

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	DATES	NOTE
None	NK	ICI P0303192 CBG308	3192	PPG concept formula per pint: DMC900 - 446.8 DMC904 - 83.5 DMC937 - 40.9 DMC901 -	NK	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. 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 Indoor trim, both sides
None	NK	ICI P0303097 GR227	3097	NK	NK	Carmen Red	?	An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Was a Jaguar colour
None	NK	ICI P0303484	YL11	NK	NK	Fiesta Yellow	?	An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Was an Austin colour
None	NK	NK	NK	NK	NK	Ford Sunburst Yellow	?	An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Also an Elite colour. Elite Colours were: Jan 62: Sunburst Yellow, Tartan Red, Cirrus White, SE Models had silver roof section. Earlier: Cobalt Blue, Lime Green, BRG, Deep Yellow, Silver
None	NK	NK	NK	NK	NK	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	NK	NK	NK	NK	NK	Conifer Green	?	A Triumph colour
None	NK	ICI P0302539	NK	NK	NK	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	NK	French Blue	Mid 67 - Oct 70	A Triumph colour

03	PJ 6170Z1290 A036B6317V	NK	5814	LOT0038	NK	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 reportedly unique to Lotus; but also a Ford colour - 'AP'. Also an Elite colour.
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	NK	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	A Lotus specific colour - the only one?!
08	PJ0235X9050RZ A036B6312V	ICI Non Gloss	NK	NK	NK	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	NK	Royal Blue	Oct 68 - Oct 70	A Porsche colour
10	PJ 6170Y3140 A036B6323V	ICI P0306854	6854	2325	NK	Bahama Yellow	Oct 68 - Oct 70	A Porsche colour
11	PJ 6170Y5960 A036B6356V	ICI P0309053 B036B6356V	9053	71791	NK	Regency Red	Oct 70 - NK	Maroon in brochure. A Jaguar colour, also known as Burgundy
12	PJ 6170A1130 A036B6357V	ICI P0314339	4339	LOT0225	NK	Lagoon Blue Metallic	Oct 70 - NK	Metallic Blue in brochure. Also known as Scandinavian Blue - a Volvo colour; also Rolls Royce and Royal Enfield colours
13	PJ6170W2230R1 A036B6349V	ICI P0309052	9052	NK	L13	Pistachio Lime Green	Oct 70 - Jul 73	Lime Green in brochure. A Jensen colour
14	PJ 6170Z5980RJ A036B6350V	ICI P0309055	9055	LOT0043	NK	Colorado Orange	Oct 70 - Oct 72	Light Orange in Brochure. A BMW colour
15	ICI P030122 A036B6397V	NK	NK	95039	L15	Black Gloss	Sep 72-Dec 73	Special order only on Elans. Also Polar Black. Not an "official" Sprint colour. Was used on the JPS Plus 2s
16	PJ 6170A4330 A036B6399V	ICI P0313626 or 5RD5B	3626	23555	NK	Tawny Brown	Oct 72 - Jan 74	Ford Tawny
None	PJ 6170A3130 A036B6345V	Talbot Aztec Gold - code 143	3460Metal lic	NK	NK	Gold Lacquer	Oct 70 - Dec 74	Elan Sprint bumpers and Plus 2 S130 roof in metallic

None	PJ6170A8020 A036B6313V	NK	2999Metal lic	NK	NK	Silver Lacquer	Oct 62 - Jan 71	S1, S2, S3 & S4 bumpers and wheels
Additional Plus 2 Colours								
17	PJ 6170A2580 A036B6426V	NK	NK	NK	NK	Renault Mid Green, Metallic	Mar 73 - Oct 73	Lotus records show Plus 2's in this colour listed from Dec 72. It appears possible that this colour became Laurel Green on later cars; the colours are almost identical
18	NK	ICI P0794403 A050B6223V	NK	14170	NK	Glacier Blue, Metallic	Jul 73 - Oct 73	Also Ice Blue - an Austin Healey colour in 50s, Rover colour in 60s, Triumph colour in 70s
19	NK	ICI P0307604 A050B6225V	NK	8830	NK	Sable	Oct 72 - NK	Also Siberian Sable. Jaguar and Rolls Royce colours
20	NK A050B6226V	NK	NK	12119	NK	Indigo Blue	Oct 72 - Jul 73	MG, Morgan and Jaguar colours
21		ICI P0314963 B050B6228V	NK	NK	L21	Purple	Oct 73 - NK	Sometimes Roman Purple - a Porsche and Aston Martin colours in 70s
22	PJ 6170X2097 A050B6229V	ICI P0309501	NK	NK	NK	Bitter Green	Oct 73 - NK	Renamed Canadian Green in 1974. A Rootes colour. Record of Nov 72 car in this colour from Lotus
23	PJ 6170Y4817 A050B62230V	ICIP030TW250 28	NK	NK	NK	Sepia Brown	Oct 73 - Mar 74	Also Burmese Brown - a Chrysler colour. Lotus report no records of a Plus 2 being completed in this colour
24	PJ 6170X5150 A050B6231V	ICI P03038662	NK	NK	NK	Firecracker	Oct 73 - Jan 74	Red colour. Lotus report no records of a Plus 2 being completed in this colour
25	PJ 6170Y0900	ICI P0307517 B050B6232V	NK	NK	NK	Monaco White	Oct 73 - NK	Also Andes White. Vauxhall colour
26	NK	ICI P0309257 A050B6233V	NK	NK	L26	Olympic Blue	Oct 73 - NK	Ford colour
None	NK	NK	NK	NK	NK	Laurel Green, Metalic	73-74?	Rare and no Lotus code. Was a Triumph colour 69-71 and a Ford colour. See Mid Green LO17 above
None	A036B6355V	NK	NK	NK	NK	Silver	?	Plus 2 roof only
None	A050B6222V	NK	NK	NK	NK	Metallic Jewels	?	Plus 2 only
A21 & B01	B050B6237S	ICI P4207517	Dupont ABN9149	NK	NK	Monaco White	?	This is the same as above with Type 50 part no.
A02	B036B6424S	ICI P420122	NK	NK	NK	Black	?	Engine bay? Has Type 36 part no.

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