectral  
78 reflectance, using the diffuse illumination geometry with an integration sphere, covered  
79 with a white material, so that the light is uniformly diffuse in all directions illuminating  
80 the sample, and is observed with the specular component included in 8-degree in relation  
81 to normal ( $d/8^\circ$ ) in the case of the spectrophotometer and 0-degree ( $d/0^\circ$ ) in the case of  
82 the colorimeter (Fig. 1).

83 The color measurements were plotted in the CIELAB color space. The CIELAB system  
84 is since 1976 the most widely used system for calculating color differences for most  
85 practical applications. Use of the CIELAB system enables estimation of three classical  
86 color parameters:  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$  and  $b^*$ , where  $L^*$  represents lightness,  $a^*$  the position between  
87 red and green on the redness (+) to greenness (-) axis and  $b^*$  the position between yellow  
88 and blue on the yellowness (+) to blueness (-) axis. The three parameters are plotted on  
89 three orthogonal axes in a Cartesian coordinate system. In addition, the classical  
90 CIEL\*a\*b\* formula ( $\Delta E^*_{ab}$ ) and two CIELAB-based color-difference formulae ( $\Delta E_{94}$  and  
91  $\Delta E_{00}$ ) were applied.

92 Four varieties of ornamental granite with very different characteristics in terms of color  
93 and texture were selected: *Labrador Claro*, a bluish-black coarse-grained granite;  
94 *Grissal*, a grey medium-grained granite; *Rosa Porriño*, a pinkish, coarse-grained granite,  
95 and *Blanco Cristal*, a white, fine-grained granite. Samples of all varieties were prepared  
96 with 4 different types of finish, i.e. of increasing degree of roughness: polished, honed,  
97 sawn and flamed, except in *Labrador Claro* whose flamed finish is not easy to obtain.  
98 This set of samples was denominated *Granite Training group* because it comprised the  
99 reference samples. (Fig 2)

100 In order to determine the number of measurements required, 5 square specimens (surface  
101 area, 36 cm<sup>2</sup>) of each variety of granite and type of finish were used. A total of 20  
102 measurements with each of the four measurement heads, of 5, 8, 10 and 50 mm diameter  
103 were made consecutively with replacement at different points selected randomly on the  
104 surface of each square specimen.

105 In order to determine the minimum area that must be measured, the same conditions were  
106 used on 5 square specimens of the same and larger surface area (36, 54, 72 and 90 cm<sup>2</sup>)  
107 of each variety of granite and type of finish.

108 Once the minimum area and number of measurements were determined, the validity of  
109 the results was tested with other ornamental granite commonly used as a building  
110 material, but of a different color from the four test varieties. The variety chosen for this  
111 was *Silvestre*, a fine-grained, lightly weathered granite, which has a brownish-gold color  
112 due to weathering of its minerals (Fig 2). The *Silvestre* variety of granite does not allow  
113 flamed or polished finish, therefore, they were substituted by bush hammered and  
114 polished without glow respectively.

115 Color measurements were made on specimens of this granite, denominated *Granite Test*  
116 *group* (Fig 2), in the same way as for the specimens in the *Granite Training group*.

117 All of the data were subjected to multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) by use of  
118 the SPSS statistical programme (version 15.0).

## 119 **Results**

120 For each of the specimens in the *Granite Training group* the cumulative averages of the  
121 CIELAB color system coordinates:  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  were plotted. The general shape of the  
122 graphics obtained was an inverted exponential decay with a horizontal asymptote, this  
123 steady section corresponds to the number of measurements from which the mean become

124 constant; consequently, the first point of this section of the curve represents the minimum  
125 number of measurements required to characterize the coordinates  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  for each  
126 specimen. By way of example, the plots obtained for one of the specimens are shown in  
127 Fig. 3. In each of the three graphs the number of measurements, from which the horizontal  
128 asymptote is reached and the mean become constant, is indicated by a marked segment.  
129 It can be seen that the number of measurements is different for each of the coordinates  
130 ( $L^*$ ,  $a^*$  and  $b^*$ ); in general the value of lightness coordinate  $L^*$  is the first to stabilize,  
131 whereas for the other two coordinates,  $a^*$  and  $b^*$ , more measurements are generally  
132 required.

133 The data were subjected to a multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) with the  
134 minimum number of measurements determined for  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  as dependent variables,  
135 and type of rock, surface finish and diameter of the instrument measurement head as  
136 independent variables. The results of the analysis revealed that the type of rock, the  
137 surface finish and the diameter of the measurement head and their interactions produced  
138 significantly different results in terms of the minimum number of measurements required  
139 to characterize  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$  and  $b^*$ . The results of the analysis, including Wilks' lambda, the  
140 F-factor, the level of significance and the number of degrees of freedom are shown in  
141 Table 1.

142 The largest number obtained for each measurement head was therefore taken as the  
143 minimum number required to characterize the color of each specimen. Thus, according  
144 to the values shown in Table 2, in which the number of measurements required to define  
145 the color of the specimens is shown in relation to the measurement head, the finish and  
146 type of rock, it was established that for textured samples the smaller the measured head  
147 larger number of measures are needed. So, for a measurement head of 50 mm diameter,  
148 6 measurements/36 cm<sup>2</sup> are required, for measurement heads of 8 and 10 mm diameter,

149 14 measurements/36 cm<sup>2</sup> and for a measurement head of 5 mm diameter, 17  
150 measurements /36 cm<sup>2</sup> are required (Table 2).

151 Once the minimum number of measurements required to characterize the color of granite  
152 rocks was established, the minimum area of measurement was determined. For this, five  
153 specimens of each type of granite and surface finish were prepared with different areas  
154 (36 cm<sup>2</sup>, 54 cm<sup>2</sup>, 72 cm<sup>2</sup> and 90 cm<sup>2</sup>), on which the corresponding number of  
155 measurements were made for each area and measurement head, according to the results  
156 obtained in the previous paragraph and using the four different measurement heads (5, 8,  
157 10 and 50 mm).

158 In order to determine whether the color varied with the measurement area, the data were  
159 subjected to MANOVA for each type of rock and measurement head (Table 3), with the  
160 mean values of  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  for each specimen as dependent variables and the  
161 measurement area (36, 54, 72 and 90 cm<sup>2</sup>) as independent variable. As shown in Tables  
162 3 and 4, there were statistically significant differences between the color obtained with  
163 the 50mm diameter measurement head for an area of 36 cm<sup>2</sup> and the other areas.  
164 According to these results, in order to characterize the color of granite, a measurement  
165 area of 36 cm<sup>2</sup> and 14 measurements with random replacement, is sufficient only if  
166 measurement heads of diameter  $\leq 10$  mm are used.

167 In order to determine the minimum area of measurement required with a 50 mm diameter  
168 measurement head, the statistical analysis was repeated with only the values of  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$   
169 and  $b^*$  obtained for areas greater than 36 cm<sup>2</sup>, i.e., with those corresponding to areas of  
170 54, 72 and 90 cm<sup>2</sup>, and with those obtained for areas greater than 54 cm<sup>2</sup>, i.e. with areas  
171 of 72 and 90 cm<sup>2</sup>.

172 Comparison of the values obtained for areas larger than 36 cm<sup>2</sup> revealed statistically  
173 significant differences for *Grissal*, *Blanco Cristal* and *Labrador Claro* between the values  
174 obtained in an area of 54 cm<sup>2</sup> and those obtained in the other two areas (72 and 90 cm<sup>2</sup>).  
175 However, there were no statistically significant differences between the values obtained  
176 for areas of 72 and 90 cm<sup>2</sup> (Table 5), and therefore it can be concluded that in order to  
177 characterize the color of granite when working with a 50 mm diameter measurement head,  
178 a minimum surface area of 72 cm<sup>2</sup> is required.

179 Once the number and area of measurement were established in relation to the dimensions  
180 of the measurement head, the color determined by each head was compared to establish  
181 whether the results obtained are comparable. Considering the previous results, only the  
182 data obtained for an area of 72 cm<sup>2</sup> were used, and the number of measurements required  
183 was 12, 28, 28 and 34 for measurement heads of 50, 10, 8 and 5 mm respectively.

184 The results of a MANOVA, with L\*, a\* and b\* as dependent variables and the diameter  
185 of the measurement head as the independent variable revealed statistically significant  
186 differences between the values obtained with the difference measurement heads (Wilks'  
187 lambda: 0.949; F: 44,739; df: 9; significance: 0,000) with the 50 mm measurement head  
188 producing the greatest differences (Table 6).

189 With the aim of analysing the real significance, rather than the statistical significance, of  
190 the differences in color obtained with the 5, 8, 10 and 50 mm diameter measurement  
191 heads, the total color differences ( $\Delta E$ ) for pairs of measurement heads (Fig. 4) were  
192 calculated with the classical CIEL\*a\*b\* formula ( $\Delta E^*_{ab}$ ) and the CIELAB-based color-  
193 difference formulae ( $\Delta E_{94}$  and  $\Delta E_{00}$ ) and expressed in CIELAB units<sup>13,14</sup> and the more  
194 recent CIE94 and CIEDE2000 units,<sup>10</sup> respectively. The differences in color were  
195 calculated with the *Granite Training group*, in order to obtain generalizable results. The  
196 results obtained (Fig.4) show that the differences in color measured in CIEDE2000 and

197 CIE94 units, which clearly improve on the CIELAB units<sup>15,16,17</sup> and are more appropriate  
198 for evaluating samples with low chromaticity values,<sup>18</sup> were the same as or lower in  
199 magnitude than the CIELAB measurements. It was also found that there was no  
200 equivalence of scale factor among the values produced with the three formulae  
201 considered. The visual color difference threshold or just noticeable difference (jnd),  
202 which constitutes the lower limit of perception in a individual with normal color  
203 vision<sup>19,20,21</sup> and that it can be established as 0.73 CIELAB units,<sup>22,23</sup> is also shown in the  
204 Figure 4. Below this value, the differences in color are inappreciable and therefore the  
205 colors determined with the 8 and 10 mm measurement heads would be considered  
206 identical by an observer. However, if the suprathreshold color-difference, which is  
207 approximately 1.75 CIELAB units<sup>15</sup> is taken into account, all of the values of the total  
208 color differences ( $\Delta E$ ) for pairs of measurement heads are below this value and are only  
209 outshined in the case of the color differences for the 8 and the 50 mm measurement heads,  
210 which were measured with the same device (the Minolta colorimeter). These two  
211 measurement heads provided the greatest differences in the total color differences ( $\Delta E$ )  
212 from the three measurements used:  $\Delta E^*_{ab}$ ,  $\Delta E_{94}$  and  $\Delta E_{00}$ .

213 On the other hand, if we take into account the color tolerances or units of color differences  
214 applied in the industrial field, where larger color differences are used, all of the values of  
215  $\Delta E$  obtained for the different measurement head were lower than 3 CIELAB units, the  
216 value considered as the upper limit of rigorous color tolerance.<sup>14,24</sup>

217 With the aim of standardizing the results obtained with the granites included in the  
218 *Granite Training group*, a test was carried out to determine whether these were applicable  
219 to other granites. For this, the color of one of the granites most commonly used at present  
220 in the building industry for cladding and for constructing monuments -a brownish gold  
221 granite denominated *Silvestre*- was determined.

222 The values obtained for this granite (for an area of 72 cm<sup>2</sup> and number of measurements  
223 depending on the measurement head used: 34/ 5 mm head, 28/ 8 and 10 mm head, 12/ 50  
224 mm head) were subjected to MANOVA, with L\*, a\* and b\* as dependent variables and  
225 the diameter of the measurement head (5, 8, 10 and 50 mm) as the fixed factor. The results  
226 were similar to those obtained with the *Granite Training group*; there were statistically  
227 significant differences in relation to the measurement head (Wilks' lambda: 0.865, F:  
228 33.843; df:9; sig:0.000) for each of the parameters considered (Table 7). The total color  
229 differences ( $\Delta E$ ) were calculated for the different measurement heads (Fig.5) and a  
230 rigorous color tolerance (i.e. < 3 CIELAB units) was obtained. Again, the greatest  
231 difference was between the color measurements made with the measurement heads of 50  
232 mm and 8 mm diameter. The total color difference  $\Delta E^*_{ab}$  comparing small heads (5-10  
233 and 5-8 mm) decreased by approximately 0.5 CIELAB units in relation to the results  
234 obtained with the *Granite Training group*, whereas any comparison ( $\Delta E^*_{ab}$ ,  $\Delta E_{94}$  and  
235  $\Delta E_{00}$ ) between the 50 mm and the 5 mm measurement heads caused an increase in the  
236 difference of 0.5 CIELAB units and of 1 CIELAB unit when the comparison was between  
237 the 50 mm and the 8 or 10 mm measurement heads.

238 Finally, it must be underlined that a future research in this field would be focussed on  
239 performing visual experiments using psychophysical techniques with the aim of defining  
240 the granitic rocks threshold data. These thresholds will allow a better understanding of  
241 the color differences in granite rocks.

## 242 **Conclusions**

243 This work provides an adaptable and affordable methodology of study supported by  
244 statistical analysis, which has been successful in examination the factor affecting the color  
245 measurements on granite rocks and demonstration that color may be affected by both  
246 material and instruments properties. In this way, the methodology used enabled the

247 determination of the minimum number of measurements and the minimum measuring  
248 area required to characterize the representative color of the whole non-homogeneous  
249 surface of granite rocks. However, little attention has been paid to the validity of present  
250 color-difference formulas applied to heterogeneous surfaces, such as granite rocks,  
251 pending developments of the visual assessment.

252 In relation to the minimum number of measurements required to characterize the color of  
253 granite rocks, it was found that it is affected by the type of rock, surface finish and,  
254 independently of the rock, by the diameter of the measurement head of the device. By use  
255 of a wide variety of granite rocks that differ in terms of color, texture and surface finish,  
256 it was determined that the minimum number of measurements required to characterize  
257 the color of granitic rocks is higher the smaller the measurement head. Thus, the number  
258 of measurements required is 6/36 cm<sup>2</sup> surface area for a 50 mm diameter measurement  
259 head, 14/36 cm<sup>2</sup> for 8 and 10 mm diameter measurement heads, and 17/36cm<sup>2</sup> for a 5 mm  
260 measurement head.

261 As regards the minimum measuring area, the results showed that an area of 36 cm<sup>2</sup> is  
262 sufficient when measurement heads of diameter  $\leq 10$  mm are used. A surface area equal  
263 to or larger than 72 cm<sup>2</sup> is required for measurement heads of larger diameters.

264 The validity of the above results was tested with other ornamental granite (*Granite Test*  
265 *group*) allowing conclude that if and when the number of measurements considered  
266 corresponds to that established in this study for the measurement head diameter and the  
267 measurement area, any results thus obtained will be comparable.

268 As granite rocks can be considered as a complicated case of surface heterogeneity due to  
269 the complexity of their mineral distribution, it could be hypothesized that the  
270 methodology here proposed can be extrapolated to other types of rocks.

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330 **Figure 1.** Schematic view of a diffuse illumination geometry  $0^\circ$  (d/ $0^\circ$ ) –right- and diffuse  
331 illumination geometry  $8^\circ$  (d/ $8^\circ$ ) - left.

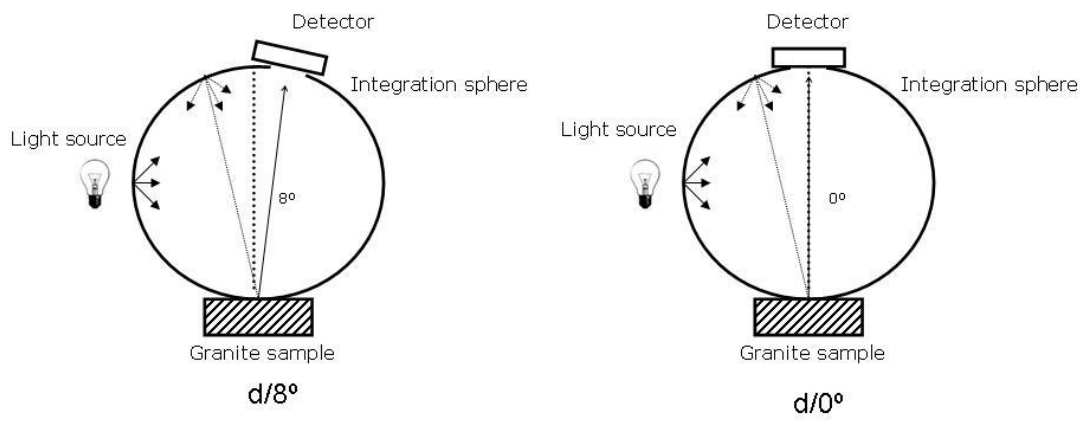
332 **Figure 2.** Granite specimens used in the study. Granite Training group: specimens in the  
333 same row are of the same type, from above to below: Blanco Cristal, Grissal, Rosa Porriño  
334 and Labrador Claro. Specimens in the same column have the same finish, from left to  
335 right: polished, honed, sawn and flamed. Granite Test group: Silvestre, from above to  
336 below: polished without glow, honed sawn and bush hammered.

337 **Figure 3.** Example of the graphs used to determine the minimum number of  
338 measurements required. Cumulative averages for parameters  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$  in relation to the  
339 number of measurements made in one specimen of the Rosa Porriño granite with the 8  
340 mm measurement head. The marked segment indicates the minimum number of  
341 measurements required.

342 **Figure 4.** Total color differences for Granite Training group, in CIELAB units ( $\Delta E^*ab$ ),  
343 CIE94 units ( $\Delta E94$ ) and CIEDE2000 units ( $\Delta E00$ ), obtained with different pairs of  
344 measurement heads.

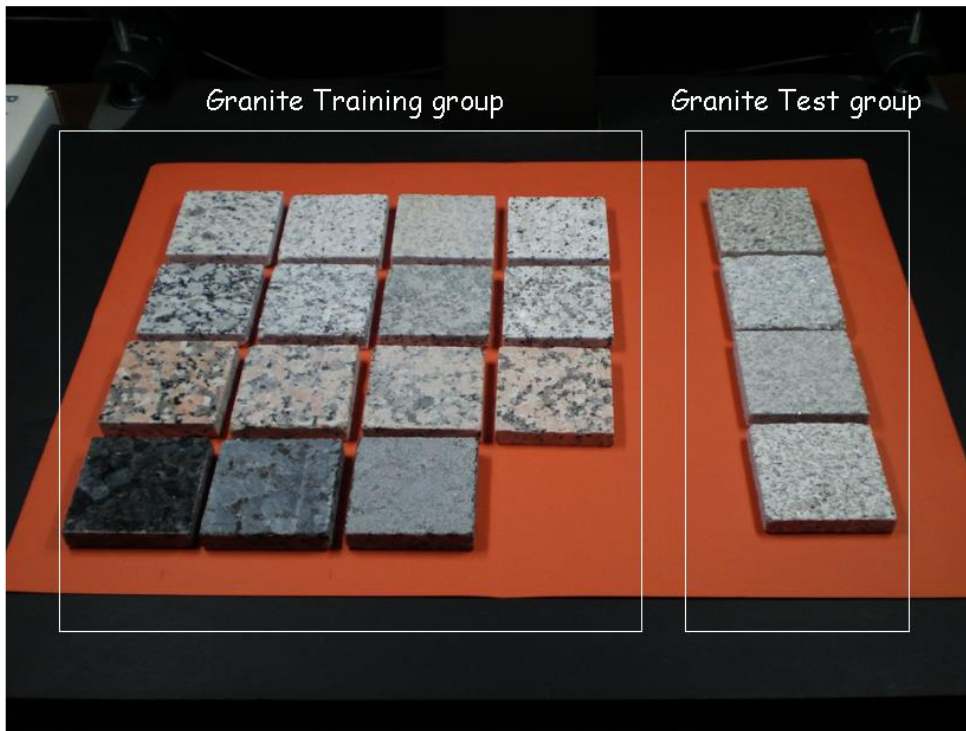
345 **Figure 5.** Total color differences for Granite Test group (Silvestre), in CIELAB units  
346 ( $\Delta E^*ab$ ), CIE94 units ( $\Delta E94$ ) and CIEDE2000 units ( $\Delta E00$ ), obtained with  
347 different pairs of measurement heads.

348 Figure 1.



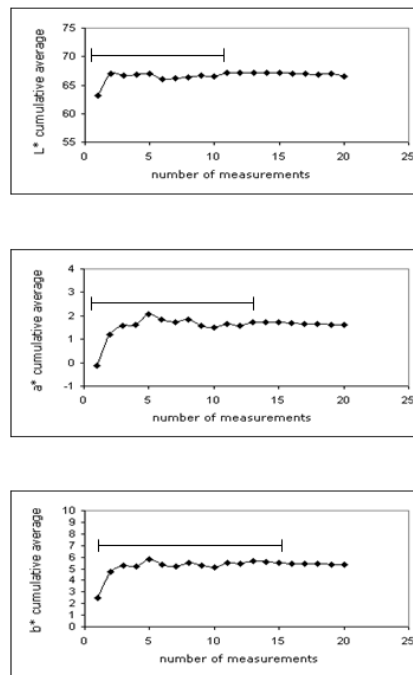
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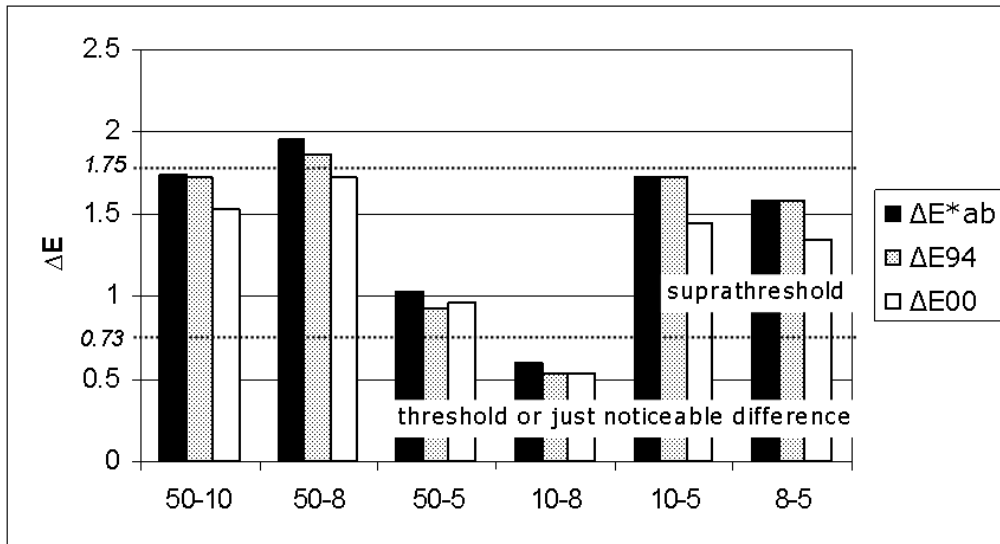
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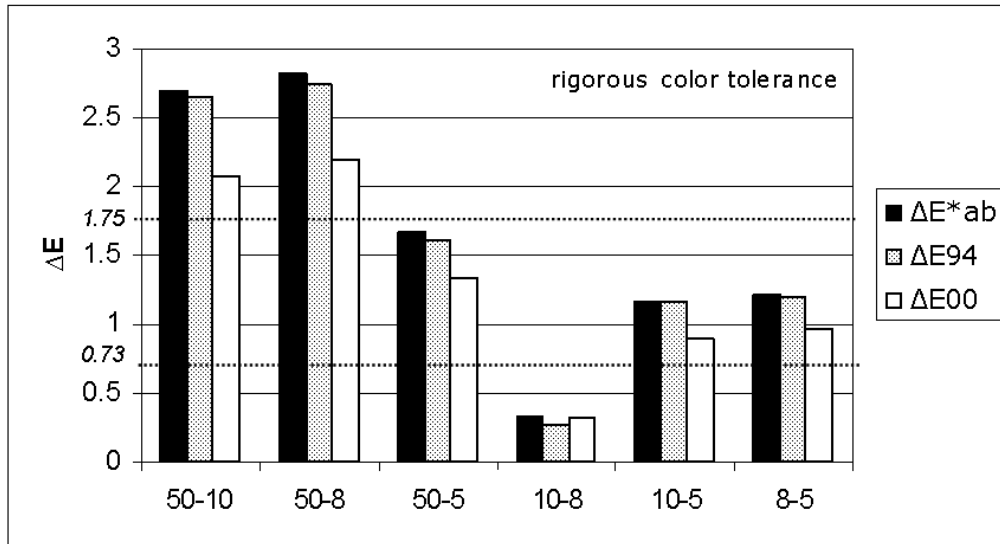
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**Table1.**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Wilk's lambda</b>	<b>F-value</b>	<b>df.</b>	<b>Significance.</b>
Type of rock (granite)	0.625	13.663	9	.000
Surface finish	0.678	11.093	9	.000
Target area	0.123	87.715	9	.000
Type of rock * Surface finish	0.594	5.645	24	.000
Type of rock * Target area	0.637	4.282	27	.000
Surface finish * Target area	0.729	2.933	27	.000
Type of rock * Surface finish * Target area	0.487	2.681	72	.000

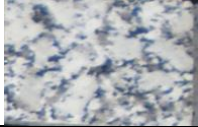

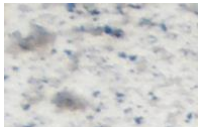

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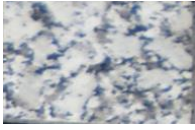
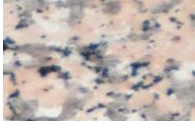
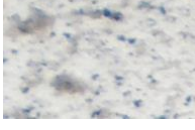

Type of rock (granite)	Surface finish	Target area (mm)			
		50	10	8	5
Grissal 	Flamed	4	11	12	14
	Sawn	1	10	11	15
	Honed	2	14	14	17
	Polished	1	6	12	17
Rosa Porriño 	Flamed	3	13	14	15
	Sawn	2	9	13	16
	Honed	6	13	9	10
	Polished	3	13	13	17
Blanco cristal 	Flamed	1	14	14	17
	Sawn	5	11	12	15
	Honed	1	12	13	17
	Polished	4	13	14	17
Labrador claro 	Sawn	4	8	12	14
	Honed	4	11	13	17
	Polished	5	13	11	15

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**Table3.**

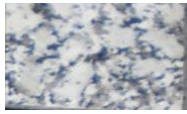
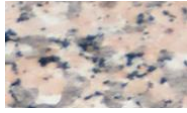
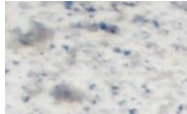

Type of rock (granite)	Target area (mm)	Wilk's lambda	F-value	df.	Significance
Grissal 	5	0.996	0.032	9	1.000
	8	1.000	0.003	9	1.000
	10	1.000	0.004	9	1.000
	50	0.004	172.529	9	0.000
Rosa Porriño 	5	0.984	0.133	9	0.999
	8	0.998	0.013	9	1.000
	10	0.998	0.013	9	1.000
	50	0.009	118.037	9	0.000
Blanco Cristal 	5	0.984	0.130	9	0.999
	8	1.000	0.003	9	1.000
	10	0.999	0.006	9	1.000
	50	0.427	8.378	9	0.000
Labrador Claro 	5	0.999	0.006	9	1.000
	8	0.998	0.011	9	1.000
	10	0.999	0.007	9	1.000
	50	0.473	5.265	9	0.000

Dependent: L\*, a\*, b\*.

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**Table4.**

Type of rock (granite)	Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	L*	a*	b*
Grissal 	36	57.02 <sup>a</sup>	3.88 <sup>a</sup>	-8.49 <sup>a</sup>
	54	64.07 <sup>b</sup>	-0.75 <sup>b</sup>	0.86 <sup>b</sup>
	72	64.08 <sup>b</sup>	-0.54 <sup>c</sup>	0.79 <sup>b</sup>
	90	63.48 <sup>b</sup>	-0.54 <sup>c</sup>	0.78 <sup>b</sup>
Rosa Porriño 	36	57.45 <sup>a</sup>	5.91 <sup>a</sup>	-3.67 <sup>a</sup>
	54	63.89 <sup>b</sup>	2.20 <sup>b</sup>	5.63 <sup>b</sup>
	72	63.91 <sup>b</sup>	2.33 <sup>b</sup>	5.68 <sup>b</sup>
	90	63.93 <sup>b</sup>	2.34 <sup>b</sup>	5.70 <sup>b</sup>
Blanco Cristal 	36	68.05 <sup>a</sup>	2.75 <sup>a</sup>	-3.42 <sup>a</sup>
	54	72.38 <sup>b</sup>	-0.28 <sup>b</sup>	3.13 <sup>b</sup>
	72	71.96 <sup>b</sup>	-0.11 <sup>b</sup>	2.72 <sup>b</sup>
	90	71.34 <sup>b</sup>	-0.10 <sup>b</sup>	2.72 <sup>b</sup>
Labrador Claro 	36	48.28 <sup>a</sup>	-0.49 <sup>a</sup>	-1.32 <sup>a</sup>
	54	48.05 <sup>ab</sup>	-0.40 <sup>ab</sup>	-1.34 <sup>a</sup>
	72	47.75 <sup>b</sup>	-0.28 <sup>b</sup>	-1.42 <sup>a</sup>
	90	47.74 <sup>b</sup>	-0.28 <sup>b</sup>	-1.42 <sup>a</sup>

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**Table5.**

<b>Type of rock (granite)</b>	<b>Areas (cm2)</b>	<b>Wilk's lambda</b>	<b>F-value</b>	<b>df.</b>	<b>Significance</b>
Grissal	54-72-90	0.511	7.313	6	0.000
	72-90	0.981	0.227	3	0.877
Rosa Porriño	54-72-90	0.958	0.396	6	0.880
Blanco Cristal	54-72-90	0.581	5.712	6	0.000
	72-90	0.969	0.388	3	0.762
Labrador Claro	54-72-90	0.615	3.662	6	0.003
	72-90	0.999	0.002	3	0.999

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Dependent: L\*, a\*, b\*.

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**Table6.**

<b>Diameter of measurement head (mm)</b>	<b>L*</b>	<b>a*</b>	<b>b*</b>
50	62.87 <sup>a</sup>	0.39 <sup>a</sup>	2.17 <sup>a</sup>
10	64.45 <sup>b</sup>	0.08 <sup>b</sup>	2.84 <sup>b</sup>
8	64.32 <sup>b</sup>	0.06 <sup>b</sup>	3.43 <sup>c</sup>
5	62.76 <sup>a</sup>	0.18 <sup>b</sup>	3.17 <sup>c</sup>

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**Table7.**

<b>Diameter of measurement head (mm)</b>	<b>L*</b>	<b>a*</b>	<b>b*</b>
50	70.02 <sup>a</sup>	-0.04 <sup>a</sup>	3.48 <sup>a</sup>
10	72.56 <sup>b</sup>	-0.11 <sup>b</sup>	4.37 <sup>b</sup>
8	72.56 <sup>b</sup>	-0.24 <sup>c</sup>	4.68
5	71.41 <sup>c</sup>	0.02 <sup>d</sup>	4.41 <sup>b</sup>

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