



# NATURAL DRY PIGMENTS

Technical Data Sheet

## ■ GENERAL

Tockay Pigments:

- Are universally applicable
- Can be stored dry indefinitely
- Do not require any preservatives or other additives such as conventional colour pastes
- Are alkali-resistant
- genuine earth pigments have a special charm
- Can be mixed with each other
- Are light-fast and lime resistant
- Are compatible with all Tockay products

Tinted Tockay Wall paints and plasters become lighter during drying.

## ■ OCHRE YELLOW, OCHRE GOLD, OCHRE ORANGE

Product containing ferrous rocks and minerals prone to natural weathering. The colouring substance is hydrated iron oxide. The country of origin is France, but yellow ochre is widely found elsewhere on Earth.

## ■ OCHRE RED

Earth pigment, produced by burning yellow ochre. The colouring components are iron (III) oxides.

## ■ SIENA RED

Earth pigment, produced by burning yellow Siena. Siena contains a certain amount of silicates in contrast to the ochres.

## ■ UMBER GREEN, DARK

Mix of green mineral pigments (Spinel Green, Spinel Blue and Chromium Oxide Green) and marble powder.

## ■ IRON OXIDE (YELLOW, ORANGE, RED, BROWN, BLACK)

Pure synthetic rust, produced through precipitation reactions with aqueous ferrous sulphate solution. Very fine and extremely rich in colour. The yellow and orange tones contain iron (III) oxide with different crystallisation water content.

Iron oxide brown contains additional inclusions of iron (II) oxide. The red iron oxides are formed by water loss when heating the yellow iron oxide to temperatures of 180°C to over 800°C.

Black is a magnetic mixed oxide containing iron (II) and iron (III) oxides; it is known as magnetite in its natural form.

Especially the red iron oxide pigments can become cloudy / streaky in lime paints. However, experience has shown that they can be processed very well in plasters and fillers.

## ■ UMBERS

Natural earth pigments; the colouring components are hydrated iron with hydrated manganese oxide and alumina silicates. Due to the manganese content, umbers accelerate the drying process in oil-based paints. Umbers occur in various tones, depending on the iron oxide, manganese oxide and silicate content.

## ■ ULTRAMARINE (BLUE AND VIOLET)

Artificial mineral pigments, produced by heating soda, clay and sulphur. Ultramarine tones are produced by exposure to different firing temperatures. Ultramarine Violet is a mix of Ultramarine Blue and Red. They are lime-resistant, but lime products with ultramarine tones added must be processed within 24 hours. They are non-fading and weather-resistant in themselves but are not acid-proof. As our atmosphere today is slightly acidic, Ultramarine Blue is only suitable for limited outdoor applications (which can lead to blackening or even discolouration).

## ■ SPINEL PIGMENTS

Spinel is an oxide mineral that rarely occurs in nature. The chemical name for spinel is magnesium aluminate; in its pure form it is colourless. Due to different regional mixtures of iron, chromium, zinc, cobalt and manganese, spinel comes in a variety of colour variations. However, these are relatively pale and weak in colour. Spinel pigments are known as mixed-phase pigments and are manufactured by technical means. Naturally ground spinels are mixed with metal salts (cobalt, antimony, nickel, chromium and titanium) and exposed to temperatures between 1200 and 1600°C in an oven, where ion exchange takes place and the material is enriched with the metals until saturated. This produces very vibrant colours. The metals are incorporated into the mineral structure so firmly that they are no longer bioavailable, i.e. they don't break down in the human





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body, during composting and when exposed to normal fires.

- Spinel blue / Spinel turquoise / Spinel mint: cobalt chromium aluminates  $\text{Co (Al,Cr) 2O}_4$
- Spinel green: cobalt titanate  $(\text{Co,Ni,Zn})(\text{Ti,Al}) 2\text{O}_4$
- Spinellgelb: Nickel-Antimony-Titanate Rutile
- $(\text{Ti,Ni,Sb}) \text{O}_2$
- Spinellorange: Chrome antimony titanate rutile  $(\text{Ti,Cr,Sb}) \text{O}_2$
- Sun Yellow, Spinel: is a mixture of Spinel yellow and Spinel orange.

These mineral pigments must be slurred particularly carefully. However, experience has shown that they are easy to process in plasters and fillers. Especially the red iron oxides often become cloudy/streaky, especially in lime paints. These pigments are a supplement for the experienced processor.

## ■ TIERA DI SIENA, NATURAL

Natural earth pigment, yellow iron oxide hydrate. Occurrence in Tuscany, Corsica, Sardinia, partly in Germany: Bavaria, Palatinate and the Harz Mountains.

## ■ TIERA DI SIENA, BURNT

Natural earth pigment, burnt. The chemically bound water is expelled by the burning process. Unlike ochres, Terra di Siena contains a certain amount of silicates.

## ■ TITANIUM WHITE, RUTILE

Obtained from a natural mineral (rutile), cleaned and precipitated again, titanium white in the rutile variety is characterised by particularly high covering power in all binders. We deliberately do not use this pigment in our wall paints, since the dumping of dilute acid in the 1980s was a major environmental issue and the avoidance of this dilute acid is the original idea of the founder of the company Kreidezeit.

## ■ CHROMIUM OXIDE GREEN

Chromium oxide is a chemical compound of chromium and oxygen (chromium (III) oxide,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ ). Unlike chromium (VI) oxide, chromium (III) oxide is non-toxic. It is formed by heating potassium dichromate and sulphur.

Chromium oxide green is a particularly hard, lightfast, weatherproof and opaque pigment.

## ■ COLOUR EFFECT, AESTHETICS

The effect achieved by tinted Tockay Wall Paints and Renders, which are based mainly on traditional recipes, is different from the widely used synthetic emulsion paints (we dispense with titanium white). Surfaces are more vibrant and the colours can vary depending on the lighting conditions. There may be a slightly cloudy appearance, which is emphasized by using a brush. We therefore recommend using the brush to apply it. In some cases, it might be more practical to use a roller, such as when painting ingrain wallpaper. Tinted Lime Paints and highly pigmented (shade A) wall paints should never be applied with a roller.

Earth pigments are not intense tones with certain colour spectrum, rather they are gentle tones in which the entire spectrum is included. That means that these colours can be easily and harmoniously combined with each other.

## ■ RESISTANCE, NON-FADING

Mineral pigments are highly light-fast compared to organic substances. This means the colour doesn't fade when exposed to sunlight.

Lime is an important ingredient that is frequently used in our wall paints and renders. Lime causes products to become highly alkaline. The pigments used in these products must be alkaline-resistant or lime-resistant. All Tockay earth and mineral pigments are lime-resistant and unlimited storable.

*The information above was determined based on our most recent experiences. Due to application methods and environmental influences, as well as the varying nature of the substrates, liability for the general validity of the individual recommendations is excluded. Users must test the product prior to application to ensure it is fit for the designated purpose (sample coating).*

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