



Standard Specification for Bone Black Pigment¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the pigment commercially known as bone black, ivory black, or drop black. The pigment may be purchased in the dry form or as a paste in oil.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 185 Test Methods for Coarse Particles in Pigments, Pastes, and Paints²

D 387 Test Method for Color and Strength of Color Pigments with a Mechanical Muller³

D 1208 Test Methods for Common Properties of Certain Pigments²

3. Composition and Properties

3.1 *Dry Pigment*—The pigment shall be made by the calcination of bones, shall be unmixed with any other substance, and shall conform to the following requirements:

Ash (pigment dried at 105°C), %, max	88
Ash insoluble in acids, max, %	3.0
Acetone extract, max, %	2.0
Coarse particles (total residue retained on a No. 325 (45-μm) sieve), max, %	2.0

3.2 *Paste in Oil*—The paste in oil shall be made by thoroughly grinding the specified pigment with linseed oil. As received it shall not be caked in the container and shall break up readily in oil to form a smooth paint of brushing consistency. It shall mix readily in all proportions, without curdling,

with linseed oil, turpentine, or volatile petroleum spirits, or any mixture of these substances. The paste shall conform to the following requirements:

Pigment, min, %	45
Linseed oil, max, %	55
Coarse particles and skins (total residue retained on a No. 325 (45-μm) sieve), max, % of the dry pigment	2.5

3.3 The mass color and character of the tint and the tinting strength formed by a mixture with a white pigment shall be within mutually agreed upon limits of a standard acceptable to both 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 10 000 lb (5000 kg), except that for shipments of less than 10 000 lb 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 ASTM test methods shall be mutually agreed upon by the purchaser and the seller.

5.2 *Coarse Particles*—Test Methods D 185.

5.3 *Pigment and Linseed Oil in Paste in Oil*—Test Methods D 1208.

5.4 *Mass Color and Tinting Strength*—Test Method D 387.

6. Keywords

6.1 Black pigment; drop black; ivory black; pigment.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.03.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.01.

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