



Standard Specification for Wet Ground Mica Pigments¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers two types of finely divided muscovite mica, commercially known as wet ground mica, suitable for use in the manufacture of protective coatings.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 185 Test Methods for Coarse Particles in Pigments, Pastes, and Paints²
- D 280 Test Methods for Hygroscopic Moisture (and Other Matter Volatile Under the Test Conditions) in Pigment²
- D 716 Test Methods for Evaluating Mica Pigment²
- D 1208 Test Methods for Common Properties of Certain Pigments²

3. Composition and Properties

3.1 The pigments shall be made by wet grinding muscovite mica and shall conform to the requirements for properties prescribed as follows:

	Types	
	A Regular 325 M Grade	B Fine Grade
Apparent density, max, lb/ft ³ (g/cm ³)	12.0 (0.2)	12.0 (0.2)
Moisture and other volatile matter, max, weight %	0.5	0.5
Grit, max, weight %	0.5	0.5
Coarse particles, max, weight %:		
Total residue retained on a No. 140 (106- μ m) sieve	0.1	0.01

	Types	
	A Regular 325 M Grade	B Fine Grade
Total residue retained on a No. 325 (45- μ m) sieve	12.0	3.0
Ignition loss, max, weight % (dry basis)	5.0	5.0

3.2 The color 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 5 tons (inch-pound or SI), 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 appropriate ASTM methods. Test procedures not covered by ASTM methods shall be mutually agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller.

- 5.1.1 *Apparent Density*—Test Methods D 716.
- 5.1.2 *Moisture*—Test Methods D 280.
- 5.1.3 *Grit*—Test Methods D 716.
- 5.1.4 *Coarse Particles*—Test Methods D 185.
- 5.1.5 *Ignition Loss*—Test Methods D 1208.

6. Keywords

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