

Limit ranges for cone 04-03 glazes from Val Cushing

| RO, R ₂ O (fluxes) | | | | R ₂ O ₃ (viscosity agents) | | | | RO ₂ (glass-formers) | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--|----------|----------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Gloss | Satin | Matt | | Gloss | Satin | Matt | | Gloss | Satin | Matt |
| KNaO | .02 -.80 | .05-.35 | .05-.35 | Al ₂ O ₃ | .05 -.20 | .10 -.30 | .10 -.30 | SiO ₂ | .05 -2.5 | 1.0 - 2.5 | 1.0 - 3.0 |
| Li ₂ O | .0 - .60 | .0 - .20 | .0 - .15 | B ₂ O ₃ | .0 - 2.0 | .0 - 1.0 | .0 - .50 | | | | |
| PbO | .0 - .90 | .0 - .50 | .0 - .40 | | | | | | | | |
| ZnO | .0 - .12 | .0 - .25 | .0 - .35 | | | | | | | | |
| CaO | .02 -.40 | .02 - .40 | .05 - .45 | | | | | | | | |
| MgO | .0 - .12 | .0 - .30 | .0 - .35 | | | | | | | | |
| BaO | .0 - .15 | .0 - .30 | .0 - .50 | | | | | | | | |
| SrO | .0 - .15 | .0 - .30 | .0 - .50 | | | | | | | | |

Limit ranges for cone 5-6 glazes from Val Cushing

| RO, R ₂ O (fluxes) | | | | R ₂ O ₃ (viscosity agents) | | | | RO ₂ (glass-formers) | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | Gloss | Satin | Matt | | Gloss | Satin | Matt | | Gloss | Satin | Matt |
| KNaO | .05 - .60 | .05 - .35 | .05 - .30 | Al ₂ O ₃ | .10 - .30 | .20 - .40 | .20 - .50 | SiO ₂ | 1.5 - 4.0 | 2.0 - 3.5 | 2.0-3.0 |
| Li ₂ O | .0 - .50 | .0 - .15 | .0 - .10 | B ₂ O ₃ | .0 - 1.0 | 0 - .50 | .0 - .50 | | | | |
| PbO | .0 - .60 | .0 - .40 | .0 - .20 | | | | | | | | |
| ZnO | .0 - .15 | .0 - .30 | .0 - .40 | | | | | | | | |
| CaO | .05 - .60 | .05 - .70 | .05 - .80 | | | | | | | | |
| MgO | .0 - .10 | .0 - .35 | .0 - .45 | | | | | | | | |
| BaO | .0 - .15 | .0 - .35 | .0 - .50 | | | | | | | | |
| SrO | .0 - .15 | .0 - .35 | .0 - .50 | | | | | | | | |

Limit ranges for cone 9-10 glazes from Val Cushing

| RO, R ₂ O (fluxes) | | | | R ₂ O ₃ (viscosity agents) | | | | RO ₂ (glass-formers) | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|---------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Gloss | Satin | Matt | | Gloss | Satin | Matt | | Gloss | Satin | Matt |
| KNaO | .05 - .50 | .05 - .40 | .05 - .30 | Al ₂ O ₃ | .20 - .50 | .25 - .60 | .25-.80 | SiO ₂ | 2.0 - 6.0 | 2.0 - 5.0 | 2.0 - 5.0 |
| Li ₂ O | .0 - .40 | .0 - .20 | .0 - .10 | B ₂ O ₃ | .0 - .50 | .0 - .40 | .0-.20 | | | | |
| PbO | none | none | none | | | | | | | | |
| ZnO | .0 - .15 | .0 - .40 | .0 - .50 | | | | | | | | |
| CaO | .05 - .80 | .05 - .80 | .05 - .90 | | | | | | | | |
| MgO | .0 - .15 | .0 - .50 | .0 - .60 | | | | | | | | |
| BaO | .0 - .15 | .0 - .50 | .0 - .60 | | | | | | | | |
| SrO | .0 - .15 | .0 - .50 | .0 - .60 | | | | | | | | |

Hesselberth & Roy Stable Glaze Limit ranges for cone 5-6 glazes

| RO, R ₂ O (fluxes) | | | | R ₂ O ₃ (viscosity agents) | | | | RO ₂ (glass-formers) | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|------|--|---------|-------|------|----------------------------------|---------|-------|------|
| | Gloss | Satin | Matt | | Gloss | Satin | Matt | | Gloss | Satin | Matt |
| KNaO | .01-.03 | | | Al ₂ O ₃ | .25-.4 | | | SiO ₂ | 2.5-4.0 | | |
| Li ₂ O | none | | | B ₂ O ₃ | .15-.35 | | | | | | |
| PbO | none | | | | | | | | | | |
| ZnO | .0-.2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CaO | .2-.6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| MgO | .0-.3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| BaO | none | | | | | | | | | | |
| SrO | 0-.2 | | | | | | | | | | |

Hesselberth & Roy Stable Glaze Limit ranges for cone 9-10 glazes

| RO, R ₂ O (fluxes) | | | | R ₂ O ₃ (viscosity agents) | | | | RO ₂ (glass-formers) | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|------|--|-------|-------|------|----------------------------------|---------|-------|------|
| | Gloss | Satin | Matt | | Gloss | Satin | Matt | | Gloss | Satin | Matt |
| KNaO | .1-.3 | | | Al ₂ O ₃ | .3-.6 | | | SiO ₂ | 3.0-5.0 | | |
| Li ₂ O | none | | | B ₂ O ₃ | 0-.3 | | | | | | |
| PbO | none | | | | | | | | | | |
| ZnO | none | | | | | | | | | | |
| CaO | .3-.7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| MgO | 0-.4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| BaO | none | | | | | | | | | | |
| SrO | 0-.3 | | | | | | | | | | |

Do read John Hesselberth and Ron Roy's full article on Stable Glazes, generously posted online:

<http://www.ceramicsmonthly.com/mustreads/stableglazes.asp>

They have written a very useful book on cone 6 glazes: *Mastering Cone 6 Glazes*.

Excerpt from the article:

This set of limits is not a direct copy of any published set, but rather an amalgam of published sets and what we have learned from leaching studies. Others may have slightly different views on these recommended limits; however, we doubt anyone would argue that this is a "bad" set of limits.

For the most part, this approach is very safe, but it does in fact limit glaze colors to whites and tans and browns. We can, however, make a good range of glaze surfaces from semimatts to glosses and maybe even something approaching a matt (although matt glazes are not recommended as liner glazes for reasons other than stability to acids).

The bigger problem with the third approach is that the person developing the glaze must be able to calculate a glaze composition in standard molar ratio form (usually stated as "unity calculations"). Being able to do unity calculations is the "price of admission" for responsible formulation of glazes for functional ware.

See also information on John's web site, including suggested stable glazes <http://frogpondpottery.com/>