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The time has come to consider the paint work on my 2 speed sports restoration. Can anyone explain what colours this model was originally supplied in? I have seen a number of pictures with what appears to be green lined in red, including the 1930 model pictured in April Yowl (mine is a 1929 model). I have also seen 1930s model in black lined with white and another 1929 model with a red/pink panel on the tank side also lined in white. A further complication is that I am red/green colour blind!! Is there any standard colour code available? Thanks in anticipation.

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Hi Lewis . I have 1929 and 1930 catalogues, and there is no sign of anything but BLACK with white lining for 1929, but for 1930, available from late 1929, there is an option of CERISE tank and mudguards, which is a nice cherry red colour. Nobody in recent years seems to have restored to that option, which is a pity, but no doubt many unbelievers would throw up their arms in horror at such a sight!!! It was the same colour as Dirt-track and some Sprint Special models. I am also part colour blind [green blind] and the R.A.F. doctors classed me as medical Grade CP3 [colour perception grade 3], and would not consider me for aircrew, or even let me drive a motor vehicle on an active airfield, which I thought was a bit OTT! As a consequence of all that I ended up in the R.A.F. Regiment, which was probably more exciting anyway. Firing twin-barrel Oerlikon anti-aircraft guns is VERY exciting, but I was always tempted to pinch the lovely Pegusa motorcycle saddles that they were fitted with or the yards and yards of Reynold chain that drove the loading mechanism. Regards. Brian.

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Hello Brian

Many thanks for your reply. I am now seriously considering cerise as a completely different approach - and a more safety-conscious alternative to all

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black. What is more cerise is likely to be in the spectrum of colours which I can see !

It's always good to hear from fellow colour blind sufferers - my intended career in the Army Air Corps was cut short in a similar way to yours in the RAF.

My problem surfaced at primary school when my parents were accused of failing to teach me my colours correctly. My teacher had noticed that I painted trees up-side-down with the stumps green and the leaves brown. Later another teacher threatened me with detention when I coloured his diagrams of a sparrow as green as a parrot!

Anyhow , enough of that and back to assembling mudguards and so on !