

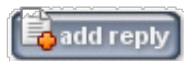
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Posted: July 21 2004,03:27

"QUOTE"

I have a 1933 pcxx with a paint and trim code of 239 X 351 indicated on the build card. This car has been in my family since new and I remember it as being black, but can find no deciphering of the indicated paint and trim code. Please help if you can.

Also, I am planning on painting the car Chrysler Light Gray that is indicated as DUCO 246-30355 on the Dupont Plymouth Color Bulletin No. 4, dated September 15, 1933 for 1933 models. On the www.ply33.com website the approximate newer color is said to be Fiat Light Tan #555 MS 139F, and the Chrysler Light Gray paint chip shown is definitely closer to a brown than a gray. The same website also references the color as being Ditz-Lac Intermix System IM-680.

Please help!! I definitely want the color to be gray. According to Earl Buton, he thinks the color is a light bluish-gray similar to his son's vehicle? Is the (pardon the vulgar language) Ford color of Pastel Gray a close enough match?

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TodFitch



Posted: July 21 2004,05:21

EDIT **"QUOTE"**

I can't add much, since you have already visited my web site and gotten most of what I know there.

You should be aware that the paint chip samples on the site should be taken with a grain of salt: The original chips will have changed with time, the scanning process is inexact, and each computer monitor and printer does color slightly differently.

Much of the information for "matches" to "modern" colors traces its lineage to the Plymouth Owners Club. I have heard, but cannot confirm that those matches were done in the 1950s by Earl Butan.

As far as I can tell, the cross reference information for paint and trim numbers for 1928 through 1933 is lost to time. The general pattern for 1934 through the 1930s is for black to be 1xx, so I doubt that your car was originally black. Be aware that the firewall was always black for 1928-35 (and maybe 1936) regardless of the body color. I believe that paint 258 was

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Limousine Blue and for 1934 and later blues were usually 2xx, so it is likely that your car was one of the three different blues available.

If you can find a remnant of the original paint color and/or upholstery, I sure would like to know what they were. I am trying to reconstruct cross references between codes and actual colors.

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Plymouth Admin

Posted: July 21 2004,17:33

"QUOTE"



I'll put my two cents worth in.

Keep in mind, everything breaks down to some extent. Paint chips are not immune to this. From 1931 - 1946 I know the glue used to adhere the chips in DuPont and Ditzler (PPG) books actually started to dis-color the paint chips after a year. Who knew... hahahaha.

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Anyway, paper is a bad factor in this as well as after 20 odd years, that will affect color as well. The new paint won't be as bothered by this, but the old stuff was.

I also agree with TodFitch. Monitors play heavy. But it might be a scan of a botched (aged) chip sample anyway. So who knows. But if I remember right... the color you referenced is actually a gray. No tint of brown.

I hope this helps.

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Robert Davis

Posted: July 21 2004,19:08

"QUOTE"

1933 colour number 351 is Radio Blue. The mix for it was dark blue,black,white and some dark green. Black was not originally offered to buyers of '33 Plymouths for some reason. Eventually the factory relented and allowed the dealers to buy black cars as long as they bought a train car load and they had to be all the same body style. The convertible was never offered in black. I believe no PCs were painted black at the factory only PDs and that was after May 1933. A true black original '33 Plymouth is rare. Chrysler Light Gray could be described as Army Olive Drab with a gloss finish! The paint number is 355 and the mix is; white,black,ferrite yellow and brown. I have the exact mix quantities if you need them. The Duco number for Chrysler Light Gray is 246-30355.

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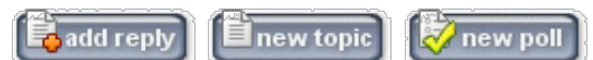
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