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Posted: Sat Feb 04, 2006 3:10 pm Post subject: PETROL TANK COLOUR

Can any one please tell me the correct colour for a petrol tank on a 28/29 3 speed ? the one with the heavy Scott forks and aloy exhaust manifold, is it just black or blackwith white pannels, or black with purple pannels also what shape should the top be? full pannel or diamond

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Posted: Tue Feb 07, 2006 8:35 pm Post subject:

Hello Eric,

Look at www.scottin.nl to see my 1928 Scott.

After reading through books and some information it is supposed to be original.

My petrol tank has purple sides.

greetings

Frank
the Netherlands

See my Scott at www.scottin.nl

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Roy Lapidge

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Posted: Tue Feb 07, 2006 9:56 pm Post subject:

Hello Eric,

I quote from a letter from Geoff Milnes dated 25th September 1964 which is my possession:

'The 1928 Scott Flying Squirrel had purple panels on the petrol tank'

I hope that the above may be of some assistance.

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Regards,

Roy Lapidge

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Posted: Wed Feb 08, 2006 12:14 am Post subject:

I have a 1928 Flyer and I have researched the petrol tank colours. The answer depends on whether yours is a 1928 season (available from late 1927 until late 1928) or a 1929 season bike (from late 1928).

The 1928 season bikes appear to have had purple side panels and a purple diamond on the top of the tank. This was like lammy 1's but had a different transfer of an actual Flying Squirrel on the tank sides. See page 48 of the (first) Scott Selection for examples.

The 1929 season bikes had white side panels with the Scott Emblem transfer and a white triangle on the top. Page 60 of the Scott Selection shows examples of these.

Now, here is the rub. It is not nearly so clear when the change in colours was actually applied. My bike, which was first registered on 26 April 1928, now has the purple panels courtesy of a rebuild and re-paint in the 1980's. However I have photographs of the bike as found in a barn before restoration with white panels. It does not appear that the tank had been changed as the auxillary side-wall oiler used on the 1928 models remains in situ underneath. The tank could have been repainted with white panels sometime in between but I doubt that this would have been the case (waht would be the point?). By the by there were also 1940's style pin-up girl transfers on the tank of the sort applied to the side of war time bombers!

The transition between models (as appears the case with a number if not all Scott models) must have been gradual. On page 96 of the Second Scott Selection is a picture of a Flying Squirrel registered in September 1928 with white panels and Webb forks but the earlier aluminium exhaust manifold of the 1928 model.

I stand to be corrected if anyone has anything to add (!!).