

## **BAYFERROX® Synthetic Iron Oxide Pigments**

### Specification Requirements for Coloring Concrete Products

Colored concrete and precast concrete products have experienced tremendous growth rates around the world. The most widely used pigments for coloring these products are synthetic iron oxides due to their outstanding price/performance ratio. At low dosages, they can turn gray concrete into a wide range of earth tone colors, which show virtually no fading even after years of exposure.

**BAYFERROX®** synthetic iron oxide pigments are made by LANXESS Corporation, and each of our manufacturing sites has ISO certification. The pigments must meet stringent color and quality specification parameters set forth by LANXESS and the American Society for the Testing of Materials (ASTM) designation C979. These specifications are closely monitored at the **BAYFERROX®** pigments production facilities in Germany and Brazil, and in our quality assurance laboratories. A full range of high quality iron oxide pigments (yellows, reds, blacks, and browns) is produced for various applications. **BAYFERROX®** pigments meet the following requirements of ASTM Designation C979, *Standard Specification for Pigments for Integrally Colored Concrete*:

<b><u>Test</u></b>	<b><u>Test Method</u></b>
1. Water Wettability	ASTM C979 8.1
2. Alkali Resistance	ASTM C979 8.2
3. Total Sulfates	ASTM C979 8.3
4. Water Solubility	ASTM C979 8.4
5. Atmospheric Curing Stability	ASTM C979 8.5
6. Light Resistance	ASTM C979 8.6
7. Effects on Concrete	
A. 28-days Compressive Strength	ASTM C979 8.7.5
B. Initial or Final Set	ASTM C979 8.7.3
8. Color Match of Shipment	ASTM C979 8.8

The chart on the reverse side of this sheet lists the results of data that has been collected on the use of **BAYFERROX®** pigments in integrally colored concrete using the ASTM test methods.

**BAYFERROX®** pigments have proven to be an excellent choice for coloring concrete products such as:

Blocks and bricks	Segmental retaining wall units
Paving stones /interlocking pavers	Grout
Roof tiles	Colored mortar cement
Patio slabs	Stucco
Precast products	Ready-mixed concrete
Veneer stones	Fiber cement products

Shade of BAYFERROX® pigments	Yellows			Reds			Blacks			Browns		
	Straight Pigment	Loading 0.5%	Loading 6.0%	Straight Pigment	Loading 0.5%	Loading 6.0%	Straight Pigment	Loading 0.5%	Loading 6.0%	Straight Pigment	Loading 0.5%	Loading 6.0%
Water-Wettability (ASTM C979 8.1)	P	N/A	N/A	P	N/A	N/A	P	N/A	N/A	P	N/A	N/A
Alkali Resistance (ASTM C979 8.2)	R	N/A	N/A	R	N/A	N/A	R	N/A	N/A	R	N/A	N/A
Total Sulfates (ASTM C979 8.3)	0.3-0.7%	N/A	N/A	0.15-0.35%	N/A	N/A	0.2-0.7%	N/A	N/A	0.3-0.7%	N/A	N/A
Water Solubility (ASTM C979 8.4)	0.15-0.35%	N/A	N/A	0.2-0.4%	N/A	N/A	0.3-0.6%	N/A	N/A	0.3-0.6%	N/A	N/A
Atmospheric Curing Stability (ASTM C979 8.5)	N/A	R	R	N/A	R	R	N/A	R	R	N/A	R	R
Light Resistance (ASTM C979 8.6)	N/A	R	R	N/A	R	R	N/A	R	R	N/A	R	R
Effect on Setting Of Concrete (ASTM C979 8.7.3)	N/A	N/A	l* f* -15 +5	N/A	N/A	l* f* -25 -10	N/A	N/A	l* f* +5 +25	N/A	N/A	l* f* -25 +25
Effect on Compressive Strength (ASTM C979 8.7.5)	N/A	N/A	102%	N/A	N/A	106.5%	N/A	N/A	106%	N/A	N/A	106.5%
Color Match of Shipment (ASTM C979 8.8)	ΔE* <1.0	N/A	N/A	ΔE* <1.0	N/A	N/A	ΔE* <1.5	N/A	N/A	ΔE* <1.5	N/A	N/A
<b>LEGEND:</b>	P = Passed R = Resistant ΔE* = Color difference according to CIELAB (See ASTM D2244)						*deviation in minutes l = initial f = final **Control (unpigmented) = 100% N/A – Not Applicable			Standard = -60/+90		
These items are provided as general information only. They are approximate values and are not considered part of the product specifications.												

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