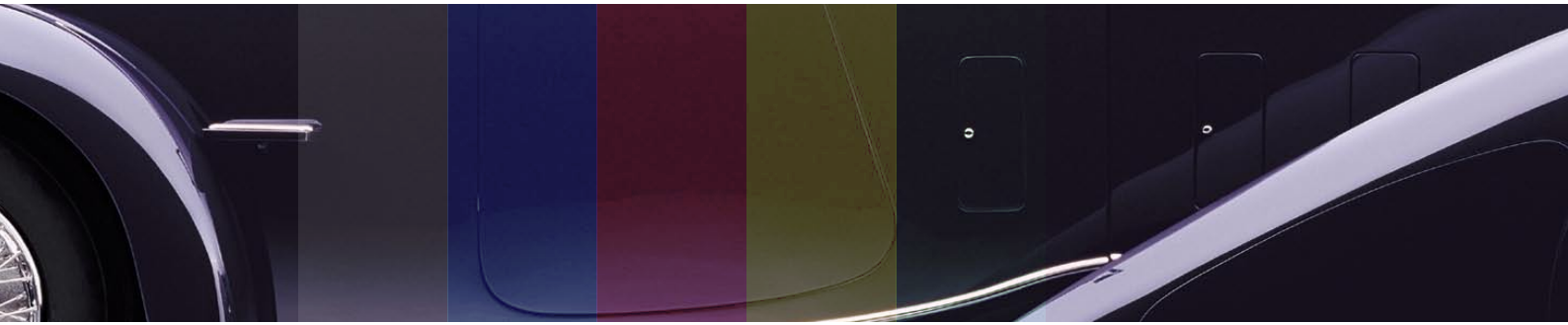


Prestige and Classic Cars.



Nothing's impossible.

Finding the right color shade.

Sometimes it's done quickly. Sometimes it takes a bit longer. But even where the most unique classic cars are concerned, Standox will help to find the right color formula.

With many vintage cars, only the original color can bring back the "good old times". After all, what would a Ferrari 250 GT Berlinetta be without its rich red? Or a Mercedes Benz 600 without its deep black? In former times, however, these colors were not documented as precisely as this is the case today. As a result, many original colors cannot be found in any of the world's archives.

Other vintage cars, in turn, have been exposed to a lot – a lot of sunshine, a lot of rain, a lot of summers and a lot of winters. They have therefore lost their paint in some places and the weather has left its marks. The problem is that the patina acquired over the years makes it difficult to identify the original color.

These are just two reasons why Standox recommends to use Genius and Standwin for the color search.

The combination of a colorimeter and a color identification software needs no long-term memory to identify a solid or special-effect color. Instead, it measures the color on the spot and delivers a formula that you can transfer directly to your Standox mixing system.

Genius is a spectrophotometer, which can read colors and shades directly on the cleaned vehicle body. Given that three angles are measured at the same time, the results are extremely precise. This handy device identifies pearlescent effects just as reliably as solid and metallic color shades.

After the measurement, the Standwin software checks the results against familiar colors. Far more than 30,000 reference values have been stored digitally, with the software updated at regular intervals. In most cases, the system therefore delivers the matching Standox mixing formula straight away, which can be transmitted directly to the electronic scales for precise mixing.



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Should the color not be a 100 percent match, the software allows you to correct it manually. Differences between the original color and the color determined by the software can easily be eliminated with the help of digital color adjustment and the modified formula can then be saved in a database. This way, important information for follow-up orders is stored safely. As you see, Genius and Standown help you serve your customers quickly.

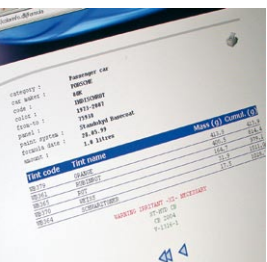
But be careful! Even the best technology cannot replace the well-trained eye of the expert. As with every repair, you should therefore spray a color sample first once you have mixed the paint. Because only the human eye can tell in daylight or under the daylight lamp how close you have come to your target color and whether you need to re-adjust the color. We recommend to note down the mixing formula on the sample sheets and store them so that you will later have quick access to all relevant information.

In any case, the combination of Genius and Standown is the quickest and most reliable solution to identify a color shade. Incidentally, this also applies to more recent colors – and thus also to new cars.

Other methods of determining the right color shade are much more complex. The easiest way is to find the type label directly. It shows the color code (a combination of letters and/or numbers), which will help you to identify the right color formula. The color database on your local Standox website will show you the way.

This also applies if you cannot find the type label straight away. In this case, the manufacturer's location sketches, which can also be downloaded from the Standox website. They will show you where the type labels of the individual makes are normally located.

If this information does not get you anywhere, you should gather everything you know about the vehicle and start an expert research with the help of the Standox color database. Information about the manufacturer, the model family and the year of construction often helps to track down the original color of a prestige or classic car quite precisely. In this case, you benefit from the fact that car makers in earlier times didn't change the colors of their OEM finishes as frequently as today.



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Sometimes, however, the devil is in the detail. In this case, the experts from the Standox Color Service will be pleased to assist you. This even applies if there is too little of the original paint left on the body to determine the color shade with the help of Genius and Standowin. Based on a tank cap or glove-box lid painted in the original color, the Standox team will identify the right formula for you. In this case, you will need some patience, however, as the analysis may take "some time".

The Standox tip: When refinishing a prestige or classic car, always identify the right color shade first. This will avoid losing valuable time in case of doubt.

Further information:

- The quick way to a perfect color match.
- Expertise in colour.
- Genius – Fast and efficient colour matching.



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