

## Austin Seven Paint colours.

### DE LUXE SALOONS.

| Royal Blue        | Black top | Blue fine line  | Best selected hide |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Maroon            | ..        | Red fine line   | ..                 |
| Westminster Green | ..        | Cream fine line | ..                 |
| Black             | ..        | Fine lines      | ..                 |
| Auto Brown        | ..        | Straw fine line | ..                 |
| Opal Blue         | ..        | Cream fine line | ..                 |
| Fawn              | ..        | ..              | ..                 |
| Dual Beaver       | ..        | Blue fine line  | ..                 |

### SALOONS.

|            |           |              |
|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Royal Blue | Blue band | Leathercloth |
| Maroon     | Beige     | ..           |
| Black      | Brown     | ..           |

### TOURERS.

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| Royal Blue | Black band | Leathercloth |
| Maroon     | ..         | ..           |
| Auto Brown | ..         | ..           |
| Opal Blue  | ..         | ..           |

### TWO SEATERS

|            |            |              |
|------------|------------|--------------|
| Royal Blue | Black band | Leathercloth |
| Fawn       | ..         | ..           |

**What colour is that Seven?** Many people ask for the correct colour schemes for the various models of the Austin Seven. Let me say first that you paint your car the colour that you prefer, but naturally most people prefer to follow the original colours when making the choice. When discussing the original colours the issue is clouded somewhat in that the many body manufacturers of the day (particularly in the late twenties) produced body and trim schemes well away from the standard factory colours. Likewise, in Australia, we had some colours (particularly bright red) which did not coincide with the English built Chummy's. It might be opportune to mention here that there is virtually open licence on sports and van bodies, more so the latter. Here is a selection for your guidance - the non factory ones being indicated:

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| 1923-5 Chummy's.<br>1924 Factory Sports. | Black, Pale Blue, Royal Blue and Maroon.<br>Kingfisher Blue. |
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| 1924-7 Brookland's Sports<br>(Gordon England).<br>1926-7 Gordon England Cup<br>Sports, Fabric.<br>April 1926 Gordon England<br>Fabric Saloon.<br>Oct 1926 Factory Saloon (metal)<br>1926-30 Chummy's.<br>Sept 1927 (1928 models) Gordon<br>England Fab Saloon & Cup Sports. | Polished Aluminium. |
| Scarlet, Royal Blue, Mottled Silver and<br>Black, Orange<br>and Green, Nickel Radiator.<br>Grey, Red or Dark Blue, all under Black.   |                     |
| Primrose and Black.<br>Black, Pale Blue, Oxford Blue, Red, Maroon,<br>Dove Grey and Dark Green.<br>Orange, Dark blue, Maroon, Brown, Green,<br>with dark<br>brown hide.   |                     |

1930-31 Ulster Sports. Cream body, Green wings, Black upholstery hood and wheels OR Black body, hood and wheels, Red wings and upholstery OR Red body, Black upholstery, wings and hood.

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| 1933-6 Nippy and Speedy<br>Sports.<br>1933 onwards Opal<br>Roadster.<br>Ruby Saloon. | Primrose, Turquoise Blue, Cherry Red, Black.<br>Royal Blue, Dove Grey.<br>Royal Blue, Maroon, Westminster Green, Black, Turquoise<br>Blue, Dove Grey,<br>Pueblo Brown.<br>Royal Blue, maroon, Black.<br>Royal Blue, Maroon, Auto Brown.<br>Cherry red, Royal Blue, Westminster Green, Ash Grey, Black |
| Ruby-fixed head.<br>Open road Tourer's.<br>March 1937 Pearl Cabriolet                |   |

Unless otherwise indicated, it is fairly safe to assume that the standard Tourer's, Saloons and Roadsters had black wings, running boards, dashboards and upholstery including hood, where applicable. All pre 1929 Chummy's had black radiator surrounds, later ones nickelled, then later again chromed. The non-vintage model Austin's appear to have had a dashboard in the same colour as the body, with just the instrument panel itself in Black. Chummy headlights, either CAV, Lucas or Howes & Burley, should be painted black to be as original. Remember, these points are only a guide, not an instruction, but the same points have to be taken into consideration by concours judges when judging cars for originality.

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