

“Gilsonite” is black, pitch-like substance which occurs in pure form in veins in the Tertiary sediments of the Uinta Basin. It is a petroleum substance of uniform composition and texture. It dissolves into resins and drying oils in all proportions, and is also mixable with petroleum and other asphaltic materials. “Gilsonite” compounds are often quite strong and offer resistance to heat, acids, and alkalies, making them valuable for weatherproofing.

The Uinta Basin is the principle source of “Gilsonite” in the world.