

ICI Paint Numbers for Cloud & S Series Era Cars

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I've been told (by Phil Brooks) that ICI, now Nexa Autocolor, was paint supplier to Rolls-Royce during 1955 to 1965. Nexa Autocolor has been a division of PPG since around 2000, and this led me to Nexa Autocolor support. They supplied me with the following data regarding Rolls-Royce colors used during the period. Regretfully, it is not as complete as the PPG spec's, so that separate document should be consulted as well.

COLOR NAME	ICI / NEXA REF #	Years
Antelope	5DGFB	
Astral Blue	NNB3B / 2704M	
Black	DDW8	1973-1979
Black Pearl	B769B	
Blue Gray	3293	
Burgundy	8TN5B / 3231	
Dawn Blue	4NAVB / 3440	
Dusk Gray	4YWVB / 2702M	
Garnet	5EH6B / 6316	
Metal Gray	N/A	
Midnight Blue	2NLHB / 2182	
Opal	N/A	
Pacific Green	5EA6B / 2570M	
Pine Green	6317	
Porcelain White	FM80B / FM80	
Regal Red	A981B / 2132M	1968-1991
Sable	EGW1B / 6867	
Sage Green (Gray)	6866	
Sand	1732B / 2559M	1969-1971
Shell Gray	C599B / 2582M	
Smoke Green	6865	
Steel Blue	8TM5B / 2571M	
Tudor Gray	2PG3B / 2581M	
Velvet Green	YYK8B / 2820	

They explained:

- 1) Two ref#'s with a slash: These are the ref#'s for the color. The first is the basecoat and second is the single layer ref# for the same color. Anything that is 5 digits and ends in "B" is a basecoat. Anything that is four digits or five digits ending in "M" is a single layer.
- 2) If years are supplied: This means that the color was used in those years, not in 1955-1965.

I'm sure they supplied, for example, black during 1955-1965, so I guess they are saying that the spec for that time period is no longer available.