# Handbook on Paint Testing Methods

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Paints and their allied products like varnishes, enamels, pigments, printing inks and synthetic resins protect assets from corrosion. These are increasingly being used in automotive, engineering and consumer durable sectors. Paint testing can be done in a number of different ways. The fact of the matter is that many industries use several different paint testing methods in order to ensure accurate results. Paint should be tested in a wet form for particular properties but also in the dry form. Testing of paints generally falls into three categories: testing of the raw materials, testing of the finished product and performance testing using accelerated weathering and other simulation type methods of evaluation. Coatings technologists deal with interfaces of all classes gas liquid as in an aerosol spray liquid liquid, as in an emulsion gas solid, as in a dry pigment before its immersion in a vehicle liquid solid, as in a pigment dispersion and solid solid, as when the crystal faces of two different pigment particles are in tight contact. Paint scientists are particularly interested in the formation of liquid solid interfaces that are stable in the package, that is, in the permanent replacement of the air at the air solid interface of the pigment by the vehicle to give the liquid solid interface of the dispersion. In coatings and similar products, the criteria for best performance particulate ingredients; inorganic, organic, extender and metallic flake pigments and dispersed phase of latexes depends on the size and shape of particles composing the particulate materials. The purpose of paint testing is to help and ensure that the minimum requirements for ingredients and material characterization are met by the manufacturer on a batch basis, and to help ensure that the formulated product will provide satisfactory performance in the environment.

Handbook on Paint Testing Methods explains about aspect of gloss, specular glass, sheen, contrast gloss, absence of bloom gloss, distinctness of image gloss, specular gloss evaluation, specular reflectance, geometric considerations, instrumentation, goniophotometers, specular glossmeters, basic factors producing hiding power, refractive indexes of white pigments, refractive indexes of organic pigments, films for testing preparation of films for test, pigments and extenders, metallic flake pigments, latexes, methods for determining particle, treatment of data, particle size with light microscope etc.

This handbook elaborates the different testing methods of paints with an understanding of the various tests that can be performed on product performance. This handbook will be very helpful to its readers who are related to this field and will also find useful for upcoming entrepreneurs, existing industries, technical institution, etc.

#### 1. OPTICAL PROPERTIES COLOUR AND LIGHT

Introduction, Light source, Standard Illuminants, Color Temperature, Color Matching Booth, Metamerism, Non-visible Radiation, The observer, Color Deficiency, Reflectance and

Transmittance, Color mixing, Addition of Lights, Subtractive colorimetry, Color order systems, Munsell system, Ostwald color system, ISCC-NBS System, Din – color system, Atlas de los colores, Federal color standard, Specialized color order systems, Gardner Liquid color standards, Loviond Tintometer, Parlin color standards, Gardner – Delta color comparator, ASTM color Scale, ASTM Method D 1500, Intermental color measurement, Spectrophotometers, Abridged Spectrophotometers, Tristimulus colorimeters

#### 2. GLOSS

Aspect of gloss, Specular Glass, Sheen, Contrast Gloss, Absence of Bloom Gloss, Distinctness – of- Image Gloss, Specular Gloss Evaluation, Specular Reflectance, Geometric Considerations, Instrumen-tation, Goniophotometers, Specular Glossmeters, Distinctness – of – Image Glossmeters, Specular Gloss Methods, Two–Parameter Methods, Distinctness – of Image – Methods, Gloss standards, Material for standards, Calibration of standards, Use of standards

#### 3. HIDING POWER

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#### 4. MASS COLOR AND TINTING STRENGTH

Definition, Mass color, Tinting Strength, Back Factors Producing MC and TS, Mixing Pigment and Vehicle, Spatula and Muller Methods, Hoover Automatic Muller, Laboratory Ruller Mill, Pall Glass Mill, Pigment concentration, Application, Dispersion Time, Visual Mass – color Methods, ASTM Method, Other Methods, Mass color of white Pigments, Visual Tinting –strength Methods, ASTM Method for colored pigments, NPIRI Method for Colored Pigments, TAPPI Method of Colored Pigments, Tintograph, ASTM Method for White Pigments, NPIRI Method for White Pigments, NJZ Method for Zine Oxide and Titanium Dioxide, duPont Method for Titanium Dioxide, Reynolds Constant Volume Method, Instrumental Mass Color, Maxwell Color Triangle, MC, atul S- and K-Values, Mass Color of While Pigments, Visual Versus Instrumental White, Instrumental Timing-Strength Methods, Early Methods, DIN Method, Japanese Method, Mttnk Theory, ASTM Method for White Pigments, Some Tinting-Strength Findings, Pigment Concentration, Lightness Versus PVC, Tone Versus PVC, Tone of Colored Pigments, Calculation of Instrumental Color Matches, History, Simple Case—One Constant, General Case—One Constant, More Than Three Wavelengths, General Case—Two Constants, Pigment Standards for Federal Specifications, Artist's Oil Paints Commercial Standard CS98-42, **Permanent Palettes** 

5. PHYSICAL PROPERTICS

Density, Specific Gravity, Density of Liquids with Pycnometer, Procedure, Weight Per Gallon, Specific Gravity of Liquids with the Specific Gravity Balance, Specific Gravity of Liquids with the Hydrometer, Specific Gravity of Pigments, Vacuum Method, Method B-Accurate Testing of Single Specimens, Method C-Rapid and Accurate Testing of Single Specimens, Centrifuge Methods for Specific Gravity of Pigments, Zieglemann Method, Baker-Martin Method, Dunn Method for Specific Gravity of Pigments, Calculating Specific Gravity of Mixed Pigments, Apparent Density of Pigments, Primitive Method, Becker Method, Displacement Method for Specific Gravity, Flotation Method for Specific Gravity, Settling of Pigments in Paints, ASTM Evalutation, New Jersey Zinc Company (NJZ) Test , Hancock-Brown Test, Arnold Test, New Jersey Zinc Company (NIZ) Accelerated Test, Eagle-Picher Accelerated Test, Hancock-Brown Accelerated Settling Test, ASTM Accelerated Settling Test, New York State Accelerated Settling Test, Paint Formula Yield

#### 6. VISCOSITY AND CONSISTENCY

Introduction, Definitions, Rheology, Flow, Viscosity, Absolute Dynamic, Newtonian Liquid, Consistency, Non-Newtonian Liquid, Plastic Flow, Plastic Viscosity, Pseudoplastic flow, Dilatant Flow, Thixotropy, False-Body, Instrument Types, Capillary Viscometers, Standard Capillary Viscometers, Hercules Capillary Viscometer, Bingham-Green Plustometer, Vacuum Plastometer, Caster Severs Viscometer, Gardner Pressurized Flow Cup, Eflux Type Viscometers, Saybolt Viscometer, Ford Cup, Shell Cup, Zahn Cup, ASTM Consistency Cup, Parlin Cups, Prall and Lambert Cup, Gottsch Consistency Cone, Scott Viscometer, Westinghouse Cup, Demmler Cup, Viscosity Cup Correlation Duta, Rotational Viscometers, Brookfield Viscometer, Kämpf Viscometer, The Wolffe-

Hoepke Turboviscometer, High-Shear Rotational Viscometer, Brushometer, Interchemical Rotational Viscometer, Devilbiss Electro-Viscometer, Rotovisco Viscometer, ICI Rotothinner, ICI Cone and Plate Viscometer, Ferranti-Shirley Cone and Plate Viscometer, Ferranti Portable Viscometer, Wells-Brookfield Micro Cone and Plate Viscometer, Falling Ball Viscometers, Hercules Falling Ball Method, Astom Method for Cellulose Derivatives, Hoeppler Viscometer, Band Viscometer, Bubble Viscometer, Gardner-Holdt Bubble Viscometer, Other Instruments, Gardner Vertical Viscometer, Interchemical Inclined Tube Viscometer, Collins Bubble Viscometer, Steiner Bubble Viscometer, Gardner Mobilometer, SIL Mobilometer, Laray Viscometer, Clarvoe Consistometer, Influx Viscometer, Flowmeters, Gardner Flowmeters, Flowmeters, Inclined Plane Type, Thixotrometers, Brushability, Brushability from Stormer Data, Brushability by High-Shear Method, Sagging, Sagging Measurements Using Modified Stormer, Sagging Measurements using the Rotovisco, Sag Test Instruments, Leveling, Tensiometer for Leveling , Recent Leveling Investigations, Practical Evaluations of LevelingComb Tests, Leveling by Drawdown Method, Leveling by Shell Flow Comparator

#### 7. SURFACE ENERGETICS

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Pigments and Extenders, Metallic Flake pigments, Latexes, Methods for Determining Particle, Treatment of Data, Particle Size with Light Microscope, Direct Measurement Method, Reticle Method, Dark Field Technique, Particle Size with Electron Microscope, Particle Size by Sieving, Hand Sieving, Machine Sieving, Particle size by Sedimentation, Gravity Sedimentation, Centrifugal Sedimentation, M-S-A Particle Size Analyzer, Sedimentation by Ultracentrifuge, Particle

Size by Photometry, Transmission Methods, Spectrophotometric Techniques, Angular-Dependence Techniques, X-ray Scattering, Particle Size by Elutriation, Thompson Classifier, Roller Particle Size Analyzer, Felvartion, Particle Size from Surface Area, Adsorption of Gas, Adsorption of Solutes, Soap Titration Method, Permeation Method, Electronic Size Analyzer, Particle Size and Thickness of Metallic Flake Pigments, Coarse Particles, Sieve Method, GallieParritt Apparatus, Dunn Test, Thin-Film Drawdown for Oversize Particles, Dunn Texture Test for Dry Pigments, North Standards, Fineness-of-Dispersion Gages, X-ray Microradiograply Technique

#### 9. OIL ABSORPTION OF PIGMENTS

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#### 10. FILMS FOR TESTING PREPARATION OF FILMS FOR TEST

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**11. MEASUREMENT OF FILM THICKNESS** 

Wet Film Thickness, Inmont Wet Film Gage, Pfund Wet Film Gage, Tooth Gages, Needle Micrometer, Dry Film Thickness, Machinists' Micrometer, Gardner Needle Thickness Gage, Gardner Carboloy Drill Thickness Gage, Gardner Gage Stand, Gardner Micro-Depth Gage, Microscope for Film Thickness, Magnetic Thickness Gages, Inductance Thickness Gage, Eddy-Current Thickness Gage, General Electric Gage, Type B, Elcometer, Minitector, Gardner Scratch Thickness Gage, Profile Measurement, Keane-Tator Surface Profile Comparator, Elcometer Surface Profile Gage

#### 12. DRYING TIME

Effects of Environment, Set-to-Touch Time, Dust-Free Time, Cotton Fiber Method, Powder Method, Glass Bead Method, Tack-Free Time, Tack-Free Time with Paper, Zapon Tester, Blom Drying Time Tester, Gardner Magnetic Tack Tester, General Electric Tackmeter, Siccometer, Final Drying Times, Dry, Dry Hard, Dry-Through, Dry-To-Recoat, Touch Controller, Gardner Drying Time Meter, Parks Dry-O-Graph, Gardner Drying Time Recorder, Sanderson Drying Time Meter, Paraffin Companies Drying Time Machine, Gardner Circular Drying Time Recorder, RCI Drying Time Recorder, Erichsen Universal Drying Time Recorder, Rolling Ball Testers, Drying Time with Hardness Rocker

#### 13. MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF FILMS

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## 15. ADHESION

Concept and Definition, Classification of Test Methods, Method of Removal, Knife Removal Methods, Penknife, Rossmann Chisel Adhesion Test, König Knife-Wedge Device and Method, New York Club Chisel Adhesion Test, Koole Chisel Adhesion Test, Arco Microknife, Adherometer, Wolf Adhesion Chisel, Adherometer-Integrometer, Graham-Linton Edge Adhesion Test, Meredith and Guminski Chisel Test, duPont Sharp Tool Adhesion Test, Hesiometer, Scraping and Scratching Methods, Crosscut Adhesion Test, Window Adhesion Test, Balanced-Beom Scrape-Adhesion, Automatic Scrape-Adhesion, Pocket Scrape-Adhesion Tester, Scratchmaster, ASTM Pre-cut Scrape Adhesion, Hoffman Scratch Tester, Rondeau Scratch Tester, van Laar Scratch Test, Angular Scribe-Stripping Technique, Pass Test, Pencil Test, Princeton Adhesion and Scratch Tester, Adhesive Joint Methods, Tensile Shear Methods (lap joint), Torque Shear Methods, Cleavage Tests, Peel Tests, Gardner-van Heuckeroth Adhesion Test, Courtney-Wakefield Adhesion Test, Russian Method, Adhesive Tape Tests,

Weyerhaeuser Paint Adhesion Tester, Procedure, Method of DIN 53 151, Brown and Garnish Crosshatch-Metal Strip Tape Test, Ford Motor Company Crosshatch Tape Test, Liquid Jet Test, Liquid Wedge Test, Dannenberg Blister, Hoffman Air Pressure Method, Inertia Tests, Ultrasonic Vibration Test, Ultracentrifuge Adhesion Test, ICI Bullet Method Adhesion Test, Impact and Bending Methods, Other Methods, Hydrophil Balance

## 16. FLEXIBILITY

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