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Fabrics of Ceramic Building Materials of the Region of Naples

Based on samples from roof tiles from the distribution area (Velia), we defined five fabrics which refer to two petrographical-mineralogical types (7A and 8), established by R. Sauer.

Description of observed fabrics

The first petrographical-mineralogical type 7a is referred to as **NA-REG-CBM-1**. It is characterized by a fine, calcareous (white flecked) matrix, which contains prominent rusty brown inclusions and numerous dark gray to black volcanic particles.

The second petrographical-mineralogical type 8 is referred to as **NA-REG-CBM-2**. It is characterized by a calcareous matrix, which is riddled with carbonate-pseudomorphoses and contains many rusty brown inclusions as well as dark grey (volcanic) particles.

NA-REG-CBM-3 is characterized by a calcareous matrix with no visible carbonatic particles, which contains numerous elongate brown particles (dark mica), as well as black and grey (volcanic) inclusions.

NA-REG-CBM-4 is characterized by a fine matrix with white calcareous stripes and prominent light grey inclusions.

Shapes: Roof tiles

Chronology: Observed in Classical contexts in Velia (unpublished).

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