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FEDERAL SPECIFICATION  
PIGMENTS-IN-OIL, TINTING COLOR

This specification was approved by the Commissioner,  
Federal Supply Service, General Services Administration  
for the use of all Federal agencies.

1. SCOPE AND CLASSIFICATION

1.1 Scope. This specification covers pigments-in-oil used primarily for tinting colors.

1.2 Classification.

1.2.1 Type and colors. Pigments-in-oil, covered by this specification, shall be of one type in the following colors, as specified (see 6.2).

Blacks:

Color 1A - Bone black (drop black)  
Color 1B - High color carbon black  
Color 1C - Standard all purpose carbon  
          black  
Color 1D - Lampblack  
Color 1E - Black iron oxide

Blues:

Color 2A - Iron blue (Prussian)  
Color 2B - Ultramarine blue  
Color 2C - Cobalt blue

Browns:

Color 3A - Metallic brown  
Color 3B - Burnt sienna  
Color 3C - Burnt umber  
Color 3D - Raw umber  
Color 3E - Brown iron oxide  
Color 3F - Vandyke brown

Greens:

Color 4A - Light chrome green  
Color 4B - Medium chrome green  
Color 4C - Dark chrome green  
Color 4D - Chromium oxide green

Oranges:

Color 5A - Dark chrome orange  
Color 5B - Light chrome orange

Reds:

Color 6A - Bright red iron oxide  
Color 6B - Indian red iron oxide  
Color 6C - Mineral red iron oxide  
Color 6D - Toluidine toner  
Color 6E - Venetian red  
Color 6F - Vermilion (American)  
Color 6G - Rose lake (rose pink)

Yellows:

Color 7A - Light chrome yellow (lemon)  
Color 7B - Medium chrome yellow  
Color 7C - Primrose chrome yellow  
Color 7D - Yellow ochre  
Color 7E - Raw sienna  
Color 7F - Yellow iron oxide

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

2.1 The following documents, of the issues in effect on date of invitation for bids or request for proposal, form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein.

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Federal Specifications :

RR-S-366 - Sieves; Standard for Testing Purposes  
 TT-D-651 - Drier, Paint, Liquid  
 TT-L-215 - Linseed, Oil, Raw  
 TT-P-143 - Paint, Varnish, Lacquer and Related Materials: General Specification for Packaging, Packing and Marking Of.  
 TT-P-330 - Pigment, Bone-Black, Dry  
 TT-P-343 - Pigment, Carbon-Black, Dry  
 TT-P-345 - Pigment, Chrome-Green, Pure, Dry  
 TT-P-346 - Pigment, Chrome-Yellow and Chrome-Orange, Dry  
 TT-P-347 - Pigment, Chromium-Oxide-Green, Dry  
 TT-P-350 - Pigment, Lampblack, Dry  
 TT-P-375 - Pigment, Indian-Red and Bright-Red (Iron-Oxide) Dry  
 TT-P-385 - Pigment, Iron-Blue, Dry  
 TT-P-390 - Pigment, Iron Oxide, Black, Synthetic, Dry  
 TT-P-395 - Pigment, Iron Oxide, Brown, Synthetic, Dry  
 TT-P-405 - Pigment, Metallic-Brown, Dry  
 TT-P-408 - Pigment, Mineral-Red (Iron Oxide) Natural, Dry  
 TT-P-420 - Pigment, Ocher, Yellow, Dry  
 TT-P-435 - Pigment, Sienna, Burnt and Raw, Dry  
 TT-P-445 - Pigment, Toluidine-Red-Toner, Dry  
 TT-P-450 - Pigment, Ultramarine Blue, Dry  
 TT-P-455 - Pigment, Umber, Raw and Burnt, Dry  
 TT-P-457 - Pigment, Venetian-Red, Dry  
 TT-P-458 - Pigment, Yellow-Iron-Oxide, Hydrated, Synthetic, Dry  
 TT-T-291 - Thinner, Paint  
 TT-T-801 - Turpentine, Gum Spirits, Steam Distilled, Sulfate Wood and Destructively Distilled  
 TT-V-109 - Varnish, Spar, Alkyd, Resin

Federal Standard:

Fed. Test Method Std. No. 141 - Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Materials; Methods of Inspection, Sampling, and Testing.

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## 3. REQUIREMENTS

3.1 The material as received shall consist of the pigment and oil specified, so combined as to produce a tinting color meeting all the requirements of this specification.

3.2 Pigment. The pigment shall be ground in linseed oil (with a small amount of volatile thinner), together with (where necessary) small amounts of wetting and dispersing agents, to a semipaste or fluid type consistency.

3.3 Vehicle. The vehicle shall consist of linseed oil (raw) together with thinner consisting of either turpentine TT-T-801, mineral spirits TT-T-291 or a mixture thereof.

3.4 Quantitative requirements. The quantitative requirements shall be as specified in table I and the chemical analysis of the pigment shall be as specified in table II.

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TABLE I.

Characteristics	Requirement	
	Minimum	Maximum
Nonvolatile matter in vehicle, percent by weight of vehicle	80(1)	---
Consistency, Krebs-Stormer, Shearing rate 200 rpm:		
Grams	350	(2)
K. U. equivalent	100	--
Coarse particles, percent by weight of pigment	---	2
Fineness of grind	6	---
Fish oil	Negative	---
Iodine number	170	---
Unsaponifiable	Negative	---
Water, percent by weight of paste	---	1(3)

(1) The following exceptions are:

Colors	Nonvolatile matter percent by weight
2A Iron blue	60
2B Ultramarine blue	70
2C Cobalt blue	70
3F Vandyke brown	55
4C Dark chrome green	60
7A Light chrome yellow	60
7C Primerose chrome yellow	70

(2) For maximum consistency see 4.4.6

(3) The following exceptions are:

Colors	Percent, maximum allowable
Colors 1A and 1B	2
Color 2A	4
Color 2B	3
Colors 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D	3
Color 7E	3
Color 3F	No requirement

TABLE II. Pigment Analysis

Colors	Dry pigment (percent by weight) minimum	Specification for Pigment content(1)
Blacks:		
Color 1A - Bone black (drop black) . . . . .	45	TT-P-330
Color 1B - High color carbon black . . . . .	5	(class A) TT-P-343
Color 1C - Standard all purpose carbon black . . . . .	10	(class B) TT-P-343
Color 1D - Lampblack . . . . .	25	TT-P-350
Color 1E - Black iron oxide . . . . .	70	TT-P-390
Blues:		
Color 2A - Iron blue (Prussian) . . . . .	32	TT-P-385
Color 2B - Ultramarine blue . . . . .	66	TT-P-450
Color 2C - Cobalt blue . . . . .	55	.....

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TABLE II. Pigment Analysis (cont.)

Colors	Dry pigment (percent by weight) minimum	Specification for Pigment content(1)
<b>Browns:</b>		
Color 3A - Metallic brown . . . . .	68	TT-P-405
Color 3B - Burnt sienna . . . . .	55	TT-P-435
Color 3C - Burnt umber . . . . .	55	TT-P-455
Color 3D - Raw umber . . . . .	55	TT-P-455
Color 3E - Brown iron oxide . . . . .	70	TT-P-395
Color 3F - Vandyke brown . . . . .	45	. . . . .
<b>Greens:</b>		
Color 4A - Light chrome green . . . . .	65	(type I) TT-P-345
Color 4B - Medium chrome green . . . . .	60	(type II) TT-P-345
Color 4C - Dark chrome green . . . . .	45	(type III) TT-P-345
Color 4D - Chromium oxide green . . . . .	75	TT-P-347
<b>Oranges:</b>		
Color 5A - Dark chrome orange . . . . .	82	(type V) TT-P-346
Color 5B - Light chrome orange . . . . .	79	(type IV) TT-P-346
<b>Reds:</b>		
Color 6A - Bright red iron oxide . . . . .	69	(type II) TT-P-375
Color 6B - Indian red iron oxide . . . . .	68	(type I) TT-P-375
Color 6C - Mineral red iron oxide . . . . .	75	TT-P-408
Color 6D - Toluidine toner . . . . .	34	TT-P-445
Color 6E - Venetian red . . . . .	76	TT-P-457
Color 6F - Vermilion (American) . . . . .	72	. . . . .
Color 6G - Rose lake (rose pink) . . . . .	65	. . . . .
<b>Yellows:</b>		
Color 7A - Light chrome yellow. . . . .	65	(type II) TT-P-346
Color 7B - Medium chrome yellow . . . . .	60	(type III) TT-P-346
Color 7C - Primrose chrome yellow . . . . .	70	(type I) TT-P-346
Color 7D - Yellow ochre . . . . .	70	TT-P-420
Color 7E - Raw sienna . . . . .	55	TT-P-435
Color 7F - Yellow iron oxide . . . . .	60	TT-P-458

(1) The extracted pigment shall conform to the dry pigment requirements of the indicated specification except for such properties as are covered by this specification or which may not properly be determined on an extracted pigment.

### 3.5 Qualitative requirements.

3.5.1 Condition in container. The pigments-in-oil, tested as in 4.4.1 shall not settled or caked badly that it cannot be reincorporated with the liquid to form a smooth semipaste.

3.5.2 Miscibility. The pigments-in-oil, tested as in 4.4.2 shall be miscible or break up readily with "thinning liquid," to form a uniform, smooth paint to a brushing consistency. The brushed film shall be uniform and smooth.

3.5.3 Skinning (partially filled container). The pigments-in-oil tested as in 4.4.3 shall not skin within 48 hours.

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3.5.4 Storage stability (full container). The pigments-in-oil, tested as in 4.4.4 and stored 24 months shall not caked and settled badly and shall not show evidence of putrefaction.

#### 4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

4.1 Responsibility for inspection. Unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the supplier is responsible for the performance of all inspection requirements specified herein. Except as otherwise specified in the contract or order the supplier may use his own or any other facilities unless disapproved by the Government. The Government reserves the right to perform any of the inspections set forth in the specification where such inspections are deemed necessary to assure that supplies and services conform to the prescribed requirements.

4.2 Classification of inspection. Inspection shall be classified as follows:

- (a) Production inspection of the pigments-in-oil.
- (b) Inspection of preparation for delivery.

#### 4.3 Production inspection.

4.3.1 Sampling and inspection. Sampling and inspection shall be in accordance with Fed. Test Method Std. No. 141, section 1000.

4.4 Test procedures. The pigments-in-oil shall be tested in accordance with the following applicable methods of Fed. Test Method Std. No. 141 as indicated in table III and as hereinafter specified.

TABLE III.

Characteristics	Requirement Reference	Test Method	
		Fed. Test Method Std. No. 141	Paragraph Reference
Condition in container	3.5.1	3011	4.4.1
Miscibility	3.5.2	. . .	4.4.2
Skinning	3.5.3	3021	4.4.3
Storage stability	3.5.4	3022	4.4.4(1)
Nonvolatile matter in vehicle	Table I	4053	4.4.5
Consistency	Table I	4281	4.4.6
Coarse particle	Table I	4091	. . .
Fineness of grind	Table I	4411	. . .
Fish oil	Table I	. . .	4.4.7
Iodine number	Table I	5061	. . .
Unsaponifiable	Table I	7011	. . .
Water content	Table I	4081	. . .

- (1) The inspector may accept a certified manufacturer's report stating that the material offered for delivery has been tested and found to meet the storage requirement.

4.4.1 Condition in container. Determine the package condition in accordance with method 3011 of Fed. Test Method No. 141 and observe for compliance with 3.5.1.

4.4.2 Miscibility test. Thin two volumes of paste with one volume of "thinning liquid" (composed of 70 parts by volume of raw linseed oil TT-L-215, 20 parts of spar varnish TT-V-109, and 10 parts of liquid paint drier TT-D-651). A convenient amount is 60 milliliters of paste and 30 ml. of thinning liquid. The paste may be measured or weighed (The latter requires the weight per gallon of paste). To the paste, add the thinning liquid in increments of about 10 ml., stirring the mixture thoroughly after each addition. Brush the material on a tin, steel, or sealed cardboard and observe for compliance with 3.5.2.

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4.4.3 Skinning (partially filled container). Determine the skinning in accordance with method 3021 of Fed. Test Method Std. No. 141 for compliance with 3.5.3.

4.4.4 Storage stability (full container). Storage stability shall be tested in accordance with method 3022 of Fed. Test Method Std. No. 141 except that the storage period shall be 24 months and determine for compliance with 3.5.4.

4.4.5 Nonvolatile in vehicle. Determine the nonvolatile matter in vehicle in accordance with method 4053 of Fed. Test Method Std. No. 141 for compliance with table I.

4.4.6 Maximum Consistency. Transfer a thoroughly mixed portion of the paste to a half-pint, round paint can, (2 3/4 inches diameter), filling the paste to within one-quarter inch from the top. Cover, and allow to come to a temperature of 77°F (25°C), then thoroughly stir the sample, and immediately pour (at the maximum pouring rate) the contents of the container into a weight per gallon cup (metal cup described in method 4184 of Fed. Test Method Std. No. 141). Sufficient paste shall pour out of the container to fill the cup within 20 seconds.

4.4.7 Fish oil (qualitative test).

4.4.7.1 Reagents:

- (a) Special chloroform. -- Shake U.S.P. chloroform with several portions of water to wash out all the alcohol. Dry the product over granulated anhydrous calcium chloride overnight in order to remove all traces of water. Decant from the calcium chloride and distil. Add to the distillate 3 ml. of absolute alcohol for every 100 ml. of chloroform. Keep in a stoppered brown bottle.
- (b) Special bromine solution. -- Mix one part by volume of bromine conforming to A.C.S. specifications with two parts by volume of chloroform prepared as above. This solution must be made up fresh each day because it deteriorates upon standing.
- (c) Amylene. -- Technical grade (boiling point 32° to 37°C) has been found to be satisfactory.

4.4.7.2 Procedure. Place approximately 1.0 gram of fatty acids prepared according to method 5051 of Fed. Test Method Std. No. 141 and 10 ml of special chloroform (see above) in an extraction tube. Place in an ice bath to which a small amount of concentrated hydrochloric acid has been added. The temperature of the bath should be between -5 and -10°C. After cooling in the bath for at least 15 minutes, add bromine solution (see above) dropwise at the rate of not more than 2 drops a second from a 10-ml. burette, shaking the tube continuously. Add the bromine solution until a permanent orange color prevails (usually 1 ml. of the bromine solution will be required for 1 gram of fatty acids). Now run in rapidly 0.5 ml. of the bromine solution to insure an excess of bromine, close the tube with rubber stopper, and allow to stand for at least 1 hour at -5 to -10°C. Now add amylene (see above) to the cold solution dropwise until all the bromine is expelled as evidenced by change in color. Usually 5 or 6 drops of amylene will be sufficient to remove all the free bromine. A few drops of amylene in excess does no harm. Place the tube and contents in a water bath heated to near its boiling point. After the solution has boiled slowly for about a minute, examine the solution. If all the bromides are soluble becomes perfectly clear, fish oil may be considered absent. Should the solution remain cloudy even to the point of merely obscuring regular point, the presence of fish oil is apparent, since the octobromides obtained from the bromination of fish-oil fatty acids are insoluble under the condition of the test.

4.4.8 Packaging, packing, and marking. The pigments-in-oil shall be inspected for compliance with the packaging, packing, and marking requirements of section 5.

## 5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY

5.1 Packaging, packing, and marking. The pigments-in-oil shall be packaged, packed, and marked in accordance with TT-P-143. The level of packaging shall be A, B, or C, and the level of packing shall be A, B, or C, as specified (see 6.2). The pigments-in-oil shall be furnished in 1-ounce tubes, half-pint, 1 quart or 1 gallon multiple friction top containers, as specified (see 6.2).

## 6. NOTES

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6.1 Intended use. The pigments-in-oil covered by this specification is intended for use as a tinting color. It is suitable for use synthetic enamel, lacquer enamel, oil paints, and new synthetics. It is not intended for water-thinned paints.

6.2 Ordering data. Purchasers should select the preferred options offered herein and include the following information in procurement documents:

- (a) Title, number and date of this specification.
- (b) Size of container required (see section 5).
- (c) Levels of packaging and packing required (see section 5).
- (d) Color and designation required (see 1.2.1).

6.3 The pigments-in-oil covered by this specification should be purchased by volume, the unit being one U.S. liquid gallon of 231 cubic inches at 20°C. (68°F.).

6.4 The approximate weights per gallon as shown in table IV, of the various paste colors, may be helpful to the user. This is based on the minimum percentage of pigment required in this specification, and a vehicle composed of the percentage of linseed oil specified in 3.3, with the remainder mineral spirits, turpentine, or a mixture thereof.

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## 1. SPECIFICATION

TT-P-381E Pigments-In-Oil, Tinting Color

## 2. CONTRACT NO. (If any)

## 3. QUANTITY ON CONTRACT (Optional)

## 4. DOLLAR VALUE (Optional)

## 5. GENERAL NATURE OF PROBLEM (e.g., inspection difficulties, manufacturers unable to meet tolerances, containers collapse under normal warehousing conditions, etc.)

## 6. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AFFECTED (Include paragraph number and lines of wording)

## 7. SPECIFIC PROBLEMS (e.g. tests in 4.2.2 will not assure that the battery will last required time; temperature ranges in table 2 do not conform to commercially available items.)

## 8. RECOMMENDATIONS

## 9. NAME OF MANUFACTURER, ASSOCIATION, GOVT., AGENCY, ETC.

## 10. ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State and Zip Code)

## 11. NAME AND TITLE OF SUBMITTER

## 12. DATE

