

Review of ModelMakerZ Brand Pigments

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Three colors sent to me by Model Makers for weathering/finishing ModelMakerz Brand dry pigments

for test and review.

Rust, Light Earth and a Red shade of Earth.

Testing on a recently built Tasca 1/35th scale M4A1 Sherman Italian Theater 1943.



The packaging of the pigments comes in 1/2oz. screw top bottles. I like the style of packaging as the lids screw on enabling a more air tight seal. Volume is 1/2oz as stated which equals 1.48ml. Compared to other dry pigments at 20ml or 0.68oz., at \$5.00 {USD}, this is a bargain.

The powder is ground very fine and as fine as some other comparable brands on the market today and even finer than other pigments I have used. I first used the pigments wet using distilled water as the fluid medium. All Three colors of pigments mixed very well without any clumping or large granules present. Using a sable paint brush for application, the solution laid down very well as with any leading brand and dried to a flat finish. I mixed a second solution, using each of the three ModelMakerZ pigments this time with Tamiya X-20A acrylic thinner. Each color mixed well and application results were similar to the first test using distilled water. I then applied dry pigment to the underside of the model and using an eye dropper filled with Tamiya X-20A thinner let small droplets onto the pigment. Once dry the pigments were bonded in a clumped fashion to the model just as mud does on an actual vehicle. Very good!

My next test was using the distilled water mixed pigments through my airbrush. PSI was set at 15 and the product laid down nicely. I again tried this after cleaning my airbrush with the pigments mixed with Tamiya thinner. No problems were encountered. I do recommend mixing the pigments much thinner than paint for this type of weathering operation.

Conclusion:

I like the way these pigments work! The texture is as fine as one has come to expect from leading brands. Application of the product is similar and realistic. There are many colors in the line and at \$5.00 {USD} a price that will not break the hobby budget!

The logo for ModelMakerZ features the brand name in a bold, 3D-style font. The letters are white with a blue-to-red gradient and a drop shadow effect, giving them a metallic or plastic appearance. The 'Z' at the end is particularly large and stylized.A solid blue rectangular button with the word "Facebook" written in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center.