

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
NA		ICI P0303192 CBG308	3192			Medici Blue	Oct 62 - NK	An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Was a Standard Triumph colour, ref 378TR
NA		ICI P0303097 GR227	3097			Carmen Red	Oct 62 - NK	An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Was a Jaguar colour
NA		ICI P0303484	YL11			Fiesta Yellow	Oct 62 - NK	An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Was an Austin colour
NA				80774		Sunburst Yellow	Oct 62 - NK	An original S1 option, but had no Lotus code. Also an Elite colour. Was a Ford colour
NA		ICI PO303442		71245		Monaco Red	65 – 66	Used only briefly on late S2 and early S3 Elans. Was a Ford colour, used on the Alan Mann racers
01	PJ 6170Y2790 A036B6315V	ICI P0302854 A036B6315S BF4758	2854	LOT0050	L01	British Racing Green	Oct 62 - Oct 70	Was a Jaguar colour. Note Jaguar used three variants of BRG throughout the 1960s
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	
04	PJ 6170X0540 A036B6318V	ICI P0309049	9049	LOT0053	L04	Cirrus White	Oct 62 - Oct 73	This colour was unique to Lotus, though Ford listed one. Also an Elite colour
05	PJ 6170X5350 A036B6319V	ICI P0308385 B036B6319V	8385	LOT0388	L05	Carnival Red	Mid 67 – Jul 73	
06	PJ 6170X4570 A036B6320V	ICI P0306853	6853	LOT0049	L06	Burnt Sand	Mid 67 - Oct 70	
07	PJ 6170X3940 A036B6321V	ICI P0309547 B036B6321V	9547	83526	X3940	Lotus Yellow	Mid 67 - 79	
08	PJ0235X9050RZ A036B6312V	ICI Non Gloss				Matt Black	Jan 67 - NK	Used in engine compartment, except Bourne bodied S1s, which were grey. Also used in boot (not lid), body sill, air extractor boxes and air plenum chamber
09	PJ 6170Z1920 A036B6322V	ICI P0307557	7557	LOT0047		Royal Blue	Oct 68 - Oct 70	

10	PJ 6170Y3140 A036B6323V	ICI P0306854	6854	2325		Bahama Yellow	Oct 68 - Oct 70	
11	PJ 6170Y5960 A036B6356V	ICI P0309053 B036B6356V	9053	71791		Regency Red	Oct 70 - NK	Maroon in brochure
12	PJ 6170A1130 A036B6357V	ICI P0314339 or 4339M	4339	LOT0225		Lagoon Blue, Metallic	Oct 70 - 74	Metallic Blue in brochure
13	PJ6170W2230R1 A036B6349V	ICI P0309052	9052	LOT0041	L13	Pistachio Lime Green	Oct 70 - Jul 73	Lime Green in brochure
14	PJ 6170Z5980RJ A036B6350V	ICI P0309055	9055	LOT0043		Colorado Orange	Oct 70 - Oct 72	Light Orange in Brochure
15	ICI P030122 A036B6397V	B036B6424S		95039	L15	Black Gloss	Sep-72	Special order only on Elans. Not an "official" Sprint colour though used for wheels. Used on the JPS Plus 2s
16	PJ 6170A4330 A036B6399V	ICI P0313626 or 5RD5B	3626	23555		Tawny Brown, Metallic	Oct 72 - Jan 74	Was a Ford colour
NA	PJ 6170A3130 A036B6345V		3460Metallic D512B Lacquer			Gold Lacquer	Oct 70 - Dec 74	Elan Sprint bumpers. Talbot Aztec Gold, code 143 an alternative
NA	PJ6170A8020 A036B6313V		2999Metallic D513B Lacquer			Silver Lacquer	Oct 62 - Jan 71	S1, S2, S3 & S4 bumpers and wheels
NA	A910E6605V					Black Crackle Finish		Big Valve cam cover
NA	A912E6830V					Red Crackle Finish		Federal Big Valve cam cover, some European spec engines and a small number of later domestic engines
Additional Plus 2 Colours								
17	PJ 6170A2580 A036B6426V			LOT0221		Mid Green, Metallic	Jul 73 - Oct 73	Was a Renault colour
18		ICI P0794403 A050B6223V	14170			Glacier Blue, Metallic	Jul 73 - Oct 73	
19		ICI P0307604 A050B6225V	8830	LOT0301		Sable	Oct 72 - 76	Sometimes called Siberian

20	A050B6226V		12119			Indigo Blue	Oct 72 - Jul 73	
21		ICI P0314963 B050B6228V		LOT0222	L21	Purple, Metallic	Oct 73 - 76	Sometimes called Roman Purple
22	PJ 6170X2097 A050B6229V	ICI P0309501				Bitter Green	Oct 73 - NK	
23	PJ 6170Y4817 A050B62230V	ICIP030TW25028		LOT0470		Sepia Brown	Oct 73 - Mar 74	
24	PJ 6170X5150 A050B6231V	ICI P03038662				Firecracker (red)	Oct 73 - Jan 74	
25	PJ 6170Y0900	ICI P0307517 B050B6232V		LOT0526		Monaco White	Oct 73 - 82	
26		ICI P0309257 A050B6233V			L26	Olympic Blue	Oct 73 - NK	
NA						Laurel Green	74	Late Plus 2 colour, rare and no Lotus code. Metallic?
NA	A036B6355V					Silver	Mar 69-NK	Plus 2 roof only
NA	A050B6222V					Metallic Jewels		Plus 2S roof only

The Lotus 'L' prefix codes indicate nitro-cellulose paint used on the Elan and Plus 2. 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 Paints was taken over by Nexa Autocolor. Nexa Autocolor is now a brand name of PPG. In the 1960s, Nexa introduced 2K to follow the introduction of metallic effect pigments on cars. This allowed any car's metallic effect to be reproduced using a Single Layer Metallic system. It subsequently launched Aquabase, the world's first waterborne basecoat, in 1992. In 2000 Nexa introduced Aquabase Plus, a waterborne basecoat giving improved application and blending qualities that deliver a "Right First Time" match to the original car colours. PPG is one of the world leaders in automotive finishes and provides colour matching and choices to please most people. They established a presence in the UK in 1985, though they have been around for a lot longer than that globally. Glasurit, owned by BASF, are coatings specialists with more than 100 years of experience and claim to be the world's top experts in automotive refinish paint. They offer classic car enthusiasts professional support for paintwork or refinishing of their cars in the form of Glasurit Classic Car Colors. They are able to find a matching colour 'in seconds', for refinishing nearly any classic car. They have the world's largest colour library, with over 200,000 colours. It offers a good basis for solving a variety of refinishing problems.