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AUTHOR'S COMMENTS

- 1 This is a listing of some of published and un-published information on the colours of bodywork paint and interior trim used on the MG TC. The purpose is to provide a reference for TC owners, and to enable easy comparison of the data available from different sources. The data has been compiled and presented in the spirit of encouraging dissemination of information and subsequent discussion. Please send notes on improvements or corrections to my E-mail or fax.
- 2 Conclusions concerning what is the "correct" or "original" colour for any specific car are not made here. The reader may use the data to draw his own conclusions. Some of the paints listed may not be available today, but the information is useful as a guide to modern equivalents. Modern paints used on TCs are often very different in formulation from the paints of the 1940s and so the colour and finish achieved will be different. Refer to, for example NEMGTR-1 pages 35 and 69-70 for more wisdom on this point.
- 3 In many parts of this spreadsheet I have quoted from published articles or books. I recommend that the reader should always refer to the original, full, text.
- 4 It is obvious that one data source may have drawn on an earlier one, so that the fact that a statement about a particular colour is found in more than one source does not necessarily make that statement more credible. Truths and errors may have been repeated.
- 5 The order of listing of sources does not indicate that any source is more credible than another.
- 6 No doubt there is more information available which is not presently available to me. If members would send me additional information which they have but which is not listed here I will be pleased to up-date this listing.
- 7 I have carried some limited research with ICI, but the bulk of the information listed here is the result of diligent work done by others.

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TC Body Paint Colours by Year

Source	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
NEMGTR-1 Page 35	Black	Black Red - from Sept 1946 Green - from Sept 1946		Black Red Green Cream - from early 1948 Blue - from early 1948	As 1948
Original MG T Series	Black	Black Red - from approximately Sept 1946 Green - from approximately Sept 1946	"In 1947 or 1948 two more colours were added. The complete range was now":- [page 63.]	Black MG Red Shires Green Sequoia Cream Clipper Blue	"During 1949 the colour range was revised and the following colours were used on the last TCs as well as on the TDs through to 1951 ...", page 63. Black MG Red Almond Green Ivory Clipper Blue
TCs Forever!	Black only up to TC 1550 - Nov 1945 to Aug 1946	Red - from Sept 1946 Green - from Sept 1946		"Cream and Clipper Blue were later additions to the range", page 56.	

TC Body Paint Colours by Year

Source	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
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The Pre War MG Parts Centre catalogue Page 65	Black	Black Emgee Red Apple Green	Black Emgee Red Apple Green	Black Emgee Red Apple Green Sequoia Cream Clipper Blue	Black Emgee Red Almond Green [metallic] Ivory Clipper Blue
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NTG	"November 1945 to August 1946"	"September 1946 to mid 1948* "	"Additional colour probably added sometime in 1947"	"1948* to November 1949"	
	Black	Black Regency Red Shires Green * Probably between April and June	Sequoia Cream	Black MG Red / Regency Red Almond Green** Shires Green Sequoia Cream Clipper Blue	** Author states "It is unlikely that this shade was ever used on the TC." He goes on to give his reasons.

TC Bulkhead [Firewall] Colours

Source	Early cars	Later cars	Changeover point	Notes	Paint code
NEMGTR-1 Page 36	Grey-green	Body colour	"... approximately TC5800 ..."		
Original MG T Series Page 59		Body colour	"TC/5000 (approx)"		
TCs Forever! Page 63	Light Grey	Body colour	".... Probably between TC/5562 and TC/5722. [Between TC/5742 and 5890 according to TSO, Jul 82."]	Author refers to US reports that the correct grey is a green grey.	Author suggests "Light Aircraft Grey, BS381c-627 for the light grey, and French Grey BS630 for the green grey".

TC Body Paint Colour Data

Source	Colour Quoted	Original ICI Code	Later ICI Exact Equivalent	Other Makers Equivalent Codes, and Comments	
NEMGTR-1				Ditzler equivalent	Rinshed-Mason equivalent
	Black Red Green Blue Cream			- DDL 71993 DDL 44159 DDL 12297 DDL 81271	- BM 121 R BM 076 BM 042 BM 127
Original MG T Series			Later ICI exact equivalent	Ditzler equivalent	Rinshed-Mason equivalent
	Black MG Red MG/Almond Green Clipper Blue Sequoia Cream / Ivory		9448 2007 [metallic] "not known" 4138 or 2700?	- 71993 44159 12297 80203	- BM 121 R BM076 BM 042 BM127
		The author says that he is "not happy that Sequoia Cream and Ivory are the same colour, nor MG Green and Almond Green". He also says that he is "not convinced that the TC colour Shires Green is the same as either MG or Almond Green".			
		This colour code data is given on page 100 under information for TD and TF. However in the TC colour section, page 63, he refers the reader to a "colour list later in this book", and the data on page 100 is the only later colour list which could apply. These colours are for a very late TC, after the TC colour changes "during 1949" - see Paint Colour Data.			
The Pre War MG parts Centre catalogue			Later ICI exact equivalent		
	Black Emgee Red Apple Green - TC 1946-48 Clipper Blue - TC 1948 and 1949 and TD 1949-1951 Sequoia Cream - TC 1948 Almond Green [metallic] - TC 1949 and TD 1949-1951 Ivory - TC 1949 and TD 1949-1951		0122 9448 2472 0146 4138 2007M 2065	Author also says "Sequoia Cream also has an ICI listing as No. 2700."	

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Source	Colour Quoted	Original ICI Code	Later ICI Exact Equivalent	Other Makers Equivalent Codes, and Comments	
Peter Pleitner-1				Sikkens equivalent	
	Shires Green			#451-H3	Determined by colour comparison with some take-off front fenders from 1940's and with Jim Carson's TC maintained same colour since 1949.
Michael D Card - 1			Later ICI exact equivalent	Du Pont equivalent	Comments by ICI
	Black				ICI says no information available, but 0122 [quoted in another reference] was a very commonly used black so may be correct
	MG Red		9448	HY 599	- This is a new code, formulated January 1999 at my request to exactly match ICI MG Red 9448.
	Almond Green				
	MG Green				ICI says Apple Green 2472 is currently available, but cannot link this number with MG.
	Shires Green				
	Apple Green				
	Clipper Blue		0146		ICI says no information available
	Sequoia Cream				
	Ivory		2065		
<p>Note 1:- The three colours, MG Red, Clipper Blue, and Ivory, are recorded in the current ICI computer system as having been used on MG Midget 1948-1952. The numbers quoted are later colour codes, which are said by ICI to be the exact colour equivalents of the colours used in 1948-1952 and for which the base colours and mixing formulae have been corrected to maintain that exact colour match today, as ICI base colour standards have been altered over the years.</p> <p>Note 2:- These colours are available today in 2-pack and cellulose. Mixing formulae are available for use with current ICI base colours.</p>					

TC Trim Colours vs Body Colour

Source	Paint and Trim combinations		Note
	Paint colour	Trim colours used	

NEMGTR-1	Black	Red, Beige, Green	Page 35
	Red	Red, Beige	
	Green	Beige, Green	
	Cream	Red, Green	
	Blue	Beige	

TCs Forever!	Black	Red, Beige, Green	Page 73
	Red	Red, Beige	
	Green	Beige, Green	
	Cream	Red, Green	
	Blue	Beige	

Original MG T Series	Colour combinations until "During 1949 .."		Page 63
	Black	Regency Red, Vellum Beige, Shires Green	Page 63
MG Red	Regency Red, Vellum Beige		
Shires Green	Vellum Beige, Shires Green		
Sequoia Cream	Regency Red, Shires Green		
Clipper Blue	Vellum Beige		
"During 1949 the colour range was revised and the following colours were used on the last TCs as well as on the TDs through to 1951 ..."			
Black	Red, Beige, Green		
MG Red	Red, Beige		
Almond Green	Beige		
Clipper Blue	Beige		

Source	Paint and Trim combinations		Note
	Paint colour	Trim colours used	

NTG	Black	Red, Beige, Green	[See note on previous sheet.]
	Regency Red	Red, Beige	
	Shires Green	Almond Green	
	Sequoia Cream	Red, Green	
	Almond Green	Beige, Green	
	Clipper Blue	Beige	

TC Trim Colour Data

Source	Trim Colour	Colour Data	Note
NEMGTR-1	Red	Connolly Brothers code VM 3171	Page 35
	Beige	Connolly Brothers code VM 847	
	Green	Connolly Brothers code VM 895	
Original MG T Series		Connolly "Celestra" leather	Page 42

TC Other Component Colours

Component	Source	Page	Year/Chassis/Engine	Colour	Suitable Current Products	
					Maker	Code
Hood and sidescreeens cloth	Original MG T Series	44		"... usually fawn ..." " ... black may have been used on a few cars."		
	TCs Forever	63, 234	Early Later	"black" "fawn"		
Hood frame & Sidescreen frames	Original MG T Series	44		"... light grey or tan ..."		
	NEMGTR-1	35, 70		"tan"		
	TCs Forever	63, 234	Early Later	"Black hoods, Black frames, twin rear windows." "Fawn hoods, Fawn frames, twin rear windows." then "... single rear windows"		
Tonneau cover cloth	Original MG T Series	45	Early "Introduced in 1948"	"black" "fawn"		
Dash centre panel	Original MG T Series	59	Early From TC-5380 [approx] [April 1948]	"... black panel with white lettering." "... metallic tan with black lettering ..."		
	NEMGTR-1	35, 69	Early "... some time during 1948 ..." TC/EXU	"... black panel with white lettering." "... tan with black lettering ...", "bronze" "... tan but had no lettering ..."		
	TCs Forever	63	Early Late [around TC/5562?]	"... Black with White lettering." "... Bronze with Black lettering ..."		
Engine [refer to Sources such as NEMGTR-1 and TCs Forever for details of which parts are engine colour and which are black or aluminium]	Original MG T Series	27, 59	Early TC-5000 [approx [March 1948]	"... at first light grey but it is thought that they later changed to a grey-green colour ..." "red"		
	NEMGTR-1 Important to read author's full text on this subject.	36, 70	Earliest Early "... approximately TC-5000 ..."	"dark green" "Greenish grey" "... very dark red [some call it maroon] ..."	Ditzler Du Pont Sherwin Williams Acme	DQE 50782Y 5321 DH J31261-R AC419
	TCs Forever	61	Early "At least by TC/5562 [XPAG 6216]"	"Mid Grey" "Dark Red"		BS 638
Rocker cover	Original MG T Series	25, 59	XPAG-2020 to XPAG-2966 Pressed steel cover	Aluminium casting "silver-grey-green"	Page 25 suggests that the last aluminium cover was on XPAG 2966 but page 59 may suggest XPAG-2965.	
	TCs Forever	56, 70	XPAG-2020 to XPAG-2965 Pressed steel cover	Aluminium casting "silver-grey-green"		

TC Source References

Source Reference	Source or Publication	ISBN number	Editor	Date	Article	Author	Page
NEMGTR-1	"The T Type Restoration Handbook"	ISBN 0-938253-01-3	Dick Knudson	1993	"Points of Originality: The MG TC", first published in "The Sacred Octagon" in August 1979, page 31.	Chip Old, Technical Editor	35, 36 and 67-70
Original MG T Series	Original MG T Series	1-870979-06-0		1989		Anders Ditley Clausager	59, 63, 100
TCs Forever!	TCs Forever!	ISBN 0-7316-8877-5		1990		Michael Sherrell	56, 63, 73, 200
The Pre War MG parts Centre catalogue	The Pre War MG parts Centre catalogue			1991		Barry Walker	65
Michael D Card - 1	1.1 Telephone contact with ICI in UK during August and December 1998.			Dez 98			
	1.2 Colour match to ICI MG Red 9448 by Du Pont and Rover Group for Richard Mitchell and Michael Card.			Jan 99			
Peter Pleitner-1	Email dated 5 November 1998.			Nov 98			
NTG	Private correspondence received 8 January 1999			Sep 93	"Colour Schemes TA-TB-TC"	Mike Green, NTG Motor Services Ltd, England	