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Coloring our dreams: SURVEY BY CSIL RESEARCH The top takeaways on mattress shades

Color is a clear differentiating option for mattress producers specialized in PU foam or hybrid offerings. More than 90% of participants claim to offer colored foam in mattresses.

2 Color plays a relevant role in mattress differentiation, visibility and communication strategies. 30% of those

surveyed say that using color contributes to the product communication strategy.

Color plays a significant role in the premium segment helping to convey a message of quality. Several companies suggest a relationship between the market range and the type of color, with intense colors tending to be positioned in higher market ranges.

Color is a key element for the "story telling" of the brand owner, and emotional impact on the consumer, in order to highlight the features within multi-layered mattresses.

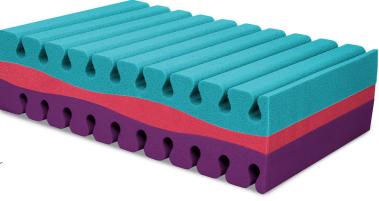
Colored multi-layered mattresses go hand in hand with the complex comfort and ergonomic structure of the premium segment.

Color helps to avoid the bad quality perception caused by the discoloration of natural, uncolored foam. Some companies suggest that colored PU foam performs better than white foam which tends to assume a yellowish shade considered as unpleasant by some consumers. Color helps to convey the messages associated with the most common features delivered by the multi-layered construction: breathability, cooling, softness, sustainability. 26% use color to highlight softness and comfort, 23% for cooling and 11% for breathability.

Color usage in the mattress industry is expected to grow as companies strive to differentiate and communicate the advantages of their offerings. More than 80% of those surveyed believe that color will remain a tool.

The use of color should not raise concerns around circularity in the PU industry as color does not influence the characteristics of recycled polyol.

E-commerce and bed in a box is driving additional color demand with color differentiation a highly important as part of this sector's particular marketing strategies.



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