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Posted: Sun May 22, 2005 8:23 pm Post subject: water jacket colour

Can anyone tell me if the water jacket on my 1929 scott was originaly stoved emamelled or painted and what colour this would have been?
Many thanks
Aaron

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Posted: Mon May 23, 2005 12:14 pm Post subject: Cylinder Block Finish

I believe that the finish should be the lacquered finish. I have achieved a good reproduction of this finish on my 1930 2 Speeder. The first requirement is to obtain a near polished finish on the cast iron by using ever finer grades of Wet & Dry Paper ending up with 1200 grade. The block is then ready for lacquering.

Buy a tube of Alizarin Crimson from an oil paint supplies shop, and mix a few drops of this with some clear polyurethane varnish. This will give a crimson lacquer. You will need to experiment on a sample surface to determine how much to add to get the desired finish. I gave my block a couple of coats. The finish should last about 5 to 10 years but some rusting can start under the lacquer near the water dome.

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Posted: Wed May 25, 2005 11:18 pm Post subject:

Thanks Ian
I'll give that a try, its the last thing to do before getting the engine back together.
Many Thanks
Aaron