The base body tone refers to the darkness of the opal ignoring the play of colour and brightness of the stone. The base colour can only be determined by looking down on top of the stone and ignoring the material on the back of the stone. Only those stones ranking N1 to N4 are considered black opals – attracting additional value associated of this class.

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