

Vallejo Texture Acrylic: Dark Earth

Vallejo Diorama FX Earth Textures: Dark Earth 200ml Instruction Manual

Model: Texture Acrylic: Dark Earth (26218)

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Vallejo Diorama FX Earth Textures are a selection of acrylic, water-based textures designed for modelers and miniature enthusiasts. This Dark Earth variant provides a slightly gritty base, formulated with permanent pigments, microparticles, and acrylic resin. It is suitable for creating realistic ground textures, earth, and mud effects on dioramas and model bases. The product is non-toxic and dries to a resistant, permanent finish.

Key Features:

- High-density acrylic paste for realistic ground textures.
- Water-based, non-flammable, and solvent-free formula.
- Can be mixed with other Vallejo acrylic colors and diorama materials.
- Allows for shaping before drying to create low-relief textures.
- Ideal for urban environments and industrial areas, providing a grayish mud tone.

2. WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- One (1) 200ml (6.76 fl.oz.) pot of Vallejo Diorama FX Earth Texture: Dark Earth.

3. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD - Small Parts. Not for children under 3 years.

This product is non-toxic and non-flammable. Use in a well-ventilated area. Avoid contact with eyes. In case of contact, rinse immediately with plenty of water. Keep out of reach of small children and pets.

4. SETUP AND PREPARATION

Surface Preparation:

- Ensure the surface to be textured is clean, dry, and free of dust or grease.
- For enhanced depth and realism, it is recommended to apply the Dark Earth texture over a previously painted base of a darker color.

Product Preparation:

- Stir the product gently before use to ensure consistent texture.
- If a less structured or thinner consistency is desired, the texture can be thinned with water (20% to 40%).

5. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Dark Earth texture is versatile and can be applied using various tools to achieve different effects.

Application Methods:

- **Brush Application:** Apply directly with a brush for general coverage and subtle texture.
- **Painting Knife/Spatula Application:** Use a painting knife or spatula to apply thicker layers and create more pronounced, sculpted textures. This method is ideal for simulating uneven terrain, mud piles, or vehicle tracks.

Shaping and Detailing:

- The product can be shaped and manipulated before it dries to achieve specific low-relief textures, such as tire tracks, footprints, or natural ground undulations.
- Mix with other products from the Vallejo Diorama FX range for varied effects.

Drying Time:

Drying time varies depending on the thickness of the applied product and the humidity of the environment. It can range from approximately 45 minutes for thin layers to several hours or even days for very thick applications.

6. MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

Cleaning:

- Clean tools (brushes, spatulas) immediately after use with water.
- Any accidental spills or excess product can be cleaned with a damp cloth before it dries completely.

Storage:

- Store the product in its original container with the lid tightly sealed to prevent air exposure.
- Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- Proper sealing is crucial as exposure to air can cause the product to harden, potentially wasting the top layer.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Product Too Thick/Structured:

- If the texture is too thick or you desire a less structured surface, thin the product with 20% to 40% water. Mix thoroughly before application.

Slow Drying Time:

- Drying time is influenced by application thickness and environmental humidity. Ensure adequate ventilation. Thicker applications will naturally take longer to dry.

8. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	Vallejo
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Model Name	Texture Acrylic: Dark Earth
Model Number	26218
Item Volume	200 ml (6.76 fl.oz.)
Color	Dark Brown
Finish Type	Textured
Paint Type	Acrylic
Special Features	Non-Flammable, Non-Toxic
Indoor/Outdoor Usage	Indoor
Surface Recommendation	Stone, various diorama surfaces
Approximate Dry Time	45 minutes to several days (depending on thickness)

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information:

This product is sold without a specific warranty. Please inspect the product upon receipt for any manufacturing defects.

Customer Support:

For further assistance, questions, or concerns regarding Vallejo products, please visit the official Vallejo website or contact their customer service department. You can often find contact information on the product packaging or the brand's official online presence.

10. VISUAL GUIDES

Product Images:



Image 1: Vallejo Diorama FX Dark Earth 200ml pot. This image shows the product container.



Image 2: Example of a diorama featuring textured earth, demonstrating the potential application of the product.



Image 3: A chart displaying various Vallejo Earth Textures, including Dark Earth (26.218), Desert Sand (26.217), Brown Earth (26.219), and Black Lava Asphalt (26.214).

Official Product Videos:

Product Overview Video

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Video 1: An official product overview from Amazon Product Imaging, demonstrating the Vallejo Diorama FX texture. This video provides a general introduction to the product's appearance and consistency.

Dark Earth Application Tips

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Video 2: A detailed guide by Timothy Hyde - Hobby Workshop, offering important tips and a review on using Vallejo Dark Earth texture for basing and terrain. This video is useful for understanding practical application techniques.

Related Application Guide: Desert Sand

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Video 3: An application guide by Timothy Hyde - Hobby Workshop, demonstrating the use of Vallejo Desert Sand texture. While a different color, the techniques shown are applicable to Dark Earth texture.

Related Application Guide: Brown Earth

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