



Infra-Red Reflectography

Since certain materials and, in particular, pigments are transparent to infrared radiation, the use of infrared imaging enables detection of what cannot be seen in the visible range. It is therefore possible to see what lies beneath the paint layers. This means that the presence of a preparatory drawing can be verified, and the technique and materials employed for its execution can be studied. This non-invasive technique, moreover, can be used to detect and localise modifications, retouching and previous interventions, as well as providing a preliminary distinction between the various materials used by the author, useful in conducting subsequent analyses.