

LOTUS COLOUR CODE NUMBER	Pinchin, Johnson Paint Reference (Lotus part number below)	ICI Paint Reference (Lotus part number below)	Nexa Autocolor Code	PPG Code	Glasurit Code	DESCRIPTION
NK		ICI P0303192 CBG308	3192	PPG concept formula per pint: DMC900 - 446.8 DMC904 - 83.5		Medici Blue
NK		ICI P0303097 GR227	3097			Carmen Red
NK		ICI P0303484	YL11			Fiesta Yellow
NK						Ford Sunburst Yellow
NK						Spruce Green
NK						Conifer Green
NK		ICI P0302539				Jaguar Racing Green
01	PJ 6170Y2790 A036B6315V	ICI P0302854 BF4758	2854	LOT0050	L01	British Racing Green
02	PJ 6170Z1280 A036B6316V	ICI P0307210	7210	LOT0046		French Blue
03	PJ 6170Z1290 A036B6317V		5814	LOT0038		Wedgewood Blue
04	PJ 6170X0540 A036B6318V	ICI P0309049 CGW106	9049	LOT0053	L04	Cirrus White
05	PJ 6170X5350 A036B6319V	ICI P0308385 B036B6319V	8385	LOT0388	L05	Carnival Red
06	PJ 6170X4570 A036B6320V	ICI P0306853	6853		L06	Burnt Sand
07	PJ 6170X3940 A036B6321V	ICI P0309547 B036B6321V	9547	83526	X3940	Lotus Yellow
08	PJ0235X9050RZ A036B6312V	ICI Non Gloss				Matt Black
09	PJ 6170Z1920 A036B6322V	ICI P0307557	7557	LOT0047		Royal Blue
10	PJ 6170Y3140 A036B6323V	ICI P0306854	6854	2325		Bahama Yellow
11	PJ 6170Y5960 A036B6356V	ICI P0309053 B036B6356V	9053	71791		Regency Red
12	PJ 6170A1130 A036B6357V	ICI P0314339	4339	LOT0225		Lagoon Blue Metallic

13	PJ6170W2230R1 A036B6349V	ICI P0309052	9052		L13	Pistachio Lime Green
14	PJ 6170Z5980RJ A036B6350V	ICI P0309055	9055	LOT0043		Colorado Orange
15	ICI P030122 A036B6397V			95039	L15	Black Gloss
16	PJ 6170A4330 A036B6399V	ICI P0313626 or 5RD5B	3626	23555		Tawny Brown
NK	PJ 6170A3130 A036B6345V	Talbot Aztec Gold - code 143	3460Metallic D512B Lacquer			Gold Lacquer
NK	PJ6170A8020 A036B6313V		2999Metallic D513B Lacquer			Silver Lacquer
Additional Plus 2 Colours						
17	PJ 6170A2580 A036B6426V					Renault Mid Green, Metallic
18		ICI P0794403 A050B6223V		14170		Glacier Blue, Metallic
19		ICI P0307604 A050B6225V		8830		Sable
20				12119		Indigo Blue
21	A050B6226V	ICI P0314963 B050B6228V			L21	Purple
22	PJ 6170X2097 A050B6229V	ICI P0309501				Bitter Green
23	PJ 6170Y4817 A050B62230V	ICIP030TW25028				Sepia Brown
24	PJ 6170X5150 A050B6231V	ICI P03038662				Firecracker
25	PJ 6170Y0900	ICI P0307517 B050B6232V				Monaco White
26		ICI P0309257 A050B6233V			L26	Olympic Blue
NK						Laurel Green, Metalic
NK						Glade
NK						Silver
NK	A036B6355V					Silver
NK	A050B6222V					Metallic Jewels
A21 & B01	B050B6237S	ICI P4207517	Dupont ABN9149			Monaco White

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DATES	NOTE
	<p>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</p> <p>An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Was a Jaguar colour</p> <p>An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Was an Austin colour</p> <p>An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Also an Elite colour</p>
Late 69-Jan 73	A BMC colour (GN-13BMC), offered on some Federal Elans & +2s , per sales sheet records. Perhaps a 'continuation' of BRG?
tbc	A Triumph colour
Early 26s	Not the same as L01
Oct 62 - Oct 70	A Jaguar colour. Jaguar used three variants of BRG throughout the 1960s, Spruce Green is the correct one
Mid 67 - Oct 70	A Triumph colour
Mid 67 - Oct 68	A Triumph colour
Oct 62 - Oct 73	This colour was reportedly unique to Lotus; but also a Ford colour - 'AP'. Also an Elite colour.
Mid 67 - Jul 73	A Rootes colour - '39'
Mid 67 - Oct 70	Also Porsche Sand
Mid 67 - NK	A Lotus specific colour - the only one?!
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
Oct 68 - Oct 70	A Porsche colour
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Oct 70 - NK	Maroon in brochure. A Jaguar colour, also known as Burgundy or French Burgundy
Oct 70 - NK	Metallic Blue in brochure. Also known as Scandinavian Blue - a Volvo colour; also Rolls Royce and Royal Enfield colours. <i>From my info, Lagoon Blue was</i>

Oct 70 - Jul 73	Lime Green in brochure. A Jensen colour
Oct 70 - Oct 72	Light Orange in Brochure. A BMW colour
Sep-72	Special order only on Elans. Also Polar Black. Not an "official" Sprint colour. Was used on the JPS Plus 2s
Oct 72 - Jan 74	Ford Tawny
Oct 70 - Dec 74	Elan Sprint bumpers and Plus 2 S130 roof in metallic
Oct 62 - Jan 71	S1, S2, S3 & S4 bumpers and wheels
Mar 73 - Oct 73	Renault Code 953. Lotus records show Plus 2's in this colour listed from Nov 72. It appears possible that this colour became Laurel Green on later cars; the colours are almost identical. Lotus also say no production cars had this colour; they were a lighter green metallic - Laurel? The press cars also had no silver flake roof.
Jul 73 - Oct 73	Also Ice Blue - an Austin Healey colour in 50s, Rover colour in 60s, Triumph colour in 70s. Ford XSC 1690C is the correct shade
Oct 72 - NK	Also Siberian Sable. Jaguar and Rolls Royce colours
Oct 72 - Jul 73	MG, Morgan and Jaguar colours
Oct 73 - NK	Sometimes Roman Purple - Porsche and Aston Martin colours in 70s
Oct 73 - NK	Renamed Canadian Green L28 in 1974. A Rootes colour. Record of Nov 72 car in this colour from Lotus
Oct 73 - Mar 74	Also Burmese Brown - a Chrysler colour. Lotus report no records of a Plus 2 being completed in this colour
Oct 73 - Jan 74	Red colour. Lotus report no records of a Plus 2 being completed in this colour
Oct 73 - NK	Also Andes White. Vauxhall colour
Oct 73 - NK	Ford colour
73-74?	Rare and no Lotus code. Was a Triumph colour 69-71 and a Ford colour. See Mid Green LO17 above
1970	A handful of +2 cars are listed with this colour; may refer to an early use of one of the above greens?
Jan 70-Feb 73	A small batch of +2 cars painted by the factory, mostly for the US in 1970 (2 in 72, 2 in 73) Plus 2 roof only Plus 2 only This is the same as above with Type 50 part no.

Engine? Has Type 36 part no.


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the Lotus Elan 1600 (ie S1).
Page A5 Body equipment
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Elite Colours
Jan 62:
Sunburst Yellow
Tartan Red
Cirrus White
SE Models had silver roof section
Earlier:
Cobalt Blue
Lime Green
BRG
Deep Yellow

