

COLOR: FIXED AND FUGITIVE

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The USFS specifications for long-term fire retardants require that the mixed retardant be of a red iron oxide color, in order to provide visibility of the dropped retardant from the air. "Fixed" color retardant does not change color, but rather retains its original color until it is washed off and diluted by rainfall, hose streams, or other mechanical processes. "Fugitive" color retardant starts out with a red iron oxide color, but fades away after several weeks or months of exposure to sunlight.

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