

LOTUS COLOUR CODE NUMBER	Pinchin, Johnson Paint Reference (Lotus part number below)	ICI Paint Reference (Lotus part number below)	Nexa Autoco lor Code	PPG Code	Glasurit Code	DESCRIPTION	DATES	NOTE
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Elite Type 14 colours: Originally in these colours, Dark Blue, Red, Cobalt Blue, BRG, Deep Yellow, Permanent Green (lime), Moonstone White and Silver. Later only red, white and yellow were offered, though a customer could obtain another colour for an extra thirty five pounds. The bodies were not impregnated with the colour, but sprayed the appropriate colour by Bristol, who made the bodies. Demand was almost equal for each of the three standard colours.

From workshop manual for the Lotus Elan 1600 (ie S1). Page A5 Body equipment Carpeting-Rubber press stud fixing to floor. Trim-washable PVC. Colours interior trim-Atlas Grey and Light Tan, seats available in Black,Tan and Grey. Body colours Fiesta Yellow, Carmen Red, Medici Blue, Cirrus White and British Racing Green. Ashtrays In door trim, both sides

None		ICI P0303192 CBG308	3192	See note		Medici Blue		An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Was a Standard Triumph colour, ref 378TR. Ditzler 12163 PPG: Powder Blue 12163; Martin Senour: Powder Blue 25105; ICI: Powder Blue 8013. PPG concept formula per pint: DMC900 - 446.8; DMC904 - 83.5; DMC937 - 40.9; DMC901 - 60.1
None		ICI P0303097 GR227	3097			Carmen Red		An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Presumed to be the red Elite colour too. Was a Jaguar colour
None		ICI P0303484	YL11			Fiesta Yellow		An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Was an Austin colour
None						Ford Sunburst Yellow		An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Also the later Elite yellow colour
None						Spruce Green	Early 70- Jan 73	A BMC colour (GN-13BMC), offered on some Federal Elans, per sales sheet records. Perhaps a 'continuation' of BRG?
None						Conifer Green	tbc	A Triumph colour
None		ICI P0302539				Jaguar Racing Green	Early 26s	Not the same as L01
01	PJ 6170Y2790 A036B6315V	ICI P0302854 BF4758	2854	LOT0050	L01	British Racing Green	Oct 62 - Oct 70	A Jaguar colour. Jaguar used three variants of BRG throughout the 1960s, Spruce Green is the correct one
02	PJ 6170Z1280 A036B6316V	ICI P0307210	7210	LOT0046		French Blue	Mid 67 - Oct 70	
03	PJ 6170Z1290 A036B6317V		5814	LOT0038		Wedgewood Blue	Mid 67 - Oct 68	A Triumph colour
04	PJ 6170X0540 A036B6318V	ICI P0309049 CGW106	9049	LOT0053	L04	Cirrus White	Oct 62 - Oct 73	This colour was unique to Lotus. Also the Elite white colour. But also a Ford colour - 'AP'

05	PJ 6170X5350 A036B6319V	ICI P0308385 B036B6319V	8385	LOT0388	L05	Carnival Red	Mid 67 - NK	A Rootes colour - '39'
06	PJ 6170X4570 A036B6320V	ICI P0306853	6853		L06	Burnt Sand	Mid 67 - Oct 70	Also Porsche Sand
07	PJ 6170X3940 A036B6321V	ICI P0309547 B036B6321V	9547	83526	X3940	Lotus Yellow	Mid 67 - NK	
08	PJ0235X9050RZ A036B6312V	ICI Non Gloss				Matt Black	Jan 67 - NK	Used in engine compartment, except Bourne bodied S1s, which had grey compartment. Also used in boot, body sill, air extractor boxes and air plenum chamber
09	PJ 6170Z1920 A036B6322V	ICI P0307557	7557	LOT0047		Royal Blue	Oct 68 - Oct 70	A Porsche colour
10	PJ 6170Y3140 A036B6323V	ICI P0306854	6854	2325		Bahama Yellow	Oct 68 - Oct 70	A Porsche colour
11	PJ 6170Y5960 A036B6356V	ICI P0309053 B036B6356V	9053	71791		Regency Red	Oct 70 - NK	Maroon in brochure. A Jaguar colour, also known as Burgundy
12	PJ 6170A1130 A036B6357V	ICI P0314339 or 4339M	4339	LOT0225		Lagoon Blue Metalic	Oct 70 - NK	Metallic Blue in brochure. Also known as Scandinavian Blue
13	PJ6170W2230R1 A036B6349V	ICI P0309052	9052		L13	Pistachio Lime Green	Oct 70 - Jul 73	Lime Green in brochure. A Jensen colour
14	PJ 6170Z5980RJ A036B6350V	ICI P0309055	9055	LOT0043		Colorado Orange	Oct 70 - Oct 72	Light Orange in Brochure. A BMW colour
15	ICI P030122 A036B6397V			95039	L15	Black Gloss	Sep-72	Special order only on Elans. Also Polar Black. Not an "official" Sprint colour though used for wheels. Possibly used on the JPS Plus 2s
16	PJ 6170A4330 A036B6399V	ICI P0313626 or 5RD5B	3626	23555		Tawny Brown	Oct 72 - Jan 74	Ford Tawny

None	PJ 6170A3130 A036B6345V	Talbot Aztec Gold - code 143	3460Me tallic	Gold Lacquer	Oct 70 - Dec 74	Elan Sprint bumpers and Plus 2 S130 roof?
		or D512B	D512B Lacquer			
None	PJ6170A8020 A036B6313V		2999Me tallic	Silver Lacquer	Oct 62 - Jan 71	S1, S2, S3 & S4 bumpers and wheels
			D513B Lacquer			

Additional Plus 2 Colours

17	PJ 6170A2580 A036B6426V			Renault Mid Green, Metallic	Mar 73 - Oct 73	
18		ICI P0794403 A050B6223V	14170	Glacier Blue, Metallic	Jul 73 - Oct 73	Also Ice Blue
19		ICI P0307604 A050B6225V	8830	Sable	Oct 72 - NK	Also Siberian Sable
20	A050B6226V		12119	Indigo Blue	Oct 72 - Jul 73	
21		ICI P0314963 B050B6228V		L21 Purple	Oct 73 - NK	Sometimes Roman Purple
22	PJ 6170X2097 A050B6229V	ICI P0309501		Bitter Green	Oct 73 - NK	Also Canadian Green
23	PJ 6170Y4817 A050B62230V	ICIP030TW25028		Sepia Brown	Oct 73 - Mar 74	Also Burmese Brown
24	PJ 6170X5150 A050B6231V	ICI P03038662		Firecracker	Oct 73 - Jan 74	Red colour
25	PJ 6170Y0900	ICI P0307517 B050B6232V		Monaco White	Oct 73 - NK	Also Andes White
26		ICI P0309257 A050B6233V		L26 Olympic Blue	Oct 73 - NK	
None				Laurel Green Metalic	74?	Rare and no Lotus code
None	A036B6355V			Silver		Plus 2 roof only

None

A050B6222V

Metallic Jewels

Plus 2 only

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During the entire Elan production Lotus tried a series of new and experimental paint finishes; sometimes complete cars were painted in batches by outside contractors and sometimes cars were sold to dealers in primer, which allowed dealers to offer custom colours. Lotus would spray a car any colour the owner fancied. Lotus 'L' prefix codes indicate nitro-cellulose paint used on the Elan. At the time there were two suppliers to the factory, Pinchin, Johnson and ICI. Pinchin, Johnson was taken over by Courtaulds and merged into their paints division when they bought International Paint. ICI was taken over by Nexa Autocolor.

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