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Standard Specification for Zinc Dust Pigment¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers three types of zinc dust, for use as a pigment in paints.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

B 214 Test Method for Sieve Analysis of Granular Metal Powders²

D 185 Test Methods for Coarse Particles in Pigments, Pastes, and Paints³

D 521 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Zinc Dust (Metallic Zinc Powder)³

E 40 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Slab Zinc (Spelter)⁴

3. Composition and Properties

3.1 The pigments shall consist substantially of metallic zinc and shall conform to the requirements for composition prescribed in Table 1.

3.2 In such physical properties as are specified by the purchaser, the pigment shall satisfactorily match a reference sample mutually agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller.

4. Sampling

4.1 Two samples shall be taken at random from different packages from each lot, batch, day's pack, or other unit of production in a shipment. When no markings distinguishing between units of production appear, samples shall be taken from different packages in the ratio of two samples for each

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 02.05.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.03.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

TABLE 1 Requirements for Composition

	Type I	Type II	Type III
Total zinc, calculated as Zn, min, %	97.5	98.0	99.0
Metallic zinc, min, %	94.0	94.0	96.0
Material other than metallic zinc, ZnO, and admixed CaO, where applicable max %	0.75
Calcium, calculated as CaO, max, %	0.7	0.7	...
Lead, calculated as Pb, max, %	...	0.01	0.002
Iron, calculated as Fe, max, %	...	0.02	0.002
Cadmium, calculated as Cd, max, %	...	0.01	0.001
Chlorine, calculated as Cl, max, %	...	0.01	...
Sulfur, calculated as SO ₂ , max, %	...	0.01	...
Moisture and other volatile matter, max, %	0.10	0.10	0.10
Oily or fatty matter, or both, max, %	...	0.05	...
Zinc oxide (ZnO), max, %	6.0	remainder	remainder
Coarse particles, max, %:			
Total residue retained on a 150- μ m (No. 100) sieve	none	0.1	0.1
Total residue retained on a 75- μ m (No. 200) sieve	...	0.8	0.8
Total residue retained on a 45- μ m (No. 325) sieve	4.0	3.0	3.0

5000 kg (10 000 lb), except that for shipments of less than 5000 kg, two samples shall be taken. At the option of the purchaser, the samples may be tested separately or after blending in equal quantities the samples from the same production unit to form a composite sample.

5. Test Methods

5.1 Tests shall be conducted in accordance with the following ASTM test methods. Test procedures not covered by these ASTM test methods shall be mutually agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller.

5.1.1 *Total and Metallic Zinc*—Test Methods D 521.

5.1.2 *Lead, Cadmium, and Iron*—Sections 8, 18.2, and 22, respectively, of Test Methods E 40.

5.1.3 *Oily or Fatty Matter, or Both*—Test Methods D 521.

5.1.4 *Coarse Particles*—Test Method B 214 or Test Methods D 185.

6. Keywords

6.1 pigment; zinc