

Allura Decibel



LRV & DSDC product accreditation

Design	Colour number	Colour name	LRV Y (BS8493)	DSDC Rating*	DSDC Comments*
Allura Decibel	3SE32 / 8SE32	anthracite seagrass	17	1b	Rated 1b due to consistent & familiar pattern.
	3WSM12 / 8WSM12	ashen smooth oak	19	1b	Rated 1b due to consistent & familiar pattern.
	3WAU04 / 8WAU04	classic authentic oak	27	2	Rated 2 due to knots & variation in tones in figuration
	3SL09 / 3SL109 / 8SL09 / 8SL109	charcoal slabstone	17	2	Rated 2 due to slight sheen, mottled effect & flecks but these are relatively subtle, giving the pattern a familiar stone effect. On large scale the mottled pattern may create an undulating effect.
	3WSM03 / 8WSM03	dune smooth oak	36	1b	Rated 1b due to consistent & familiar pattern.
	3WHA02 / 8WHA02	dusky harvest oak	20	2	Rated 2 due to knots & variation in tones in figuration.
	3IM01 / 8IM01	fog imprint concrete	37	2	Rated 2 due to pattern being more noticeable against background. Imprint pattern makes a mottled effect.
	3SL01 / 3SL101 / 8SL01 / 8SL101	fog slabstone	36	2	Rated 2 due to slight sheen, mottled effect & flecks but these are relatively subtle, giving the pattern a familiar stone effect. On large scale the mottled pattern may create an undulating effect.
	3WHA03 / 8WHA03	golden harvest oak	27	2	Rated 2 due to knots & variation in tones in figuration.
	3WSM13 / 8WSM13	golden smooth oak	31	1b	Rated 1b due to consistent & familiar pattern & no visible knots.
	3WAU03 / 8WAU03	honey authentic oak	32	2	Rated 2 due to visible knots & variation in tones in figuration.
	3MIM02 / 8MIM02	iron imprint concrete	32	2	Rated 2 due to pattern being more noticeable against background. Imprint pattern makes a mottled effect.
	3MSL02 / 3MSL102 / 8MSL02 / 8MSL102	iron slabstone	32	2	Rated 2 due to pattern being more noticeable against background. Imprint pattern makes a mottled effect.
	3SE11 / 8SE11	light grey seagrass	36	1b	Rated 1b due to consistent & familiar pattern.
	3IM03 / 8IM03	mortar imprint concrete	36	1b	Rated 1b due to pattern being tonally close to background & relatively subtle when viewed in tonal setting. Imprint pattern makes a subtle mottled effect.

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Allura Decibel	3SL13 / 3SL11 / 8SL13 / 8SL113	mortar slabstone	42	1b	Rated 1b due to slight sheen, mottled effect & flecks but these are relatively subtle, giving the pattern a familiar stone effect.
	3MSL09 / 3MSL10 / 8MSL09 / 8MSL109	mercury slabstone	25	1b	Rated 1b due to slight sheen, mottled effect & flecks but these are relatively subtle, giving the pattern a familiar stone effect.
	3SE13 / 8SE13	natural seagrass	28	1b	Rated 1b due to consistent & familiar pattern.
	3MIM03 / 8MIM03	nickel imprint concrete	41	1b	Rated 1b due to pattern being tonally close to background & relatively subtle when viewed in tonal setting. Imprint pattern makes a subtle mottled effect.
	3WAU01 / 8WAU01	pale authentic oak	41	2	Rated 2 due to visible knots & variation in tones in figuration.
	3WHA04 / 8WHA04	rustic harvest oak	20	2	Rated 2 due to visible knots & variation in tones in figuration.
	3SL04 / 3SL104 / 8SL04 / 8SL104	silt slabstone	29	1b	Rated 1b due to slight sheen, mottled effect & flecks but these are relatively subtle, giving the pattern a familiar stone effect.
	3MSL01 / 3MSL101 / 8MSL01 / 8MSL101	silver slabstone	40	1b	Rated 1b due to slight sheen, mottled effect & flecks but these are relatively subtle, giving the pattern a familiar stone effect.
	3IM02 / 8IM02	smoke imprint concrete	23	2	Rated 2 due to pattern being more noticeable against background. Imprint pattern makes a mottled effect.
	3SL02 / 3SL102 / 8SL02 / 8SL102	smoke slabstone	22	1b	Rated 1b due to slight sheen, mottled effect & flecks but these are relatively subtle, giving the pattern a familiar stone effect.
	3WSM01 / 8WSM01	smoke smooth oak	36	1b	Rated 1b due to consistent & familiar pattern & no visible knots.
	3WAU02 / 8WAU02	smoked authentic oak	23	2	Rated 2 due to knots & variation in tones in figuration.
	3WSM04 / 8WSM04	traditional smooth oak	24	1b	Rated 1b due to consistent & familiar pattern & no visible knots.
	3WAU44 / 8WAU44	warm authentic oak	15	2	Rated 2 due to visible knots & variation in tones in figuration.
	3WHA01 / 8WHA01	winter harvest oak	25	2	Rated 2 due to knots & variation in tones in figuration. We do not recommend laying the planks in a herringbone or chevron pattern as the directional pattern can cause issues for people with dementia.

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	DSDC RATING KEY	
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*RATING	*RATING DESCRIPTION	
Class 1a	<p>Flooring within this rating is plain and can be used indiscriminately. That said, bear in mind the need to contrast flooring and walls, skirtings, doors/frames, furniture and sanitary ware.</p> <p>Contrast is the key word.</p> <p>We recommend a minimum contrast of 30 units LRV (Light Reflectance Value) between the critical surfaces mentioned above.</p>	
Class 1b	<p>Flooring within this rating is semi-plain (minimal texture or fleck/pattern, wood effect with no knots) and in general, can be used throughout.</p> <p>Natural patterns such as timber and stone may be used in most areas due to their familiarity but with a degree of caution.</p> <p>Bear in mind minimum contrast of 30 units LRV (Light Reflectance Value) between the critical surfaces mentioned above.</p>	
Class 2	<p>Flooring within this rating has some pattern and needs to be used with caution. The natural patterns such as timber and stone in this range are more figured/patinated and although still familiar they need to be used with more caution than the above range.</p> <p>Bear in mind minimum contrast of 30 units LRV (Light Reflectance Value) between the critical surfaces mentioned above.</p>	

For an environment to be considered 'dementia-inclusive' or 'dementia-friendly', careful consideration must be given to the entire specification, not just the flooring.

As with many design features, individual needs and preferences should also be considered. What is fine for one person, may not be the case for another.

For more information and to download our 'Designing for dementia care' brochure visit www.forbo-flooring.co.uk/care