



Interior Illuminance Values for Generic Types of Activities

Type of Activity	Footcandles	Reference Work-Plane
Simple orientation for short temporary visits. Uses include storage areas and garages.	5-7.5-10	General lighting throughout spaces
Working spaces where visual tasks are only occasionally performed. Uses include auditoriums, lobbies, and waiting areas.	10-15-20	
Performance of visual tasks of high contrast or large size. Uses include museums, laundries, and reading areas.	20-30-50	Illuminance on task
Performance of visual tasks of medium contrast or small size. Uses include drafting (high contrast) and general offices.	50-75-100	
Performance of visual tasks of low contrast or very small size. Uses include drafting (low contrast) and graphic design.	100-150-200	Illuminance on task, obtained by a combination of general and local (supplementary lighting)
Performance of visual tasks of low contrast and very small size over a prolonged period. Uses include inspection departments.	200-300-500	