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Pigments

Naturals vs. Synthetics

An overview of their primary properties and how they relate to flowability and dosing

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Outline



- General Classification
- Mining and or/ Manufacturing
- Different Forms- powder, granules, liquids
- Tint Strength
- Color Space
- Comparison





Classification





Naturals

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- Red \longrightarrow Hem
- Yellow _____
- Black _____ M
- Umbers

Hematite

- Hydrated iron Oxide
- Magnetite

- Limited color space
- Generally ~1/2 the tint strength of synthetic iron oxides
- May contain 2 primary types of contaminates, but not limited to:
 - Non coloring contaminates:
 - Clays, sand, Calcium carbonate, Talc, ETC.
 - Coloring contaminates:
 - Magnetite, Manganese, umbers ETC.

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Mining of Naturals









Different Naturals

• Generally supplied primarily as powder, or more recently in a granular form





Synthetics

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- Broad color space palette
- Generally twice the tint strength of naturals
- Quality governed by an ASTM C979
- Does not contain contaminates
- Color space determined by size and shape of the individual crystal



Different forms of Synthetic

• Commonly supplied as liquids, powders, or spray dried, built up or compacted granules









Manufacturing of Synthetics

- Synthetic red iron oxide pigments were first produced in a laboratory setting in the 14th century.
- Originally referred to as "Mars Red" was followed by yellow shades in 1920's.
- By modifying the manufacturing process of red and yellow, brown evolved.
- Various manufacturing methods include, but are not limited to:



Precipitation ("Cooking")



Calcining ("Baking")

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Synthetics can contain 60% recycled content





Synthetic I/ O Color Production Red & Black – Streams



Properties: Particle Shape



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Yellow Iron Oxide Red Iron Ox - FeOOH Red Iron Ox α - Fe₂O



Microscopic images show differences in primary particle shapes – Yellows vs. Reds

Properties: Particle Shape



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Black Iron Oxide Spherical Fe₃O₄

Black Iron Oxide Cubic Fe₃O₄









Synthetic vs. Natural iron Oxides





Synthetic Iron Oxides	Natural Iron Oxides
Manufactured, close color control	Ore deposits, variable by nature
Small particle size	Large particle size
Greater color power / unit of weight	Generally, lower tinting strength



Primary Points of Comparison Synthetic vs. Natural

- Synthetic I/O properties are governed by ASTM C979.
- Color space of I/O is determined by the size / shape of the individual mineral crystal.
- Primary differences between synthetic and natural I/O:
 - Natural I/O often contain contaminates that reduce tinting strength.
 - Natural contaminates that impact color are Manganite, (MNO) that gives umbers their dark colored masstones.
 - Non-coloring contaminates are often natural extenders. (i.e., clays, talk, and calcium carbonates.)



Handling characteristics of I/O pigments

- Powders came first and are generally the most economical.
- Liquids evolved in an attempt improve housekeeping, metering and general handling.
- Granules were introduced in the late 1980's to address liquid shortcomings.
- Naturals (because of larger particles and contaminates) usually flow better than synthetics.
- Synthetic powders can absorb moisture leading to clumping / bridging. This inconsistent flow creates bottlenecks in some applications such as metering, dispensing or conveying.
- In most cases these bottlenecks can be resolved by equipment design changes or mechanical intervention.



Conclusion

- Generally naturals I/O flow better than synthetics.
- Improved flowability in naturals can be attributed to particle size, purity, and type of contaminates, but this can adversely impact tinting strength and color performance.
- Synthetic handling is improved with introduction of mechanical and / or air intervention.
- To move synthetic iron oxides, steeper angles are required.
- Increased angle creates less restrictions / bridging and improves flow.
- Synthetics are a stronger colorant often by over 50%.
- Due to tinting strength superiority, synthetics require ~ ½ the dosage rate therefore require more accurate handling systems.
- Synthetic I/O have greater opacity which results in reduced visible production related color variations.
- Synthetics will give you a more consistent product.



Augusta Site Commissioning in Q1, 2016

- Huntsman is currently the only manufacturer of construction grade I/O pigments direct from the particle precipitation process in North America
- Augusta's capacity will be ~70M lbs. of capacity.
- Site represents investment of over \$172M and will create over 100 employment opportunities.
- Warehousing and various blending locations will be spokes.





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