



# Standard Specification for Raw and Burnt Umber Pigments<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the pigments commercially known as raw umber and burnt umber.

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>

[D50 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Yellow, Orange, Red, and Brown Pigments Containing Iron and Manganese](#)

[D185 Test Methods for Coarse Particles in Pigments](#)

[D280 Test Methods for Hygroscopic Moisture \(and Other Matter Volatile Under the Test Conditions\) in Pigments](#)

[D387 Test Method for Color and Strength of Chromatic Pigments with a Mechanical Muller](#)

[D1208 Test Methods for Common Properties of Certain Pigments](#)

## 3. Composition and Properties

3.1 *Dry Pigments*—The pigments shall conform to the following requirements:

3.1.1 *Raw Umber*—The pigment shall be in a soft, dry form and shall be a hydrated oxide of iron (together with such manganese that is naturally associated with it) permeating a siliceous base and shall be free of admixtures of other substances except carbon pigments. The pigment shall conform to the requirements for composition prescribed in [Table 1](#).

3.1.2 *Burnt Umber*—The pigment shall be produced by the calcination of raw umber and shall be free of admixtures of other substances except carbon pigments. The pigment shall conform to the requirements for composition prescribed in [Table 1](#).

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

3.2 *Paste in Oil*—For both raw and burnt umber, the paste in oil shall be made by thoroughly grinding the pigment with linseed oil (with or without a small amount of volatile thinner) together with (where necessary) small amounts of wetting or dispersing agents to produce a paste or semipaste of satisfactory consistency. As received, it shall not be caked in the container and shall break up readily in linseed 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, %	55
Nonvolatile vehicle, min, %	80
Moisture by distillation, max, %	2.0
Coarse particles and skins (total residue retained on a No. 325 (45- $\mu$ m sieve), max, % of dry pigment)	1.0

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 4540 kg or 10 000 lb, 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 *Chemical Analysis of Dry Pigment*—Test Methods [D50](#).

5.3 *Moisture in Paste in Oil*—Test Methods [D280](#), except that the sample shall be weighed instead of measured and the results shall be expressed as weight percentage instead of volume.

5.4 *Coarse Particles*—Test Methods [D185](#).

**TABLE 1 Requirements for Composition of Raw and Burnt Umber Pigments**

	Raw Umber	Burnt Umber
Iron oxide (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ), min, %	37	42
Calcium compounds (as CaO), max, %	5.0	5.0
Moisture and other volatile matter, max, %	5.0	5.0
Coarse particles (total residue retained on a No. 325 (45- $\mu$ m) sieve), max, %	2.0	2.0
Organic colors, max, %	none	none

5.5 *Pigment and Linseed Oil in Paste in Oil*—Test Methods **D1208**.

5.6 *Mass Color and Tinting Strength*—Test Method **D387**.

## 6. Keywords

6.1 hydrated; pigment; raw and burnt umber

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