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VITA Classical — Old Guide vs. New Guide

Visual equivalents between an aged guide and a current production guide.

Old Guide	New Guide	Match Level	Notes
A1	A1	Very Close	Very high match in value and chroma — stable across generations
A2	B2	■ Caution	Old guide more reddish — new guide leans yellow. B2 gives the closest visual value
A3	A2	Close	Old A3 was lighter — A2 in the new guide is the visual equivalent
A3.5	A3	Very Close	Chroma density of old A3.5 matches new A3 exactly in current production
A4	A4	Very Close	A4 group is the closest match with a slight shift toward darker brown
B1	B1	Very Close	Near-perfect match — highest brightness shade in both systems
B2	B2	Slightly Close	New guide slightly more yellow — result of pigment reformulation
B3	B2	Close	Old B3 had lower chroma — new B2 is the visual equivalent
B4	B4	Slightly Close	Similar chroma with a slight hue difference
C1	C1	Very Close	Very good match in neutral gray value
C2	C1	Close	Old C2 was visually lighter — new C1 is the closest brightness equivalent
C3	C3	Slightly Close	Current production is slightly darker
C4	C4	Slightly Close	New guide has higher chroma density — darkest end of the gray spectrum
D2	D2	Very Close	Stable reddish-gray pigment across both generations
D3	D2	Close	Old D3 had lower chroma — new D2 compensates for the difference in density
D4	D4	Slightly Close	Old guide more gray — new guide leans slightly yellow