Ohio Certified Stains™
HISTORY OF THE OHIO CERTIFIED STAINS

For years, furniture manufacturers in Holmes County, Ohio, the heart of Amish Country, purchased stains from many different suppliers, hoping to give their retailers a wide range of tones and hues from which to choose. The only issue? With so many stains from various suppliers, it became difficult to match pieces coming from several builders. If a retail customer wanted two chairs from different shops, it was impossible to ensure that they’d match.

And so, the idea of creating a set of certified stains was born. The builders and local retailers identified the most popular stains, gave stain suppliers a master sample, and began holding them accountable to producing exactly that shade. “Fruitwood” began to look the same; it wasn’t adapted to be lighter or darker on request, and furniture retailers could encourage their customers to buy furniture from several shops, confident in the match.

Today, the Ohio Certified Stains are produced by half a dozen different suppliers, and are used by more than 250 craftsmen across Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Indiana, offering added value and consistency to happy retailers and customers throughout the nation.

For more information about the Ohio Certified Stains, contact your local Valspar sales representative today.
WHO IS VALSPAR?

Founded in 1806, the Valspar Corporation is the fifth largest North American manufacturer of paints and coatings. Our sterling reputation was built on the Valspar varnish, unveiled in 1906 as the first coating for wood that retained its clear finish when exposed to water. Since then, our innovative paints and coatings have enhanced iconic buildings, enlivened the world’s best-known brands, and energized American craftsmanship, as is the case with the hardwood furniture graced by Valspar’s version of the Ohio Certified Stains.

How do we achieve the superior quality of our stains? The answer lies in the large batch sizes we create, producing striking consistency in the many cans of stains supplied to builders across the country, and avoiding the discrepancies that arise among several smaller batches. Moreover, each stain is carefully checked for color, strength, and dry speed by expert technicians in our quality control department. If it doesn’t pass muster, it doesn’t leave our state-of-the-art facility.
Cherry

OCS111  Boston
Cherry

OCS118  Antique Slate
Cherry

OCS119  Cappuccino
Quarter Sawn Oak

OCS111 Boston
Quarter Sawn Oak

OCS113  Michael’s Cherry
Quarter Sawn Oak

OCS117 Asbury
Quarter Sawn Oak

OCS118  Antique Slate
Quarter Sawn Oak

OCS119  Cappuccino
OHIO CERTIFIED STAINS
on Red Oak

valspar
if it matters, we’re on it.
Red Oak

OCS100 Natural
Red Oak

OCS102 Fruitwood
Red Oak

OCS103 MX
Red Oak

OCS104 Seely
Red Oak

OCS107  Washington
Red Oak

OCS111  Boston
Red Oak

OCS112 Provincial
Red Oak

OCS113 Michael’s Cherry
Red Oak

OCS117  Asbury
Red Oak

OCS118 Antique Slate
Red Oak

OCS119 Cappuccino
Red Oak

OCS230  Onyx
OHIO CERTIFIED STAINS

on Brown Maple

valspar

if it matters, we’re on it.®
Brown Maple

OCS101  S2
Brown Maple

OCS104 Seely
Brown Maple

OCS111  Boston
Brown Maple

OCS113  Michael’s Cherry
Brown Maple

OCS117  Asbury
Brown Maple

OCS118 Antique Slate
Brown Maple

OCS225 Mission Maple
Brown Maple

OCS226  Coffee
Brown Maple

OCS227  Rich Cherry
Brown Maple

OCS229 Bing Cherry
Brown Maple

OCS230 Onyx