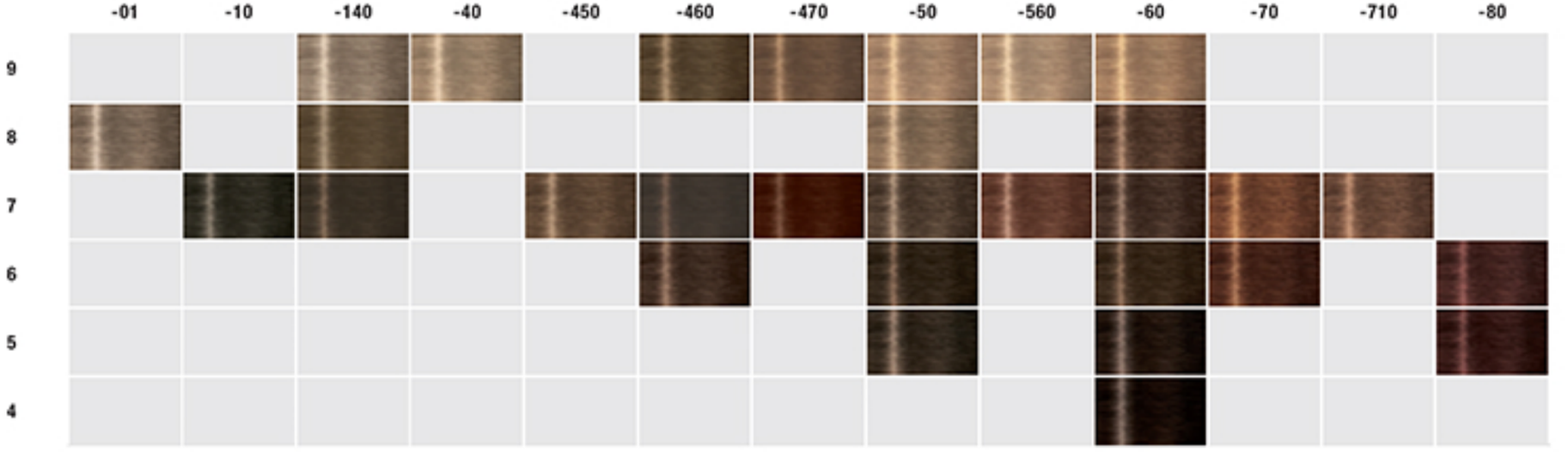ABSOLUTES