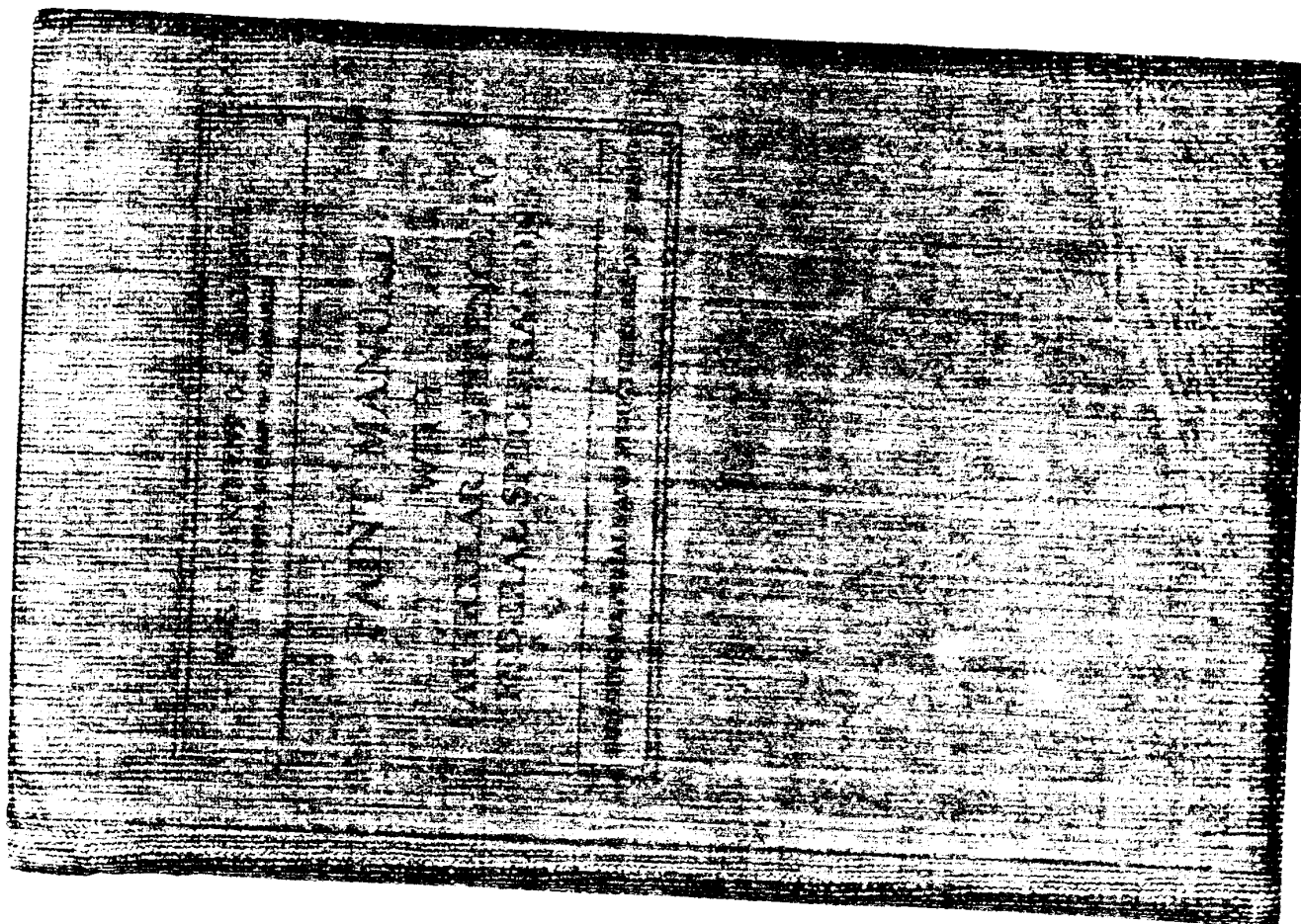




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Foreword

The need for information on protective coating materials in addition to that given in National Bureau of Standards Technologic Paper T274, published in 1925, has been expressed from time to time by various governmental agencies. Many changes in such materials have occurred since that publication, now out of print, was issued. Thus, this manual has been compiled to aid in the procurement of materials that would be suitable and adequate for most kinds of painting and that would assure successful application. The manual is based in large part on Federal Specifications and supplements but does not replace them.

Methods are described for the preparation of surfaces and the application of coatings that are known from experience to give satisfactory results. The information contained herein cannot supplant the skill of the experienced painter, but should assist the procurement officer in specifying and obtaining the proper paint materials. It should also assist the planner and technical supervisor of work in obtaining and maintaining durable finishes at reasonable cost.

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ABSTRACT

This manual presents recommendations by the Federal Standards and cooperating organizations for the selection of painting materials meeting Federal Specifications. Technical in nature, the manual provides practical information on the application of protective coatings. It also explains the principles in the field of painting and includes practical descriptions of approximately 60 paints and primers included to enable the painter to choose the most suitable for the surface to be covered. Emphasis is placed on applying coatings and preparing surfaces for optimum protection with the materials used. Where painting defects occur, the causes are traced and remedies suggested.

I. INTRODUCTION

It is the purpose of this manual to help Federal Government agencies in the proper selection of paint (see glossary) and painting materials under Federal Specifications.

Specifications for paint define the quality of materials to be procured. To this end they provide a fair basis on which to bid. Adequate specifications for paint contain two divisions: requirements for composition and results, or performance, although one type may receive more emphasis than the other.

Federal Specifications are approved and issued by the Director of Procurement, Treasury Department, and are used by all Government agencies in the purchase of materials and equipment. They should not be confused with specifications issued by the various Federal departments for materials and construction to meet special requirements. Federal Specifications are purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

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send without charge a price list of Federal Specifications, on request.

A Federal Specification sets a standard that is considered adequate and economical for the service expected. If the purchase order requires that material conform to a particular Federal Specification, the seller may commit a fraudulent act if he knows that the material being furnished does not conform. Most manufacturers know how Federal Specifications apply to their products.

A specification sets forth in detail the minimum requirements and makes no allowance for material of superior grade. The purpose of the specification is to procure material that will give good performance. However, the difference in cost between material meeting the specification and that for material giving somewhat better performance may not be justified.

Federal Specifications for paint are set at a sufficiently high level of quality to give good service. They define materials fully adequate for the purpose intended at a reasonable price without expensive and unnecessary frills and cover paints obtainable from the widest practicable sources of supply.

It is the buyer's responsibility to see that deliveries of paints actually do conform to specifications, and that material purporting to meet a particular Federal Specification for paint is not accepted without test. Otherwise, material inferior to that called for in the specification will be accepted and used. The inevitable result will be unsatisfactory service and complaint that the specification is inadequate, whereas, the fault would lie with the purchaser who has not taken the necessary steps to be certain that the quality purchased and paid for was actually delivered.

The fact that a Federal Specification paint is less expensive than a proprietary brand of paint of the same type is not an indication that its quality is inferior to that of the higher-priced paint, which may include promotion and selling costs, but that it meets the prescribed quality requirements for this type of paint. The technical committee charged with preparing Federal Specifications for paints is constantly on the alert to revise or amend specifications to improve quality. Therefore, Government purchasing agents can be assured that paints they buy under Federal Specifications are of good and adequate quality.

II. GENERAL COMMENTS

Federal Specifications are prepared by a committee comprised of representatives from the Government and the industry using the materials or articles, and the National Bureau of Standards who develop standards in research or in acceptance tests, and the manufacturers producing paint materials. When Federal Specifications are circulated to manufacturers, they are circulated to manufacturers of commercial products of a type but only the services of the Government agencies are used to establish minimum requirements for the materials. Some agencies buy materials and articles and require conformance to a designated Federal Specification. Other agencies, which contract for the construction of buildings or the manufacture of articles, require the contractor to use designated materials conforming to a particular Federal Specification. Inspection of material may be done at the place of use, or both. Frequently, an amendment to the specification is made in order to meet a change in condition or for some other reason.

After the specification has been issued, slight changes based on experience with the material or improvements in the material covered may be made by amendment to the original specification, or by previous amendments. More comprehensive changes are covered by a complete revision, which is designated by the addition of the lower-case letters a, b, c, etc., to the original issue. Thus Federal Specification Putty indicates the first revision of the original putty.

Government and other large organizations use a great deal of equipment that is surface finished and painted under special conditions for rapid and careful application of coating material not covered by Federal Specifications. In general, the specifications for the compounds used to coat contain directions for inspecting and testing the material when it is completed rather than detailed specifications for the materials used in the various coats. Workmanship in finishing is more important than the materials used in the cases. Several of the Government agencies, from time to time or another, specifications for coating

such specifications are those covering the finish on steel bedsteads (Panama Canal), laboratory furniture (Department of Agriculture), school desks and tables (Office of Indian Affairs), and school furniture (District of Columbia).

Federal Specifications usually follow the same outline of form and are arranged in nine sections:

- Section A—Applicable Specifications.
- Section B—Types, Grades, etc. (as applicable).
- Section C—Material and Workmanship, etc. (as applicable).
- Section D—General Requirements.
- Section E—Detail Requirements.
- Section F—Methods of Sampling, Inspection, and Tests.
- Section G—Packaging, Packing, and Marking for Shipment.
- Section H—Requirements Applicable to Individual Departments.
- Section I—Notes.

Details of this arrangement and explanation of each section may be found in "Outline of Form for Federal Specifications," for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., price 5 cents.

Emergency Alternate Federal Specifications were set up during the war emergency to conserve supplies of strategic or critical materials or to provide substitutes for materials not available. Symbols for these specifications are the same as for the basic Federal Specifications except for the letter "E-" that precedes the symbol, as E-TT-P-115 for TT-P-115. However, for paint and paint materials, these "E-" specifications have been canceled, superseded by revised Federal Specifications, or incorporated in conservation amendments, indicated by asterisk (*). These conservation amendments will be considered for revision as required.

"Willing-to-Certify" lists are compiled by the National Bureau of Standards and distributed to governmental purchasing agencies and to others upon request. They include the names of firms that have stated to the National Bureau of Standards they are willing to certify to purchasers that they can supply commodities guaranteed to conform to Federal Specifications.

Simplified Practice Recommendations are proposed by manufacturers, dealers, or users, and may be defined as lists

of sizes, varieties, and types of products that have been proved for regular stock purposes. The National Bureau of Standards cooperates with these groups in preparing the recommended lists of items after they have been approved by producers, distributors, and users. They are covered by a Simplified Practice Recommendation which establishes standards for the number of colors, shades, and sizes.

A price list for all effective Simplified Practice Recommendations may be obtained free of charge from the National Bureau of Standards.

Commercial Standards promulgated by the National Bureau of Standards are voluntary recommendations approved by producers, distributors, and consumers. They include terminology, types, classifications, grades, and characteristics of manufactured products. They provide a better understanding between buyer and seller. They include standards, methods of test, rating, and labeling, and provide a uniform basis for comparison. They are made effective by means of voluntary action on invoices and labels or by grade marking on themselves.

A price list for all effective Commercial Standards may be obtained free of charge from the National Bureau of Standards.

III. COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL MATERIALS

1. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

As a matter of convenience, the composition of paint-making materials is sometimes stated by weight, sometimes in proportions by volume, sometimes in terms of the weight of one constituent in the volume of another. For example, when a material is analyzed in the laboratory, the various constituents are usually weighed as they are separated, and the method of indicating the result is in percentages. But when paint is mixed on the job, facilities for weighing may not be available, and it is usually more convenient to proportion the liquids in quarts and gallons (see glossary) are usually purchased and measured by the pound. For example, it is frequently convenient to term "100 lb of white lead to 3 gal of linseed oil."

The density of paint is usually stated in pounds per gallon. It may be stated as specific gravity, which is the ratio of the weight of paint to that of an equal volume of water. Pounds per gallon times 0.12 equals specific gravity. The reciprocal of pounds per gallon is a fraction of a gallon per pound and is given the special name "bulking value" (see glossary). It may also be said that the material bulks 0.1 gal/lb, meaning that it has a bulking value of that amount or that it weighs 10 lb/gal. The bulking value of a pigment refers to the volume of liquid displaced by 1 lb when wet with the liquid and not to the apparent volume of the material when dry, which includes a large percentage of air-filled voids. The "pigment volume," abbreviated PV, (see glossary) is the ratio of the percentage by volume of the pigment in a paint to the percentage by volume of pigment plus nonvolatile vehicle (see glossary).

(a) COMPOSITION BY WEIGHT AND BY VOLUME

To describe a method of converting weight to volume or volume to weight assume:

A = percentage by weight of volatile vehicle

a = bulking value of volatile vehicle

B = percentage by weight of nonvolatile vehicle

b = bulking value of nonvolatile vehicle

C = percentage by weight of pigment

c = bulking value of pigment

D = weight in pounds of 1 gal of total mixture

$1/D$ = bulking value of total mixture.

One hundred pounds of the mixture has a total volume of $Aa + Bb + Cc$ gallons; the bulking value of the mixture is $(Aa + Bb + Cc)/100 = 1/D$ and the percentages by volume of the constituents are

$$\frac{100 Aa}{D} \text{ or } \frac{100 Aa}{Aa + Bb + Cc} = E \text{ percent by volume of volatile vehicle}$$

$$\frac{100 Bb}{Aa + Bb + Cc} \text{ or } \frac{100 Bb}{D} = F \text{ percent by volume of nonvolatile vehicle}$$

$$\frac{100 Cc}{Aa + Bb + Cc} \text{ or } \frac{100 Cc}{D} = G \text{ percent by volume of pigment.}$$

If the percentage by weight or by volume of any two of the three components is known, the percentage of the third

is the sum of the two known percentages subtracted from 100. Thus:

$$\begin{array}{ll} 100 - (A + B) = C & 100 - (E + F) = G \\ 100 - (B + C) = A & 100 - (F + G) = E \\ 100 - (A + C) = B & 100 - (E + G) = F \end{array}$$

(b) BASIC SPECIFICATIONS

Basic specifications are prepared for use where the supply of raw materials is available. It will be noted that some basic specifications stress detailed requirements for chemical composition (exterior house paints, for example), whereas others emphasize requirements based on performance tests (interior paints and varnishes, for example).

(c) AMENDMENTS TO BASIC SPECIFICATIONS

Amendments to basic specifications are for the purpose of incorporating slight changes due to experience or improvements in material covered by the specifications. Emergency amendments, indicated by an asterisk on the first page of the specification, were intended to be used for strategic or critical war materials and replaced specifications that were not available because of the war emergency. An asterisk for the same purpose is also used in this manual.

2. LIQUIDS NOT GENERALLY USED ALONE

Liquids form the vehicle (see glossary) portion of a paint. In general, liquids should be purchased by volume, being 1 U. S. gal, 231 cu in. at 60° F. For large quantities it is suggested that the weight in pounds per gallon and the net weight of the delivery be determined. The volume can then be obtained by dividing the net weight by the weight per gallon.

- (a) Oil; Linseed, Raw
JJJ-O-336, Apr. 28, 1931
Amendment 2, May 28, 1943
Oil; Linseed, Boiled
JJJ-O-331, May 26, 1931
Amendment 2, May 28, 1943

Linseed oil is the most important of the drying oils (see glossary); a drying oil being one that changes to a solid

hard, tough, elastic substance when exposed in a thin film to the air.

Raw linseed oil is the material from which boiled and refined linseed oils are made and is the most important of the liquids used for mixing paint on the job. The quality of raw linseed oil is probably more influenced by the presence of "foots" (the mucilaginous matter that settles to the bottom of a container) than by other deviations from the specifications. Paint made with oil containing considerable foots, but otherwise of high quality, is liable to dry very slowly and may easily be washed off long after it appears to be dry. As foots gradually settle, clear oil from the upper portion of the container may be drawn off.

It is necessary to use a drier with raw linseed oil; the amount varies, but usually for white or very light-tinted paint, 1 part of drier to 19 parts of oil is satisfactory. Dark-colored or black paint may require more drier than lighter colors.

Raw linseed oil dries too slowly for most purposes. Thus, as has just been stated, driers are added to the oil to accelerate the rate of drying. Instead of adding driers to raw linseed oil at room temperature, another method is to heat the oil in combination with compounds of lead, manganese, and cobalt. By using heat, these compounds dissolve in the hot oil, and the oil thickens slightly and becomes somewhat darker in color. This results in a product known as boiled linseed oil. The term "boiled" is a misnomer, as, in heating the oil, it is not actually boiled. Boiled linseed oil is frequently recommended for priming coats of paint intended for use on plaster, cement, and brick. A mixture of raw and boiled oils is often used in priming paints for structural steel. A blend of good raw oil and drier may be substituted for boiled oil.

(b) Soybean Oil; Refined
JJJ-O-348, June 25, 1942

Soybean oil is used largely in edible products rather than in paint. It is slower drying than linseed oil and generally is used in combination with faster drying oils, such as tung, perilla, or linseed oils. Its main uses are in varnish vehicles for interior paints and enamels, because paints made with soybean oil do not yellow as much as many other oils. Likewise, it is used in some of the best interior, architectural,

white enamels (see glossary) based on synthetic resins (see glossary) of the alkyd type. The type of oil is trade as "mechanically refined nonbreak" and is specified with Federal Specification JJJ-O-348.

(c) Tung, China Wood Oil; Refined
JJJ-O-353, Dec. 10, 1943

Tung oil is one of the chief oils used in the manufacture of fast-drying, waterproof oil varnishes (see glossary). Its most important characteristics for identification are its high specific gravity and high viscosity. Raw tung oil dries rapidly but not to a sufficient film. It is not used as such in exterior house paints. It is almost universally used, however, in treating the raw oil so as to overcome its slow drying in house paints. However, the great use of tung oil is in the manufacture of oil varnishes used as such, and liquids for the manufacture of interior and exterior deck enamels, water-resisting enamels, and other specialized finishes.

(d) Turpentine; Gum Spirits and Wood Spirits (Steam-Distilled and Sulfate), Refined
(for) Paint

LLL-T-791b, July 12, 1941

Turpentine; Wood (Destructively Distilled)
(for) Paint

LLL-T-792a, July 12, 1941

The basis of purchase of turpentine (see glossary) (Federal Specifications) provides for purchase by volume, 231 cu in. to the gallon at 70° F. The weight is 7.12 to 7.25 lb/gal. When purchases are made by weight, quotations should be by the pound or pounds, and the request for bids should state the unit. If quotations are by the gallon, pound, or hundred pounds, the specifications states that nothing in the specifications should be construed to exempt the seller from the Federal Naval Stores Act or any other law applicable to the selling of turpentine.

Turpentine is one of the oldest and most volatile thinners for oil paints and for varnishes. However, in prepared paints, varnishes, and enamels derived from petroleum and having the general

of turpentine are used to a considerable extent. Destructively distilled wood turpentine, used in the manufacture of paint and varnish, is a good solvent, and, in general, can be used in place of gum spirits or wood turpentine with good results. A sample for odor should be specified before making purchases under Federal Specification LLL-T-792a. At present, the amount of turpentine available is inadequate to meet the demands of the paint and varnish industry. It is preferred by the painter because it is not likely to cause varnishes or paints to thicken or gel when diluted with it. The characteristic odor makes turpentine easily identified.

(e) Thinner; Paint, Volatile Mineral Spirits
TT-T-291a, July 26, 1945

Volatile mineral spirits should be purchased by volume, 231 cu in. to the gallon. The basis of purchase for mineral spirits is given in detail in paragraph F-4a of the Federal Specification.

Federal Specification TT-T-291 covers a petroleum distillate known as mineral spirits or petroleum spirits; it evaporates at about the same rate as turpentine and is frequently used in its stead for thinning oil paints. It distills between kerosene and V.M. & P. (Varnish Makers and Painters) naphtha. Chemically, it is a mixture of aliphatic, naphthenic, and aromatic (see glossary) hydrocarbons. It should evaporate completely from the film during the drying period; otherwise, heavy ends, which do not evaporate, may hinder drying or prevent drying of the paint to a satisfactory film. Its weight per gallon varies considerably, but an average figure is about 6½ lb. Some varnishes may not be entirely miscible with mineral spirits. Because of the present limited production of turpentine, it is advisable to use other thinners whenever possible; in many cases, mineral spirits are entirely satisfactory as a substitute for turpentine, and in almost all cases can replace at least a part of the turpentine.

(f) Drier; Paint, Liquid
TT-D-651a, Aug 28, 1942

Two types of liquid drier are covered in Federal Specification TT-D-651a. Driers consist of metallic soaps or salts of organic acids dispersed in suitable media thinned to a liquid with petroleum spirits, turpentine, or a mixture

thereof, and are for use in paints or similar materials. Resinates, linoleates, and naphthenates. Type I driers call for both lead and manganese. Those also contain cobalt or any other drying metal. Those are intended for general use, the minimum amount of lead and manganese representing the minimum required for use with raw linseed oil in the manufacture of liquid drier (see glossary) to 19 volume percent of liquid drier. Those intended for use in oil-based driers should be free from lead, contain not more than 1 percent of cobalt, and be used where lead is necessary. Both driers are much like shellac varnishes, except for their larger content of drier. Federal Specification limits the total nonvolatile matter to not more than 30 percent by weight. The addition of too much drier to a paint results in the paint drying too slowly or may produce other undesirable effects, such as wrinkling of the film. A good rule is to use an amount of drier consistent with the dryness of the paint.

(g) Thinner; Lacquer
TT-T-266, Apr. 20, 1942

Federal Specification TT-T-266 covers a mixture intended for use in connection with spray painting. It conforms to Federal Specification TT-L-58 and should weigh not less than 6.8 lb. per gallon at 15.5° C (60° F) and should be purchased by volume, 231 cu in. to the gallon. A typical formula for this thinner is as follows:

Butyl acetate	100
Butyl alcohol	100
Ethyl acetate	100
Petroleum naphtha	100
Toluene	100
Total	500

(h) Oil; Flatting and Mixing
(for Thinning White-Lead-
and Similar Paste Paints)
TT-O-356a, Aug. 30, 1943

CLASS 1, FLATTING OIL.—This is a combination of thinning white-lead paste and similar paste

composed of processed drying oils and drier, thinned with turpentine, mineral spirits, or a mixture thereof; when added to white-lead paste and similar paste paints, it produces flat, washable, interior finishes for use on plaster, wood, wallboard, and fabric surfaces. A flat finish may be obtained by adding 2 or 3 gal of flattening oil to 100 lb of white-lead paste. New plaster and wood should be primed in the usual manner before applying the flat-finished coat. Flattening oil is also used as a vehicle for glaze colors on plaster by mixing some of the oil with colors-in-oil, such as umber, sienna, and Van Dyke brown.

Flattening oils weigh about 7 lb/gal at 60° F.

CLASS 2, MIXING OIL.—This is also a complete vehicle for thinning white-lead paste and similar paste paints, and is composed of processed drying oils with or without resins, driers, turpentine, and mineral spirits. It is used for finish-coat paint for exterior surfaces where low-gloss or eggshell finishes are desired and for interior decoration where finishes having a gloss higher than those obtainable with class 1, flattening oil, are desired. Mixing oil may be used in the proportion of 3 gal of mixing oil to each 100 lb of white-lead paste.

The average weight of mixing oil is 7 lb/gal.

(i) Oil; Linseed-Replacement
(for Thinning Paints and
Pastes-in-Oil)
TT-O-371, May 1, 1943
Amendment 2, March 17, 1944

Linseed-replacement oil should be purchased by volume, 231 cu in. to the gallon. The weight of 1 U. S. gal of this material at 60° F varies slightly, but generally it will fall within the range of 7.3 to 7.5 lb/gal.

Linseed-replacement oil is a mixing or thinning oil blended before packaging and is used widely in thinning paste white lead on the job and ready-prepared paints. The material is a replacement for either raw linseed oil, thinner, and drier or for boiled linseed oil and thinner. Although linseed-replacement oil was prepared during the war period and was designed to aid in the conservation of linseed oil, it should not be considered as a mere substitute for linseed oil. The replacement oil contains heat-bodied

linseed oil, and some paint experts consider that the use of this oil makes the replacement oil actually equivalent to ordinary raw or boiled linseed oil, both in terms of water resistance.

In many war emergency amendments to Federal Specifications for oil paints, the vehicle specified is in place of linseed oil. For example, the amendment to Federal Specification TT-P-40 provides a vehicle specified in Federal Specification TT-O-371 for Linseed-Replacement Oil, except that the requirements for appearance and viscosity (see glossary) are waived. This is accomplished by using a vehicle that may consist of 35 percent by weight of thinner and drier and 65 percent by weight of oil composed of 3 parts of raw or alkali-refined (see glossary) linseed oil and 2 parts of Z-2 pale heat-treated oil. The amendment requires that some heat-treated oil be present but does not limit the amount or kind of oil used in replacement oil should be bodied and should have an acid number (see glossary) not more than 8, based on total solids. In all cases except black and graphite, the pounds of oil per pound of pigment should be not more than 3.75 (to meet War Production Order M-332* as amended April 12, 1944, which is to conserve the supply of domestic oil). Normally these paints contain about 5 lb of oil per pound of pigment.

Amendment 2 of Federal Specification TT-P-40 provides for two types of linseed-replacement oil: type I, with driers added, and type II, without driers.

Type I is for thinning paints or pastes, and Type II is for thinning ready-mixed paints or pastes. Both types require a drying type of thinner. Neither type is intended for flat paints.

The attention of paint users is directed to Bureau of Standards Letter Circular LC711, "Specification of Linseed Oil in Paint, a copy of which may be obtained free of charge from the National Bureau of Standards, Washington 25, D. C.

The formulas given in table 1 involve the replacement of white lead with linseed-replacement oil [1].

* This order was revoked on Aug. 31, 1945.

† Figures in brackets indicate the literature references in the paper.

TABLE 1.—*Linseed-replacement oil formulas for reducing paste white lead to paint*

Type of work	Coat	Soft-paste white lead	Linseed-replacement oil	Pure turpentine	Flattening oil	Yield	Coverage (spreading rate) per gallon
		lb	gal	gal	gal	gal	ft ²
New exterior wood (three coats)	Priming coat	100	4	2	.....	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	600
	Second coat	100	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	700
	Gloss finish	100	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	.....	.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	700
New exterior wood (two coats)	Priming coat	100	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	.....	.....	6	500
	Gloss finish	100	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	.....	.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	700
	First coat	100	2	2	.....	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	700
Repainting wood exterior	Gloss finish	100	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	.....	.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	700
	Priming coat	100	5	.....	.....	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	200
	Second coat	100	2	1	.....	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	400
Exterior concrete, stucco and asbestos cement shingles	Gloss finish	100	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	.....	.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	500
	Semigloss finish	100	1	.....	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	500
	Priming coat	100	5	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	.....	9	200
Exterior brick common	Second coat	100	3	1	.....	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	400
	Gloss finish	100	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	.....	2	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	500
	Semigloss finish	100	1	.....	2	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	500
Repainting brick, stucco, concrete and asbestos shingles	First coat	100	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	.....	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	400
	Gloss finish	100	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	.....	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	500
	Semigloss finish	100	1	.....	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	500
Unpainted interior, plaster and wallboard	Priming coat	100	5	.....	.....	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	600
	Second coat	100	2	.....	1	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	800
	Flat finish	100	.....	.....	2	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	800
Unpainted interior, plaster and wallboard (2 coats)	Priming coat	100	4	.....	.....	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	600
	Flat finish	100	.....	.....	2	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	800
	First coat	100	2	.....	1	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	800
Repainting interior, plaster and wallboard	Flat finish	100	.....	.....	2	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	800
	First coat	100	.....	.....	1	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	800
	Flat finish	100	.....	.....	2	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	800

* Add $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of raw umber in oil to this formula.

3. PIGMENTS

Pigments form the solid portion of paint. They are usually insoluble in the vehicle or liquid portion. This section describes the various pigments, in black, colored, and metallic aluminum, cover Specifications:

(a) White Lead; Basic-Carbonate, Paste-in-Oil, and Semipaste containing Volatile Thinner TT-W-251b, May 30, 1945

White Lead; Basic-Sulfate, Dry and Paste-in-Oil TT-W-261a, Oct. 25, 1937 Amendment 2, Sept. 6, 1943

White lead, a component of almost all white colored paints, is one of the most important pigments. Both kinds, basic-carbonate and basic-sulfate, are frequently used in ready-mixed paints. For the job, paste-in-oil is used, whereas the carbonate is used by the paint manufacturer. The term "paste" is used to designate the usual paste which is composed of about 91 percent of basic-carbonate white lead, 9 percent of linseed oil, or 89 percent of white lead, 2 percent of turpentine, and 9 percent of oil. When referring to white lead in ready-mixed paints, the term may mean either basic-carbonate white lead or basic-sulfate white lead; this latter material is used in commercially prepared, exterior white lead paints.

There are two types of commercial white lead: heavy paste and soft paste. Type B, paste-in-oil, is heavy paste white lead. Type C is a soft, or semi-heavy, paste white lead. Type C is similar to the heavy paste white lead with the addition of a small amount (about 2 percent) of turpentine. It is more easily removed from the surface than type B and thus is preferred by most users.

One hundred pounds of either type of paste white lead weighs about 30 lb. As a general rule, some tendency in the past to add too much white-lead paste, it is suggested that tables be consulted for the correct proportions. National

Standards Letter Circular LC717, mentioned in connection with linseed-replacement oil, gives additional details on this point.

Instead of mixing white-lead paint on the job with a combination of several materials such as liquid drier, turpentine, and linseed oil, it may be easier to use a single liquid, such as: Oil: Linseed-Replacement (Fed. Spec. TT-O-371), or Oil: Flatting and Mixing, (Fed. Spec. TT-O-356a). This is illustrated in tables 1 and 5.

TABLE 2.—*Painting exterior new wood (3 coats), using ordinary linseed oil and white-lead paste*
[Mixed-on-the-job formulas]

Materials	Formulas		
	Priming coat	Body coat	Finish coat
White lead, semipaste (TT-W-251b, type C)..... lb.	100	100	100 ¹
Raw linseed oil (JJJ 0-336)..... gal.	4	1½	3¼ ²
Turpentine (L.L.L. T-791b) ³ or mineral spirits (TT-T-291a)..... gal.	2	1½	1
Liquid drier (TT-D-651a)..... pt.	1	1	1
Quantity of paint produced..... gal.	9½	6½	6½

¹ For the finish coat, some users may want a lead-zinc paint. In this case, use 75 lb of the white-lead paste and 25 lb of zinc-oxide paste (TT-Z-301).

² For a harder film, the linseed oil may be reduced to as low as 2½ gal. In this case, 2 to 3 pt of turpentine should be added.

³ For priming wood, turpentine is preferred by some painters.

TABLE 3.—*Painting exterior new wood (2 coats), using ordinary linseed oil and white-lead paste*
[Mixed-on-the-job formulas]

Materials	Formulas		
	Priming coat	Finish coat (1)	Finish coat (2) ¹
White lead semipaste (TT-W-251b, type C)..... lb.	100	100	100
Raw linseed oil (JJJ 0-336)..... gal.	1½	3¼	2½
Turpentine (L.L.L. T-791b) ² or mineral spirits (TT-T-291a)..... gal.	1½	1	1
Liquid drier (TT-D-651a)..... pt.	1	1	1
Raw rubber-in-oil (TT-P-381)..... pt.	1	1	1
Spec varnish (TT-V-121b)..... gal.	¼	¼	¼
Quantity of paint produced..... gal.	6½	6½	6½

¹ Alternate finish coat formula (2) meets Federal Housing Authority requirements and gives a harder film than formula (1).

² For priming wood, turpentine is preferred by some painters.

TABLE 4.—*Repainting exterior wood (2 coats) linseed oil and white-lead paste*
[Mixed-on-the-job formulas]

Materials	
White-lead, semipaste (TT-W-251b, type C)..... lb.	100
Raw linseed oil (JJJ 0-336)..... gal.	4 to 5
Turpentine (L.L.L. T-791b) or mineral spirits (TT-T-291a)..... gal.	3 to 4
Liquid drier (TT-D-651a)..... pt.	1
Quantity of paint produced..... gal.	7½ to 8½

TABLE 5.—*Painting interior plaster, wallboard, and using white-lead paste*
[Mixed-on-the-job formulas]

Materials	Formulas	
	Priming coat	Body coat
White lead, semipaste (TT-W-251b, type C)..... lb.	100	100
Mixing oil (TT-O-356a, class 2)..... gal.	4 to 5	3 to 4
Wall primer (TT-P-56)..... gal.	1	1
Quantity of paint produced..... gal.	7½ to 8½	6½ to 7½

ALTERNATE FORMULAS		
White lead, semipaste (TT-W-251b, type C)..... lb.	100	100
Raw linseed oil (JJJ 0-336)..... gal.	3	100
Turpentine (L.L.L. T-791b) or mineral spirits (TT-T-291a)..... gal.	1½	1½
Varnish (TT-V-71a)..... gal.	2	2
Liquid drier (TT-D-651a)..... pt.	1	1
Quantity of paint produced..... gal.	9½	5½

An easy way to mix white-lead paint, where weights are not available, is to measure the volume. This plan is illustrated in figure 1.

(b) **Zinc-Oxide; Dry and Paste-in-Oil**
TT-Z-301, Mar 31, 1931
Zinc-Oxide; Leaded, Dry and Paste-in-Oil
TT-Z-321, June 23, 1931

Zinc oxide (see glossary) with varying proportions from ore (American process) or from s

REPAINT WORK

OUTSIDE WOOD (INCLUDING WOOD SHINGLES)		BRICK, STUCCO, CONCRETE AND STONE		INTERIOR PLASTER, WALL BOARD AND WOODWORK	
FIRST COAT	FINISH COAT	FIRST COAT	FINISH COAT	FIRST AND FINISH COATS (FLAT FINISH)	
  	 	 	 	 	
DRIER: Add 1/2 pint to each gallon of paint; if raw linseed oil is used. Boiled linseed oil requires no drier. *For flat finish on shingles use Lead Mixing Oil instead of linseed oil in this coat. No drier required.		NO DRIER REQUIRED *For gloss finish use linseed oil instead of Lead Mixing Oil in this coat. Use drier as per note opposite.		NO DRIER REQUIRED	

NEW WORK

USE PROPER PRIMING COAT BELOW FOLLOWED BY TWO COATS MIXED AS PER DIAGRAMS ABOVE

OUTSIDE WOOD (INCLUDING WOOD SHINGLES)	INTERIOR WOOD	BRICK	STUCCO, CONCRETE AND STONE	INTERIOR PLASTER AND WALLBOARD
3 Parts WHITE LEAD 4 Parts LINSEED OIL * 2 Parts TURPENTINE	3 Parts WHITE LEAD 3 Parts LINSEED OIL * 2 Parts TURPENTINE	3 Parts WHITE LEAD 5 Parts LINSEED OIL * 1 Part TURPENTINE	4 Parts WHITE LEAD 3 Parts LINSEED OIL 3 Parts LEAD MIXING OIL	(See) 3 Parts WHITE LEAD 4 Parts LEAD MIXING OIL (TT-O-356 a)

* Add 1/2 pint drier to each gallon of paint if raw linseed oil is used. Boiled oil requires no drier.

FIGURE 1.—Volume-mixing directions for soft-paste white lead TT-W-251b.

process). Made by either process, it may differ in color and oil absorption. Hence, a purchaser should have an agreed-upon sample for color, color strength, and oil absorption. Zinc oxide alone with linseed oil gives a paint that chalks less readily than most other linseed oil paints (see glossary) but dries to a hard film that tends to check and crack. It is added to the chalking type of pigments to harden the film, to help retain the color of light tints, and to retard the formation of mildew. Paints mixed on-the-job may contain either zinc-oxide or low-leaded zinc-oxide (see glossary) pastes-in-oil. In general, not more than 1 lb of either type of zinc-oxide paste-in-oil should be used with 3 lb of white-lead paste or semipaste.

By weight, an average zinc-oxide paste-in-oil meeting the specification contains 83 percent of pigment and 17 percent of oil; by volume, 44 percent of pigment and 56 percent of oil; and 1 gal weighs about 25 lb.

(c) Red Lead; Dry and Paste-in-Oil TT-R-191a, July 5, 1938 Amendment 2, May 28, 1943

Red lead is used in paint for priming iron and steel surfaces. Federal Specification TT-R-191a covers two types and three grades as follows:

TYPE I, DRY		TYPE II, PASTE-IN-OIL	
Grade A.....85 percent.		Grade B.....35 percent.	
Grade B.....35 percent.		Grade C.....35 percent.	
Grade C.....35 percent.			

Type I, dry, red lead, may vary somewhat in specific gravity, becoming slightly lighter as the true red lead increases. Grades A, B, and C have a specific gravity of about 8.9, and 1 gal of dry red lead weighs about 74 lb with a bulking value of about 0.0135 gal/lb.

Type II, paste-in-oil, has an average specific gravity of 8.37 and shows an average weight per gallon of about 45 lb. Formulas for mixing red-lead paints on the job are given in tables 6 and 8. The priming paint in table 6 weighs 25 lb/gal and has a PV of 30. The formulas given in table 8 produce paints that have a PV of 36 and dry somewhat harder and with less gloss, and allow retreating earlier than paints whose vehicle is high in oil (as in table 6).

TABLE 6.—Painting iron and steel (exposed to the weather), using red lead and ordinary linseed oil.

Materials	Formulas (mixed-on-the-job)		For the finish coat, any of the following Federal Specification ready-mixed paints may be used—
	Priming coat	Body coat	
Red lead paste (TT-R 191, types B or C)..... lb.	100	100	TT-P-31a (red or brown). TT-P-40 (white, gray, etc.). TT-P-61a (black). TT-P-71a (green).
Raw linseed oil (JJJ 0-331)..... gal.	1 ¹ / ₈	1 ¹ / ₈	
Turpentine (L.L.T. 791b) or mineral spirits (TT-T 291a)..... pt.	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	
Liquid drier (TT-D 651a)..... pt.	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	
Lampblack-in-oil (TT-P-381)..... pt.	3 ¹ / ₄	3 ¹ / ₄	
Quantity of paint produced..... gal.	4 ¹ / ₂	4 ³ / ₈	

¹ If boiled linseed oil (JJJ 0-331) is used, omit drier, and the oil may be increased to 2 gal.

TABLE 7.—Painting iron and steel (exposed to the weather), using blue lead and ordinary linseed oil.

Materials	Formulas (mixed-on-the-job)		For the finish coat, any of the following Federal Specification ready-mixed paints may be used—
	Priming coat	Body coat	
Blue lead paste (TT-B 486, type B)..... lb.	100	100	TT-P-31a (red or brown). TT-P-40 (white, gray, etc.). TT-P-61a (black). TT-P-71a (green).
Boiled linseed oil (JJJ 0-331)..... gal.	2 ³ / ₄	2 ³ / ₄	
Turpentine (L.L.T. 791b) or mineral spirits (TT-T 291a)..... pt.	2	2	
Liquid drier (TT-D 651a)..... pt.	1	1	
Lampblack-in-oil (TT-P-381)..... pt.	3 ¹ / ₄	3 ¹ / ₄	
Quantity of paint produced..... gal.	6 ¹ / ₄	6 ³ / ₈	

¹ If raw linseed oil is employed, use 1 qt. of drier.

(d) Blue-Lead; Basic Sulfate, Dry and Paste-in-Oil
TT-B-486, Oct. 2, 1934
Amendment 1, May 28, 1943

Blue lead is a slate-gray sublimed pigment that contains approximately 75 percent of basic-lead sulfate and generally more than 20 percent of other lead compounds. Blue-lead oil paints brush easily and are durable for priming structural steel. Blue lead is also used in special vehicles designed for marine use.

Type A, dry pigment, is a blue basic-lead sulfate useful in the manufacture of type B, paste-in-oil, or ready-mixed

TABLE 8.—Painting iron or steel (exposed to the weather), using red or blue lead and linseed-replacement oil.

Materials	Formulas (mixed-on-the-job)		For the Finish Spec part
	Priming coat	Body coat	
RED LEAD			
Red lead paste (TT-R 191a, types B or C)..... lb.	100	100	TT-P-31a (red or brown). TT-P-40 (white, gray, etc.). TT-P-61a (black). TT-P-71a (green).
Turpentine (L.L.T. 791b) or mineral spirits (TT-T 291a)..... gal.	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	
Linseed-replacement oil (TT-O-371)..... gal.	2	2	
Lampblack paste (TT-P-381)..... pt.	3 ¹ / ₄	3 ¹ / ₄	
Quantity of paint produced..... gal.	4 ¹ / ₂	4 ³ / ₈	

BLUE LEAD			
Blue lead paste (TT-B 486, type B)..... lb.	100	100	TT-P-31a (red or brown). TT-P-40 (white, gray, etc.). TT-P-61a (black). TT-P-71a (green).
Turpentine (L.L.T. 791b) or mineral spirits (TT-T 291a)..... gal.	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	
Linseed-replacement oil (TT-O-371)..... gal.	2 ³ / ₄	2 ³ / ₄	
Lampblack paste (TT-P-381)..... pt.	3 ¹ / ₄	3 ¹ / ₄	
Quantity of paint produced..... gal.	6 ¹ / ₄	6 ³ / ₈	

paint, as described in Federal Specification T-111. One gallon of dry blue lead weighs about 57 lb.

Type B, paste-in-oil, is used for blue-lead oil paints. One gallon of the paste-in-oil, when mixed on the job, produces a paint weighing about 30 lb. Formulas for mixing blue-lead oil paints are given in tables 7 and 8. The formulas for priming coats in table 7 produce paint weighing about 19 lb. per gal. having a PV of 29. The formula for priming coats in table 8 produces a paint weighing about 19 lb. per gal. having a PV of 31. This formula gives a paint that dries with less gloss and allows recoating earlier than a paint whose vehicle is high in oil (as in table 7).

(e) Aluminum Pigment Powder and Paste-in-Oil (for) Paint
TT-A-468, Mar. 6, 1942

Aluminum pigment is largely pure metallic aluminum containing appreciable amounts of "polishing" agents, such as a mixture of stearic and other fatty acids. The

of the combined and uncombined fatty matter varies from less than 1 percent by weight to not more than 4 percent. This specification covers two types and two classes of aluminum pigment:

Type I.—Aluminum-pigment powder.

Class A.—For general paint use.

Class B.—For special finishes.

Type II.—Aluminum-pigment paste.

Class A.—For general paint use.

Class B.—For special finishes.

Aluminum-pigment paste weighs about 12.4 lb/gal.

Class A aluminum-pigment powder is known commercially as Standard Varnish Grade. Class B aluminum-pigment powder is finer than class A and is known in the trade as Extra Fine Lining Grade.

Formulas for mixing aluminum paint on the job are given in table 9.

TABLE 9.—Aluminum paint
[Mixed-on-the-job formulas]

Purpose	Mixing formulas	
	Aluminum	Varnish
Priming coat on exterior wood.	TT-A-468, class A, paste	TT-V-81a, type I, class B
Do	TT-A-468, class A, powder	TT-V-81a, type I, class A
Body coat on exterior steel	TT-A-468, class A, paste	TT-V-81a, type II, class B
Finish coat on exterior steel	TT-A-468, class A, paste	TT-V-81a, type II, class B
Do	TT-A-468, class A, powder	TT-V-81a, type II, class A
Finish coat on interior steel	TT-A-468, class A, paste	TT-V-71a
Do	TT-A-468, class A, powder	TT-V-81a, class B
Special finishes having maximum smoothness.	TT-A-468, class B, powder	TT-V-81a, class A
Do	TT-A-468, class A, paste	TT-V-71a
Sealing coat to prevent bleeding of stains.		

¹ Aluminum is not recommended as a priming coat for steel.

² The addition of $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of iron-blue paste (TT-P-381) is recommended.

³ The addition of $\frac{1}{2}$ pt of mineral spirits (TT-T-291a) is recommended.

In purchasing aluminum paste or powder, it is advisable that the material should match a mutually-agreed-upon sample for smoothness, luster, and appearance. Both

powder and paste mix easily with long-oil (sary) varnish, such as described in Federal Specification TT-V-81a. In general, the amount of aluminum in the completed paints is less than 20 percent by weight and 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ percent by volume. The PV is less than 18. The mixing formula is 2 lb of class A aluminum paste to 1 gal of mixing varnish.

(f) Pigments; Colors-in-Oil
(for) Paint
TT-P-381, July 27, 1944

The colors-in-oil listed in Federal Specification TT-P-381 are pigments ground in a vehicle of about 80 percent oil and 20 percent volatile solvent, with a small amount of wetting or dispersing agent to form paste of a consistency that will flow from the containers.

TABLE 10.—Characteristics of colors-in-oil for

Colors	Federal specification for pigment content
Blacks:	
Color 1A—bone black	TT-B-680
Color 1B—carbon black, high-color	TT-C-120, class A
Color 1C—carbon black, standard all-purpose	TT-C-120, class B
Color 1D—lampblack	TT-L-70
Blues:	
Color 2A—iron-blue	TT-I-677
Color 2B—ultramarine blue	TT-U-450
Browns:	
Color 3A—metallic brown	TT-M-251
Color 3B—senna, burnt	TT-S-346
Color 3C—umber, burnt	TT-U-481
Color 3D—umber, raw	TT-U-481
Greens:	
Color 4A—chrome green	TT-C-235
Color 4B—chromium-oxide-green	TT-C-306
Oranges:	
Color 5A—chrome orange, dark	TT-C-290, type V
Color 5B—chrome orange, light	TT-C-290, type IV
Reds:	
Color 6A—iron-oxide, bright-red	TT-I-511, type II
Color 6B—indian-red	TT-I-511, type I
Color 6C—mineral red	TT-M-381
Color 6D—toluidine	TT-T-562
Color 6E—venetian	TT-V-226
Yellows:	
Color 7A—chrome-yellow, lemon	TT-C-290, type II
Color 7B—chrome-yellow, medium	TT-C-290, type III
Color 7C—chrome-yellow, primrose	TT-C-290, type I
Color 7D—ocher	TT-O-121
Color 7E—sienna, raw	TT-S-346
Color 7F—yellow-iron-oxide	TT-Y-216

Table 10, column 1, gives the names of these colors. Column 2 refers to Federal Specifications for content of dry pigment. Column 3 gives approximate weight in pounds per United States gallon of the soft paste conforming to the specification, and column 4 gives the minimum percentage by weight of pigment in the soft paste.

Following are the intended uses of the various pigments-in-oil described in table 10:

BLACKS.—This group covers four black pigments used for tinting and solid colors:—boneblack; high-color carbon black, all-purpose carbon black, and lampblack. Carbon black and lampblack are stronger than boneblack in tinting strength, and lampblack is most frequently used. Boneblack and carbon black are blacker than lampblack. All these color pastes produce paints suitable for "trim colors" (see glossary) by thinning the paste to brushing consistency with a vehicle composed of 3 parts of linseed oil, 1 part of spar varnish (see glossary), and $\frac{1}{2}$ part of liquid drier, by volume.

Synthetic black iron oxide (not included as a color-in-oil in the above list) is a black pigment covered by Federal Specification TT-1-698. This pigment consists of oxides of iron, and has a specific gravity of about 4.7. It is used in black metal protective paints, and for tinting and blending purposes.

BLUES.—This group covers two blue pigments—iron blue (also called Prussian blue) and ultramarine blue. Iron blue has a relatively low specific gravity and high bulk and is stronger than ultramarine blue. For tints, iron blue is very susceptible to the action of alkalis, however weak, whereas ultramarine blue is not affected by alkalis but is affected even by weak acids. Although both colors, in either tints or solid colors, have fair permanency when exposed to the weather, a newer blue pigment known as copper-phthalocyanine blue is more durable, in light or "shutter blue" tints. Federal Specification TT-C-610 covers this newer pigment.

BROWNS.—This group covers four brown pigments: metallic brown, burnt sienna, burnt umber, and raw umber. Metallic brown is adaptable as a trim color, but is used more as a solid paint and is durable for painting barns, tin roofs, and freight cars. The other brown pigments are suitable for tinting purposes and for stains. They are among the most durable when exposed to the weather.

Another brown pigment (not included in the above list) is synthetic brown iron oxide, covered by Federal Specification TT-1-702. This pigment consists of oxides of iron and has a specific gravity of about 4.7. It is used in various types of paints and enamels.

GREENS.—This group covers two green pigments—chrome green and chromium-oxide green. Chrome green is a mixture of two pigments, chrome yellow and chrome oxide. It covers a variety of light, medium, and dark shades and is used both for tinting purposes and for solid colors. Chrome greens are brighter and stronger than chromium-oxide greens, but they are not as permanent when exposed to alkalis. Chromium-oxide green consists of chromium oxide, and is used with linseed oil for purposes to give soft, gray-green tints; for a durable, solid color; and for tinted brown colors. It is somewhat weaker in tinting strength and less powerful than chrome green, but is more permanent and withstands high temperatures and is unaffected by acids.

ORANGES.—This group covers two shades of orange pigment that may be used for tinting and for solid colors. They are relatively permanent when exposed to the weather. The pigment is a basic lead chromate obtained by the action of chromic acid on lead acetate. It is designated as light and dark, the latter being International Orange.

REDS.—This group covers five red pigments—iron oxide, Indian red, mineral red, toluidine red, and Chinese red. With the exception of toluidine red, all the red pigments may be used for tinting purposes. Iron oxide and Indian red are used in all types of paints, stains, and are quite permanent; mineral red are widely used for exterior barn paints; toluidine red, a bright, organic red, is proposed to the weather but is not permanent when used outdoors.

YELLOW.—This group includes a variety of yellow pigments:—lemon chrome yellow, medium chrome yellow, primrose chrome yellow, yellow ochre, and yellow iron oxide. For tinting purposes, they are suitable for outside use. One pound of yellow added to 50 lb of white-lead paste gives a "ivory" shade. This color may also be used for color paint, following the thinning suggestions.

I-1a, Federal Specification TT-P-381. For tinting purposes, yellow ochre is a durable outdoor shade; one pound of the paste added to 50 lb of white-lead paste gives a "chamois" tint. Raw sienna is used more widely for tinting and staining purposes than for solid or trim color. When mixed with whites, it gives tints classed as ivory and light buff. These tints prove durable when exposed to the weather. Yellow iron oxides are used for both tinting and solid colors, particularly in floor enamels. They cover a variety of shades and on reduction with whites give cream, ivory, and buff tints. They are much stronger than the yellow ochers. Another yellow pigment, zinc yellow, is used to some extent as a color pigment, but its main use is a rust-

TABLE 11.—Identification of widely used tints made by tinting 100 pounds of paste white lead with Federal Specification TT-P-381, *Pigments-in-Oil; Paint Colors*

[This information is merely as a guide.]

Color	Pigment	Maerz and Paul number ¹	Munsell number ²	Name ISCC-NBS ³	Formula (based on 100 pounds of white lead)
Blacks	Lampblack	37-A-2	9.0Y 5.6/0.2	Medium gray	¼ pt.
	Iron blue	37-K-5	1.6B 3.8/4.2	Moderate greenish blue	½ pt.
Blues	Ultramarine blue	35-G-2	9.5B 6.7/2.0	Pale blue	1 pt.
	Sienna, burnt	5-B-11	3.0Y 4.4/5.2	Moderate brown	1 pt.
	Umber, burnt	14-D-6	0.5Y 4.8/3.0	Pale brown to medium yellowish brown	1 pt.
Browns	Umber, raw	12-C-2	5.8Y 6.6/2.8	Weak yellow	1 pt.
	Chrome green (medium)	20-A-8	2.5G 15.0/3.9	Weak yellowish green to medium green	1 pt.
Greens	Chromium oxide	21-A-4	7.0G 15.6/1.6	Weak yellow-green	¾ pt.
Oranges	Chrome orange (dark)	9-C-6	6.2Y 7.8/6.2	Pale orange	¼ pt.
	Indian red	6-J-9	8.2R 3.9/3.6	Weak red	1 pt.
	Polychrome red	3-J-8	4.0R 5.3/6.0	Moderate red	¾ pt.
Reds	Venetian red	5-E-11	1.8Y 4.1/5.2	Moderate brown	1 pt.
	Chrome yellow (medium)	9-K-5	1.8Y 7.7/8.2	Moderate yellowish orange	¾ pt.
Yellows	Ocher	11-C-4	0.8Y 6.6/4.0	Weak yellowish orange	1 pt.
	Sienna (raw)	11-G-5	0.5Y 6.6/4.9	Weak yellowish orange	1 qt.
	Yellow iron oxide	10-I-6	9.2Y 7.4/7.0	Weak to moderate yellowish-orange	1 pt.

¹ A Dictionary of Color, by Maerz and Paul, McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York, N. Y.

² Munsell Book of Color (1929). Munsell Color Co., Baltimore, Md.

³ Inter-Society Color Council Proposed Color Nomenclature for Drugs. Developed and recommended by the National Bureau of Standards.

inhibitive pigment in metal primers (see pigment is covered by Federal Specification

As indicated, several of the colors just mixed with white-lead paste or other white to form light tints. For example, 100 pounds of paste mixed with a definite volume of the oil of a particular brand produces the color 11 and referred to by number in "Dictionary of Color" by Maerz and Paul [3], and the "Munsell Color System" by Munsell [4]. However, this information is only as an approximate guide.

4. READY-MIXED OIL AND VARNISH VEHICLE

All ready-mixed paints should be purchased by the purchaser should specify the type, case of tints or body colors, the exact color whether it should match a sample agreed upon with the seller (preferably a wet sample of paint).

(a) Paint; Oil, Exterior, Ready-Mixed, Light Tints, and White
TT-P-40, May 19, 1943
Amendment 1, June 26, 1943*

Federal Specification TT-P-40 covers exterior oil-gloss paint intended as finish coats for use over a primer as second or third coat on side wood, metal, and concrete. The primer is obtainable for the particular material on which the paint is to be used. Type I is a multiple-pigment paint available in white, general-purpose paint; class B, a special free paint to be used where sulfide fumes are present; and class C, a tint base. If a particular tinting material may be added to the class C white. A white should not be tinted. Type II is a paint obtainable in both white and tints.

The type of titanium dioxide used in the paint should be used only for white as it chalks.

Class C contains the proper type of titanium dioxide to be mixed with colors because it chalks relatively little.

Both types brush freely, have exceptional drying power, and dry to an oil gloss. Before the unpainted wood, the wood should be treated with a preservative that seals the surface and insures uniform

in the succeeding coats. Such a prepared primer conforms to Federal Specification TT-P-25. A self-primer can be made by adding 1 pt of linseed oil to 1 gal of either type I or type II paint. For two-coat work the primer should be spread at the rate of 450 ft²/gal and the topcoat or finish coat, should be spread at the rate of 550 ft²/gal. For three-coat work the primer should be spread at the rate of 500 to 600 ft²/gal and the second and third coats at from 600 to 700 ft²/gal. If necessary, the paint can be slightly thinned by the addition of not more than 1 pt of turpentine or mineral spirits to 1 gal of paint.

Type I class A white paint (titanium-lead-zinc) weighs 16 lb/gal and has a PV of 30; one gallon of paint contains 0.27 gal of pigment and 0.90 gal of film-forming solids. The pigment is composed of 57 percent by volume of white lead plus zinc oxide in the ratio of 1.2 to 1. Type I class B (titanium-zinc) weighs 13 lb and has a PV of 29; one gallon of paint contains 0.26 gal of pigment and 0.88 gal of solids. Figures for type I class C tint-base paint are practically the same as for type I class A.

Type II white lead paint weighs 20 lb/gal and has a PV of 28; one gallon of paint contains 0.25 gal of pigment and 0.89 gal of solids. This is a heavy-bodied paint that can be thinned for finish-coat painting by the addition of not more than 1 pt of turpentine or mineral spirits to 1 gal of paint.

Under amendment 1 to TT-P-40, the amount of linseed oil in the paints just described is reduced from a range of 86 to 88 percent by weight of vehicle to not less than 65 percent, and the PV is increased from about 29 in the basic specification to about 36 in the amendment. Where reactive pigments such as zinc oxide (see glossary) are present, it is particularly important for the manufacturer to use the most nonreactive, heat-bodied oil available in order to avoid thickening of the paint and lowered durability.

As a result of this amendment, type I classes A and C paint weigh 16 lb/gal and contain 0.26 gal of pigment, 0.71 gal of film-forming solids, and not over 3.75 lb of linseed oil. The PV is 37, an increase from 29 in the basic paint.

Type II paint weighs 20 lb/gal and contains 0.25 gal of pigment and 0.71 gal of solids. The PV is 36, an increase from 28 in the basic paint.

(b) Paint; Exterior-Primer, Ready
White (Undercoat for Wood
TT-P-25, Dec. 9, 1942
Amendment 1, June 5, 1943

This is a specialized paint intended primer, undercoat, or primer, on outside unprimed wood for exterior painting. Its purpose is to obtain uniform absorption by the wood of the paint. It should be applied without thinning with turpentine or mineral spirits may be added (of paint) at a spreading rate of approximately 550 ft²/gal and should be allowed to dry at least 48 hr before the topcoat is applied. Tests at this Bureau and elsewhere, this exterior wood has given very good results.

When properly formulated and applied, two-coat systems offer equal durability and substantial labor over the usual three-coat paint system, that the total thickness of the paint coat is less. Two-coat systems are not intended for use on materials. The final film thickness should be that of three-coat jobs of conventional paint (about 0.004 in.).

This paint (Fed. Spec. TT-P-25) may be used for priming exterior wood in three-coat paint system. It should not be used as a topcoat or finish coat for repainting weathered exterior wood.

Although the exact composition of this paint is not specified, the preferred formula is 66 percent of pigment and 34 percent of vehicle by weight as follows:

<i>Pigment:</i>	50 percent of white lead (one-half sulfate).
	35 percent of titanium-barium pigment (TiO ₂).
	15 percent of magnesium silicate.
	100 percent.
<i>Vehicle:</i>	28 percent of Z-4 bodied linseed oil.
	28 percent of raw linseed oil.
	4 percent of coumarone resin or ester gum (cooked in the Z-4).
	40 percent of mineral spirits and 100 percent.

This paint weighs 16 lb/gal and has a PV of 37. One gallon of paint contains 0.26 gal of pigment

film-forming solids. The above formula is the preferred one to use in making paint to meet Federal Specification TT-P-25, and it is recommended that the formula be incorporated in purchase orders for this priming paint.

**(c) Paint; Exterior, Ready-Mixed,
and Semipaste, Black
TT-P-61a, Oct. 28, 1944**

Federal Specification TT-P-61a covers an exterior black gloss paint (slow drying) for use on wood and structural steel. This paint is one of the most durable when exposed to the weather. When applied to structural steel primed with two coats of a rust-inhibitive paint (for example, red-lead paint), it gives very good service as a topcoat, or cover coat and retains its color well. The paint has good working properties and excellent hiding power. It can be made from a variety of inexpensive pigments, such as the various mineral blacks in which the amount of carbon varies from 20 to more than 70 percent.

An average paint weighs 10 lb/gal and has a PV of 18; one gallon contains 0.14 gal of pigment and 0.80 gal of film-forming solids.

**(d) Paint; Graphite, Outside,
Ready-Mixed, Black
TT-P-27, July 23, 1938
Amendment 2, Jan. 23, 1945**

Black graphite paint covered by this specification is used for structural steel such as bridges and tanks. It is furnished in two types.

Type I, natural flake graphite pigment, is dark steel gray with a metallic luster; blackness is obtained by the addition of lampblack or carbon black. This graphite has, to a certain extent, the property of "leafing," a characteristic that probably accounts for its durability.

Type II, which is generally darker in color than type I, may include all four forms of graphite:—natural crystalline vein or lump, natural crystalline flake, artificial graphite, and natural "amorphous."

A good method of painting structural steel is to apply a coat of a rust-inhibitive primer, such as red lead or blue lead paints, and to follow with one coat of natural (untinted)

dark-gray graphite paint and a finish coat of black paint meeting this Federal Specification.

Paint meeting Federal Specification TT-P-25 weighs 10 lb/gal and has a PV of 24; one gallon contains 0.14 gal of pigment and 0.87 gal of film-forming solids. This paint contains about 5 lb of linseed oil.

**(e) Paint, Red-Lead Base; Linseed Oil
TT-P-86, Sept. 9, 1939
Amendment 1, Sept. 1, 1943***

The basic unamended specification covers a dark gray (see glossary), gloss (see glossary) paint used for body coats on steel and iron. One or two coats are applied but two are preferable. If thinners such as turpentine or mineral spirits should be used, they should be used in oil. This ready-mixed paint keeps well in storage. In this respect is superior to paints mixed on the job.

Paint meeting Federal Specification TT-P-86 weighs at least 25 lb/gal and has a PV of 28; one gallon contains 0.14 gal of red lead and 0.95 gal of film-forming solids.

The amendment reduces the amount of red lead to 10 percent by weight to not less than 65 percent. A conservation paint is thus produced. It gives a good surface for repainting in a short time, although it has a lower consistency than the original. To keep the red-lead pigment in loose suspension, 1 percent of aluminum stearate by the manufacturer's recommendation is added. The amount of red lead by weight of the pigment is recommended.

It is estimated that 1 gal of paint meeting this specification weighs 24 lb and contains 0.25 gal of pigment and 0.75 gal of solids, and not over 3.75 lb of linseed oil. The amount of linseed oil increase from 28 in the basic paint.

**(f) Paint; Blue-Lead-Base; Basic
Linseed-Oil, Ready-Mixed
TT-P-20, Jan. 12, 1940
Amendment 1, Sept. 1, 1943***

Blue-lead paint is a dark slate-gray paint used for priming and body (see glossary) coats on steel and iron. It is characterized by very good working properties, and is durable. One or two coats are applied but two are preferable. This paint weighs 24 lb/gal and has a PV of 24.

PV of 29; one gallon contains 0.27 gal of blue lead and 0.92 gal of film-forming solids.

The amended specification reduces the amount of linseed oil from not less than 90 percent by weight to not less than 65 per cent and not more than 70 percent by weight. Although the emergency paint does not have as high gloss as the basic paint, it is durable. Successive coats can safely be applied sooner than when the basic paint is used. It is estimated that 1 gal of paint meeting this amendment weighs 19 lb and contains 0.26 gal of pigment, 0.71 gal of solids, and not over 3.75 lb of linseed oil. The PV is 36, an increase from 29 in the basic paint.

**(g) Paint; Iron-Oxide, Ready-Mixed,
and Semipaste, Red and Brown
TT-P-31a, Sept. 12, 1941
Amendment 1, July 20, 1943***

Iron oxide paint is a durable and economical paint; it is used widely on exterior wood and metal (particularly on tin roofs) and is frequently referred to as roof and barn paint, red metallic paint, metallic brown paint, mineral red and brown paint, or freight-car red. It may be used both as a priming and a finish, or cover, coat on structural steel.

Because of the iron oxide, the color of the paint is red or brown, of which many different hues and shades can be furnished under this specification. The only practical method of getting the desired color is to have a color chip or preferably a wet sample of paint meeting the specification. The sample is used for color only.

The ready-mixed paint contains a small amount of spar varnish and zinc oxide, thus increasing color retention and decreasing the susceptibility of the paint to mildew.

Ready-mixed paint meeting the basic specification weighs 14 lb/gal and has a PV of 28; one gallon contains 0.24 gal of pigment and 0.84 gal of film-forming solids.

The amendment, which applies only to the ready-mixed paint, reduces the amount of linseed oil from 82 percent by weight to not less than 65 nor more than 70 percent, thereby producing a paint that dries with less gloss than the original. Actual use will determine whether or not the paint with less oil is as satisfactory as paint meeting the basic specification.

One gallon of the conservation paint weighs 14 lb and contains 0.24 gal of pigment, 0.69 gal of solids, and not over

3.75 lb of linseed oil. The PV is 31, and the basic paint.

**(h) Paint; Outside, Ready-Mixed,
Medium-Chrome-Yellow
TT-P-53 Feb. 12, 1937
Amendment 1, Sept. 1, 1943***

This is a durable bright-yellow paint intended for application to exterior wood used with black paint on radio towers and signal signs. If a close match is desired be designated. Tinted paints on a white or buff, for example) should be purchased under Specification TT-P-40.

Under the basic specification the paint weighs 14 lb and has a PV of 28; one gallon contains 0.24 gal of pigment and 0.88 gal of film-forming solids.

The amendment reduces the amount of linseed oil from 82 percent by weight to not less than 65 percent, and broadens the color range of the paint to include light to medium chrome yellow (Army Marking Yellow, formerly called Army-Navy Aircraft Yellow, and War I No. 120).

One gallon of the conservation paint weighs 14 lb and contains 0.24 gal of pigment, 0.69 gal of solids, and not over 3.75 lb of linseed oil. The PV is 31, and the basic paint.

**(i) Paint; Ready-Mixed, International
Orange
TT-P-59, June 17, 1937
Amendment 1, Sept. 1, 1943***

Specification TT-P-59 covers the ready-mixed exterior paint of a color known as International Orange (approximately the color of a ripe orange). Types of paint are included in the basic specification.

The most durable of the three, type A, is a linseed-oil house paint recommended for large-scale painting. It forms a soft film and requires several days for drying between coats. In Federal Specification TT-P-59, the wet film thickness and white checkerboard at the rate of

Although a small amount of spar varnish is added to the vehicle to improve color retention, the paint has a tendency to fade or dull somewhat on exposure. The pigment is a blend of 79 percent of opaque pigment by volume and 21 percent of transparent pigment. Type A paint weighs 18 lb/gal and has a PV of 28; one gallon contains 0.25 gal of pigment and 0.87 gal of film-forming solids.

Type B is a chrome orange, synthetic enamel (see glossary) paint. The paint hides about 300 ft²/gal. It has more pull under the brush than type A paint and dries faster, an overnight drying period between coats being sufficient. On weathering, type B holds its color better and picks up less dirt than type A but is generally not as durable. The pigment is the same as that in type A paint, but the vehicle is a synthetic resin varnish of the glyceryl phthalate (see glossary) type. Type B paint weighs 13 lb/gal and has a PV of 24; one gallon contains 0.12 gal of pigment and 0.5 gal of solids.

Type C is a synthetic enamel of the glyceryl phthalate type, similar to type B, except that the pigment is a vivid, light-fast, orange red, organic pigment dye of the dinitro-aniline type. A typical enamel, hiding 220 ft²/gal, it should be applied as a finish over flat ground coats of the same color. This enamel is outstanding in color retention on exposure to the weather. As it has the pull under the brush typical of enamel paints, type C paint is recommended for small-scale painting, particularly on metal that has been built-up with ground coats of the same color. The properties of this enamel are similar to those of toluidine red enamel in Federal Specification TT-E-531a, and give a color of greater brilliance than types A and B. Under normal conditions, an overnight drying period between coats is sufficient.

Type C paint weighs 7.8 lb/gal and has a PV of 20; one gallon contains 0.1 gal of pigment and 0.47 gal of solids.

Amendment 1 to TT-P-59 applies only to type A paint; it reduces the amount of linseed oil from approximately 85 percent by weight to not less than 65 nor more than 70 percent. One gallon of paint meeting this amendment weighs 18 lb and contains 0.27 gal of pigment, 0.74 gal of solids, and not over 3.75 lb of linseed oil. The PV is 36, an increase from 29 in the basic paint.

(j) Paint; Ready-Mixed, Olive Green
TT-P-81a, Dec. 10, 1943*

This revision of Federal Specification TT-P-81a tended to conserve linseed oil.

The paint is suitable for use on wood and is resistant to the weather. It dries to a semigloss finish and has good color retention. Unless otherwise specified, the paint is intended to match War Department Olive Green.

Although weight per gallon varies according to the pigments chosen, those suggested in paragraph 1 of Federal Specification TT-P-81a produce a paint weighing 12.7 lb and having a PV of 34. One gallon contains 0.21 gal of pigment and 0.68 gal of film-forming solids.

(k) Paint; Ready-Mixed and Semi-Mixed, Exterior, Chrome Green
TT-P-71a, April 9, 1941
Amendment 1, Sept. 28, 1943*

This specification covers an exterior, chrome-green, seed-oil paint for application to wood and metal over tinted white-lead undercoats. Type A, semi-mixed paint, is used. Type B, ready-mixed paint, is a paint of the same color. This paint weighs 12.7 lb and has a PV of 34. One gallon contains 0.21 gal of pigment and 0.81 gal of solids.

The purposes of amendment 1 to Federal Specification TT-P-71a are to improve the basic specification and to conserve linseed oil. The amendment covers a paint known in the trade as a "trim enamel." When properly prepared, it shows enamel-like flowing and leveling properties, excellent hiding power, and more pull under the brush than ordinary house paint. The paint gives a smooth finish with a high initial gloss, which is maintained.

A successful formula for 1 gallon of paint is 2 lb of chemically pure chrome green (easy dispersing type) and 1 lb of fine-particle silicate or aluminum silicate, with 5 lb of litharge (5 lb to 100 gal of paint). To this is added 15 percent TT-V-121b spar varnish and 15 percent (see glossary) linseed oil, with a small amount of manganese-cobalt drier.

One gallon of medium chrome-green paint made under this specification weighs 9.6 lb.

0.10 gal of pigment, 0.63 gal of solids, and not over 3.75 lb of linseed oil. The PV is 16, a decrease from 25 in the basic paint.

(D) Primer, Paint; Zinc Dust-Zinc Oxide for Galvanized (Zinc-Coated) or Zinc Surfaces
 TT-P-641, Apr. 20, 1939
 Amendment 1, Sept. 1, 1943*

The above specification covers three types of zinc-dust-zinc-oxide paint used principally for priming exterior, new or old galvanized iron and zinc surfaces. They are also satisfactory as finish coats, except under conditions requiring special finishes. Type I is a linseed oil, air-drying paint. Types II and III contain a synthetic resin vehicle; glyceryl phthalate in type II and phenolic resin in type III; both dry faster than type I paint and may be either air-dried or baked at temperatures up to 380° F. For normal service, the adherence of type II appears to be best, although type I is nearly as good and has the advantage of easy brushing; however, if unusually severe moisture conditions prevail, type III is preferable (for example, on the interior of steel water tanks).

This paint can be furnished in class A, semiprepared, and class B, ready-prepared. The zinc oxide in class A is mill-ground in the entire vehicle. The zinc dust comes in a separate container. To blend the ingredients, the zinc dust and a small portion of the paint are stirred to a smooth paste, then the balance of the paint is added and thoroughly mixed. Class A is preferable to class B, as the ready-prepared paint may not keep well in the package.

One coat hides completely and is adequate for many service conditions on new galvanized iron; two coats are ample for rusty (weathered) galvanized-iron surfaces, except where special finish coats are necessary for added protection. The paint retains its gray color on prolonged exposure to the weather. For finish coats the paint may be tinted, although lampblack appears to reduce durability. Chromium oxide green gives a soft, pleasing green that is durable and shows good color retention.

Prior to priming, the new surface should be cleaned with turpentine or mineral spirits and wiped dry. Although not usually necessary, standard chemical treatments for cleaning may be used. Galvanized roofs that have weathered

until the iron-zinc alloy is exposed make a for this paint.

Paints covered by the specification are suitable for spraying but may be sprayed if thinned with not of turpentine or mineral spirits to 1 gal of

Type I paint weighs 23 lb/gal and has a gallon contains 0.31 gal of pigment and 0. forming solids.

Type II paint weighs 16 lb/gal and has a gallon contains 0.17 gal of pigment and 0.4

Type III paint weighs 23 lb/gal and has a gallon contains 0.32 gal of pigment and 0.62

The amendment, which applies to type I, the amount of linseed oil from 89 percent by less than 65 nor more than 70 percent. One paint weighs 19 lb and contains 0.23 gal of pigment of solids, and not over 3.75 lb of linseed oil, a decrease from 37 in the basic paint.

(m) Paint; Concrete and Masonry Exterior, Eggshell-Finish Ready-Mixed, White and Tinted
 TT-P-24, Feb. 25, 1943

This oil-base exterior paint is a finishing coat for primed concrete, brick, and stucco surfaces. The paint dries to an eggshell finish. Where is desired, exterior paints for wood and metal (Fed. Spec. TT-P-40).

Type I paint is made in white only. Type II is bought in tints or in white, to be tinted by the user who should specify the color and whether it is a selected sample.

As moisture back of the paint film serious life of oil-paint coatings, new masonry should be kept until the walls are dry. This may require months and will depend upon weather conditions. It is important to prevent water from entering the wall.

Because paint adheres poorly to highly glossy surfaces, it is suggested that preparatory to painting, the surface be either acid washed, lightly sandblasted, or treated with coarse grit abrasive stones. This treatment

necessary for concrete cast against plywood, Presdwood, or steel forms.

Old coatings of organic or cement-base water paint in good condition need not be removed. Peeling, scaling, or flaking paint and whitewash should be completely removed.

A suggested formula (by weight) for paint meeting the specification contains 60 percent of pigment and 40 percent of vehicle as follows:

	Pigment Percent
White lead	35
Zinc oxide	30
Titanium dioxide	10
Magnesium silicate	25
	100
	Vehicle Percent
Nonvolatile vehicle	45
Thinner	55
	100

An average paint of either type meeting the specification weighs about 14 lb/gal and has a PV of 42; one gallon contains 0.22 gal of pigment and 0.53 gal of film-forming solids.

For surfaces that have not previously been painted, the following Federal Specification priming paint is suggested:

	gal
Paint; TT-P-24	1
Varnish, spar (nonreactive); TT-V-121b	1/2
Thinner, paint; TT-T-291a	1/4

The priming paint weighs 11 lb/gal.

(n) Paint; Traffic, Exterior,
White and Yellow
TT-P-115, Apr. 29, 1942
Amendment 1, May 30, 1945

This specification covers a ready-mixed traffic paint known as center line, zone-marking, and road-marking paint. It is obtainable in white and yellow colors, the yellow being called Highway Marking Yellow, formerly called Federal Yellow.

Both paints are intended for application at a range of temperatures, to bituminous and concrete surfaces, including heavy traffic. The paints may be applied by hand or machine. Certain types of spray machine may be used, thinned in the proportions of 1 pt of thinner to 1 gal of paint. In not more than 1/2 hr the paint should be to touch and within an hour (at 70° to 80° F) to an eggshell hard gloss finish. The use of toxic thinners may make these paints unsuitable for use unless proper precautions, such as adequate ventilation, are taken.

As some traffic paints have a tendency to settle in the container during prolonged storage, it is recommended to purchase this paint too far in advance of use, though soft settling is expected, hard settling of the pigment is undesirable. A properly formulated paint should keep in good condition for at least 6 months.

Although the specification is based mainly on the requirements, a satisfactory white traffic paint weighs 14 lb/gal and has a PV of 49; one gallon contains 0.22 gal of pigment and 0.56 gal of film-forming solids. The pigment is 55 percent by weight of titanium-barium, 25 percent of zinc oxide, and 20 percent of zinc silicate. The vehicle is a quick-drying, 15-gal, oleo-resinous.

The yellow paint weighs 14 lb/gal and has a PV of 49; one gallon contains 0.24 gal of pigment and 0.54 gal of film-forming solids. The pigment is 45 percent by weight of titanium-barium, 20 percent of zinc oxide, and 35 percent of zinc silicates; the vehicle is the same as for the white paint.

(o) Enamel; Heat-Resisting (400° F)
TT-E-496, June 6, 1941
Amendment 1, Sept. 14, 1943*

Federal Specification TT-E-496 covers a heat-resisting enamel, type I, bituminous-base (unpigmented) and a resin-base (pigmented). Both types are intended for use on surfaces exposed to temperatures up to 400° F. Steam pipes and boiler fronts. Where the surface is wet with water and gasoline is also necessary, the use of a primer is advisable. Neither type should be applied to surfaces hotter than 140° F, and 48 hr of drying time at this temperature should elapse before the coating is subjected to the maximum temperature, 400° F. Because of the

of the volatile thinners, these enamels should be applied in well-ventilated areas free from open lights or flames.

Type II enamel generally contains 2 percent by weight of high-grade carbon black and 98 percent of a synthetic resin (alkyd) vehicle. It weighs 7 lb/gal and has a PV of 3; one gallon contains 0.01 gal of pigment and 0.35 gal of film-forming solids.

Amendment 1 is necessary because of the critical shortage of alkyd resins and applies only to type I enamel.

(p) Enamel; Pigmented (Air-Drying and Baking) Black
TT-E-521, July 22, 1930
Amendment 3, Sept. 14, 1943

Material covered by this specification is a high-grade black enamel containing no bituminous materials. It produces an opaque, glossy, durable black coating for exterior and general use. The composition is generally about 2 percent of high-grade carbon black and 98 percent of long-oil, water-resisting varnish.

This enamel weighs 8 lb/gal and has a PV of 2; one gallon contains 0.01 gal of pigment and 0.45 gal of solids.

(q) Enamel; Lusterless, Olive-Drab
TT-E-514, Jan. 28, 1943

The lusterless olive-drab enamel covered by this specification is intended for camouflage. It serves as a *flat* finishing coat on *primed* metal and wood surfaces. The color should match Olive-Drab No. 319[5].

The materials are noncritical but do not produce as durable an enamel as those containing synthetic resins of the alkyd type, such as the finish on Army motor vehicles [6].

Although this is a performance specification and a variety of pigments can be chosen, the following formula is frequently used:

	Weight Percent
Yellow iron oxide	18.0
Medium chrome yellow	6.3
Lampblack	3.2
Zinc oxide	0.8
Magnesium silicate	33.2
Diatomaceous silica	26.5
Barytes	12.0
	100.0

These pigments produce an enamel weighing 7 lb/gal and having a PV of about 45; one gallon contains 0.17 gal of pigment and 0.38 gal of solids.

(r) Enamel; Water-resisting, Interior
TT-E-531a, June 4, 1935
Amendment 3, Sept. 14, 1943

This specification covers a bright-red grade intended for general exterior use. It is used widely on fire-alarm boxes. It is water-resistant, has a high gloss, and is durable.

The toluidine pigment used in the enamel is of different lots less variable than the color of red paints that do not contain toluidine. It is needed only where a very close match of color series is required. Recently a dark shade of red has been produced containing pigment dyed with metanitro-paratoluidine-azo-betanaphthol. The tests described in the specification. When the color indicates red enamel containing this dark shade, the limits on "color", as required in part of the specification, do not apply. Unless specified by the purchaser, it is understood that the color of the red enamel strictly meeting the color, as specified in graph E-1.

To meet the requirement for hiding power, 12 percent by weight of toluidine toner is required. This enamel weighs 7 lb/gal and has a PV of 2; one gallon contains 0.08 gal of pigment and 0.19 gal of solids.

Amendment 3 provides for an enamel containing 3.25 lb of linseed oil per gallon of enamel.

(s) Enamel; Interior, Gloss, Light Tints
TT-E-506a, Dec. 1, 1938
Amendment 1, Sept. 14, 1943*

Enamel paints meeting this specification are used on interior wood, metal, and plaster over coats. After being properly applied and dried thoroughly, they can be washed with mild water.

Although white enamel paints may be specified by the specification without reference to a color

variation in white surfaces from blue-white to yellow-white makes it advisable for the purchaser who desires a close match to specify color (preferably by having a wet sample of acceptable enamel). Because of the wide range of tints, this method of color matching is the practical one to use.

For white enamel paints, mixtures of strong white opaque pigments, such as titanium dioxide, zinc sulfide, and zinc oxide, can be used; for the tinted paints, pure tinting colors should be chosen. A typical pigment mixture for white enamel is 80 percent by weight of titanium dioxide and 20 percent by weight of zinc oxide.

When the enamel contains 30 percent by weight of this pigment and 70 percent vehicle, it weighs 10 lb/gal and has a PV of 9; one gallon contains 0.08 gal of pigment and 0.49 gal of film forming solids.

Amendment 1 contemplates an enamel containing not more than 2.5 lb of linseed oil per gal.

(t) Paint; Oil, Interior, One-Coat-Flat, Heavy-Bodied (for thinning), Light Tints and White (Combined Sealer, Primer, and Finish)
TT-P-47, Feb. 25, 1943

This specification covers an interior one-coat, "nonpenetrating," flat, heavy-bodied, oil-base paint to be applied directly to porous, absorptive surfaces, such as wallboard, wallpaper, plaster, and wood. It is designed to give a uniform finish without the use of a special primer or sealer, and to conserve shipping space and containers as a war emergency measure. It should find wide use after the war.

Although high dry hiding power is desirable, it should not be obtained at the expense of washability and good sealing properties. The paint should dry to a relatively low gloss with a slight angular sheen, even though a relatively high ratio of binder (see glossary) to pigment is desirable. Where adjoining areas of the surface to be painted show marked differences in porosity, as in the case of patched plaster, the patched areas should be painted and allowed to dry before the entire surface is painted.

The vehicle in this paint is usually a long-oil varnish, containing at least 100 gal of oil per 100 lb of resin, consist-

ing mainly of processed drying oils, ester plus the required amounts of volatile. One such vehicle of a 200-gallon varnish 13 poises (see glossary), a nonvolatile color and passed a 350-percent kauri reduction. Pigments should be opaque white titanium sulfide base and suitable extending pigments. Colors should be limeproof.

The paint is furnished in a heavy-bodied glossary), so that it can be thinned with spirits or turpentine to 1 gal of the thickening a paint of normal properties. If the to buy this paint ready for use (instead of bodied consistency), it should then meet specification for the reduced paint.

It is estimated that an average paste paint specification weighs about 12.5 lb/gal and one gallon contains 0.33 gal of pigment and forming solids.

The paint thinned for use weighs about has a PV of 60; one gallon contains 0.23 gal 0.38 gal of solids.

(u) Paint; (for) Priming Plaster (Plaster Primer and Sealer)
TT-P-56, Oct. 5, 1935
Amendment 1, March 1936

This specification covers a pigmented paint (see glossary) in white or tints, to be used as a sizing coat on interior walls and ceilings and cement wallboard. It may also be used on interior woodwork. It should not be applied to faces.

Many formulas may be used to produce plaster primer and sealer, since the requirements are mainly physical. The only limitation is that the vehicles shall contain not less than 10 percent nonvolatile matter. Usually the pigment in the paint contains some titanium dioxide and/or extending pigments. The pigment of a typical paint contains 24 percent by weight of titanium dioxide, 24 percent

sulfate, and 20 percent of magnesium silicate. The composition of the paint is as follows:

	Weight Percent	Volume Percent
Pigment	44	18.2
Nonvolatile vehicle	34	45.2
Volatile vehicle	22	36.2
	100	100.0

The weight per gallon is 11 lb and the PV is 29.

(v) **Paints; Oil, Interior, Eggshell-Flat-Finish,
Ready-Mixed and Semipaste,
Light Tints and White
TT-P-51a, Jan. 16, 1937
Amendment 1, Sept. 14, 1943***

This specification covers an interior eggshell to flat wall paint, available in ready-mixed or in semipaste form. The ready-mixed paint produces a washable body and finish coat but is not generally suitable for stipple finish. Although 1 gal may be diluted to make a priming paint by adding from 1 qt to 1 gal of boiled linseed oil, the use of priming paint conforming to Federal Specification TT-P-56 is preferable. The semipaste is seldom used.

Some paints and enamels dry hard quickly, whereas others, the vehicle of which contains more oil and less resin, are more flexible and develop hard films slowly. Gloss paint or enamel (Fed. Spec. TT-E-506a) is more washable than a flat paint, but no paint should be scrubbed within 30 days after application. When a washable paint is desired, as in a kitchen or bathroom, yet the glare of full gloss enamel is objectionable, a semilustrous finish can be produced by mixing TT-P-51a flat wall paint (or TT-P-47 one-coat flat) and TT-E-506a enamel, in varying proportions. Some recent laboratory work at the Bureau indicates that TT-P-47 paint is superior to TT-P-51a paint for this purpose. A Federal Specification for semigloss enamel (TT-E-508) is in preparation.

The specification for TT-P-51a paint is based on performance requirements rather than on composition. The paint is characterized by high hiding power, eggshell to flat finish, easy brushing, and good resistance to scrubbing with mild soap and water.

The purpose of amendment 1 is to conserve linseed oil. It is contemplated that the paint under the amendment will

contain no more than 1.2 lb of linseed oil (to conform to linseed oil conservation War Production Board).

Federal Specification TT-P-51a does not give a specific formula, but the following is a suggestion:

	Weight Percent
Titanium dioxide	15.9
Calcium sulfate	49.1
Nonvolatile vehicle	14.0
Volatile vehicle	21.0
	100.0

On gallon of this paint weighs 11 lb.

(w) **Paint; Varnish-Base
(for) Concrete and Wood
TT-P-146, June 5, 1942**

This paint is intended for interior use on wood and concrete floors and other floor surfaces. It is known to the trade as "concrete basement floor paint." Concrete basement floors should be dried before painting. The floor should be dried to paint it is during the winter or early spring (when the basement can be heated), when the basement is very low. The paint should be applied in a thin layer and be brushed out well, and allowed for drying between coats. Two coats are generally sufficient. A thin film of wax or oil, renewed, serves to protect the paint. A Federal Specification for the organic solvent type (Fed. Spec. TT-P-146) is suggested.

On wood floors it is suggested that for the first coat 1 qt of thinner, composed of 2 parts of turpentine and 1 part of oil, be added to the paint; for the second coat 1 pt of boiled linseed oil of paint may be added. On concrete floors it is suggested that for the first coat 1 qt of linseed oil, 2 parts of spar varnish and 1 part of turpentine be added to each gallon of paint; the second coat should be applied as furnished.

Floor paints meeting this specification should be applied within 12 hr as determined by the new

Time Recorder, an instrument for measuring the drying time of paint and varnishes. The vehicle in this paint should be a tough, flexible, high-grade floor varnish able to withstand wear on wood and concrete floors as well as outdoor weather. It should be at least 25 or 30 gal long, passing a 40-percent kauri reduction (see glossary).

Although a great variety of pigments may be used in making paints meeting this specification, the following is one example of a durable lightweight gray paint:

	Weight Percent	Volume Percent
Pigment:		
Titanium dioxide	10.0	3.0
Calcium sulfate	24.0	11.8
Carbon black	1.0	0.6
Vehicle:		
Interior varnish (TT-V-71a).....	65.0	84.6
	100.0	100.0

One gallon of this paint weighs 10 lb and has a PV of 29. These values apply only to the formula just given for a lightweight gray paint. The specification covers a variety of colors including grays, browns, reds, buffs, and greens.

(x) Paint; Rubberbase (for) Cement Floors
TT-P-91, May 23, 1939

This is a ready-mixed paint for use on interior concrete flooring subjected to dampness and not exposed to sunlight. It is suitable for concrete basement floors. The paint for the first coat should be diluted with 1 qt of thinner, consisting of equal volumes of mineral spirits and toluol free from water, to each gallon of paint. The surface to be painted should be clean and dry and the room sufficiently ventilated. Smooth, densely troweled concrete floors should be etched with a 10-percent solution of hydrochloric acid, washed with water, and thoroughly dried before paint is applied. New concrete floors should age at least 2 months before being painted; three coats are generally recommended, but two coats are frequently used. In repainting work, this type of paint should be used only when the same type has been used previously on the same surface.

The variety of colors available makes it advisable to designate a sample for color (preferably a wet sample of the paint).

A typical gray paint passing the sp

Pigment:

Titanium dioxide	
Zinc oxide	
Carbon black	
Nonvolatile vehicle:	
Rubber base*	
Plasticizer (see glossary)	
Volatile vehicle	

* Generally either chlorinated rubber or u

One gallon of the above paint weighs 10 lb and has a PV of 28. At the present writing, this is the only paint specified because of the critical situation on rubber.

(y) Fume- and Heat-Resisting Enamel
National Bureau of Standards
Letter Circular LC489, January 1939

Enamel paint that does not become discolored by heat or chemical fumes is not covered by this Specification. An enamel having the properties described in National Bureau of Standards Letter Circular LC489 should prove desirable for use in laboratories, commercial kitchens, tobacco stores, refrigerator rooms, dairies, and service stations. Paint that will not discolor in such places is of great importance. The pigment must be free from lead and may consist of lightproof lithopon, titanium pigments, zinc oxide, and various titanium pigments, zinc oxide, and carbon black. The vehicle must also be free from lead, driers, and preferably from linseed oil, turpentine, and drying oils. A vehicle frequently used is a grade damar resin dissolved in turpentine and plasticized with a softener, such as rosin. More modern vehicles are synthetic alkyd and acrylic resins, and the newer type of rubber resins dissolved in solvents.

For color-retention tests, glass panels were painted with white enamel and with this same enamel diluted with pale buff, using lampblack and titanium dioxide. The coated panels were placed in water saturated with water and ammonium s

the buff became discolored because of the formation of black iron sulfide. The others retained their original color.

To obtain resistance to discoloration, it may be necessary to subordinate other properties. Fume-resisting enamel paint may be less flexible than the usual architectural white enamel and less water resistant than the "1-hour" type of white enamel (Fed. Spec. TT-E-506a, type A).

The reader is referred to NBS Letter Circular LC489 for additional details on the subject.

(z) Enamel: Drum-Coating, Exterior,
Rust-Inhibiting, Solvent-Resistant
TT-E-485 March 15, 1944

This is an olive-drab, semigloss enamel prepared to conserve zinc during the war emergency. It is used as a one-coat painting system on the exterior of steel storage drums for the armed forces. Because of the shortage of certain materials required for its manufacture, such as glyceryl phthalate resin, this enamel is temporarily not available for civilian use.

5. VARNISHES AND ANALOGOUS PRODUCTS

Oil varnishes are blends of drying oil and resins, natural or synthetic, driers, and volatile thinners (see glossary). Spirit varnishes do not contain drying oils. This section deals first with oil varnishes, then with spirit varnishes.

(a) Varnish; Asphalt
TT-V-51a, Feb. 2, 1944

This is a general utility asphalt varnish for interior and exterior surfaces and is particularly suitable for painting indoor water and gas pipes. It dries with a smooth, black, lustrous finish similar to black enamel. Its composition is hard native asphalt or asphaltite fluxed and blended with drying oils, then thinned with solvents and driers.

Although the specification is based mainly on performance requirements, a linseed oil-Gilsonite varnish that met the specification was composed of 7 gal of heat-bodied linseed oil to 100 lb of Gilsonite selects, fluxed and blended, then thinned with a mixture of turpentine, petroleum naphtha, and lead-manganese driers.

A typical varnish shows:

	Weight Percent	Volume Percent	lb. gal
Varnish	..	..	7.40
Nonvolatile	45	40	...
Volatile	55	60	...
	100	100	

(b) Varnish; Interior
TT-V-71a, Sept. 9, 1939
Amendment 2, Sept. 14, 1943

Material covered by this specification is a 20- to 25-gal varnish (see glossary) in interior use, including floors, except where special properties are necessary. (For cabinet rubbing, see Spec. TT-V-86). Although the unamended specification has lowered the requirements for water resistance, because of the scarcity of materials.

Varnish meeting both the basic specification and amendment shows the following characteristics:

	Weight Percent	Volume Percent	lb. gal
Varnish	..	..	7.40
Nonvolatile	45	40	...
Volatile	55	60	...
	100	100	

(c) Varnish; Mixing (for) Aluminum
TT-V-81a, Oct. 5, 1939
Amendment 2, Sept. 14, 1943*

Mixing varnish covered by this specification is for use as the vehicle in aluminum paint. Type I varnish is a very long-drying varnish (100 gal) and should be used in preparing exterior wood subjected to severe weathering. Type II varnish should be used in paint in interior use (particularly for metal). For spraying, it should be thinned with 1 pt of turpentine to 1 gal, though it is recommended that aluminum paint be applied at the same consistency as for hand brush.

Because aluminum paste contains about 10% weight of volatile thinner, varnish with

[class A, 0.65 to 1.00 poise (see glossary)] is suitable for use with aluminum powder, and varnish with the higher viscosity (class B, 0.85 to 1.25 poises) for use with aluminum paste.

Varnishes meeting this specification have the following characteristics:

	Weight Percent	Volume Percent	lb/gal	gal/lb	sp gr
Type I varnish	..	..	7.49	0.1335	0.899
Nonvolatile	55	49			
Volatile	45	51			
	100	100			
Type II varnish	..	..	7.40	.1350	.888
Nonvolatile	50	44			
Volatile	50	56			
	100	100			

(d) **Varnish; Rubbing, Cabinet**
TT-V-86, June 29, 1939
Amendment 1, Oct. 8, 1941

Cabinet-rubbing varnish is intended for interior wood surfaces where a rubbed finish is desired. It does not cover the requirements of a baking varnish for use on metal and is not recommended for floors. However, it may be used on wood or metal, particularly chairs, tables, and desks. (Varnish for general interior use is covered by Federal Specification TT-V-71a.)

A typical rubbing varnish is about 10 gal in length and has the following characteristics:

	Weight Percent	Volume Percent	lb/gal	gal/lb	sp gr
Varnish	..	..	7.326	0.1365	0.879
Nonvolatile	45	39.6			
Volatile	55	60.4			
	100	100			

(e) **Varnish; Spar, Water-resisting**
TT-V-121b, Dec. 10, 1943
Amendment 1, Jan. 24, 1944*

Water-resisting spar varnish is a durable general utility varnish, suitable for both interior and exterior use where

high gloss or initial hardness of film. Because certain materials were critical, it is a certain varnish meeting the unamended specification during the war emergency. Tung oil and phenolic resin are used widely in this type of spar varnish.

The amended specification produces a varnish thinner than the original and provides less weight for water resistance.

Varnish meeting this specification is about 10 gal in length and shows approximately

	Weight Percent	Volume Percent	lb/gal
Varnish	..	..	7.49
Nonvolatile	55	49.4	..
Volatile	45	50.6	..
	100	100.0	

The nonvolatile portion of this varnish generally consists of linseed oil and a hardener, such as congo, terpene resins, ester gum, and

(f) **Sealer, Floor; Varnish-Type (for**
TT-S-176a, Sept. 20, 1941
Amendment 1, Jan. 7, 1944*

This floor sealer is intended for use on wood or cork floors and floor coverings. It is a factory foundation for varnish, for liquid emulsion wax. The sealer is furnished in two classes: class 1 is suitable for use on floors of a rapid and high absorption rate, and class 2 is of denser structure. When the floors are wood or cork tile, they should be treated (Fed. Spec. TT-F-336a) before the sealer is applied. The sealer is similar to spar varnish but contains no solvent matter and correspondingly less nonvolatile matter.

Class 1 sealer may be thinned with turpentine spirits; class 2 sealer should require no thinning. A sealer meeting the amended specification is thinner and less water-resistant than one meeting the original specification.

Sealers conforming to either the basic or the amended specification contain approximately the following:

	Weight Percent	Volume Per cent	gal./lb.	sp. gr.
Class 1 sealer	40	34.8	7.246	0.138
Nonvolatile	60	65.2		0.88
Volatile	100	100.0		
Class 2 sealer	25	21	7.02	1.125
Nonvolatile	75	79		0.82
Volatile	100	100		

Spar varnish TT-V-121b may be used as a sealer that will be somewhat similar to class 1 if thinned with one-half its volume of mineral spirits or turpentine and somewhat similar to class 2 if mixed with an equal volume of mineral spirits or turpentine.

(g) Varnish; Damar
TT-V-61, Apr. 20, 1939
Amendment 1, Jan. 7, 1944*

Damar varnish specified in TT-V-61 is a spirit varnish to be applied to indoor surfaces, both as a transparent finish and as a vehicle for white or light-colored enamels exposed to high temperatures (radiators, for example). It is not intended for use under conditions that require an abrasion-resistant, moisture-resistant, or indentation-resistant varnish. Suitable Federal specifications cover varnishes for these purposes.

Damar resin has the lowest acid and saponification numbers (see glossary) of all the important natural resins, commercial samples having acid numbers from approximately 25 in the best grades to 35 in the poorest and saponification numbers from 27 to 50. The resin is light in color and on exposure to sunlight, bleaches to water-white. As a contrast to damar resin, manila resins have high acid numbers, 125 to 143, and high saponification numbers, 158 to 169. Damar resin is soluble in petroleum spirits, turpentine, coal-tar naphtha, chlorinated solvents, and hot drying oil [7]. It adheres tenaciously to surfaces.

Damar varnish meeting this specification shows approximately the following characteristics:

	Weight Percent	Volume Per cent	gal./lb.	sp. gr.
Damar varnish	40	38.4	7.163	0.139
Nonvolatile	55	61.6		0.896
Volatile	100	100.0		

As amendment 1 is a temporary measure to conserve critical materials during the emergency, the following finishes are suggested as substitutes for damar varnish:

Varnish; Interior, TT-V-71a.
Varnish; Spirit (Shellac Varnish Replacement), TT-V-130.
Paints; Oil, Interior, Eggshell-Flat-Finish, TT-P-51a (painting radiators).

(h) Shellac; Orange
TT-S-271, April 29, 1939
Amendment 1, May 27, 1944*

All shellac (see glossary) is a manufactured product of stick lac, the secretion of the *Laccifer Lacca Ker.* Four types of orange shellac are covered by Federal Specification TT-S-271. Type A includes the grades of shellac known to the trade as Double Triangle G, Diamond I, Superfine, the highest grades, DCC and V.S.O., and the so-called machine-made shellacs, CV and CVTN.

Type B includes Fine, Good, and Heart, the grades considered in the trade as lower than Superfine but higher than Pure T.N.

Type C represents the grade known in the trade as Pure T.N. This shellac is resin free (see glossary), but is darker and contains more insoluble material than types A or B.

Type D represents the grade known in the trade as U.S.S., A.T.N., and usually contains rosin up to a maximum of 3 percent. It is lighter in color than type C but is darker and contains more insoluble material than type A or B.

The color of orange shellac (see glossary) used in orange shellac varnish is immaterial as it results in only a slight difference in the color of the varnish films. However, if the buyer desires to consider color, he should furnish a selected sample and should state which of the two methods given in section F-2g of the specification should be used in determining the color. It should be noted that, when tested

by method 1, shellacs containing appreciable amounts of wax and orpiment are lighter in color than those containing small amounts of these substances. A shellac may be darker than the selected standard when tested by method 1 but lighter when tested by method 2.

(i) **Varnish; Shellac**
TT-V-91a, Feb. 26, 1940
Amendment 2, Jan. 7, 1944*

Federal Specification TT-V-91a is expected to meet all Government needs for shellac varnish (see glossary). It comes in type I, bleached (white), and type II, orange. Each type covers two grades, A and B, and each grade three kinds of body—light, medium, and heavy. The desired type, grade, and body should be stated in the invitation for bids.

Ordinarily, grade A of type I fulfills all the needs for a white shellac varnish and grade B should be used only in cases requiring a clear, bleached varnish almost entirely free from wax or other suspended matter.

Grade A of type II usually includes rosin-free shellac. It is lighter in color than grade B, which is intended for use where small percentages (not over 3 percent) of rosin are not objectionable and where lightness of color of shellac varnish is not essential.

The thinner, or solvent, used in shellac varnish may be either one of two formulas. It may consist of specially denatured alcohol made of 100 gal of 95-percent ethyl alcohol (190 proof) and 5 gal of methyl alcohol. It may consist of a proprietary solvent composed of materials authorized by the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue as follows: 100 gal of the above-described specially denatured alcohol, 5 gal of denatured ethyl acetate, and 1 gal of aviation gasoline. Isopropyl alcohol (99 percent) is permitted by the U. S. Army Air Corps as an alternative for the above-described formulas, and the Navy Department requires that unless otherwise specified, the solvent must be denatured alcohol made from U. S. P. grade ethyl alcohol denatured by the addition of 0.05 percent of croton oil U. S. P. and dyed by the addition of fuchsin, 1 part in 500,000 [8].

Light-, medium-, and heavy-bodied varnishes correspond respectively to 4-, 4.5-, and 5-lb "cuts" (see glossary) of shellac. The minimum allowable percentages of nonvolatile matter for each body of varnish given in section E of this

specification have been corrected for moisture, including volatile matter, a soluble matter in flake orange shellac; moisture and volatile matter in bleached varnishes made by cutting 4, 4.5, and 5 lb bleached shellac in 1 gal of specified solvent. The nonvolatile requirements of the specification have been prepared directions for making varnishes of various bodies [9].

An average light-bodied shellac varnish specification has the following characteristics:

	Weight Percent	Volume Percent	lb/gal
Light-bodied shellac varnish	..	..	7.170
Nonvolatile	35.5	30.6	
Volatile	64.5	69.4	
	100.0	100.0	

An average heavy-bodied shellac varnish has the following characteristics:

	Weight Percent	Volume Percent	lb/gal
Heavy-bodied shellac varnish	..	..	7.262
Nonvolatile	41.0	35.7	
Volatile	59.0	64.3	
	100.0	100.0	

(j) **Varnish; Spirit (Shellac Varnish)**
TT-V-130, Sept. 28, 1943

This specification covers the improvement of shellac varnish and is intended (as a conservation measure) to replace shellac varnish, which it resembles. It can be applied to wood, metal, paper, and cloth. It may also be used in place of oil-resin varnish. Drying is more important than length of life.

Shellac varnish replacement (a varnish conforming to the specification may be prepared from a number of available domestic materials with the use of drying oils and metal driers. However, distillation produces a variation in properties and the varnish replacement may consist of about

weight of an alcohol-soluble, polymerized (see glossary) rosin blended with about 25 to 50 percent by weight of zein (protein derived from corn) and dissolved in alcohol; a plasticizer (for example, low-titre fatty acids) may also be present. Blends of polymerized rosin and ethyl cellulose have also been used. The method of blending these materials appears to affect the quality of the product. The ordinary spirit varnishes composed of simple solutions of copals (see glossary) and rosin dissolved in alcohol do not meet this specification.

Performance tests show that the good grades of shellac varnish replacement appear to be equivalent to shellac varnish in color, gloss, drying time, film clarity, coverage, ease of sanding, water resistance, and abrasion resistance. On the other hand, the film is less resistant to the action of various solvents, such as alcohol, than films of shellac varnish dried the same length of time.

The varnish should not be mixed with ordinary paint, varnish, or lacquer, or be thinned with turpentine or mineral spirits.

The material should be applied in thin coats by either spray gun or brush.

Some of the earlier shellac replacement varnishes tended to thicken or gel in the package. On the other hand, certain brands have always exhibited good stability in the package. This would indicate that, when the ingredients are correctly formulated and combined, there should be no gelling.

As an aid in keeping the material in satisfactory condition, it is suggested that the buyer request that shellac replacement varnish be packed in glass containers. These should be kept in a relatively cool place not exposed to direct sunlight. The material should not be stored in an excessively hot or cool place.

Although the material is a wartime product, it served a very useful purpose at a time when shellac varnish was unobtainable.

(k) **Lacquer; Spraying, Clear and Pigmented (General Use)**
TT-L-58, April 29, 1942

Spraying lacquer (see glossary) purchased under this specification should contain cellulosic derivatives. This lacquer is intended for indoor or outdoor use, and is to be

applied by a spray gun. It is not intended for use as a primer, and wood surfaces should be sealed before applying this lacquer.

For application by spraying, the lacquer should be thinned with a thinner, unless the manufacturer specifies otherwise. However, should thinning be necessary, Federal Specification TT-T-266 is suggested.

The nonvolatile base for type I consists of:

Cellulose nitrate	Weight per gallon
Alkyd resin	
Dibutyl phthalate	
Fish oil	
The above nonvolatile vehicle	
Lacquer thinner TT-T-266	

Type II (pigmented lacquer) can be made by adding (or 13.4 gal) of the above type I lacquer to a suitable pigment. The weight per gallon does not vary much from 7½ lb; type II with a medium chrome yellow pigment about 7.8 lb.

(l) **Sealer; Floor; Lacquer**
(For Oiled Wood Floors)
TT-S-171, April 8, 1942

This floor sealer is intended for sealing and oiling wood floors that have been previously sealed with oil. Sealing the oil within the flooring prevents the oil from seeping out of the finished surface. This lacquer smooths and integrates the surface to thus producing a finished appearance as for wax and varnish. Open-grained floors should be treated with wood filler, Federal Specification TT-W-171, before the application of sealer.

Precautions should be taken adequate to protect the room while applying the sealer.

6. WATER PAINTS

Water paints were probably the first paints used by man and are still widely used. The following four Federal Specifications have been prepared for water-reducible paints.

(a) Calcimine; (Cold- and Hot-Water Types)
TT-C-96, May 4, 1940

Calcimine, or kalsomine, is an inexpensive powdered mixture of pigments, such as whiting, china clay, and glue made ready for application by the addition of water. It is intended for temporary interior use and is easily removed by sponging the surface with warm water.

The specification covers two types of calcimine: type I, cold water, and type II, hot water. Type I is more convenient for mixing, as water at ordinary temperatures can be used. Type II calcimine, considered a smoother brushing calcimine than type I, requires boiling water for mixing.

Unpainted plaster walls should be sized with either a glue-water size or, if the plaster is dry, a varnish size; the latter can be bought ready-prepared or made by thinning 1 gal of interior varnish (Fed. Spec. TT-V-71a) with 1 qt of turpentine. For the best results, a foundation can be made for the calcimine by applying one coat of flat wall paint (TT-P-51a) over either the varnish size or over one coat of primer (TT-P-56).

One thick coat of calcimine is usually sufficient. If a second coat is necessary, it must be brushed on skillfully to avoid lifting the first coat. After the calcimine has been applied, the room should be aired thoroughly to dry the calcimine quickly.

In repainting with calcimine, the old calcimine should first be sponged off with warm water, thus removing all the old calcimine (and the dirt) before applying the fresh coat.

A typical white calcimine powder has about the following composition:

Ingredients	Weight Percent	Volume Percent
Pigment:		
Whiting	75	70.8
China clay	21	20.6
Binder:		
Glue	3	6.0
Phenol (carbolic acid)	1	2.6
	100	100.0

One gallon of this white calcimine powder voids weighs 21 lb and has a specific gravity actual shipping weight of the calcimine will this theoretical weight.

(b) Paint; Cement-Water, Powder, White
(for Interior and Exterior Use)
TT-P-21, June 30, 1941

Portland-cement-water paint covered by this is intended for use on porous surfaces of masonry, stucco, common brick, masonry block, and (except gypsum plaster). It does not bond to some brands are used satisfactorily on galvanized iron. It is furnished in two types and two classes, in water.

Type I powder contains not less than 65 percent of portland cement and not more than 25 percent of hydrated lime. Type II powder contains not less than 80 percent of portland cement and not more than 10 percent of hydrated lime. Types include from 3 to 5 percent of titanium dioxide, or a mixture of these, and from 1/2 to 1 percent of water repellents, calcium or aluminum stearate. The aggregate should give satisfactory service, but where the moisture, as in swimming pools and water tanks, a special paint should be used.

Class A powder has no siliceous aggregate and contains from 20 to 40 percent of hydrated lime. Class A is used on surfaces except open-textured masonry. Class B is suggested for open-joint walls and materials such as concrete block, lightweight aggregate block, and similar. Where a heavy coating is necessary to fill voids, the aggregate in class B tends to lessen the cracking. If the texture resulting from the use of class B powder is too rough, a coat of class A powder may be used.

Cement-water paint should bond with the preceding coats of paint of either type and finish of high durability. Durability of the paint is determined more by the paint surface, the method of application, and the curing of the paint film than by the cement-water powder used in the paint.

Most cement-water paint films have a glossy finish when dry, but during rainy weather they become nearly transparent. Inclusion of from 3 to 5 percent of

opaque pigments titanium dioxide or zinc sulfide tends to improve the opacity of the wet film.

The surface to which the paint is applied must be clean, damp, and free from dirt, dust, oil, "form-lacquer", or any other substance that would prevent the paint from striking in or bonding to the wall. If the surface to be painted has been previously treated with an organic waterproofing compound or a sealing type of paint, the coating must be removed (preferably by sandblasting). The surface must be sufficiently porous to afford "tooth" for the paint. If there is doubt, as in the case of monolithic concrete, the surface should be lightly sandblasted, etched by washing with "builder's acid" (see glossary), and rinsing thoroughly with water, or dry rubbed with an abrasive stone.

Although cement-water paint can be applied by white-wash brushes or spray guns, the best results are obtained by scrubbing the paint into the surface with a stiff-fiber brush. Thus, a good bond is produced between the paint coating and the wall surface and between coats of the paint itself. This method is particularly recommended for application of type II paint and where waterproofing is desired. Soft brushes are not recommended.

Tints and white may be intermixed to produce a variety of colors; however, the addition of dry tinting colors should be avoided as they should be milled-in by the manufacturer to avoid color streaking.

(c) **Paint; Cold-Water, Exterior, Powder**
(with mixing liquid)
TT-P-22, August 30, 1943

This specification covers a low-cost powder paint and a mixing liquid to produce a dry porous film. This "breathing" type of paint is intended for surfaces permeable to moisture and where durability and protection from weather are not required. It is applied chiefly to exterior surfaces of cement, cinder block, and brick, and may be used for weather-beaten wood and for firm interior surfaces such as concrete, brick, and cement.

The paint is obtainable in white and light tints. However, a note in the specification indicates that it may be obtained in dark solid colors, such as camouflage colors. For tints and solid colors, the purchaser should specify the color required and whether the tint should match a designated sample.

To meet the requirements for wet and white and light tints it is necessary to use titanium dioxide, or some of the types of zinc sulfide, or factory white material passing this specification to contain 13 percent of milk casein and 10 percent of hydrated lime. Camouflage colors: Drab, No. 303, Earth Yellow, No. 305, and others should match the appropriate standard color card [5]. Paint mixed as in section F-3b, when brushed on the type of hiding-glossary) described in section F-3g (1), shall have the following minimum wet and dry capacities:

No more than 7.5 ml of paint spread over 1 sq ft shall be required to attain color dry hiding.²

In addition to matching the color standard, the following minimum dry hiding should be required:

No more than 6 ml of paint spread over 1 sq ft shall be required to attain color dry hiding.

The opacity requirements for colors of the camouflage colors should approximate those of the colors that they most nearly match.

The use of linseed oil, raw or boiled, as a pigment in addition to water, as mixing liquids for paint has long been a common practice. To impart weather resistance and flexibility, an oil-in-water emulsion in casein powder paint is available are specially processed drying oil emulsifier and stabilizer to disperse the oil in water. Such "water-dispersible" oils contain 10 percent by weight of solids. Either type of oil will produce satisfactory paints, but when the use of emulsified oils, the testing laboratory should be notified because the emulsified oil will not meet Federal Specification for boiled linseed oil.

The surface to which the paint is applied should be uniformly damp. Loose paint, dirt,

² Lighting and viewing conditions [10].

Samples are not usually necessary. If should be called for in the invitation for bid of the bid sample should be stated, the specification in all other respects.

(e) Paint; Resin-Emulsion, Interior, Paste
Light Tints and White
TT-P-88a, May 26, 1945

This specification covers a water thinned paste paint of the resin-emulsion type that may be applied as a decorative coating on interior walls and ceilings of plaster. In addition to plaster, it may be used on concrete, brick, masonry, wallboard, and fabric. Paint meeting this specification is not intended for wood and metal but may be used on such surfaces if they are suitably primed.

This cold-water paint dries in 1 to 3 hr and may be recoated in 6 to 8 hr. The film becomes hard after drying overnight.

Before this paint is applied, the surface should be free from powdery material, such as dust, calcimine, or loose plaster, and should present a sound, firm surface for painting.

Attention is called to suggestions regarding porous surfaces and washing, given in section III-4-(d) of this manual, which also apply to this and similar paints.

The paint can be applied either by brush or spray, but not in freezing weather. The brushes should be washed with soap and water before the paint dries on the brush. Although emulsion paint is usually applied by brush, it can be applied by spraying and by "roller" coating. The latter procedure has become very popular as a quick and easy method for applying emulsion paint to the surfaces of walls and ceilings.

Directions for mixing the paste with water are usually printed on each package. Nothing but water should be added to the material unless otherwise recommended by the manufacturer. For application to plaster, 2 parts by volume of paste are usually thinned with 1 part by volume of water so that 1 gallon of paste makes 1½ gal of paint. For porous surfaces, 3 parts of paste can be thinned with 2 parts of water. For spraying, 5 parts of paste are thinned with 2 parts of water. These proportions are approximate. When given, the manufacturer's directions should be followed.

Federal Specification TT-P-88a is based mainly on performance requirements, and considerable latitude is allowed the manufacturer regarding composition. The product is an oil-in-water emulsion in which the vehicle is an emulsion of film-forming oils, resins, etc., in an aqueous phase. The

water or outer phase contains a number including water; an emulsifying agent (see casein); a bodying agent, such as alginate; a preservative, such as phenol and its derivatives; a foaming agent, such as pine oil or butyl alcohol; alkalis, such as ammonia. The oil phase contains resins, and driers. A type used before the war was an oil-modified alkyd resin (see glossary). Resins became critical because of the war. The formulation of such a product requires knowledge and experience on the part of the manufacturer.

The pigments used are the same as in house paint, consisting of titanium-base and zinc sulfide together with extenders such as clay, mica, and silicate for white colors.

A typical paste paint contains (percent): about 50 percent vehicle (25 to 30 percent oil), 50 percent pigment. An average paste paint is 1 lb/gal and the PV is about 54.

(f) Whitewash

Whitewash is one of the oldest paint for both exterior and interior surfaces; for telephone poles, roadside obstructions, and brickwork.

The principal ingredient in whitewash is lime. A satisfactory paste can be made with hydrated lime. Results are obtained by using quicklime with enough water to make a moderately thick paste. The paste should be kept in a loosely covered container for preferably months. Eight gallons of paste can be produced by slaking 25 lb of quicklime or by soaking 50 lb of hydrated lime in 6 gal of water. The paste should then be strained through a fine cloth to remove lumps or foreign matter.

Whitewash can be made from various ingredients. Two formulas are given.

FORMULA NO. 1

Casein	1 lb
Trisodium phosphate	1 lb
Lime paste	1 gal

The casein should be soaked in 2 gal of hot water until thoroughly softened (approximately 2 hr). The trisodium phosphate dissolved in 1 gal of water is added to the casein mixture and the casein allowed to dissolve. This solution should be mixed with the lime paste and 3 gal of water. Such a whitewash shows the following characteristics:

<i>Ingredients</i>	<i>Weight Percent</i>	<i>Volume Percent</i>
Hydrated lime	29.0	15.0
Casein	2.6	3.1
Trisodium phosphate	2.6	1.9
Water	65.8	80.0
	100.0	100.0

The whitewash weighs 10 lb/gal and has a specific gravity of 1.21; one pound bulks 0.099 gal. The PV is about 75.

FORMULA NO. 2

Common salt	12 lb
Powdered alum	6 oz
Molasses	1 qt
Lime paste	8 gal

The salt and alum are dissolved in 4 gal of hot water, after which the molasses is added to the mixture. The resulting clear solution is then added to the lime paste, stirred vigorously, and thinned with water to the desired consistency. This whitewash has a yellow tinge when first applied, but the color disappears in a few days, leaving a white film. Material made according to this formula is used by highway departments for marking trees, poles, and other objects on highways.

If skim milk is available, a satisfactory whitewash or cold-water paint can be made by diluting a moderately heavy, cold, lime paste (about 33 lb of hydrated lime and 8 gal of water) with 5 gal of skim milk.

For additional information on whitewash the purchaser is advised to consult the bulletin of the National Lime Association mentioned in reference [11].

7. MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS USED BY PAINTERS

This group covers materials that cannot be classified, such as fillers, putty (see glossary), paint and varnish removers, waxes, bituminous plastic cement, and asphalt roof-coating.

(a) Filler; Wood, Paste TT-F-336a, Sept. 20,

Wood filler is a mixture of siliceous sand and a quick-drying varnish used to fill the pores of wood, such as oak, before varnish is applied. The filler is applied before painting. The paste filler is of a consistency with turpentine or mineral spirits. The filler covered by this specification is for open-grained floors and flooring. When substituted for a pigmented liquid wood filler.

In applying the filler, a thick coating is applied into the wood with a stiff brush. After the paste can be wiped off across the grain. The filler should then be rubbed well with excelsior.

Paste wood filler should be purchased in bulk. Samples are not usually necessary. If a sample is called for in the invitation for bids, the bid sample should be stated, the specification in all other respects. (For colored filler see separate specification).

The lightest and heaviest uncolored fillers under this specification show the following characteristics:

	<i>Weight</i>		<i>Volume</i>
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>lb/gal</i>
Light filler	78	55	15.82
Pigment	17	32	.....
Nonvolatile	5	12	.....
Volatile	100	100	.....

	<i>Weight</i>		<i>Volume</i>
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>lb/gal</i>
Heavy filler	85	66	17.24
Pigment	10	21	.....
Nonvolatile	5	13	.....
Volatile	100	100	.....

When 10 lb of the lightest paste is diluted with (1 gal) of mineral spirits, a lightweight filler of the following characteristics is produced.

	Weight		Volume		SP GR	PV
	Percent	Percent	lb/gal	gal/lb		
Thinned light filler	..	..	10.22	0.097	1.226	61
Pigment	47	22	....	....	....	..
Nonvolatile	10	12	....	....	....	..
Volatile	43	66	....	....	....	..
	100	100				

(b) Putty and Elastic Compound;
(for) Metal-sash Glazing
TT-P-781a, July 12, 1941
Amendment 1, July 20, 1943

(c) Putty; Pure-Linseed Oil;
(for) Wood-Sash Glazing
TT-P-791a, June 25, 1938
Amendment 1, July 20, 1943

Before glazing, both old and new surfaces should be free from dampness, ice, dirt, and loose paint. Such substances can be removed by drying the surfaces, then wiping them clean with a cloth saturated with turpentine, mineral spirits, or similar solvent. Suitable priming coats should be applied to the bare clean wood or metal before applying the putty. These priming coats on wood should be allowed to dry and should prevent excessive loss of oil or other vehicle from the putty or glazing-compound. Many glazing technologists do not recommend a primer, such as shellac, that dries to a hard glazed surface. Suitable materials for priming wood are thin white-lead-linseed-oil paint, Federal Specification TT-P-40, amendment 1, type II; exterior primer paint, TT-P-25, amendment 1, or spar varnish, TT-V-121b, thinned with one-fourth its volume of mineral spirits or turpentine. These coatings should be allowed to dry hard before putty or elastic glazing compound is applied.

All steel sash should be primed with a rust-inhibitive paint, for example, red-lead paint conforming to Federal Specification TT-P-86, amendment 1.

Putty and elastic glazing compound should be painted within 2 months after application. However, the paint should not be applied until the putty is hard and thoroughly set, as the formation of an airtight film retards drying and may later cause the surface of the paint to check. Certain special quicksetting putties must be painted within a week of exposure to the weather to avoid deterioration of the

putty. Paint should be applied carefully over the paint coat to extend slightly beyond the edge of the glass to form a seal.

Glazing materials covered by Federal Specification TT-P-781a are intended for general use for the glazing of metal sash and are analogous to (but not always the best) plastic calking compound commonly used. Insofar as it is practicable, glazing material should be formulated to afford maximum ease of application without detracting from durability.

Type I covers elastic glazing compounds, mainly for glazing either interior or exterior wood sash, also properly primed wood sash. It should remain slightly soft on the surface but should remain slightly soft underneath for a reasonable period of time. This condition is desirable where windows, glazing transoms, and elevator housings are subject to considerable vibration, and on skylights, where maintenance is necessary. Consequently, type I material is formulated where low annual maintenance cost is of importance. If available, it should always be used on permanent structures.

Type II covers a metal sash putty of low shrinkage, type I, but is probably satisfactory for temporary use. Both types of glazing material should be used in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

Glazing materials should be used while the container is open and as they come from the container, without thinning. Therefore, the materials should be used in relatively small amounts for immediate application.

Type I elastic glazing compound meeting the requirements may contain whitening, a small amount of a mixture of bodied drying and semidrying oil, fish and soybean, drier, and thinner. It has the following characteristics:

	Weight		Volume		lb/gal	PV
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent		
Elastic glazing compound	..	..	..	..	17.12	61
Pigment	85	65.9	....	....	....	..
Nonvolatile	13	28.9	....	....	....	..
Volatile	2	5.2	....	....	....	..
	100	100.0				

Federal Specification TT-P-791a covers the requirements for high-grade linseed-oil putty for general use on woodsash glazing. It is furnished in types I and II. Although the two types may be used interchangeably, type II is recommended where a hard material is desirable, such as for filling holes and cracks. Some users consider it more durable than type I putty.

Type I whiting putty with the maximum pigment has the following characteristics:

	Weight Percent	Volume Percent	lb/gal	gal/lb	sp gr	PV
Putty, type I			18.18	0.055	2.18	74
Pigment (whiting) ..	88.0	71.2	....	....	....	..
Nonvolatile						
vehicle	10.8	25.5	....	....	....	..
Volatile vehicle.....	1.2	3.3	....	....	....	..
	100.0	100.0				

Type II white-lead-whiting putty with maximum pigment shows the following characteristics:

	Weight Percent	Volume Percent	lb/gal	gal/lb	sp gr	PV
Putty, type II			19.43	0.051	2.33	74
Pigment						
(white lead)	10.0	3.44	....	....	....	..
Pigment						
(whiting)	79.0	68.33	....	....	....	..
Nonvolatile	9.9	25.02	....	....	....	..
Volatile	1.1	3.21	....	....	....	..
	100.0	100.00				

Often putty contains less pigment than the maximum specified, usually not less than 85 percent in type I. A typical putty shows:

	Weight Percent	Volume Percent	lb/gal	gal/lb	sp gr	PV
Putty, type I			17.37	0.057	2.08	68
Pigment	85.0	65.6	....	....	....	..
Nonvolatile	13.5	30.5	....	....	....	..
Volatile	1.5	3.9	....	....	....	..
	100.0	100.0				

(d) **Remover; Paint and Varnish**
(Organic-Solvent Type)
TT-R-251a, Aug. 28, 1942
Amendment 2, Oct. 28, 1942

Paint and varnish removers are intended for application to interior surfaces but may be used on exterior work if this can be done efficiently and without damage to the surface.

Type I paint and varnish removers are intended for use in places that are relatively free from fire hazard. Type II removers are intended for use where protection against fire hazard is desired. Although Type II type may be considered nonflammable in some conditions, some discretion must be employed in the selection of the active ingredients tend to evaporate. The flammable portion. Thus it is important to select this type from damaged or leaking containers to prevent evaporation, as far as practical, of the material.

NBS Letter Circular LC749, Paint and Varnish Removers, contains detailed information on the use of various kinds of paint and varnish removers.

(e) **Wax, General Purpose; Solvent Type, Liquid Paste (for Floors, Furniture, etc.)**
P-W-158, Sept. 17, 1942
Amendment 1, March 11, 1943

This general purpose wax, as the title indicates, is intended for use as a polish on various surfaces as floors (except asphalt or rubber) and on furniture. It is available in one grade and in type I (liquid) and type II (paste). The latter may be used on automobiles.

(f) **Wax, Floor; Solvent Type, Liquid**
P-W-134, Oct. 29, 1942

The floor wax specified herein is intended for use on rubber flooring except composition containing asbestos.

(g) **Wax, Floor; Water-Emulsion Type**
P-W-151a, April 8, 1943

This liquid wax is intended for use on rubber flooring, and linoleum. It is the

does not have to be polished after application. It is a water-wax emulsion, and should be kept in clean containers. Severe or prolonged freezing may break the emulsion, and thus it is suggested that it be not subjected to severe or prolonged freezing temperatures.

(h) **Cement; Bituminous, Plastic**
SS-C-153, Aug. 1, 1933

Bituminous plastic cement is black in color, and composed of a bituminous binder (asphaltic-base in type I and coal-tar base in type II), inorganic filler, such as asbestos fiber, and a solvent. The material is a soft, pliable paste that holds its shape within 2 or 3 days after application and gradually hardens to a tough rubber-like coating that is waterproof and durable. One hundred pounds of the cement spread $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick will cover approximately 150 ft².

Bituminous plastic cement is used on coal-tar pitch, for repairing leaks and cracks in all types of roofs—concrete, tin, composition, or shingle—for repairing chimneys, flues, gutters, spouting, eaves, and cornices, or as expansion-joint material for concrete and masonry. It adheres to brick and mortar and remains elastic, expanding and contracting with the surface. Type I, asphaltic-base cement, is similar to roof coating meeting Federal Specification SS-R-451, except in consistency; it should be used with Federal Specification III-F-191a flashing felt.

(i) **Roof-Coating; Asphalt,**
Brushing-Consistency
SS-R-451, Aug. 1, 1933

Material meeting this specification is known in the trade as asphalt-asbestos roof coating. It is an inexpensive black paint, usually composed of asphalt base (with or without fatty oils), a volatile solvent, and a mineral filler such as asbestos fiber. Because the durability of the coating is dependent upon its thickness, the paint is of heavy brushing consistency and can be spread at the rate of 52 ft²/gal for a film $\frac{1}{32}$ in. thick and at 26 ft²/gal for a film $\frac{1}{16}$ in. thick. Unlike ordinary paint, this coating should not be brushed out thin.

Asphalt roof-coating is recommended for use on corroded tin roofs that leak. Ordinary linseed-oil paints would be

too thin for this purpose. However, for metal in good condition, linseed-oil paints (Fed. Spec. TT-V-1) are preferable.

IV. PREPARATION OF SURFACE APPLICATION OF PAINTING MATERIALS

The success of a painting job depends primarily on three factors: (1) the condition of the surface to be painted, (2) the condition of the preceding paint coat, and (3) the prevailing atmospheric conditions. It is probable that the disregard of these factors is the cause of paint failures with all materials.

1. WOODWORK

(a) EXTERIOR SURFACES

(1) *New Work.*—Painting should be done in clear, dry weather. The surface should be free from dirt and should not be painted until it feels dry. Painting should not be done when the temperature is below 50° F or in urgent cases below 40° F, and in no case when a temperature drop of 20 degrees or more is expected to drop below 50° F. Precaution should be taken not to paint when a sudden drop in temperature is expected. This is accomplished by completing the work early enough in the afternoon to allow the paint to set before a sudden drop in temperature occurs. Paint should not be applied while rain, snow, or sleet is falling on the surface. As a rule, dry woodwork can be painted immediately after erection. If the lumber or masonry is when placed or has been made very wet, for any reason, it is suggested that at least 1 week of clear weather precede the painting.

Oil paint applied over knots and sappy wood will alligator and peel and with pine woods to crack. Pine is apt to be more alligatoring of paint over knots and exposure, because of more sunshine, and more discoloration of the paint over knots on the north side where sunshine is weakest. The knots may be speckled with Orange Shellac Varnish (Fed. Spec. TT-V-1) or Varnish Replacement (Fed. Spec. TT-V-1) before the grade aluminum paint applied a day or two before the priming-coat paint. The Western New

the Federation of Paint and Varnish Production Clubs found that an effective sealer for knots consists of pure shellac varnish plasticized with 6 liquid ounces of blown castor oil to the gallon of shellac varnish. This formula originated at the Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis. However, experience in painting army cantonment buildings constructed of No. 2 common southern yellow pine containing many knots indicates that ordinary shellac varnish or aluminum paint is of little value in sealing knots (see section VIII). When shellac varnish is applied too liberally over the knots, the paint on weathering tends to peel off. When the shellac varnish is applied thin, the paint may not peel, but yellow discoloration may show through from the pitch. All pitch should be scraped or burned from knots and other places; it is suggested that these areas then be scrubbed with turpentine prior to painting.

Excessive moisture back of the paint film is responsible for many failures of paint on exterior wood surfaces. The interior plaster in a frame dwelling house contains a great deal of moisture that dries slowly and is drawn through walls into the exterior wood by the heat of the sun. A properly formulated priming coat will permit this moisture to pass through the film. If paint is applied to the exterior wood siding before the new plaster is dry, it may blister (see glossary) and peel.

The usual system of painting houses in white and light tints includes raw-linseed-oil paints like the unamended Federal Specification TT-P-40 and white-lead paints mixed on the job according to the formulas in table 2 for mixing white-lead paint. These paints have the advantage of easy brushing properties and can be spread over large areas, 600 to 700 ft²/gal. Three coats are usually required on new wood. The cost of labor and the length of time required to complete the job has resulted in the introduction of the two-coat system. These paints may contain heat-treated oils (or varnish) in the vehicle, like that covered by amendment 1 of TT-P-40 and the formulas in table 3 for white-lead paint mixed on the job. A typical primer for a two-coat paint system is exemplified in Federal Specification TT-P-25.

The first coat should always be carefully brushed and crossbrushed, if practicable, over all parts of surfaces so that cracks and nail holes receive enough paint to wet the

surfaces. The older, unbodied, linseed-oil priming paints like those in Federal Specification TT-P-25, amendment 1, June 5, 1943, mixed-on-the-job paints used on a two-coat system applied at about 450 ft²/gal. In good weather, all coats should be allowed to dry.

Nail holes and cracks should be filled with putty (Fed. Spec. TT-P-791a, amendment 1, June 5, 1943) as soon as the priming coat is dry. After a week of clear, warm weather, the putty should be enough to receive the second coat.

Window sills and outside doors should be finished. For this work no wood filler (except where wood is close-grained), but several coats of Federal Specification TT-V-121b should be applied. While the exterior woodwork properly painted with a good grade of high-grade oil paint approximately 10 years before exposed woodwork finished with good grade oil paint will probably need to be revarnished.

(2) *Refinishing*.—Unlike application of new paint, refinishing is limited to good weather conditions, the surface can proceed under any weather conditions if it is feasible for men to work. The success depends on how well any scaling paint is removed from the surface. If the attached paint is removed from the wood so that all insecurely attached paint be removed from the surface, otherwise, no matter how good the failure is apt to occur over any loose paint on the prepared surface.

(a) *Loose Paint*.—All loose paint should be removed by wire brushing or scraping. A combination of methods, depending upon the condition of the surface, has been found to be effective. Following wire brushing and scraping, the surface should be sanded with No. 11½ or No. 12 sandpaper to further insure the removal of loosely attached paint. To better prepare the surface for a new paint job. It is recommended that all old paint be removed, preferably by burning or by the use of paint and varnish remover.

(b) **KNOTS.**—All pitch should be scraped or burned from knots. In general, no further preparation, such as spot painting of knots with shellac varnish or aluminum paint, is necessary, although customary practices may be followed.

(c) **ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR SMOOTHING SURFACES.**—Decayed or split boards that cannot be suitably prepared for repainting should be removed and replaced. All loose boards should be securely fastened, using large-headed nails, preferably galvanized. Protruding nails should be removed or driven into the wood. Open nail holes, and countersunk nails, should be filled with putty. Gaps between ends of siding and corner boards, or window and door casings should be filled with calking compound (Fed. Spec. TT-C-598). Surfaces soiled with foreign matter, such as roofing pitch and tar, should be scraped free from this foreign matter and the surface thoroughly washed with mineral spirits.

(d) **MILDEW.**—To combat mildew, it is extremely important that mildew-infected surfaces be thoroughly scrubbed with water containing some trisodium phosphate (phosphate cleaner, Fed. Spec. O-T-671a). It is a white powder that can be purchased in small lots as "Technical Trisodium Phosphate," or in grocery stores under brand names. The infected surfaces should be scrubbed with a solution of about three tablespoons of trisodium phosphate dissolved in a gallon of water, using floor scrubbing brushes. The surface should then be rinsed with clean water and allowed to dry before applying the paint.

The most efficient method of combatting badly mildewed areas is to wash the areas with a solution of 1 part of bichloride of mercury dissolved in 300 parts of water. However, this is a dangerous poison, and consequently the use of trisodium phosphate solution is recommended.

When mildew is particularly severe, the priming and finishing paint should contain a fungicide. The bid should specify that, in addition to meeting the Federal Specification, the paint should contain 1 part by weight of mercuric chloride to every 600 parts by weight of paint. The bichloride should be properly ground and evenly dispersed in the paint liquid. The content of mercuric chloride should be stated on the paint container label with the necessary precautions for use. Commercial brands of fungicides other than mercuric chloride have also been developed especially

for use in paint. They are available in such quantities as to be dispersed easily in the paint by the application.

(e) **APPLICATION OF PAINT.**—After prepared for repainting, all bare spots should be primed with TT-P-25 exterior primer, followed by a color coat (or any other color desired). If the surface has been removed, the entire surface should be primed with TT-P-25 exterior primer.

(3) *Staining of Shingles and Wood.*—These are thin, fluid paints in which the shingle is stained before being laid. Suitable stains properly applied to rough siding give a durable finish on the surface.

With the exception of some dark-brown stains, refined coal tar or creosote and volatile solvents are usually made from very thin drying oils, and volatile thinners. Many stains contain some creosote oil. However, for preservation of wood, creosote must be followed by a hot-pressure treatment. As oil paint is likely to be ruined by the creosote (see glossary), pigment-oil shingle stains are preferable if repainting is contemplated. Making shingle stains from suitable oil, as TT-P-381, is a mixture of 3 parts of (TT-O-356a, class 2) and 1 part of citrus seed oil. Federal Specification numbers and color designations are given in table 10 and color designations.

The following is a list of the most common colors. Some of these colors may not be obtainable in war emergency:

Brown:	Metallic brown.	Red:
	Sienna, burnt.	
	Umber, burnt.	
Green:	Chromium oxide.	Yellow:

Other stains are made by dissolving pigments in solvents or other liquids, including water. These stains are used oftener than the pigment-oil stains. The manufacturer's directions for application should be followed. Some of these stains will bleed over them. Usually it is difficult to lighten previously stained wood; it can readily be

and interior wood stains are covered in Federal Specifications TT-S-706 and TT-S-711.

(4) *Porch Floors*.—Wood porch floors should be as carefully prepared for painting as other exterior surfaces. A priming coat of paint mixed on the job can be made according to the formulas in tables 1 or 2. The paint should be well brushed out, not flowed on in a thick film. If ready-mixed paint is used, it should comply with Federal Specification TT-P-146. Each gallon of paint should be diluted with 1 qt of thinner containing 2 parts of boiled linseed oil and 1 part of turpentine for the priming coat. After the first coat is dry, joints, cracks, and other defects should be filled with putty firmly pressed in and smoothed over with a putty knife. When the putty is dry, the surface should be lightly sandpapered.

The second coat may be mixed according to the formulas in tables 1 or 2, tinted to a shade of gray darker than the first coat but lighter than the finish coat. If ready-mixed paint (Fed. Spec. TT-P-146) is used, 1 pt of the mixture used to thin the priming coat should be added to each gallon of the paint. A third coat (if desired) can be made by adding 1 pt of high-grade spar varnish to each gallon of a desired gray finish-coat prepared according to the finish-coat formula in tables 1 or 2. Ready-mixed paint (Fed. Spec. TT-P-146) can also be used for the third coat; if too thick to be spread easily, the paint can be thinned slightly with turpentine or mineral spirits.

(b) INTERIOR SURFACES

The same directions for preparing the surfaces of new exterior wood for painting apply to interior woodwork. In addition to having the surface clean and dry, it is advisable to roughen very smooth wood slightly with fine sandpaper.

(1) *New Work*.—Durable and attractive finishes on interior woodwork and wood furniture are obtained from varnish and analogous materials. Linseed-oil paints used on exterior wood may not be suitable for interior work because of slow drying and tendency to turn yellow.

There are some hardwoods with strongly colored heart-wood that tend to become lighter in color in strong light, but most of our important native woods darken in sunlight, even under a good coating of white paint, and remain relatively unchanged in darkness. Wood when kept dry will last for centuries indoors.

Varnishes applied to interior surface age. Consequently, wood coated with them kept indoors may darken if not exposed but otherwise remain in good condition. On the contrary, wood kept indoors and exposed to light may result in the failure of the varnish in a few years.

Wood stains are widely used to either change the color of interior wood without obscuring the grain. Wood stains can be purchased under Federal Specification TT-S-711 or may be made in two methods, colors-in-oil (Fed. Spec. TT-S-711) or mixed with flattening oil (Fed. Spec. TT-S-711). By the second method, wood stains can be made by mixing 1/2 pt of color-in-oil with 1 gal of thinning liquid. This liquid is composed of 1 part raw linseed oil, 1 part turpentine, and 1/2 part drier (Fed. Spec. TT-S-711). It is usually obtained from raw sienna. Dark stains are obtained by mixing a small quantity of the light-oak mixture. Mahogany and other dark woods are obtained by using burnt sienna.

The usual system of staining and varnishing trim is to apply the coats in the following order:

1. Stain coat (Fed. Spec. TT-S-711).
2. Filler coat for open-grain woods (Fed. Spec. TT-S-336a).
3. Sealer coat, bleached shellac varnish (Fed. Spec. TT-V-91a). This coat is needed only on woods that stain, for example, mahogany stained with aniline dye.
4. First coat, varnish (Fed. Spec. TT-V-91a). This coat should be sanded lightly when dry with fine sandpaper.
5. Second coat, varnish (Fed. Spec. TT-V-91a). Should be sanded smooth without thinning.
6. Third coat, varnish (Fed. Spec. TT-V-91a). If a dull rubbed finish is wanted, let the varnish dry hard for 72 hours; then rub with putty sandpaper to a uniform dull finish.

The best results will be obtained if varnishes are applied according to the following instructions:

1. Smooth, thin coats should be applied at a temperature between 70° and 80° F, and in a dry room.

2. Varnish should be brushed on with the grain of the wood, crossbrushed, then brushed again with the grain of the wood.

3. The minimum number of coats necessary to attain the desired finish should be applied.

4. Ample time should be allowed for the coats to dry.

5. Freshly varnished work should be kept clean and dust free.

6. Each coat should be rubbed lightly with fine (No. 4/0) sandpaper to a dull finish before the next coat is applied.

7. Brushes and varnish cans should be kept free from dust.

A durable and attractive finish on interior furniture (particularly on a mahogany table top) is an oil-rubbed finish. The unfinished wood should be frequently rubbed with boiled linseed oil thinned with turpentine or mineral spirits, the excess oil being wiped off. Raw linseed oil alone is also used. This process is repeated four or five times, after which the oil need only be applied at occasional intervals. After the pores of the wood have been filled with linseed oil by the first series of applications, any animal or vegetable oil or fat may be used. The more the finish is rubbed, the better it will be. After long years of use, a beautiful patina is developed. Hot dishes placed on a table top do not turn this finish white. Because the process of oil polishing is tedious and slow, it is not used much today. Modern production schedules in finishing wood furniture at the factory call for either nitrocellulose lacquers, or low-bake (140° F), thermosetting, synthetic-resin finishes.

PAINTING AND ENAMELING.—In painting interior woodwork for flat finish, the first coat may be primer and sealer covered by Federal Specification TT-P-56, followed by one or two coats of TT-P-51a eggshell flat paint. The TT-P-56 primer does not dry hard enough to sand, and thus should not be considered as an "enamel undercoater." This material can be made by adding 1/2 gal of TT-P-56 primer to a gallon of TT-P-51a paint. This could be used directly on the wood, omitting the TT-P-56 primer, or as an enamel undercoat over the TT-P-56 primer.

A semigloss finish on interior wood may be produced by using two coats of paint composed of equal parts by volume of TT-P-51a paint and TT-E-506a enamel. The first coat should be thinned with 1 pt of turpentine to 1 gal of paint.

A full-gloss finish on interior wood can be obtained by

the application of two coats of TT-E-506a enamel. The first coat should be thinned with 1 pt of turpentine to 1 gallon of enamel. For better hiding power and a high gloss finish, two coats of enamel undercoat (equal volumes of TT-P-51a and TT-E-506a enamel) and a single coat of TT-E-506a enamel.

(2) *Refinishing.*—Surfaces that have been previously finished should be properly prepared for refinishing. The old finish can be removed by sanding the surface with fine sandpaper. Holes or cracks should be filled with wood (see glossary) that has been stained to match the face, sanded, and spot-varnished. After this treatment, the woodwork is ready for the new finish.

Cherry and mahogany stained wood may be dyed that "bleed" through paint or enamel. Enamel is to be applied to such surfaces. The surface should first be sealed with a thin coat of primer, followed with a freshly mixed aluminum paint in the proportion of 2 lb of aluminum powder to 1 gal of Interior Enamel Specification TT-V-71a (see also for details).

If the surface is to be refinished by painting, the primer intended for interior use should be applied. The primer for interior wood is Plaster Primer, TT-P-56. This can be followed by Eggshell Flat Paint, TT-P-51a, the finish most frequently applied to interior surfaces. If a gloss finish is desired, Gloss Enamel, TT-E-506a, can be used. Enamel finishes with intermediate degrees of gloss. Paints can be mixed in various proportions. For example, equal parts of these two paints, TT-P-51a and TT-E-506a, may be used as a finish coat for bathroom fixtures.

2. MASONRY, CONCRETE, AND

(a) EXTERIOR SURFACES

(1) *Oil Paints.*—Exterior surfaces that are to be painted with oil paints require careful preparation. The back of the paint film will seriously impair the surface if varnish-base paints, when applied to concrete or masonry, walls made of these materials are not thoroughly dry before being painted. The drying time from 3 to 12 months and will depend upon the conditions and upon the thickness and porosity of the surface.

is equally important to prevent water from entering the wall after painting.

To seal open-textured walls, cinder block for example, it is advantageous to apply a cement-sand grout as the base coat. The grout can be used on new masonry that has not been coated previously with a sealing type of paint or with an organic waterproofing compound. The grout is composed of approximately equal parts by volume of portland cement, fine sand passing a No. 18 sieve, and water.

Before the grout coating is applied to the walls, water should be forced into them by means of a garden hose. They should then be allowed to drain until no free water remains on the surface. The grout coating should be scrubbed in with a stiff-fiber brush, thereby forcing the grout into the openings and producing a surface of uniform porosity. It is advisable to avoid hot, sunny days in applying the grout coating.

To insure proper hydration of the portland cement used in grout, damp-curing is necessary. The grout should be wet with the fine spray of a garden hose. This operation can be started after the grout has set sufficiently that it will not be damaged by the spray (usually about 6 hours) and should be repeated about twice a day over a period of 48 hours, depending upon weather conditions.

Faulty mortar joints and map cracks in stucco or concrete may be filled with grout. Large cracks in masonry walls should be cut V-shape and filled with mortar composed of 2 or 3 parts of sand with 1 part of portland cement, and enough water to give a putty-like consistency. After the mortar has set, it should be damp-cured by the same method suggested for the grout. A minimum of 90 days of good drying weather should elapse before oil paint is applied over the grout- or mortar-filled joints and cracks.

Adequate preparation and cleaning of the surface to be painted improves the durability and appearance of the paint coating. Dirt and dust can be removed with brushes of stiff fiber or wire. Efflorescence can be removed by wetting the surface with water, applying a solution of muriatic acid at least 20 percent in strength and, after 5 minutes, scouring off the salt deposits with a stiff brush. After each acid treatment the surface must be promptly and thoroughly washed with an abundance of water. Traces of oil can be removed with steel brushes, abrasive stones, or a lye solution. However, if the surface is generally contaminated

with oil, it is more effective to lightly sand and be painted or to postpone painting until removed by action of the weather.

Because paint does not adhere well to glazed surfaces, it is suggested that, preparing, they be either acid-washed, lightly rubbed with coarse-grit abrasive stones. This is frequently necessary for concrete cast in Presdwood, or steel forms. Brick that is glazed should also be roughened with abrasives.

Old coatings of organic waterproofing cement-water paint still in good condition need not be removed. However, whitewash and peeling, scaling, or flaking should be completely removed.

Oil gloss paints, which are suitable for wood or metal, may also be used on properly prepared dry masonry. Paints meeting Federal Specification 40 are suggested for white and light tints, creams, light buffs, and ivory; TT-P-31a for dark reds and browns. For a dull-finish and light tints TT-P-24 should be used. A gloss finish can be made by thinning each gallon of finish coat paint with 1 qt of spar varnish for smooth faces and 2 qt for rough porous surfaces and 1/2 pt of mineral spirits or turpentine. They should be applied without thinning.

Oil paints should not be applied during inclement weather or when the temperature is below 40°F. 1 week of clear, dry weather should precede the first coat. As masonry surfaces tend to collect condensed moisture, painting early in the morning and late afternoon should be avoided except in the summer.

(2) *Water Paints.*—Exterior masonry can be coated with water paints if the surface is properly prepared and directions for applying the paint are carefully followed.

Cement-water paint should bond with masonry and with superimposed succeeding coats of either oil or water paint to form a cementitious finish of high durability. The durability of the coating is influenced more by the method of application, and the curing conditions, than by the composition of the cement-water paint.

For additional information on painting with cement-water paint, the reader is referred to section 10 of this manual.

(b) INTERIOR SURFACES

Interior surfaces of masonry concrete and plaster should be prepared for painting in the same way as similar new exterior surfaces. Finish coats may be either oil paints or water paints.

(1) *Flat Finish.*

OIL-TYPE PAINT.—In painting new walls of plaster or concrete, the first coat should be primer and sealer (Fed. Spec. TT-P-56). This should be applied without thinning. The second coat should be TT-P-51a eggshell flat paint, applied without thinning. In place of this system, the wall may be painted with 2 coats of TT-P-47 paint. For repainting, the surface should be primed and sealed with TT-P-56 primer, followed by a coat of TT-P-51a eggshell flat. As an alternate, the surface may be painted with a single coat of TT-P-47 paint.

WATER-THINNED PAINT.—The plaster or concrete should be free from grease, wax, dirt, or calcimine. Cracks and holes should be filled with patching plaster. These areas should be spot-primed with the water paint. On old painted walls that are glossy, the surface should be washed with water in which is dissolved some trisodium phosphate (about 2 oz per gallon) before applying water paint. On porous surfaces, particularly when the porosity varies, a special primer may be necessary before applying casein paint, Federal Specification TT-P-23a. Resin-oil emulsion paint, TT-P-88a, can generally be applied directly to the plaster or wallboard. One gallon of paste is thinned with 4 pints of water. One or two coats of this paint is sufficient.

(2) *Semigloss Finish.*—For both new and repainted work, the first coat should be Federal Specification TT-P-56 primer and sealer. If suction spots appear after this paint is dry, they should be spot-primed with the primer. The second coat should be semigloss wall paint. This may be prepared by mixing 1 gallon of either TT-P-51a flat or TT-P-47 flat and 1 gallon of TT-E-506a enamel.

(3) *Full-Gloss Finish.*—First coat should be TT-P-56 primer and sealer, allowed to dry 24 hours. Second coat should be enamel undercoater (equal parts by volume of either TT-P-51a flat or TT-P-47 flat and TT-E-506a gloss), allowed to dry 24 hours. Third coat should be TT-E-506a enamel.

For a discussion of paint failures on plaster the reader is referred to NBS Letter Circular LC301, *Painting Plaster*.

(c) CEMENT FLOORS

(1) *General Suggestions for Preparing.*—The surface of interior and exterior concrete floors should be clean, dry, and in a condition to receive the paint. It is suggested that concrete floors age for 1 year prior to painting. The paint should be applied when the humidity is very low. As a result, the application of two coats is recommended. The type of floor coating to be used should be determined by prevailing conditions and by the limitations of the floor paints.

(2) *Floor Paints and Enamels.*—One of the best finishes for cement floors is a paint or enamel that forms a solid, opaque film. This type of finish is usually used as a paint base, natural resins, synthetic resins, for example phenol formaldehyde and condensation chlorinated and crepe rubber. Tung oil is sometimes used in these materials to give water- and alkali-resistance.

(3) *Varnish-Type Paints.*—Where a floor is above grade and not on the ground, and where it is not encountered, the varnish type of floor finish will give good service. A satisfactory varnish for concrete and wood floors is Federal Specification TT-P-146. If this material is used, a primer should be made by thinning 4 parts of the paint with 1 part of turpentine consisting of 2 parts of spar varnish and 1 part of turpentine. The finish coat can be applied directly.

(4) *Rubber-Base Paints.*—Where a floor is below grade directly on the ground, as in basements, and where dampness due to condensation is likely to occur, rubber resin-base paint, Federal Specification TT-P-146, is suggested. This type of paint is not a "cure" and is resistant and does not soften when the floor is wet.

Surfaces to be coated with rubber-base paint should be prepared in that cement floors are to be hard and smooth. Because this type of paint does not adhere well to smooth surfaces, the floor should be etched with a solution containing from 1 to 2 parts of muriatic acid to each gallon of water. For further details the reader is referred to section I of this manual.

When the floor is clean and dry, the rubber-base paint should be applied.

each gallon should be thinned with either 1 qt. of mineral spirits or the thinner recommended by the manufacturer and should be spread at the rate of 300 ft²/gal. The second coat should be applied directly at the rate of 600 ft²/gal. It should not be used over other types of floor paint.

(5) *Maintenance*.—A thin film of wax protects any of the finishes described. The wax can be renewed at frequent intervals where the floor is particularly worn. A liquid floor wax of the organic solvent type is generally more serviceable than a water-emulsion wax. For a detailed explanation of the use and preparation of waxes, see NBS Letter Circular LC764, Care of Floors. The reader is also referred to NBS Letter Circular LC758, Finishes for Concrete Floors.

(6) *Refinishing*.—The method of preparing floors for refinishing depends upon the condition of the surface. If the paint has been waxed and is in good condition, except for worn areas, the wax should be removed by applying turpentine or petroleum spirits and scouring with steel wool while still wet. Paint applied over wax does not dry satisfactorily. Paint that is peeling can be removed in several ways. One method is to soak the surface for about 30 minutes with a solution of 2 lb of caustic soda (household lye) dissolved in 1 gal of hot water. Another method is to cover the floor with a thin layer of sawdust that has been soaked in the lye solution, allowing it to remain overnight. In either case, the old paint can then be removed with a wide steel scraper and the surface rinsed thoroughly with clean water. **CAUTION:** The operator should be protected by rubber gloves and goggles. If the solution is spilled on the skin, the spot immediately should be flushed with water and brushed over with vinegar to prevent severe burning.

3. FERROUS METAL: STRUCTURAL IRON AND STEEL

Nonmetallic structural materials are painted primarily for decoration. However, the chief purpose of painting structural iron and steel is for protection, the decorative value being secondary. In painting structural steel, such as bridges, water towers, and any other similar type of structure that must stand for many years exposed to the weather, the price of the paint alone is not an accurate "yardstick" with which to measure the cost of maintenance painting. As the cost of the paint seldom represents more than 25 percent of the total cost of painting such structures, it is good prac-

ice to apply a durable paint and a sufficient number of coats to insure long service. New work should have at least three coats and two covercoats, or topcoats. The price of the paint may be relatively high, but the life of the paint should not be the yardstick by which the job is judged. It costs at least as much to maintain a job of poor or fair quality as it does one of good quality. Thus, over a period of years, the most durable paint is the cheapest, the real yardstick being the cost of the paint applied per year of service.

To illustrate: A water tower with a surface area of 10,000 sq ft is to be repainted with one coat of paint. Paint A costs \$3.00 per gallon and covers 600 sq ft per gallon; the labor cost is three times the material cost. Paint A gives 5 years of service and the cost per square foot per year of service is as follows:

Paint A	Paint B
\$ 30.00 for paint	\$ 25.00 for paint
90.00 for labor	75.00 for labor
\$120.00	\$100.00
6000 ÷ 120.00 (.20)	6000 ÷ 100.00 (.30)
5) .20 (.04)	3)

In the above example, A and B have the same spreading rate (600 sq ft per gallon) but B is a higher-priced paint.

The inference to be drawn from this is that the highest-priced paint is necessarily the most expensive on a cost per square foot basis, is the most durable, and the lowest of the price per gallon of the paint.

(a) CLEANING

Proper cleaning of steel surfaces is the most important operation to be performed before painting. Because the life of any paint is dependent upon surface preparation, the operator must give considerable attention by technology (American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc. and Steel Institute). To attain the best results, the paint must make intimate contact with the surface.

it is applied. Any foreign substance present on the steel (such as dirt, grease, oily scum, moisture, acids, alkalies, rust, or loose scale), even though the substance may be invisible, separates the paint from the steel.

There are a variety of methods of cleaning and preparing steel for painting, including mechanical cleaning processes (sand, shot, or grit blasting, scraping, wire-brushing, chipping, and simple hand wiping); flame cleaning; and various chemical cleaning processes (hot alkaline solutions, organic solvents, including solvent vapor degreasing, alcoholic phosphoric acid cleaners, hot acid phosphate cleaners containing detergents, and emulsion cleaners).

For example, oily substances can be removed by using organic solvents (by dipping, wiping, but preferably by solvent vapor degreasing), hot alkaline solutions followed by thorough rinsing, or self-emulsifying cleaners.

FLAME-CLEANING.—A relatively new process for the preparation of steel surfaces for painting is "flame-cleaning." This consists of a special torch through which an oxyacetylene flame is applied to the steel surface. This process removes loosely adherent scale and rust. In addition, the process drives moisture from the surface ("dehydrates" it). Thus, if the paint is applied while the steel is still warm, a good bond between the priming coat and the steel should result.

The most widely used but least-efficient method is hand cleaning with a scraper, hand-or power-driven wire brushes, and chipping hammers. This method is used to remove rust and loose scale.

Loose rust and scale can be removed by partial sandblasting, but closely adhering millscale will remain. If the remaining millscale is tightly bonded to the steel and if the surface is properly painted, good service may be expected.

All rust, scale, and other coatings can be removed by pickling, or by complete sandblasting with fine, sharp sand to leave a uniform surface resembling frosted silver. With the former method, the article is pickled in a 5-percent solution of hot (160° to 180° F) sulfuric acid, rinsed with water, dipped in a 5-percent solution of phosphoric acid, and rinsed again with water. Sandblasting and pickling are the best methods of preparing steel for painting. If the steel is not painted soon after these operations, it is advisable to flame-clean the surface immediately before the first coat of paint is applied.

(b) RUST-INHIBITIVE WASHES

Rust-inhibitive washes are solutions correctly formulated, etch the metal and form a surface of uniformly fine texture, thus producing a surface receptive to the priming paint. The application of these washes to iron and steel articles is practiced extensively in factories. On steel work after erection of the structure, the use of such washes is practiced recently. There are several such processes, but for the most part, patented.

Tests on clean, sandblasted steel have been made by the U. S. Engineer Office, Rock Island, Ill., to determine the relative value of various inhibitive washes for steel. The results indicate that certain wash-coat inhibitors, when properly used, are particularly effective with coatings of zinc chromate and iron oxide.

Rock Island indicate that the most satisfactory concentration is approximately 8 percent (saturated solution of inhibitive wash). The washes should be applied to scale-free steel, following the manufacturer's instructions.

Tests at the National Bureau of Standards indicate that the rust-inhibitive treatment should be applied to the steel and become dry. It should then be washed with water to remove excess inhibitor, and then dried before applying paint. Further investigation is being made on the use of anticorrosive treatments for steel. Methods of Investigation of Surface Treatment for the Protection of Steel, BMS14, Surface Treatment of Steel Prior to Painting, and BMS102, Paint Protection of Steel.

A satisfactory inhibitive wash originally developed by the U. S. Engineer Office has the following composition:

Orthophosphoric acid (commercially pure, 11.5% solution)	.....
Sodium dichromate ($\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$)	.....
Caramel solution	.....
Wetting agent (such as "Cellosolve" (ethylene glycol monoethyl ether) ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$))	.....
Water	.....

Some of the patented washes contain heavy metals, such as zinc, manganese, and

The following description illustrates the use of the wash on structural steel in the field [12]:

" 02. *General Painting Provision.*—(a) *Surface Cleaning and Preparation.*

"(1) *Unpainted Ferrous Surfaces* of parts to be fabricated or erected at the site where the structure is completed shall be shipped from shops or places of manufacture without paint. After erection or complete permanent installation in place, they shall be entirely cleaned of all millscale and other foreign substances to base metal, by sandblasting. As soon after cleaning as practicable and prior to formation of any form of corrosion from atmospheric moisture or other causes, all metal surfaces to be painted shall be thoroughly treated with the chemical rust-inhibitor, applied by brush and permitted to dry. This chemical inhibitor, however, shall be applied only under conditions such that the temperature of the surfaces to which applied and the air in contact therewith, are between 50° F and 110° F. in order to insure proper chemical reaction with the metal. After drying, any unneutralized reactive residue (characterized by a sticky, black, or dark-green appearance) on the surfaces shall be removed by thorough wiping with wet cloths and the surfaces redried. The inhibited surfaces shall then be given a priming coat of paint, as soon thereafter as practicable, but in any event prior to deterioration or destruction of the inhibited surface. Should the inhibited surface be damaged or destroyed at any point by any means whatsoever, the surfaces shall be cleaned and re-inhibited in an approved manner prior to application of the paint.

"(2) *Alternate pre-erection cleaning and inhibiting.*—Upon specific written request by the contractor, the contracting officer may authorize alternate mill or shop pickling, or sandblasting and inhibiting, prior to fabrication or erection, in lieu of the field sandblasting and inhibiting after erection as specified in subparagraph (1) above. Where this is desired, however, the contractor shall provide at his expense an original additional coat of zinc chromate-aluminum primer-metal which shall be applied immediately following the application and drying of the chemical rust-inhibitor, in order to protect the surfaces against corrosion during the period of fabrication and erection or until the specified painting is begun, provided that this period shall not exceed 9 months for one coat. This pre-erection or construction period coating shall be maintained in good condition by re-inhibiting and repainting any areas damaged during the construction period, and after 9 months of service the coating shall be completely renewed. Prior to the application of the specified permanent field paints, the surfaces of the construction coating shall be thoroughly cleaned with mineral spirits and all welds or other unpainted areas shall be properly cleaned and inhibited."

(c) PRIMING PAINTS

Both inhibitive washes and paints are usually applied to structural steel by brushing, but they may also be applied by spraying. The paints used for spraying are mostly of the oil type, which require considerable time for drying. A widely used priming paint for structural steel exposed to

the weather is red lead meeting either TT-P-86, or amendment 1 to that spec. It can also be used for other intermediate darkening each coat with the addition of lampblack-in-oil, but it is unsuited for lead paint (Fed. Spec. TT-P-20) is for priming and body coats. Iron oxide is for all coats. An aluminum paint may be used for a coat (but not the priming coat) on steel subjected to rural exposure; black paint (TT-P-61a) may also be used for the finish coat on steel exposures, flake graphite paint (Fed. Spec. TT-P-27) for iron-oxide paint (Fed. Spec. TT-P-31a) for steel exposures, or finish coats of two coats of a rust-inhibitive primer over red-lead, TT-P-86, or blue-lead paint, or by two coats of a topcoat, or finish coats of carbon black paint, TT-P-61a; flake graphite paint, TT-P-27; iron oxide paint, TT-P-31a;

The National Bureau of Standards Circular LC422, The Painting of Steel, contains additional information on the

4. NONFERROUS METALS

(a) METALLIC ZINC COA

The best coatings to protect iron and steel in polluted atmospheres are galvanized, shop-applied zincs. It has been estimated that a coating of 2 oz./ft² will last approximately 25 years in certain dry tropical locations, 5 years in urban industrial England and 1 year in an English railway tunnel.

Most paints do not adhere well to. Exposing the metal to the weather improves this condition, but a better good proprietary phosphate chroma painting. A more effective method grease by washing the surface with spirits. After drying the surface, a oxide primer paint, TT-P-641, types be applied, followed by succeeding coats on the rest of the structure.

(b) TREATMENT OF ALUMINUM AND MAGNESIUM

Aluminum and aluminum-magnesium alloys should be anodized before being given one or more coats of a suitable high-grade paint. Zinc-chromate primers are widely used and are known to give good results. Trim paint, aluminum paint, iron oxide paint, graphite paint, or the usual outside house paints can be used over the primer with good results.

(c) COATINGS FOR CERTAIN OTHER METALS

Metals such as tin, terne plate, copper, and bronze are easily painted. Oil and grease should be removed from these metals with mineral spirits or turpentine, then dried. After the metal has been cleaned, copper flashings, downspouts, and similar parts should be slightly roughened with very fine sandpaper, then coated with the paint used on adjacent surfaces. Iron oxide, Fed. Spec. TT-P-31a, is a good paint for tin plate and terne plate. Copper and bronze fly screens can be kept in good condition by washing with a solvent, such as mineral spirits, to remove grease, followed by an application of Air-drying Black Enamel, Fed. Spec. TT-P-521, type A, thinned with one-eighth its volume of turpentine. Zinc-dust paints (Fed. Spec. TT-P-641, types I or II) are also recommended for galvanized screens.

5. STEEL SUBMERGED IN WATER

Extensive studies have been made in recent years on the problem of paints suitable for use on steel submerged in water. Among groups doing research on this subject are various companies, including pigment producers, the U. S. Navy Yards, the U. S. Engineer District of the War Department, the U. S. Maritime Commission, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. All the studies have shown the importance of proper preparation of the surface to be painted and have revealed that *priming paints that give excellent service under ordinary atmospheric exposure may be unsatisfactory when used on steel submerged in water.* Likewise, paints that give good results in fresh water may not give good results in salt water and vice versa. Paints show a greater tendency to blister in fresh water than in salt water. Surfaces covered with a priming paint only may appear satisfactory in immersion tests but when top-coated may prove unsatisfactory. Thus, an attempt to evaluate primers independently of topcoats is of question-

able value. Some paints may be used both for priming and as a topcoat. A special paint is used for priming. The intercoat compatibility and a knowledge of the physical properties of primer and topcoat is essential to test paint systems and select suitable paints.

(a) COAL-TAR-BASED ENAMELS

(1) *Hot Application.*—Coal-tar enamel is a steel submerged in water. The enamel is processed coal tar usually combined with a filler. The ability of these enamels to withstand atmospheric temperature changes and to adhere to the steel varies widely and depends upon the type of enamel which the enamel was formulated. Enamels are named by trade name, such as "W" enamels, or according to their service temperature, as 180° F enamels, or 180° F enamels.

Waterworks enamels are capable of withstanding temperatures ranging from -20° to +200° F without any tendency to flow, sag, flake, or peel. Enamels of this type conform to the specifications of the American Water Works Association [14].

Pipe-line enamels are an unplasticized coal-tar base enamel intended primarily for use as a protective coating for the exterior of underground pipe-line carrying oil or gas. They are usually formulated to withstand temperature changes than the waterworks enamels.

Enamels having physical characteristics that differ between the pipe-line and waterworks enamels and can usually be obtained from the manufacturer in either of these types.

Before the hot, molten enamel is applied, the steel should be coated with a primer that will adhere between the metal and the enamel. The primer is an air-drying liquid coating that is applied by brushing or spraying. This necessitates the flowing and leveling properties, the tendency to foam during application, and the tendency to a matt finish. Its spreading rate is a function of the application of the substrate.

should conform to the requirements established by the manufacturer. Surfaces to be primed should be free from rust, mill scale, oil, and moisture. A shot or sandblasted surface is the most satisfactory. In no case should the primer be applied to surfaces coated with an oil-base paint.

In heating the enamel for application, great care should be taken to prevent coking, caused by local overheating, or loss of volatile components, caused by general overheating. The maximum temperature to which the enamel can be heated and the length of time that it may be kept in the working kettles at this temperature are obtainable from the manufacturer. The rather narrow limits set by producers usually fall within the range of 325° to 450° F. The method of applying coal-tar-base enamels is determined by the character of the surface to be coated. They can be applied either by pouring or by daubing with a palmetto bristle brush. Although the temperature of the material to be applied depends chiefly upon the type of enamel used, it is determined also by the nature and temperature of the surface to be coated. The variation in these surface characteristics often necessitates different temperature of application for the same enamel.

The enamel should be applied only to clean, dry surfaces that have been primed with a bituminous primer recommended by the manufacturer of the enamel. Traces of moisture, frost, or oil will prevent good bonding between the primer and the enamel. If properly bonded to the primer and metal, the enamel fractures within itself when an attempt is made to chip it off with a screwdriver or chisel.

Coal-tar-base enamels are applied hot in a uniform coating approximately 1/16 in. thick. Steel surfaces coated by daubing should be reasonably free from brush marks and should show no tendency to honeycomb or pinhole. Pipe linings or coatings applied centrifugally should present a smooth surface, free from objectionable ridges, corrugations, projections, and depressions.

(2) *Cold Application.*—Coal-tar-base enamels for cold application are composed of a processed coal-tar vehicle and an inert inorganic filler thinned with a solvent. Although heavy-bodied, these enamels possess thixotropic (see glossary) properties and can be applied easily by hand brushing at normal working temperatures. Because of its consistency, this type of enamel when applied to vertical metal surfaces

in one coat up to a thickness of shows no appreciable flow or sag applied at a spreading rate of app under normal drying conditions, 1 24 hr to permit recoating. This ty for application directly to dry clean coat is used, it should be one reco factorer.

The second coat should be brush strokes of the undercoat. A film bu of several thin coats will offer bette of equal thickness applied as a sing coating is capable of withstanding between -10° and +140° F with flowing, sagging, or otherwise losi The amount of volatile thinner used usually makes forced ventilation ne is applied in closed places, and beca fire and explosion, the enamel shou fire or open flames.

A coating material of this type Na 1-05 of reference [14].

(b) VARNISH-TYPE P

Linseed-oil paints that give goo steel exposed to the weather are usu are not sufficiently water resistant faces subject to intermittent or water. The vehicle for underwate pure phenolic resin-tung oil varnis length, with or without linseed o vehicle is used in both the primer coats.

Aluminum paint has been widely Engineers, Upper Mississippi River Department, as the topcoat on ste water. This paint consists of a mixt paste to 1 gal of varnish (a 25-ga tung oil varnish). One primer con weight of aluminum paste and zinc type of varnish. Other priming pa various localities. For example, g obtained with primers of blue lead

dust-zinc oxide (with or without iron oxide) in suitable phenolic resin varnishes. The zinc dust-zinc oxide paint has given very good results in the Ohio River tests (steel parts of the Montgomery Island Dam) near Pittsburgh conducted by the Ohio River Division, Corps of Engineers, War Department. A pure blue-lead paint in a phenolic-tung oil varnish likewise has given good results as a priming coat in the Montgomery Dam tests.

Another formula for a primer that has shown good results in fresh water is zinc dust 25.0 lb, zinc oxide 4.4 lb, red iron oxide (84 percent) 0.6 lb, vehicle, 1.0 gal of a 33-gal length, 100-percent tung oil, pure phenolic resin varnish. Another is red iron oxide (84 percent) 4.0 lb, zinc chromate yellow 2.0 lb, diatomaceous silica 1.0 lb, magnesium silicate 1.0 lb, to either 1 gal of a 25-gal length, 100-percent tung oil, pure phenolic resin varnish or 1 gal of a 25-gal length, 50-percent tung oil-50-percent linseed oil, pure phenolic resin varnish.

Aluminum paint (2 lb of aluminum paste to 1 gal of a 25-gal length, 100-percent tung oil, pure phenolic resin varnish) has given good results as a topcoat on steel submerged in fresh water, but the steel should be primed with a special rust-inhibitive primer, such as blue lead, red lead, or zinc chromate before applying the aluminum paint.

In connection with the subject of painting steel submerged in fresh water, experiments on painting the interior of steel tanks holding drinking water were carried out by the Federation of Paint and Varnish Production Clubs and the Engineer Board of the War Department. The most satisfactory finish tested at Fort Belvoir, Va., was a baked thermosetting phenolic resin. Where baking is not possible (as in the field) two paints have given good results. One is a zinc dust-zinc oxide pigment in a 25-gal, pure phenolic-resin-linseed-oil varnish. The other is an iron oxide pigment in a pure phenolic-resin-tung-oil varnish. Prior to painting, the steel is cleaned and then given a phosphate pretreatment with the following solution:

Orthophosphoric acid (75 percent of H_3PO_4).....	12 gal.
Chromium sulfate (water soluble)	25 lb.
Monobutyl phenyl phenol sodium sulfonate (Areskap)	1½ gal.
Ethylene glycol monoethyl (Cellosolve).....	6 gal.
Water (enough to make)	160 gal.

Two coats of either the zinc-dust-zinc oxide paint or the iron-oxide paint are applied after the surface has been prepared. Paints applied over steel which has been phosphate show marked improvement in adhesion when applied to steel not phosphate-treated. This improvement is especially noted wherever exposure to weather is involved.

The Bureau of Ships, Navy Department, has done considerable work at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and has adopted a zinc-dust coating for fresh water.

The composition of the zinc dust coating is as follows:

Pigment	
Vehicle	
Pigment:	
Zinc dust	
Zinc oxide	

Vehicle: Unmodified para-phenylene glycol resin varnish, suitable for grinding with sand, in an oil-resin ratio of 2 to 1; that is, 2 parts of resin to 1 part of oil. The uncooked oil and resin are heated at a temperature of 560° F in 1 hour and held at that temperature for 1½ hours to body. The varnish is then heated at a temperature of 450° F in 45 minutes.

The vehicle contains no rosin or rosin thinner. The thinner is turpentine, mineral spirits, or naphtha. The driers must contain no rosin.

The paint weighs not less than 20 lb per gallon and dries in 6 to 10 hours.

Letter Circular LC744, Painting of Steel Tanks, may be obtained free of charge from the Bureau of Standards.

V. CARE AND PREPARATION OF MATERIALS

The durability and smoothness of the painted surface depends to a large extent upon the condition of the painting materials at the time of application. Paints in proper condition, suitable storage, and proper application will be provided. Careful mixing and the use of proper tools will aid in obtaining a satisfactory finish.

1. STORAGE OF PAINTING MATERIALS

Paints, varnishes, lacquers, thinners, and other painting material should be stored in well-ventilated places where they will not be exposed to excessive heat, smoke, sparks, flame, or direct rays of the sun. The packages should be kept tightly closed when not in use. Powder paints should be stored in moisture-proof containers.

Ready-prepared paints and pastes stored in suitable cans or drums should be inverted every month to retard settling of the solid matter. However, unpigmented liquid materials (linseed oil, for example) should be left undisturbed.

2. PREPARATION OF READY-MIXED PAINTS

Ready-mixed paints should be prepared for application in places that are well ventilated and free from flame or direct sunshine.

Small lots of ready-mixed paints can be mixed most satisfactorily by "boxing," a procedure described and illustrated in figure 2 [9].

When preparing ready-mixed tinted paint, about one-third of the paint should be poured into a clean vessel. The remainder should be stirred to a uniform consistency before returning the portion that was removed. The entire quantity is then ready to be boxed and strained through fine wire screen or cheesecloth.

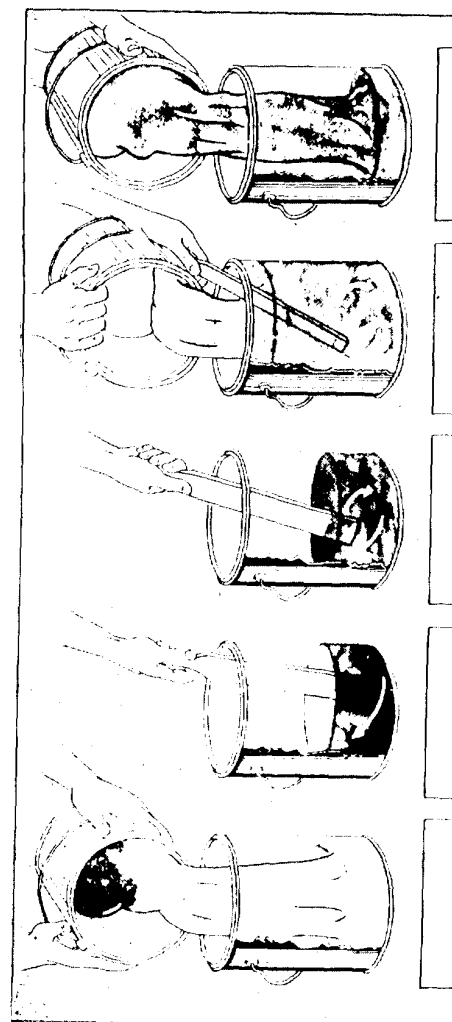
Another method of mixing paint is to insert the unopened can in a power-driven vibrator-type paint mixer for a period of 3 to 10 minutes. Because the violent agitation of this mixer tends to create many small bubbles in enamel paints, it is recommended that they be mixed by boxing.

3. MIXING OF PASTES AND POWDERS

It is important that powder and paste pigments be properly thinned if the desired effect is to be obtained. Some pigments furnished in paste form are to be mixed with oil by the purchaser; others, such as resin-emulsion paints, are to be blended with water.

(a) PASTES*

(1) *Pastes-in-Oil*.—Most of the paste-in-oil pigments can be easily broken up by stirring with a strong wooden paddle



in the original container, taking care that no heavy sediment is left in the bottom. It may be necessary, even after careful stirring, to pour off some of the partly mixed paste into another clean can in order to thoroughly break up the bottom layer by more vigorous stirring. The part that has been poured off can then be returned to the can and the entire quantity again stirred until uniform.

The amount of paste necessary to make the desired amount of paint should be transferred to a container that has a greater capacity than the total volume of the completed paint. The required amount of oil should be measured and slowly stirred into the paste. When about half of the oil has been added, the mixture can be stirred readily and the lumps broken up easily. The remaining oil should then be mixed with the drier and thinner and stirred slowly into the paste. If two or more white-pigment pastes are used to make the paint, they can be mixed in the proper proportions before the oil is added. After the paste and oil have been combined, the paint is ready to be boxed, by the method shown in figure 2, and strained through fine wire screen or cheesecloth.

Various shades can be produced by tinting previously mixed white-base paint. The tinting paste should be thoroughly mixed with turpentine to a consistency similar to that of the completed white paint. This tinting liquid should be stirred slowly into the white-base paint until a uniform mixture is obtained. Care should be taken to use only the minimum amount of tinting liquid. When oil varnish is part of the vehicle, it is suggested that at least a part of the thinner be turpentine and that the varnish be stirred in after all other mixing operations have been completed.

(2) *Resin-Emulsion Paints.*—These paints are usually packaged in paste form to be thinned with water approximately in the proportion of 2 parts by volume of paste to 1 part of water. It is suggested that the paint be boxed after the ingredients have been thoroughly mixed. When manufacturer's directions are given they should be followed, as paste paints of different companies may vary in consistency. If the paint is applied by spray, additional water may be necessary. However, the paint should not be thinned to the point where more than two coats are needed to give adequate hiding power.

(b) POWDERS

Dry pigments are almost always factory, but when necessary to mix on the job, the work room should be the workmen should be protected by

(1) *Dry Red-Lead Paints.*—Paint dry red lead by either of two methods: a quart of linseed oil may be poured more than 1-gallon capacity and a stirring 25 lb of dry red lead into the paste to stand for at least 72 hours wetting of the red-lead particles, and oil can be added. A few hours before of 2 parts of turpentine or mineral drier may be stirred in.

The second method is to stir 25 lb a quart of linseed-replacement oil until a paste is formed. This should then 3 pt of linseed-replacement oil spirits should be added. The mixture Pure red lead paint is available in re Spec. TT-P-86).

(2) *Cement-Water Paints.*—Cement packaged in powder form and requiring water to prepare them for use. In recommended procedure is to make a stiff in small portions to the dry material. After this, additional water may be the paste to the desired consistency. water varies with the fineness of the

The paint should be stirred vigorously until it is of uniform consistency and thoroughly wetted. Workability will be the mixture to stand from 20 to 30 minutes stirring. Most paints remain usable being prepared, although in hot weather, especially those containing calcium chloride, within 3 hours.

Because cement-water paint tends to be used, it is common practice to thin the water when necessary to maintain the There seems to be no serious objection to paint, provided it is done properly.

be stirred vigorously, as sometimes this operation restores its fluidity. Any additional water required should be added in small amounts and thoroughly mixed.

(3) *Casein-Powder Paints*.—Cold-water paints are also packaged in powder form. All types require the addition of water and one kind (Fed. Spec. TP-P-22) is furnished with a "mixing liquid" composed of raw or boiled linseed oil or spar varnish to be used in addition to the water.

EXTERIOR.—Powder for exterior paint should be mixed in the proportions of 90 to 100 lb of powder with 10 to 12 gal of water. The powder should be put into a metal or enamelware container. Porcelain and galvanized iron are very satisfactory, but wooden or unpainted iron mixing containers should never be used. The required amount of water at 70° F should be measured carefully in a separate vessel and gradually added to the powder in small portions, stirring constantly. The mixture should be stirred vigorously until it is of a smooth, thin, creamy consistency suitable for brushing, then allowed to stand 30 minutes before being used. It is good practice to strain the mixed paint through a No. 40 sieve but this is not essential. The paint should be used the same day it is mixed.

When mixing liquid in addition to water is used in preparing the paint, it should be used in the proportions of 1 gal to 90 to 100 lb of powder with 10 to 12 gal of water. Two-thirds of the required volume of water at approximately 70° F should be put into a metal or enamelware container. The powder should be added in small quantities, stirring thoroughly between each addition until a paste of uniform consistency is obtained. After the mixture has been allowed to stand for 30 minutes, the mixing liquid should be gradually stirred in, followed by the remaining portion of water.

INTERIOR.—Cold-water casein-powder paints intended for interior use should be mixed with water in the proportions of 8 to 10 lb of powder with 4 qt of water at approximately 70° F. The directions given for mixing powder and water for exterior paints should be followed.

4. CARE OF BRUSHES

Before a new brush is used with oil paint or oil varnish, it should be well shaken to remove loose hairs and dust, and then carefully combed straight. A steel comb is recom-

mended for the purpose. It may be cleaned with turpentine or mineral spirits. If a brush is to be used, it should be soaked in linseed oil for 24 hours before being put into the paint. The surface of the new brush before painting should be dipped into the paint to abrade the bristles.

The best time to clean brushes is after they have been used. As much paint as possible should be removed from the brush. Then it should be washed in a paint brush cleaner until all paint is removed. After cleaning the brush, it should be laid flat to dry. It may be necessary to follow this with a solution of yellow laundry soap and water.

When brushes are to be used in a paint shop, it is considered good practice to keep them 2 or 3 in. above the bottom of a paint can. A mixture of raw linseed oil and a small amount of turpentine so that the bristles are completely saturated is good for oil paints, enamels, and varnishes. Water as the bristles become soft.

After the brush has been washed, it should be wrapped in paper and stored in a dry place. It is advisable to place a few moth balls in the paper.

A brush that has become hard and stiff can seldom be restored to first-class condition. On the market several proprietary brushes are sold. One simple method is to use a solvent-type paint and varnish. When the brush is removed from the paint, it should be scraped out with a putty knife or a sharp razor. It should then be washed free from paint by submerging in turpentine and working the liquid through the bristles.

Brushes used with shellac varnish should be kept either in a dry place or washed with denatured alcohol and stored in a horizontal position.

Brushes used with water paints should be washed with soap and water. For resin-oil emulsion paints, it is necessary to wash with soap and water before the paint is removed.

An illustration of various brushes in well-equipped paint shops may be found in the Army Repairs and Utilities Manual [15].

VI. SAFETY MEASURES

The application of paint involves certain hazards for which adequate safety measures should be taken.

The National Bureau of Standards is not qualified to answer inquiries concerning the relative toxicity of various paints and pigments and detailed precautions to be used in spray painting. Questions of this nature should be directed to the U. S. Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency, Washington 25, D. C.

1. FALLS

Most of the injuries sustained by painters are the result of falls from scaffolds or ladders. Precautions that should be taken for the protection of painters are the same as for riggers, carpenters, and other workmen. For information on methods of protection for workmen, see "Safety Requirements for Excavation, Building, and Construction" [16].

2. FIRE

Oil paints, varnishes, and volatile liquids are flammable and should be kept away from fire. As a safety measure, they should be stored in closed containers. In a well-organized paint shop, paints, oils, and volatile liquids are stored preferably in a fireproof room. Many paint manufacturers print a statement on the label of the paint cans cautioning the user to keep the paint away from fire.

Rags used to wipe up linseed or other drying oils are also a frequent source of spontaneous combustion. They should be burned or drenched with water and put in an airtight metal-covered container.

3. POISON

The volatile liquids (turpentine, mineral spirits, and gasoline) used by painters are skin irritants. For this reason, the frequent use of such thinners to remove paint from the hands should be discouraged to avoid dermatitis. Prolonged inhalation of toxic fumes such as those emitted from benzol used in paint removers and carbon tetrachloride or

carbon disulfide used in removing constitute a health hazard. Some of the most dangerous are clearly those containing lead and chlorides. The inhalation of dust, such as that from sandblasting, is a source of danger. Lead fumes while burning off old paint.

For precautionary reasons there should be adequate ventilation in shops and rooms where ventilation is insufficient, respiratory protection and fresh air should be used.

Food should not be kept or eaten in the paint shop or other place where it is exposed to dust or fumes from paint thinners. When using painting equipment, painters should wash their hands thoroughly clean their hands and work clothes should be changed after work and should be laundered.

VII. SAMPLING AND TESTING

The purpose of sampling is to obtain specimens for record. The purpose of sampling is to check compliance of the material with the purchase-contract specification. Sampling should be done at the factory, while loading or unloading trucks, or after delivery of material. When inspecting a shipment of material, the inspector should check whether it is in good condition and whether it is according to good shipping procedure. Inspecting surfaces to be painted is to determine if preparation is necessary before applying paint. Inspection of inspecting finished work is to determine if it is in accordance with the contract specification.

1. INSTRUCTIONS AND PRECAUTIONS

Federal Specification TT-P-141a, Department of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., contains the following directions for sampling:

"Official samples should be taken by, or under the supervision of, a person of judgment, skill, and experience in sampling."

"The portions taken for samples should be representative of the characteristics and average condition of the material."

Precautions should be taken to assure that the sampling apparatus and the samples themselves are neither contaminated with nor altered by any extraneous matter not representative of the lot being sampled.

A single package from each lot of not more than 1,000 packages should be selected at random as representative of the whole. The seller has the option of being represented at the time of sampling, and when he so requests, is furnished with a duplicate sample.

Directions for sampling apply to liquid materials, dry pigments, pastes-in-oil, and mixed paints. The tests should be made according to the directions given in section F of the applicable Federal specification.

(a) LIQUIDS: THINNERS, OILS, AND VARNISHES

Whenever possible, liquids in original unopened containers should be sent to the laboratory. If this is not practicable, the contents of the container sampled should be thoroughly mixed, making certain the incorporation of any settlings. A clean, dry, glass bottle or tin can should be filled with not less than 1 qt of the sample, securely stoppered with a new clean cork or well-fitted cover or cap, sealed, and distinctly labeled. When requested, a duplicate sample may be taken from the same package for delivery to the seller. A third sample may be held for test in case of dispute.

(b) PIGMENTS, PASTES, AND READY-MIXED PAINTS

(1) *Dry Pigments*.—The package should be opened and a sample of not less than 1 lb taken at random from the contents. This should be placed in a clean, dry, metal or glass container, sealed, marked, and sent to the laboratory.

(2) *Pastes and Ready-Mixed Paints*.—Whenever possible, the original unopened containers of paste or ready-mixed paint should be sent to the laboratory.

When an original container of paint can not be sent to the laboratory for test and there are no facilities for mixing the material mechanically, a representative sample can be obtained by the procedure for boxing paint. Portable mechanical agitators are useful for mixing paint, and can be obtained in various sizes for mixing a gallon or a barrel of paint.

Caking of paint should be determined by spreading paint with a paddle or spatula. The container should then be thoroughly mixed and at least 1 qt placed in a clean, dry, metal or glass container, sealed, marked, and sent to the laboratory for the report on caking. A good paint should not cake in a container. A portion of the sample of in-oil, or ready-mixed paint may be held for test in case of dispute.

(c) BITUMINOUS ENAMEL

(1) *Enamel*.—Samples should be taken from below the surface and at least 3 in from the bottom of the container or from the center of the container. A 50-lb sample of this solid material should be divided into parts of the unit or units sampled. A 50-lb sample of the mixture should be sent to the laboratory for test.

(2) *Primer*.—The method of sampling is the same as that for sampling pigments, pastes, and paints. A statement from the manufacturer should accompany the test samples.

1. Method of applying primer, in square feet per gallon.

2. Minimum and maximum drying time for application of enamel.

3. Temperature of coal-tar or oil used at time of application.

4. Maximum allowable temperature at which enamel may be heated.

5. Maximum time enamel may be stored at applicable temperature.

(d) COAL-TAR-BASE PAINTS

The method of sampling coal-tar-base paint is the same as that for pigments, pastes, and paints. Shipment may be rejected without test by the laboratory if observations or tests show that the material does not meet the specifications. If the paint delivered is of a different color or is of lighter weight per gallon than specified.

2. INSPECTION

Field inspection of new work is for the purpose of ascertaining whether the paint is being used at the required spreading rate, whether the work is being performed under proper weather conditions, and whether the surfaces to be painted are clean and dry. Moisture in wood and masonry can be detected by meters. Information regarding these devices can be obtained from the manufacturer, including William J. Delmhorst, 90 West St., New York, N. Y.; Raymond S. Hart, 7 Lincoln St., Jersey City, N. J.; L. A. Milbrock, 732 N. Lombard Ave., Chicago, Ill.; and C. J. Tagliabue Mfg. Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

New structural steel should be treated with two shop coats of inhibitive primer slightly different in color. If only one coat is used, the metal should be carefully inspected as soon as delivered at the site, and spot-coated with the primer wherever necessary. Within approximately 2 weeks a second coat should be applied over the whole surface.

Pinholes or cracks in bituminous coatings can be readily detected by means of an "electric holiday detector." The unit usually consists of a high-voltage transformer designed to operate on a 105- to 115-volt, 60-cycle power line, and an adjustable Tesla coil. A metal chain, band, or brush, whichever best conforms to the contour of the surface to be tested, is attached to the discharge terminal of the Tesla coil.

In inspecting the coating for defects, the metal chain, band, or brush is passed slowly over and in contact with the surface tested. The Tesla coil is so adjusted that at all times there is a uniform corona (violet in color) discharge between the metal chain, band, or brush, and the enamel coating. Breaks in the coating are indicated by sparking between the testing unit and the metal under the enamel. Such units are obtainable from electrical supply houses, especially those handling scientific instruments.

In connection with the subject of inspection, a leaflet issued by the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association, "Paint Exposure or Complaint Report" [17], is useful in the inspection of new or previously painted metal and wood. From this leaflet there is reproduced the following field-inspection report sheet:

PAINT EXPOSURE OR COMPLAINT REPORT

HISTORY

Location Date
 Lumber Used Build
 Age of Structure Area
 Applied on New or Previously Painted Surface

Condition of Old Paint at Time of Painting

South

Chalking
 Checking
 Cracking
 Blistering
 Peeling
 Flaking
 Sealing

Type of Paint Previously Used.....
 etc.

Method of Preparing Surface Before Applying Paint

Date of Painting

Kind of Primer

Reduction Made for Priming Coat

Kind of Paint.....

Reduction Made for Finishing Coats.....

Number of Coats Applied on Body.....

Number of Coats Applied on Trim.....

Weather Conditions at Time of Painting.....

INSPECTION

Date	Inspector.....			
	South	West	North	East
General Appearance.....				
Discoloration				
Gloss				
Chalking				
Checking				
Cracking				
Flaking				
Scaling				
Blistering				
Peeling				

Structural Defects Found Where Water Could Enter:

Window Frames	Headers
Louvers	Roof
Warped Siding or Trim Boards	Absence of Flashings or Defective Flashings
Poor Drainage of Surface	
Water	Wet Basement
Lumber Siding Near Ground	Lack of Ventilation in Side Walls
Were Siding Butts Leaded?	
Remarks:	

Moisture Test: Percentage of Moisture in Wood at Time of Inspection:

Where Failures are Evident.....
Where Failures are not Evident.....

Are Acid Factories, Smelters or Other Industries Near the Job?.....

Are Samples of Wood or Paint Films Available?.....

Location of Area from which Films were Obtained for Laboratory Examination

Result of Film Examination:

Number of Old Coats.....
Adherence of Old Coats to Underlying Surface.....
What Photographs were Taken?.....

VIII. PAINT FAILURES

Paint failures are inevitable, as no paint lasts indefinitely. In addition, the many buildings during the war have had many paint failures. For these reasons, this section of the manual is significant. Instructions or suggestions can not take the place of the experience of the master painter in acquiring a practical knowledge of paint failures properly.

Before discussing paint failures it may be helpful to point out that, in general, white paint is the least durable and black paint is the most durable. Dark-colored paint is more durable than light tints. For example, black paint is more durable than a white paint. (Fed. Spec. TT-P-31a) is more durable than a light gray; white paint reflects more light than dark-colored paint. However, white paint reflects about 80 percent of the light, while black paint reflects only about 2 percent. The white paint here indicates film integrity rather than color. For example, a medium-gray paint on a wall may change to light gray after prolonged exposure. The owner of the house may feel that the paint has failed (from the standpoint of appearance), but the integrity of the film may be unimpaired.

The cause of paint failures may be due to inadequate surface preparation prior to paint application or unsuitable composition of the paint. It should be considered in avoiding failures the correct proportioning of materials for the paint, the time of adequate drying time between coats, and suitable weather conditions.

There are other causes of paint failures, such as those listed above, such as construction faults, faulty maintenance, which includes too infrequent painting and the composition of the paint in a coating. These faults are common sources of paint failures.

Descriptions of some of the more common paint failures and painting troubles with

remedies follow: Examples of paint failures in Army commentaries are shown in figures 3 to 22 and are used through the courtesy of the Office of the Chief of Engineers, War Department. Other illustrations of paint failures, figures 23 to 31, were furnished by the Forest Products Laboratory, Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Madison, Wis. The photographs shown at the end of this chapter were made by F. L. Browne, of the Forest Products Laboratory. The reader is also referred to the photographs of paint failures shown in Federal Specification TT-P-141a.

1. ADHESION

The satisfactory adhesion of the first coat of paint to the underlying surface is extremely important. The success of the paint job depends to a very large extent on the bonding of the first coat to the foundation. Insufficient or unskilled preparation of the surface may result in defective adhesion. Having the surface clean and dry, sanding all glossy coats prior to applying subsequent coats, allowing sufficient time for each coat to dry hard (but no unnecessarily long) are all important factors in promoting good adhesion. In addition to suitable preparation of the surface, the priming paint should be formulated for the particular surface to which it is to be applied. To help obtain a satisfactory paint job, the following Federal specifications have been prepared:

- TT-P-20—For priming structural steel
- TT-P-86—For priming structural steel.
- TT-P-25—For priming exterior wood.
- TT-P-56—For priming interior plaster, concrete, brick.
- TT-P-641—For priming galvanized iron.

A wide variation will be found in the paint-holding properties of woods in general use. The woods which hold paint longest and suffer least when repainting is neglected are cedar, redwood, and cypress; next in order are northern white pine, western white pine, and sugar pine; the third group in order is Ponderosa pine, spruce, and hemlock; the last group consists of woods which have the poorest paint-holding properties: Douglas fir, western larch, and southern yellow pine.

2. ALLIGATORING

Alligatoring consists of the development of interlacing lines over relatively large areas on a paint film, giving the

appearance of alligator's skin (see fig. 24). Alligatoring is the application of a hard or varnish over a comparatively soft and unhardened sample, a flat white paint applied over a soft undercoat (see fig. 25). The outer coat tends to oxidize and dry, after which it contracts and cracks, leaving the hard topcoat over the soft undercoat. The consequent hardening of the undercoat is good practice to allow the priming and subsequent coats of paint or varnish to cure a long time before the next coat is applied.

Alligatoring may begin as checking and break tends to grow wider at the bottom. The top coating contracts, thus pulling away from the undercoat. In the typical extreme, the "islands" of coating between interlacing lines are not only contracted in area but have become thin and, consequently, often have become brittle. This may be caused by the application of incompatible paints or by the application of enamels over resin-impregnated surfaces (see figs. 24, 27, 30, and 31).

3. BLEEDING

Painting over knots (see figs. 6, 7, and 8) in resinous wood causes a dissolving action of the resin. As a result, white paint turns brown over creosote, bitumen, or colors turn black (for example, stain, for example) likewise may cause the paint to dissolve into the paint coat. The resinous surface with a sealer prior to applying the paint. A quick-drying, aluminum paint (see fig. 26) made, quick-drying, aluminum paint (see fig. 26) powder or paste to 1 gal. of interior paint (see fig. 26) for interior work, or spar varnish (see fig. 26) for exterior work) is a quick-drying, bituminous paint. Rosin-free orange shellac (see fig. 26) (TT-V-91a) is used in thin coats over the resinous surface. In this connection, the reader is previously been said regarding the subject of knots.

Where resin has exuded from the wood on the surface or has caused alligatoring in the area should be scraped and sandpapered.

place when a paint has very little elasticity, particularly when a thick coat builds up (see Chalking) with continued repaintings. Certain paints are inclined to fail by cracking, curling, and scaling, whereas others fail by moderate chalking with or without checking. A surface on which the paint fails by moderate chalking is the least serious type of paint failure and the most economical for repainting.

Before repainting, the safest plan is to remove all scaling paint by burning and scraping off. If some of the old paint is not removed, it will eventually scale off, taking the new paint with it. The degree of scaling of paint depends on the kind of wood to which the paint is applied. For example, a paint that fails normally by cracking and scaling may exhibit this defect to a minimum extent on a wood that holds paint well, such as western red cedar and redwood. When applied to a wood that does not hold paint well, for example, southern yellow pine and Douglas fir, the paint may exhibit this defect to the maximum extent.

8. CRAWLING

Crawling is the tendency of a paint or varnish to form a discontinuous film by drawing up into drops or globules shortly after application and results from surface tension caused by either the surface or the paint. Oil paint applied at room temperature over a cold or greasy surface may also cause crawling. Others causes are the application of a glossy coat of paint over a fresh glossy coat, particularly when an outside house paint contains an excessive amount of linseed oil; the application of paint or varnish over previous coats that are not hard and dry; the presence of moist finger marks on a surface prior to varnishing; the mixing together of various brands of varnish; the use of varnish that has become thick and viscous; the presence of a thin film of wax on the surface left by the use of liquid paint removers; the application of paint in cold or foggy weather.

The remedies for many of the above causes are the elimination of these conditions. It is best not to apply paint or varnish in cold, foggy, or damp weather; undercoats should be thoroughly dry before applying subsequent coats; if the undercoats are glossy, they should be sandpapered. Rubbing the surface with turpentine and steel wool before applying the paint is helpful. If the paint seems to be subject to crawling, brushing it thoroughly into the surface

may correct the trouble. If such is the case, the application of paint by spraying will aggravate the trouble.

9. "FADING" OF COLOR

Most paints change color on prolonged exposure to weather. This may be a true fading of color or it is the result of either a chemical change or a physical change on exposure to the weather or excess of paint. Some paints chalk unevenly, giving a blotchy effect on the color, particularly in the case of oil paint. Other paints chalk evenly and self-clean. This is the preferred type of "fading" or so-called fading of color occurs in sparsely painted surface has not received sufficient coats of paintable primer. This is one of the reasons why the specification TT-P-25 was made available for use as a wood primer.

The so-called fading of color of paint is usually due to the variable suction or porosity of the plaster. Thus, unpainted plaster should be primed with primer (for example, Fed. Spec. TT-P-25) before subsequent coats of oil paint.

The change in color of outdoor paint is usually due to dirt. Some paints hold dirt, whereas others clean the dirt by chalking ("self-cleaning"). If a paint is used in paint, it will hold dirt. For example, paints made of white lead, using 100 lb of white lead per gal of paint with the addition of 3 gal of turpentine, No. 1, 4 gal of oil in paint No. 2, and 7 gal of oil in paint No. 3, on exposure to the weather, paint No. 1 the most dirt and paint No. 3 the least. The paint that remains unusually clean is oil paint. Specification TT-P-10, type 1, Class B.

Paints containing lead pigments will discolor when hydrogen sulfide in the atmosphere. This discoloration appears as a brownish or grayish film because of the reaction of lead sulfide. This discoloration can be removed with hydrogen peroxide.

Mildew generally forms in black spots on paint, causing an unsightly change of color. Mildew is fairly common in the south. Commercial

prevention or retarding of mildew are now available in paste form to be added by the user.

Copper and bronze fly screens cause unsightly discoloration on white and light-tinted paints. The discoloration is a result of corrosion products from the copper or bronze and may be avoided by varnishing or painting the screens before corrosion takes place (see fig. 12).

10. LOSS OF GLOSS

On outdoor paints the first sign of weathering is loss of gloss, followed by chalking. Doubtless, both are different aspects of the same defect and are brought about by the same cause. Gloss is produced by an excess of oil or other binding material (linseed oil or varnish) and forms a smooth, glass-like film on the surface. Air, moisture, and sunlight cause these organic binding materials to deteriorate rapidly resulting in loss of gloss. Among other conditions causing loss of gloss are inadequate preparation of the surface; insufficient drying time between coats; painting in cold weather, particularly if there is a sudden drop (20 degrees F) in temperature during the fall or winter months before the paint has dried; incorrect use of paint removers and alkaline cleaners on paint; or exposure of the freshly painted surface to frost, fog, or moisture. When there is a possibility of dew or frost, the application of paint should be discontinued early in the afternoon.

11. RUNNING AND SAGGING

Running and sagging may occur when the paint contains too much oil or is applied too freely. If an old paint surface is too glossy, the fresh paint may show sagging. A method of test for running and sagging of a red lead paint is given in Federal Specification TT-R-191a. A method of test for the sagging of red enamel is given in Federal Specification TT-E-531a.

12. TACKINESS AND SLOW DRYING

As pointed out under "alligatoring," each coat of paint or varnish should dry firm and hard before a subsequent coat is applied. Dirt and mildew may collect on paint that dries tacky or sticky. Slow drying may be caused by (1) insufficient drier in the paint or varnish, (2) the use of poor quality linseed oil, (3) too liberal application of paint, (4)

the application of paint or varnish over a surface which is not dry, (5) the application of paint over a damp, wet, or foggy weather, and (6) the application of paint during cold weather. Dark-colored paints (Fed. Spec. TT-P-61a) and black (Fed. Spec. TT-P-71a) dry more slowly than white paints. If there is insufficient drying time between coats, the topcoat may lose its gloss, alligator, or peel on prolonged exposure to the weather. Surface tackiness is a common cause of tackiness.

Certain kinds of paints and varnishes are more likely to be stored too long in the original containers, more frequently to the "fast-drying" type than to the older types of varnishes. If there is a possibility that paint is old, it should be tested before use. If the drier is lost, a little paint drier should be added.

13. WASHING

Washing is the leaching out of the pigment in a paint during rain storms. It occurs when a paint contains a pigment which is soluble or is converted from a water-soluble material through chemical action during weathering.

14. WRINKLING

When a paint is applied too liberally, or when it is applied in cold, damp weather, the top of the film may dry too fast, leaving the paint beneath this skin soft and unhardened. The finished surface has a wrinkled appearance (see fig. 22). To avoid this, each coat of paint should be brushed out in a skilled manner, especially in cold weather. Also, it may be advisable to add a small amount of turpentine (about 1 pint to the gallon) to counteract this tendency. When painting in cold weather (below 50° F), the weather forecasts should be watched. When a marked drop in temperature is predicted for the evening of the day that painting is to be done, painting should be discontinued early in the day. In any event, paint should be applied between 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. during cold weather.



FIGURE 3.—South and east sides of building show paint cracking and scaling at gable end of building.

Paint is about 4 years old and is applied over southern yellow pine. Protection is given paint by overhanging eaves, which keep off direct sunlight and rain.

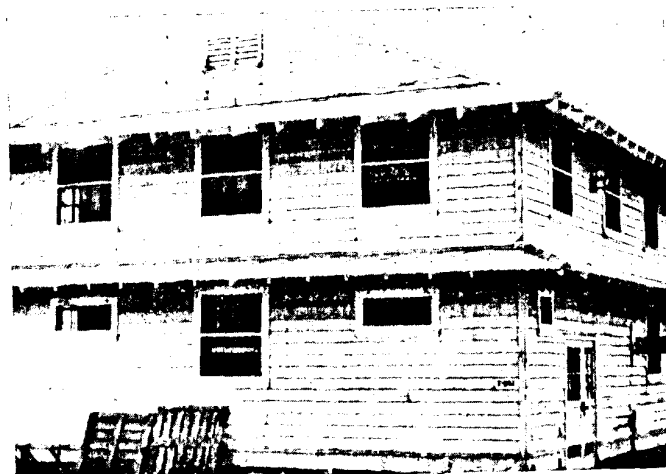


FIGURE 4.—Same building as figure 3, showing north and west sides. Paint generally fails worse on south and east sides.



FIGURE 5.—Wood siding on which paint failed. Just before the photograph was taken, the area shown was scraped. The remaining paint was found to be insecurely shipped between the paint film and the wood. Paint to be removed before repainting.

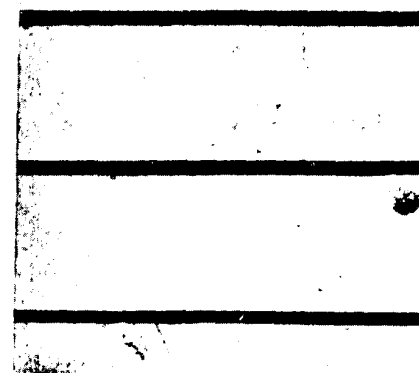


FIGURE 6.—Failure of paint on wood siding.



FIGURE 7.—Close-up view of paint failure over knot shown in figure 6

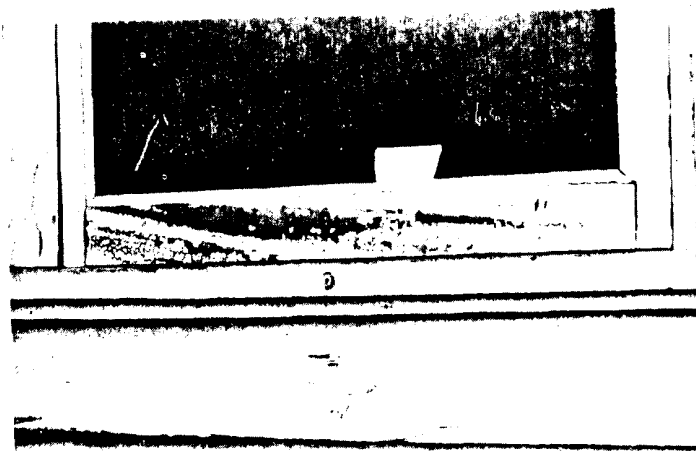


FIGURE 8.—Alligatoring and crumbling of paint over resin streak in frame of fly screen.



FIGURE 9.—Paint failure on exterior wall showing condensation of moisture within. Paint covering area shown on north side from wall head height, and from northwest corner to first condition. The reason for this is that shower inside this area has metal wall covering, which preventing condensation during cold weather. The rest of building developed after first winter.



FIGURE 10.—Typical discoloration of paint. Before repainting, surface should be scrubbed with alkaline cleaner, for example, trisodium

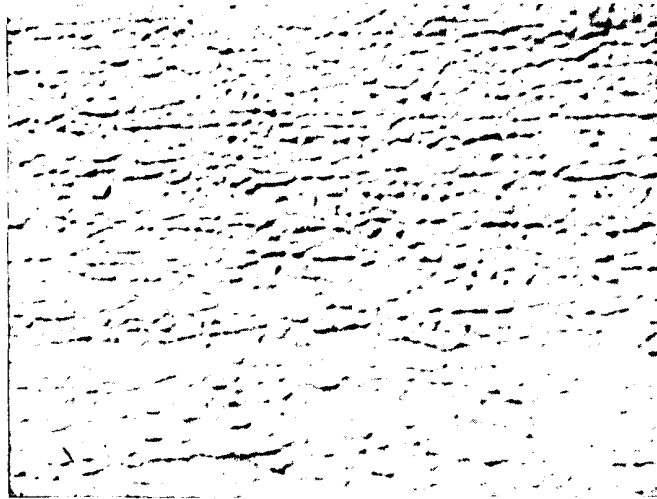


FIGURE 11.—Typical checking pattern of paint on the outside of building after 5 years of service.



FIGURE 12.—Discoloration of light-colored paint underneath fly screens, due to the corrosion of the screens.

Screen wire should be painted to avoid this trouble.

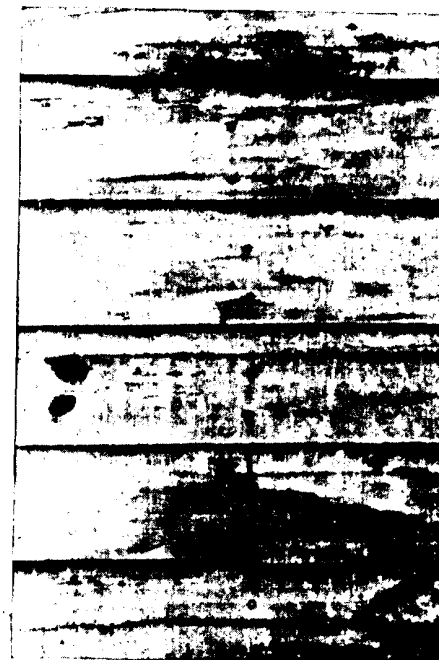


FIGURE 13.—Rot on painted wood siding. Surface should not be repainted until siding is replaced, as the basic structural fault causing the trouble is the case it was due to inadequate flashing at junction.



FIGURE 14.—Illustration of how painted wood starts to decay around a hinge, which holds water.

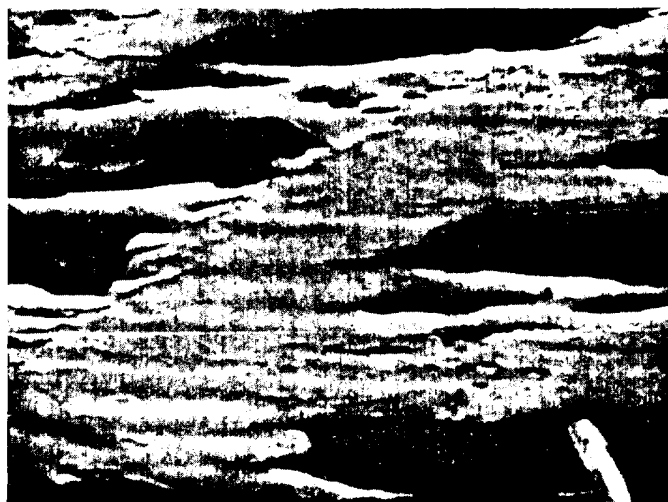


FIGURE 15.—Close-up view of cracking, curling, and scaling of paint on southern yellow pine.

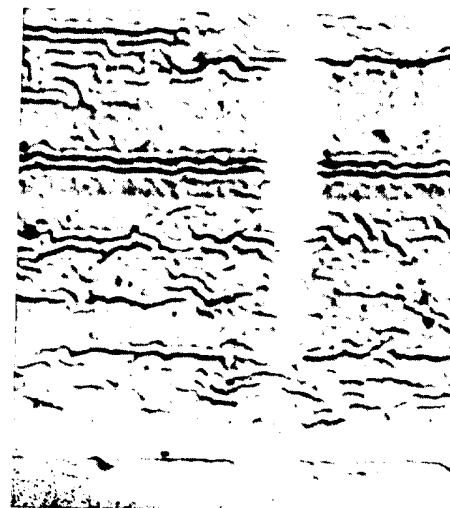


FIGURE 16.—Wrinkling of paint occurring during application of paint years of exposure.

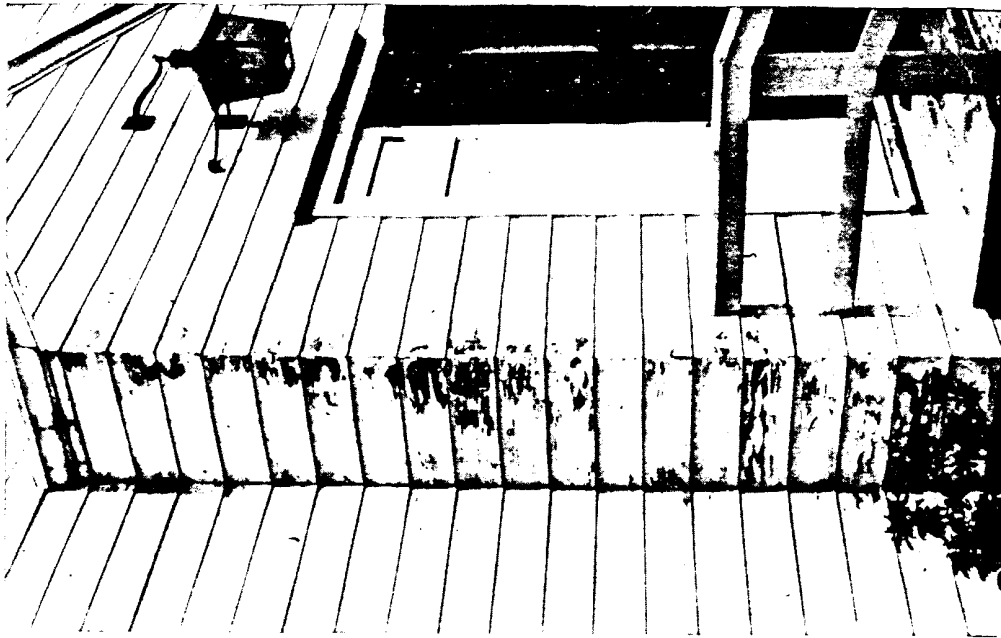


FIGURE 18.—*Serious peeling of paint.*

Peeling is particularly noticeable at corners. It was caused by collection of water behind certain parts of siding, probably the result of condensation in winter. At ground level the building is poorly ventilated.

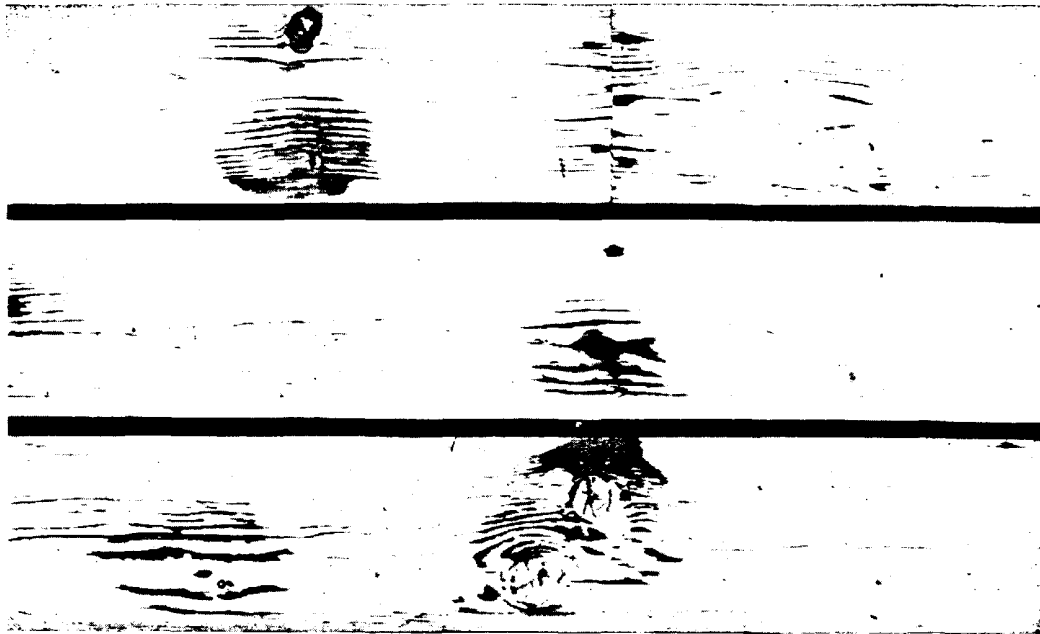


FIGURE 17.—*Typical paint failure over knots.*
Knots were shellacked generously prior to painting.



FIGURE 19.—Details of paint cracking on exterior of wood building.



FIGURE 20.—Failure of paint over a knot that had been shellacked prior to painting.

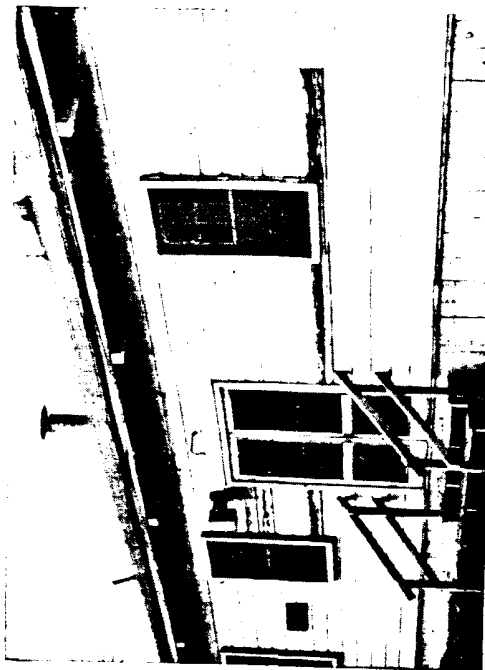


FIGURE 21.—Satisfactory appearance of paint on side of building, except over a few boards of summer wood.

These boards will always give trouble and should be replaced.

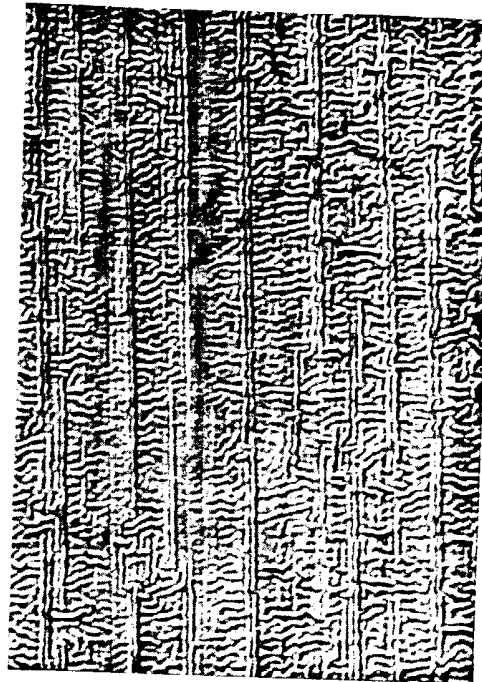


FIGURE 22.—Paint that has wrinkled soon after application.



FIGURE 23.—Typical alligatoring of finish coat of dark-brown paint (soft type) applied over white paint (hard type).

Compare with Figure 31.

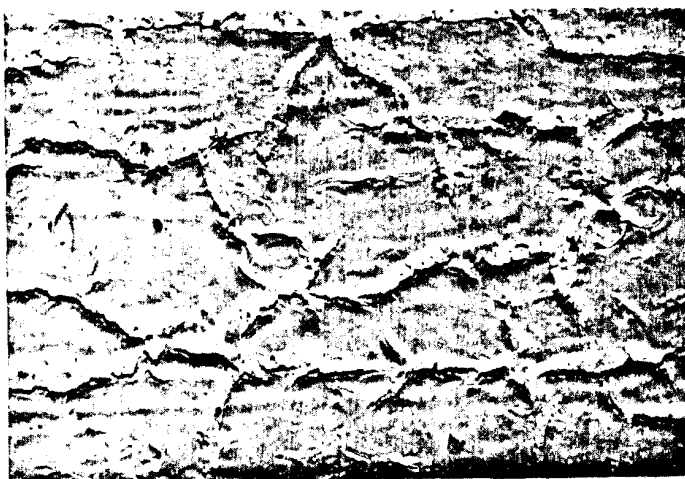


FIGURE 24.—Additional example of alligatoring of paint.



FIGURE 25.—Typical example of "cur" cracks.

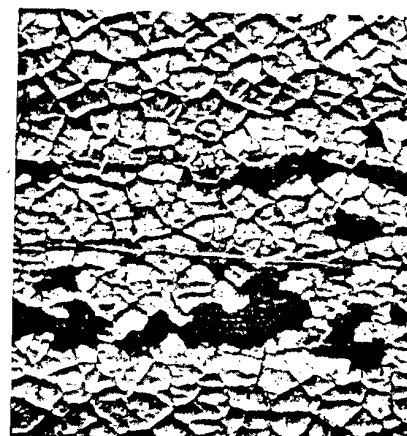


FIGURE 26.—Checking and crumbling southern yellow.



FIGURE 27.—*Example of alligatoring.*

Satisfactory service may be obtained only by removing all old paint before repainting.



FIGURE 28.—*Checking, cracking, curling, and flaking of paint on southern yellow pine.*

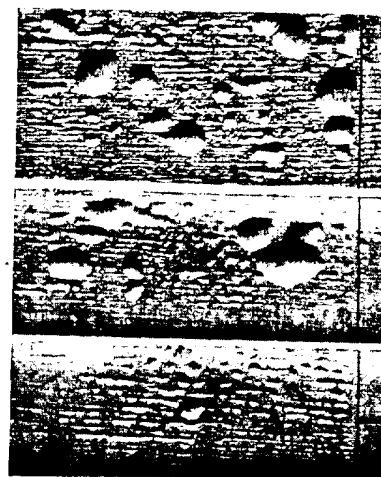


FIGURE 29.—*Blistering of pa*

Siding on the left was covered with three that on the right, with two coats of primer.



FIGURE 30.—*Alligatoring*

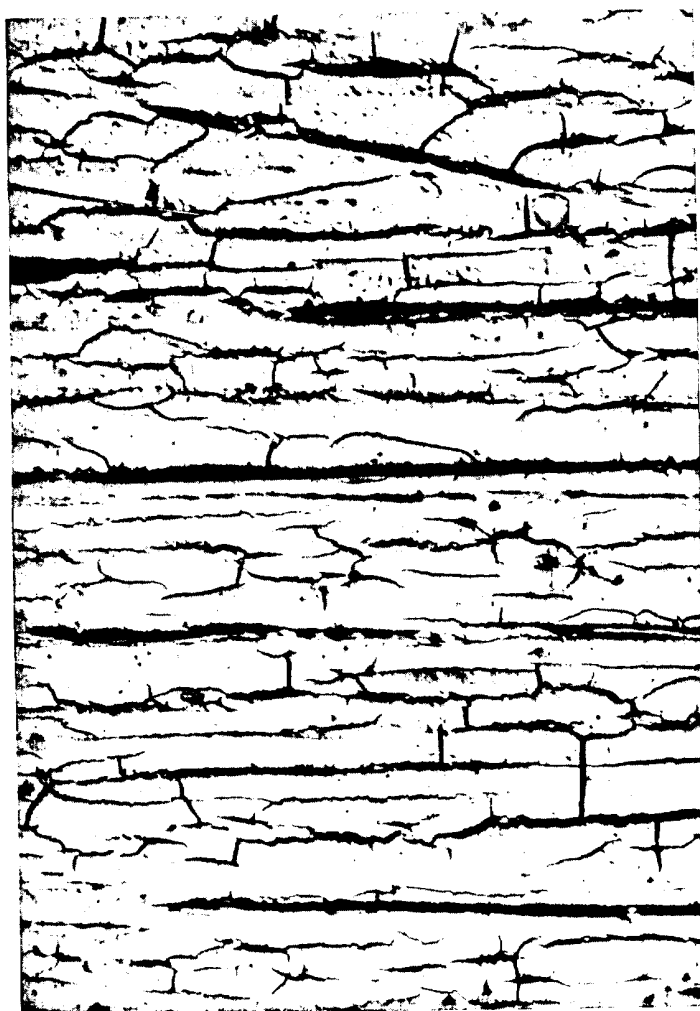


FIGURE 31.—Typical alligatoring of finish coat of white paint (hard type) applied over dark-red paint (soft type).

Compare with figure 23.

IX. BULKING VALUES OF PIGMENTS

The following tabulations, with data produced from Circular 667, Bulking of Pigments (1943), issued by the Scientific Section of the Paint and Lacquer Association [18]. The temperature for these tables is 15.5° C.

1. PIGMENTS

The bulking values of such pigments as yellow and iron oxides vary rather widely when used in substantial percentages in a tint or solid color, their actual values being obtained from the producer.

Also, the large number of organic pigments so widely in type and bulking value that only the important ones have been included.

Pigment

Aluminum bronze, standard	
Aluminum bronze, lining	
Aluminum paste, 65% solids	
Aluminum hydroxide	
Aluminum silicate	
Antimony oxide (Sb_2O_3)	
Antimony sulfide	
Barium carbonate	
Barium sulfate (barite)	
Barium sulfate (blanc fixe)	
Basic lead carbonate	
Basic lead sulfate	
Black iron oxide	
Blue lead	
Cadmium red lithopone	
Cadmium yellow	
Calcium carbonate (chalk)	
Calcium sulfate, anhydrous	
Calcium sulfate, hydrated	
Carbon black	
Clay (kaolin)	
Chrome green, light	
Chrome green, medium	
Chrome green, dark	
Chrome oxide	
Chrome oxide, hydrated	
Chrome yellow	
Chrome orange	
Chrome orange, molybdate	
Cobalt blue	
Copper bronze powder	

Pigment	Gallons per pound	Pounds per gallon	Specific gravity
Cuprous oxide	0.0207	48.23	5.79
Diatomaceous earth	.0520	19.24	2.31
Gold bronze powder	.0150	66.64	8.00
Graphite	.0541	18.49	2.22
Guignet's green	.0352	28.41	3.41
Hansa yellow	.0811	12.33	1.48
Indian red (98% Fe_2O_3)	.0235	42.57	5.11
Iron blue (prussian)	.0656	15.24	1.83
Iron oxide black	.0254	39.32	4.72
Iron oxide, red or brown, 97% Fe_2O_3	.0235	42.57	5.11
Iron oxide, red or brown, 70% Fe_2O_3	.0292	34.64	4.11
Iron oxide, red or brown, 40% Fe_2O_3	.0329	30.40	3.65
Iron yellow, natural	.0353	28.32	3.40
Iron yellow, synthetic	.0304	32.90	3.95
Kaolin (clay)	.0462	21.66	2.60
Lampblack	.0674	14.83	1.78
Lead, metallic (90:10 paste)	.0250	39.98	4.80
Lead, titanate	.0164	60.98	7.32
Litharge	.0127	78.64	9.44
Lithol red	.0765	13.08	1.57
Lithopone, regular	.0279	35.82	4.30
Lithopone, titanated	.0282	35.40	4.25
Magnesium carbonate	.0663	15.08	1.81
Magnesium silicate	.0421	23.74	2.85
Mercuric oxide	.0107	92.80	11.14
Metallic brown	.0304	32.90	3.95
Mica	.0424	23.57	2.83
Mineral black	.0480	20.83	2.50
Molybdate orange	.0207	48.31	5.80
Ochre	.0406	24.66	2.96
Orange mineral	.0136	73.53	8.82
Para red	.0811	12.33	1.48
Para red (15% on CaCO_3)	.0494	20.24	2.43
Para red, chlorinated	.0770	12.99	1.56
Paris green	.0371	26.99	3.24
Phthalocyanine blue	.0770	12.99	1.56
Phthalocyanine green	.0597	16.74	2.01
Prussian blue	.0656	15.24	1.83
Red lead	.0136	73.53	8.82
Sienna, burnt	.0326	30.65	3.68
Sienna, raw	.0365	27.41	3.20
Silica, quartz	.0453	22.07	2.65
Silica, diatomaceous	.0520	19.24	2.31
Slate flour	.0429	23.32	2.80
Talc (magnesium silicate)	.0421	23.74	2.85
Titanium-barium (25%) anatase	.0279	35.82	4.30
Titanium-barium (30%) anatase	.0283	35.31	4.24
Titanium-calcium anatase	.0384	26.07	3.13
Titanium-calcium, rutile	.0369	27.07	3.25
Titanium dioxide, anatase	.0309	32.32	3.88
Titanium dioxide, rutile	.0286	35.00	4.20
Titanium-magnesium	.0387	25.82	3.10

Pigment

Toluidine red
Tuscan red
Ultramarine blue
Umber, burnt
Umber, raw
Van dyke brown
Venetian red (40% Fe_2O_3)
Venetian red (20% Fe_2O_3)
White lead, carbonate
White lead, sulfate
Whiting
Zinc chromate (zinc yellow)
Zinc chromate (tetroxy)
Zinc dust
Zinc oxide
Zinc oxide (5% leaded)
Zinc oxide (35% leaded)
Zinc oxide (50% leaded)
Zinc sulfide
Zinc sulfide—barium
Zinc sulfide—calcium
Zinc sulfide—magnesium
Zirconium oxide

2. OILS

The scope of this table will suffice for
Patented oils are not included as their types

Oils

Castor
Castor, dehydrated
Castor, dehydrated, Z 3
Cottonseed
Fish—(see also Menhaden, Pilchard, and Sardine)
Linseed, raw or boiled
Linseed, blown
Linseed, heat-bodied, E
Linseed, heat-bodied, Q
Linseed, heat-bodied, Z and higher
Menhaden
Oiticica, raw
Oiticica, liquefied
Perilla
Pilchard
Sardine
Soybean
Tall
Tung

3. SOLVENTS

In addition to the liquids in this list, a large number are not included. The solvents not included are specialties used in relatively small amounts and it is hoped that their omission will not detract from the usefulness of the table.

Solvents	Gallons per pound	Pounds per gallon	Specific gravity
Acetone	0.1514	6.61	0.793
n-Amyl acetate	.1380	7.25	.870
n-Amyl alcohol	.1380	7.25	.870
Benzene, industrially pure	.1364	7.33	.880
n-Butanol	.1478	6.76	.812
n-Butyl acetate	.1370	7.30	.876
sec-Butyl acetate	.1393	7.18	.862
Butyl lactate	.1233	8.11	.974
Carbon tetrachloride	.0750	13.33	1.600
Cyclohexanone	.1270	7.87	.945
Diacetone alcohol	.1276	7.84	.941
Diethyl carbonate	.1232	8.12	.975
Diethylene glycol monoethyl ether	.1213	8.25	.990
Dipentene	.1396	7.16	.860
Ethanol, 95%	.1471	6.80	.816
Ethanol, S.D. 1	.1473	6.79	.815
Ethyl acetate	.1334	7.50	.900
Ethylene dichloride	.0952	10.50	1.26
Ethylene glycol monobutyl ether	.1331	7.51	.902
Ethylene glycol monoethyl ether	.1289	7.76	.931
Ethylene glycol monoethyl ether acetate	.1233	8.11	.974
Ethylene glycol monomethyl ether	.1243	8.05	.966
Ethylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate	.1189	8.41	1.01
Ethyl lactate	.1166	8.58	1.03
Hexahydrophenol	.1261	7.93	.952
Isopropanol	.1520	6.58	.790
Kerosene	.1510	6.62	.795
Methanol	.1514	6.61	.793
Methyl acetate	.1322	7.56	.908
Methyl acetone (48% acetone, 28% methyl acetate, 24% methyl alcohol)	.1444	6.92	.831
Methylene chloride	.0903	11.08	1.33
Methyl ethyl ketone	.1491	6.71	.805
Methyl isobutyl ketone	.1499	6.68	.802
Mineral spirits—			
Approx. distn. range, 155° to 200° C.	.1525	6.56	.787
Approx. distn. range, 180° to 250° C.	.1477	6.77	.813
Naphtha, aromatic petroleum—			
Approx. distn. range, 90° to 150° C.	.1501	6.66	.800
Approx. distn. range, 135° to 190° C.	.1421	7.04	.845
Approx. distn. range, 170° to 220° C.	.1380	7.25	.870
Naphtha, lacquer diluent	.1626	6.15	.738
Naphtha, solvent—			
Approx. distn. range, 130° to 155° C.	.1396	7.16	.860
Approx. distn. range, 150° to 200° C.			
Hi-flash	.1380	7.25	.870
Heavy, wire enamel solvent	.1291	7.75	.930

Solvents

Naphtha, V. M. & P.—

Approx. distn. range, 100° to 160° C.

Nitroethane

Nitromethane

1-Nitropropane

Petroleum spirits—

Approx. distn. range, 155° to 200° C.

Approx. distn. range, 180° to 250° C.

Pine oil

Toluene, industrially pure

Trichloroethylene

Turpentine

Xylene, 5°

4. RESINS AND OTHER FILMOGENS

Most of the synthetic resins and filmogens (in use today vary so widely in their attempt to classify them would be misleading) have been entered have been assigned maximum values and the user of these tables should obtain the producer.

In the few cases that have been investigated, values of filmogens in solution differ from those in bulk. Assuming no change in the bulking value of filmogens occupy less volume in solution than in bulk for the cellulosic filmogens given in the tables to their solution in typical solvents or solvents.

Resins and other filmogens

Accroides

Alkyd

Asphalt, oxidized petroleum

Asphalt, steamblown petroleum

Beeswax

Candelilla wax

Carnauba wax

Casein

Cellulose acetate

Cellulose acetate-butyrate

Cellulose nitrate

Ceresin

Chlorinated diphenyl, 65% chlorine

Chlorinated rubber

Congo

Congo ester

Resins and other filmogens	Gallons per pound	Pounds per gallon	Specific gravity
Cumarone	0.1112	9.00	1.08
Damar	.1143	8.75	1.05
East India	.1155	8.66	1.04
Elaterite	.1166	8.58	1.03
Ester gum	.1062	9.41	1.13
Ethyl cellulose	.1035	9.66	1.16
Gilsonite	.1143	8.75	1.05
Kauri	.1155	8.66	1.04
Lac	.1000	10.00	1.20
Manila	.1122	8.91	1.07
Mastic	.1122	8.91	1.07
Melamine	.0984	10.16	1.22
Paraffin	.1349	7.41	.89
Phenol-formaldehyde	.1166 to .1000	8.58 10.00	1.03 1.20
Pontianak	.1122	8.91	1.07
Rosin	.1112	9.00	1.08
Rosin, limed, 4 to 6% Ca	.1091	9.16	1.10
Urea-formaldehyde	.0961	10.41	1.25
Vegetable oil pitch	.1177	8.50	1.02
Vinyl	.0900	11.08	1.33
Zinc rosinate, 6% Zn	.1044	9.58	1.15

5. PLASTICIZERS

Plasticizers	Gallons per pound	Pounds per gallon	Specific gravity
Benzyl benzoate	0.1062	9.41	1.13
Blown castor oil, Z	.1200	8.33	1.00
Blown castor oil, Z6	.1166	8.58	1.03
Butyl acetyl ricinoleate	.1277	7.83	.94
Butyl phthalyl butyl glycollate	.1091	9.16	1.10
Butyl stearate	.1396	7.16	.86
Camphor	.1200	8.33	1.00
Diamyl phthalate	.1166	8.58	1.03
Dibutyl phthalate	.1143	8.75	1.05
Dibutyl sebacate	.1277	7.83	.94
Dibutyl tartrate	.1112	9.00	1.08
Dibutoxy ethyl phthalate	.1291	7.75	.93
Diethyl phthalate	.1072	9.33	1.12
Dihydromethyl abietate	.1166	8.58	1.03
Dimethyl phthalate	.1009	9.91	1.19
Ethyl phthalyl ethyl glycollate	.1016	9.84	1.18
Methyl abietate	.1177	8.50	1.02
Methyl phthalyl ethyl glycollate	.0980	10.20	1.22
Toluene ethyl sulfonamide	.1009	9.91	1.19
Tributyl citrate	.1143	8.75	1.05
Tributyl phosphate	.1225	8.16	.98
Tricresyl phosphate	.1017	9.83	1.18
Triethyl citrate	.1053	9.50	1.14
Triphenyl phosphate	.1009	9.91	1.19

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 Wood and shingle stains, NBS LC464 (1936).

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Paint and varnish brushes, R43-28, 5¢.
 Color for school furniture, R111-30, 5¢.
 Paints, varnishes, and related products, R111-30, 5¢.

Color code for marking steel bars, R166-37, 5¢.
Color marking for anesthetic gas cylinders, R176-41, 5¢.

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Aluminum paints, NBS TIBM43 (1937).
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Paint drying oils—linseed, NBS TIBM44 (1937).
Paint pigments—black, red, and lakes, NBS TIBM31 (1936).
Paint pigments—white, NBS TIBM30 (1936).
Paint pigments—yellow, brown, blue, green, and bronze, NBS TIBM32 (1936).
Paint for priming plaster surfaces, NBS TIBM11 (1936).
Painting of ferrous metals, NBS TIBM28 (1936).
Painting plaster, NBS TIBM18 (1936).
Preparation of paints from paste and dry pigments, NBS TIBM35 (1936).
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Colors for bathroom accessories, CS63-38, 5¢.
Artists' oil paints, CS98-42, 5¢.

XI. GLOSSARY OF SELECTED PAINT TERMS

The purpose of this glossary is to assist the reader in becoming better acquainted with the definitions and explanations of a limited number of terms currently used in the field of protective coatings. No attempt has been made to cover the entire field. For those interested in the definition of terms not included, the following references used in preparing this glossary are suggested:

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Standard Chemical and Technical Dictionary by H. Bennett. Chemical Publishing Co., Inc., New York, N. Y.
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Federal Specification TT-P-141a, Paints and Related Materials; General Specification Methods (20 cents, Superintendent of Documents, A.S.T.M. Standards, 1942).
Testing Materials.

Acid number.—A value obtained by dividing the number of milligrams of acid required to neutralize the free fatty substance.

Alkali-refined oil.—Drying oil which has been reduced to its acid number.

Alkyd resin.—A group of synthetic resins formed by reacting polyhydric alcohols, such as glycerol, with dibasic organic acids such as phthalic and sebacic. A modifying agent is used to impart certain properties. Some are semidrying, and nondrying oils; others are natural resins such as rosin; synthetic resins. An average alkyd resin contains about 50 percent of modifier such as phthalic anhydride, 30 percent of dibasic acid, and 20 percent of alcohol (see glyceryl phthalate).

Aromatic.—Derived from or containing the benzene ring—as applied to organic compounds—many of which are used in paints.

Binder.—The nonvolatile portion of a paint.

Bleeding.—When coloring matter from one coat or an undercoat works up into successive coats to them a certain amount of color.

Blistering.—Formation of bubbles in a paint film, usually caused by moisture beneath the film.

Bloom.—Haze or clouded effect on the surface of dried enamel or varnish, usually caused by moisture beneath the film.

Bodied linseed oil.—Bodied linseed oil thickened by heat treating or by the addition of "body" or consistency. It may be measured by degrees of body or viscosity, indicated on a scale by letters of the alphabet.

Body coat.—Intermediate coat of paint applied over the first coat and the finishing coat.

Boiled linseed oil.—Raw linseed oil heated in the presence of metallic drying agents.

method consisted in heating the oil by direct fire to a temperature of about 550° F, at which point oxides of metals, such as red lead, litharge, and manganese dioxide were added. More modern methods add soluble driers, such as resins, linoleates, and naphthanates of lead, manganese, and cobalt, to the oil, which is heated to lower temperatures than in the older process.

Boot-topping paint.—A water- and weather-resistant marine paint used on the boot-topping area of vessels. The boot-topping area is that area on the exterior of the vessel extending from the light-load water line to 6 in. above the full-load water line.

Builders' acid.—An acid prepared on the job by adding 1 part by volume of muriatic (hydrochloric) acid to 4 parts by volume of water. The solution, which should be mixed in a wood pail and applied to the surface by means of fiber scrub brushes, will remove mortar stains from brick.

Bulking value.—Void-free volume of a unit weight of material expressed as decimal fraction of a gallon per pound.

Calcimine.—A wash consisting of a mixture of whiting, glue, china clay, and water (see Fed. Spec. TT-C-96).

Chalking.—A phenomenon of paint coatings manifest by loose powder coming from the film itself, at or just beneath the surface.

Consistency.—Relative firmness, limpidity, body, or resistance to agitation or deformation of a coating material in bulk.

Copals.—A group of resinous substances exuding from various tropical trees. Copal is collected from living trees or is dug from the ground as a fossil. The main sources are East India, New Zealand, and Africa. Some of the resins are amber, congo, kauri, manila, Pontianak, West India gum, and zanzibar.

Crazing.—A type of paint failure consisting of minute interlacing cracks on the surface of a finish caused by unequal contraction while drying.

Cut.—The dispersion of a certain number of pounds of shellac or resin per gallon of volatile liquid. For example, a 4-lb cut of shellac varnish contains 4 lb of dry shellac and 1 gal of alcohol.

Drier.—A composition that accelerates the drying of oil, paint, or varnish. Driers, usually compounds of metals, are available in solid, paste, and liquid form.

Drying oil.—An oil which possesses the property of readily taking up oxygen, changing to a relatively hard, tough film when exposed in a thin film to the air.

Efflorescence.—A white powdery deposit on brick walls and similar masonry surfaces, removed by builders' acid before surface painting.

Emulsifier or emulsifying agent.—A substance of a colloidal nature that intimately mix and combine materials ordinarily immiscible, such as oil and water, to produce a stable finished emulsion. This is a double task of promoting the emulsification of the oil and of promoting the stability of the finished product. Some examples of emulsifiers are alkali soaps (sodium oleate); metallic soaps (aluminum oleate); amino soaps (morpholine oleate); and casein (the natural stabilizer in milk that keeps the emulsion stable).

Enamel.—A paint that is characterized by a dry to an especially smooth, hard, glossy finish.

Film integrity.—The serviceability of a paint film may be described by (1) the appearance of the film, coloration by dirt, loss of gloss, fading, chalking, and checking visible to the eye, and (2) film integrity: cracking, peeling, and scaling of the film or discontinuities that expose the bare underlying surface.

Filmogens.—General word for film-forming materials such as linseed oil and varnish resins.

Foots.—Slimy mucilaginous matter that forms on some oils when they stand for a long time.

Form lacquer.—Thin varnish or lacquer applied to concrete forms to prevent the concrete from curing too fast.

Garnet paper.—Similar to sandpaper, but made of sand used for making garnet paper is used as that used for jewelry but of more uniformly dark claret in color.

Glazing.—Operation of setting windows with glass. Also, the process of obtaining Tiffan-like effects on walls by the application of translucent colors-in-oil such as sienna, brown, thinned with flattening oil (Fe

Gloss (luster, sheen).—The property of a surface by which it reflects light specularly. Painters use the terms *high*, *enamel*, or *mirror* to indicate the highest gloss or luster; and *semigloss*, *eggshell*, and *flat* to indicate decreasing degrees of gloss in the order given.

Glyceryl phthalate resin (alkyd).—A synthetic resin of the alkyd group, used principally in paints, varnishes, and lacquers; sometimes called phthalic alkyd resin. It is made by reacting glycerin and phthalic anhydride. The alkyd resins as a group are made by reacting polyhydric alcohols, such as glycerin and the glycols, with dibasic organic acids, such as phthalic, maleic, succinic, and sebacic.

Gum.—Viscous vegetable secretion that hardens but, unlike a resin, is water-soluble; name often applied in the varnish industry to natural resins, as, for example, kauri "gum." A more appropriate term is "gum resin."

Hiding power.—The power of a paint or paint material to obscure the surface to which it is applied. In Federal specifications this property is expressed in terms of square feet per gallon.

Iodine number.—In the analysis of oils, fats, etc. the number of centigrams of iodine absorbed by 1 g of the substance.

Kauri reduction test.—A method of determining the relative flexibility of certain oleoresinous varnishes by using a solution of properly treated kauri resin in turpentine. (For details, see Fed. Spec. TT-P-141a, Method 415.)

Krebs units.—Arbitrary values representing viscosity or consistency of paints based on tests with the Krebs-Stormer viscometer.

Lacquer.—The term indicates a coating material that dries by evaporation. The many types include cellulosic lacquers, Chinese lacquers, sanitary or tin-plate lacquers, and spirit lacquers, for example, solutions of shellac in alcohol. Cellulosic lacquers (Fed. Spec. TT-L-58) are the most important and today, the term *lacquer* is applied almost exclusively to this type. Cellulosic lacquers, either transparent or pigmented, contain cellulose esters or ethers and plasticizers, with or without natural or synthetic resins as the basic film-forming ingredients. Lacquer dries rapidly by solvent evaporation.

Mil.—Unit of thickness; 1/1000 in. Used to measure the thickness of paint coats.

Nonvolatile vehicle.—Liquid portion of paint, with the exception of volatile thinner and water.

Oil length of varnish.—The number of parts of oil with which 100 lb of resin, or "gum," oil" varnish contains 25 gal of oil or oil" gal or less; "medium-oil," from 10 to 20 gal of long-oil is spar varnish (TT-V-121b); "medium-oil" varnish (TT-V-86); medium-oil, interior (V-71a).

Oil varnish.—Varnish that contains resin as the basic film-forming ingredients and a solid film primarily by chemical reaction (nash).

Paint.—A mixture of pigment with vehicle to be spread in thin coats for decoration, protection, or both.

Pigment.—Fine solid particles used in paint and substantially insoluble in the vehicle.

Pigment volume.—Percentage by volume of nonvolatile portion of a paint as calculated from value and composition data. The letters PV are used as an abbreviation.

Plasticizer.—An ingredient added to a resin to increase toughness, or otherwise modify its properties.

Plastic wood.—Mixture designed for use as a work. Consists of wood flour, resins, and a plastic binding material such as cellulose.

Poise.—The cgs (centimeter-gram-second) unit of viscosity.

Polymerization.—A reaction in which molecules of the same substance combine to form a higher molecular weight without changing the composition of the original material. In the coating field, the term is applied to various drying oils, such as linseed oil and tung oil, such as rosin. In most varnishes the oil is heated carefully. The presence of phenolic resins in the oil, during the varnish cooking, greatly aids polymerization. Such varnishes dry largely by polymerization rather than by oxidation. Varnish films formed by polymerization are characterized by their resistance and resistance to sunlight and to pure phenolic resin spar varnish.

Primer.—The paint or analogous substance applied to the surface of the material being painted.

Putty.—A kind of cement used for fastening glass in sashes, stopping crevices, and similar purposes.

Resin.—A semisolid or solid, complex amorphous mixture of organic compound with no definite melting point, insoluble in water. Resins are usually either partly soluble in alcohols, ethers, and other organic solvents or can be made so by heating. On heating, resins soften, melt, and burn with a smoky flame.

Rosin.—The solid resin obtained as the residue from the preparation of turpentine from the crude resin of the pine tree.

Saponify.—To convert a fat or oil into soap by the action of an alkali. When esters are boiled with strong bases, soaps are formed. Linseed oil contains the glyceryl ester of linoleic acid. Thus, when a linseed-oil paint comes in contact with a surface that contains strong alkali and water, such as damp concrete basement floors, the oil is saponified and thus loses its bonding properties.

Sealer (size).—A liquid coating composition, usually transparent, such as varnish, that also contains pigment for sealing porous surfaces, especially plaster, preparatory to application of finish coats. A thin varnish of 1 gal TT-V-71a interior varnish plus 1 or 2 qt turpentine is frequently used as a "sealer" for plaster, prior to application of finish coats of paint. Federal Specification TT-P-56 is an example of pigmented sealer for plaster. Wood floor sealer (Fed. Spec. TT-S-176) is a thin varnish.

Shellac.—A resinous material commonly known as "flake shellac," secreted by the insect *Laccifer Lacca* Kerr. Shellac is obtainable in two forms, "orange" and "bleached." (Fed. Spec. TT-S-271).

Spar varnish.—A very durable, water-resistant varnish for severe service on exterior exposure. It consists of one or more drying oils: for example, linseed, tung, or dehydrated castor; one or more resins: for example, rosin, ester gum, 100 percent phenolic resin, or modified phenolic resin; one or more volatile thinners: for example, turpentine or petroleum spirits; and driers: for example, linoleates, resinates, or naphthanates of lead, manganese, and cobalt. It is classed as long-oil varnish (see "oil length of varnish"), and generally consists of 45 to 50 gal of oil to each 100 lb of resin.

Spirit varnish.—A varnish which is converted to a solid film by solvent evaporation. Damar Varnish (Fed. Spec.

TT-V-61) and Shellac Varnish (I) are spirit varnishes.

Spreading rate.—The amount of paint which a given volume of paint can spray, etc. Usually expressed in gallon.

Thixotropic paint.—The general property or phenomenon, exhibited by a fluid when shaken. The change in fluidity of a thixotropic paint applies particularly to wall paints. Many paints of this type have a texture like the texture of whipped cream, but become highly fluid when the paint remains so for an appreciable time. The change in mechanical disturbance, such as stirring, putting the brush into the paint, etc., causes the paint to become fluid again. These are known as thixotropic paints. The logical property is of practical significance, application, and film properties.

Trim enamel paint.—A subdivision of paint known as house paints, differing from body colors by faster drying, by having fewer brush marks. Principally used on trim, screens, and shutters. (I amendment 1).

Two-coat paint system.—A system of painting new exterior woodwork that consists of a primer and finish paint for application in two coats. After two coats have been applied and the paint is dry, the thickness of the coating for the primer should be about 0.0045 to 0.0055 in. (4½ to 5 mils). For such a thickness, the primer should have a minimum of 450 ft²/gal and the finish coat should have a minimum of 450 ft²/gal.

Varnish.—A homogeneous liquid composition of resin, drying oil, volatile thinner, and pigment, applied in a thin layer and exposed to the air, which is converted to a transparent or translucent film.

Vehicle.—The liquid portion of a paint.

Viscosity.—Internal friction of a fluid, the opposite of fluidity. For example, linseed oil is more viscous than turpentine; bodied linseed oil is more viscous than linseed oil. An important physical property of paint and lacquer.

Volatile thinner.—The liquid portion of a paint, except water, which is volatile in a current of steam at atmospheric pressure.

Zinc oxide and leaded zinc oxide.—Zinc oxides covered by Federal Specification TT-Z-301 contain practically no lead. Leaded zinc oxides covered by Federal Specification TT-Z-321 are produced from ores containing lead and may contain from 7 to 40 percent of material other than zinc oxide, which is generally basic lead sulfate. The material is really a mixture of zinc oxide and basic sulfate white lead.

XII. LIST OF FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS

As this publication goes to press, the following is the latest list of Federal Specifications pertaining to paint and related materials.

Federal specifications may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for 5 cents each (no stamps), except TT-P-141a Methods of sampling and testing, 20 cents.

Federal Specifications Index, Part 1 of Federal Standard Stock Catalog Section IV may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C. Price, 25 cents.

AcetoneO-A-51a
Aluminum pigment
(powder and paste) TT-A-468
—, varnish for.....TT-V-81a
Asphalt primerSS-A-701
— roof coatingSS-R-451
— varnishTT-V-51a
BenzolVV-B-231
Bituminous plastic
cementSS-C-153
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resistingTT-E-496
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in oilTT-B-486
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Chrome orange, dry ..TT-C-290
—, paste-in-oil.TT-P-381
Chrome oxide, dry ..TT-C-306
—, paste-in-oil.TT-P-381
Chrome yellow, dry ..TT-C-290
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— varnish (spar) ..TT-V-121b
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Flat interior paint ..TT-P-51a
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baseTT-P-91
—, varnish
baseTT-P-146
Galvanized iron
primerTT-P-641
Gold-leafQQ-G-566
Graphite paintTT-P-27
Green paintTT-P-71a
Heat-resisting enamel.TT-E-496
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tintsTT-P-40
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Indian red, dryTT-I-511a
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— emulsion paint..TT-P-88a
— flat paintTT-P-51a
— one-coat flat paint.TT-P-47
— varnishTT-V-71a
International orange
paintTT-P-59
Iron blue, dryTT-I-677
—, paste-in-oil.TT-P-381
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—, bright red,
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—, brown, dry..TT-I-702
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Lampblack, dryTT-L-70
—, paste-in-oil.....TT-P-381
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paintTT-P-40
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enamelTT-E-514
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dry	TT-S-348	—, damar	TT-V-61
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paste-in-oil	TT-P-381	—, interior	TT-V-71a
Spirit varnish	TT-V-130	—, rubbing	TT-V-86
Stain, exterior	TT-S-706	—, shellac	TT-V-91a
—, interior	TT-S-711	—, spar	TT-V-121b
Stencil paint	TT-P-98	—, spirit	TT-V-130
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paint	TT-P-40	emulsion	P-W-151a
Tohydine red	TT-T-562	—, general purpose	P-W-158
Traffic paint	TT-P-115	White lead, basic	
Turpentine, gum		carbonate	TT-W-251b
spirits	TT-T-791b	—, —, —	
—, steam distd.		sulfate	TT-W-261a
wood	TT-T-791b	— paint	TT-P-40
—, destructively distd.		Yellow exterior paint	TT-P-53
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Ultramarine blue, dry	TT-U-450	—, paste-	
—, paste-in-oil	TT-P-381	in-oil	TT-P-381
Umber, raw and burnt,		Zinc dust—zinc oxide	
dry	TT-U-481	primer	TT-P-641
—, —, —, —, —, —		Zinc oxide	TT-Z-301
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Varnish, aluminum	TT-V-81a	Zinc yellow	TT-Z-415

The following Federal Specifications are in preparation but are not approved or printed as yet:

Ink; stencil (TT-I-558 and 559).
Paint; luminous, nonradioactive.
Paint; semigloss, wall, interior (TT-E-508).
Primer; paint, iron-oxide (for motor vehicles).
Shellac (revision of TT-S-271).

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 Adhesion
 Alcohol (solvent for shellac)
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 Alkyd resins
 Alligatoring
 Aluminum
 Paint, application to :
 Steel
 Wood
 Pigment, powder, and paste
 Treatment of
 Varnish for
 Application of painting materials to :
 Concrete
 Ferrous metals
 Masonry
 Nonferrous metals
 Plaster
 Steel submerged in water
 Wood
 Aromatic
 Asphalt :
 Primer
 Roof coating
 Varnish
 Benzol
 Binder
 Bituminous plastic cement
 Black :
 Enamel :
 Heat-resisting (400° F)
 Pigmented (air-drying and baking)
 Paint :
 Graphite, outside, ready-mixed
 Ready-mixed
 Pigments :
 Boneblack; dry (paint pigment)
 Carbon black; dry (paint pigment)
 Iron oxide; black, synthetic, dry (paint pigment)
 Lampblack; dry (paint pigment)
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 Blistering
 Bloom
 Blue :
 Lead :
 Basic-sulfate, dry and paste-in-oil
 Basic-sulfate, linseed-oil, ready-mixed
 Pigments :
 Copper-phthalocyanine blue; dry (paint pigment)
 Iron blue; dry (paint pigment)
 Ultramarine blue; dry (paint pigment)
 Pigments-in-oil
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 Boot-topping paint
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