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## Standard Specification for Zinc Phosphate Pigments<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers three types of pigments commercially known as zinc phosphate each of which may or may not be available in specific grades delineated by particle size or oil absorption.

1.1.1 Type I—Zinc Phosphate, dihydrate predominant.

1.1.2 Type II—Zinc Phosphate, dihydrate tetrahydrate mixture.

1.1.3 Type III—Zinc Phosphate, tetrahydrate predominant.

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:*<sup>2</sup>

D 153 Test Methods for Specific Gravity of Pigments

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

D 280 Test Methods for Hygroscopic Moisture (and Other Matter Volatile Under the Test Conditions) in Pigments

D 281 Test Method for Oil Absorption of Pigments by Spatula Rub-out

D 1208 Test Methods for Common Properties of Certain Pigments

D 1210 Test Method for Fineness of Dispersion of Pigment-Vehicle Systems by Hegman-Type Gage

D 2448 Test Method for Water-Soluble Salts in Pigments by Measuring the Specific Resistance of the Leachate of the Pigment

### 3. Significance and Use

3.1 Zinc phosphate functions as both a chemical and a pigment. As a pigment it is used in a variety of applications including that of corrosion inhibiting paints.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

### 4. Composition and Properties

4.1 Zinc phosphate pigment is a white corrosion inhibiting pigment consisting either predominately of zinc phosphate dihydrate ( $Zn_3(PO_4)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ ) or a mixture of zinc phosphate dihydrate and zinc phosphate tetrahydrate ( $Zn_3(PO_4)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ ) or predominately of zinc phosphate tetrahydrate which is free from extenders, diluents, and other pigments.

4.2 Zinc phosphate shall be a chemically prepared pigment and shall be of such type and grade as to conform to the requirements prescribed in **Table 1**. They shall additionally be free of extenders, modifiers, diluents, alteration of stoichiometric chemical structure, co-reacted precipitates, and carbonaceous material.

4.3 The desired properties of the pigment, other than as herein indicated, shall be subject to mutual agreement between interested parties and shall be based upon a satisfactory match between any submitted sample and a previously agreed upon reference sample.

### 5. Classification

5.1 *Type I*—which consists predominately of zinc phosphate dihydrate ( $Zn_3(PO_4)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ ) and exhibits a differentiating loss on ignition of the dried pigment at 600 °C between 8.5 and 10.0 weight %.

5.2 *Type II*—which consists essentially of a mixture of zinc phosphate dihydrate ( $Zn_3(PO_4)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ ) and Zinc Phosphate Tetrahydrate ( $Zn_3(PO_4)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ ) and exhibits a differentiating loss on ignition of the dried pigment at 600 °C between 10.0 and 14.0 weight %.

5.3 *Type III*—which consists predominately of zinc phosphate tetrahydrate ( $Zn_3(PO_4)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ ) and exhibits a differentiating loss on ignition of the dried pigment at 600 °C between 14.0 and 18.0 weight %.

### 6. Sampling

6.1 Two samples shall be taken at random from different packages from each lot, batch, days 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 ratio of two samples for each 5000 kg, except for those shipments of less than 5000 kg where two samples shall be taken. At the option of the interested party the

**TABLE 1 Zinc Phosphate Pigment Properties**

Property	TYPE I			TYPE II			TYPE III		
ZnO, weight percent (on ignited sample)	62.6 - 65.1			62.6 - 65.1			62.6 - 65.1		
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , weight percent (on ignited sample)	34.9 - 37.4			34.9 - 37.4			34.9 - 37.4		
Loss on ignition, weight percent (of dried pigment)	8.5 - 10.0			10.0 - 14.0			14.0 - 18.0		
	GRADE			GRADE			GRADE		
Mean Particle Size (microns)	F < 2.5	M 2.5-5.0	C > 5.0	F same	M same	C same	F same	M same	C same
Oil adsorption	> 30	30 - 15	< 15	same			same		
Matter soluble in water, specific resistance, (min. ohm - cm)	6500			6500			6500		
Moisture and other volatile matter (105 - 110° C)	0.5			0.5			0.5		
Specific gravity, g/cm <sup>3</sup>	3.0 - 3.5			3.0 - 3.5			3.0 - 3.5		
Hegman grind	6 min			6 min			6 min		
Coarse particle percent residue 325 M (45 µm)	0.5 max			0.5 max			0.5 max		
pH, aqueous suspension	6 - 8			6 - 8			6 - 8		

samples may be tested separately or as a composite sample formed by blending in equal quantities the samples from the same unit of production.

## 7. Test Methods

7.1 Tests shall be conducted in accordance with the following test methods. Test procedures not incorporated here and not covered by ASTM test methods shall be mutually agreed upon between the interested parties.

7.1.1 Specific Gravity—Test Methods [D 153](#), Method B.

7.1.2 Oil Absorption—Test Method [D 281](#).

7.1.3 Hegman Grind—Test Method [D 1210](#).

7.1.4 Coarse Particles—Test Methods [D 185](#).

7.1.5 pH—Test Methods [D 1208](#).

7.1.6 Specific Resistance—Test Method [D 2448](#).

7.1.7 Moisture—Test Methods [D 280](#).

7.1.8 Chemical Analysis—Incorporated in this specification as [Annex A1](#) and [Annex A2](#).

7.1.9 Loss on Ignition—Incorporated in this specification as [Annex A3](#).

## 8. Keywords

8.1 analytical; zinc; zinc phosphate

## ANNEXES

### (Mandatory Information)

#### A1. TEST METHOD FOR DETERMINATION OF ZINC CONTENT FOR ZINC PHOSPHATE TYPE PIGMENTS

##### A1.1 Scope

A1.1.1 This test method covers the determination of the zinc content for zinc phosphate monohydrate, dihydrate, tetrahydrate, or mixtures of these various crystal water content pigments.

A1.1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of whoever uses this standard to consult and*

*establish the appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

##### A1.2 Reference Documents

A1.2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

Test Method for Determination of Loss on Ignition for Zinc Phosphate Type Pigments