

PAINTING

Cars that were painted at Zetland were distinguished by their process. Enfield cars were simply 'slipper dipped' whereas Zetland cars went through a 'rotodip' process (see 'Rotodip process'). This superior process meant that the cars were better protected against rust. If you could detect prime coat, you would notice that 'Enfield' cars were pink, whereas the 'Zetland' cars were chocolate brown.

During the initial set-up for the Mk II, there was a significant issue with painting. Areas of lead-loading blew out with the extreme heat in the paint ovens. It took weeks to redevelop the lead-loading technique to eliminate most of the beeswax from the paddling operation, use of extra heat to allow minor air bubbles to explode and finish off with an epoxy filler.

Original colours of vehicles were to be found in two places:

'63 – '69 in the last box of the ID plate, situated under the bonnet near the radiator diaphragm.

eg.



'69 – '72 on an adhesive sticker, situated near the oil cooler eg.



With the early type ID plates, the colours were often shown with numerals in front of and after the colour. An explanation of these follows...

An example to help explain: 1/ DUSK BLUE /3	
Paint type. 1 = Enamel 4 = Acrylic Enamel	
Colour name.	
Paint Manufacturer. 1. Balm Paints 2. Lusteroid 3. Berger 4. Brolite 5. Taubmans 6. Spartan	

<http://www.elevenhundred.com/colours.php>

Below is a fairly comprehensive list of colours used on Australian MGBs with, in most cases, the year for the Dulux code. For a more comprehensive list of codes, see 'colours' in 'Good Stuff'.

AINTREE GREEN	1963	JET RED	1969/72
ARIANA TAN	1971/72	KATOOMBA GREY (WANGARA)	1963/64
BALTIC BLUE	1970	LAKE GREEN	1967
BLACK	1963	MALMO GREEN	1967/68
BRITISH RACING GREEN	1964	MARINE BLUE	1965/66
CADET BLUE	1969/70	MONZA RED	1963/66
CADIZ ORANGE	1971/72	NURBURG WHITE	1963/64
CALYPSO PRIMROSE	1969/70	PORTOFINO GOLD	1969
CAMINO GOLD	1970/72	SANDOWN RED	1968
CHAMPION RED (TARTAN)	1963	SAPPHIRE BLUE	1968
CONNAUGHT GREEN	1963	SKY BLUE	1963/64
CRYSTAL WHITE	1969/72	SNOW WHITE	1967/68
DAFFODIL YELLOW	1968	SPACE BLUE	1971/72
GAMBIER TURQUOISE	1971/72	SPECIAL BURGUNDY	1967/68
GTO GREEN	1968/69	STELLA BLUE	1971/72
HARVEST GOLD		STORM GREY	
INDIGO BLUE	1967/69	TARTAN RED (CHAMPION)	1963/64
JAY BLUE	1967	ZIRCON WHITE	1971/72

