

TO: Windsor Park Board
RE: Paint colors

The attempt to bring some definitive order to the paint colors for W-P has not been so straight forward as I had hoped. The most obvious confusion is due to Duron going out of business and their color names being taken over by Sherwin Williams. Thus you can't just ask for the color by name at Sherwin Williams, you have to tell them it was a Duron color name. They will then look it up on the computer. Asking for the paint by the color name at Home Depot can result in an entirely different color. Further, Home Depot carries two brands, Behr and Glidden. A formula specified for given color in a given brand and given amount can't be used for any of the other brands as each brand has a different formula for each color match. As an example, for the color Duron called Autumn Wheat, Sherwin Williams specifies a mix of ROX, YOX and N (tints) in their base, Home Depot Behr specifies a mix of AXL, IL, and LL (tints) in their base. The amount of each tint will vary depending on the quantity of paint. For example, for the color London Fog from H-D Behr, 8 Oz uses 13BL, 14CL, and 2VUL tints, whereas for a Gallon it would be 232BL, 248CL, and 44VUL.

At Home Depot every paint color that applies to Windsor Park has a number. From that number they can cross reference for each quantity. Given just the formula and the quantity to which it applies, Home Depot would go to the computer and find the formula for that color in every other quantity. Thus for each paint it will be the number that is important. However, everyone should test the paint before applying it to a large area. The test should involve painting a small area and letting it dry for 24 hours. If the Board so desired it would in theory be possible to get the mixing formula for each brand in each and every quantity and each and every grade (I assume that would be for a sample which is 8oz, a quart, and a gallon – though they might sell in 5 gallon quantities as well – for Sherwin Williams, Behr, and Glidden). Remember though that at least for Home Depot each formula will be based on the number for the paint and then cross referenced for each size.

My suggestion for instructions to homeowners for the stucco (stucco siding and stucco trim) colors is below. For brick molding, column base & cap, garage door, fascia, columns, metal railings, and for doors and shutters, my instruction is at the bottom.

FOR HOMEOWNERS

If buying the paint from Sherwin Williams, and use the Windsor Park Standard Color chart for stucco siding and stucco trim ask for the paint by name and specify it is a Duron name. It should match the number listed below. Or, go to Home-Depot and ask for the paint by the Home Depot Behr Brand number listed below. If a contractor is supplying and applying the paint, ask them to paint a small area and let it dry so that it can be checked to see if it is correct. Home owners who buy their own paint should do the same. A perfect match will seldom be possible given weathering and other factors.

Matches for Paint Colors for Stucco and Stucco Trim

“London Fog” Sherwin William (Duron) 11505
= Home Depot Match Behr 464116485613

“Autumn Wheat” Sherwin Williams (Duron) 10612
= Home Depot Match Behr 464112252613

“Pacific Sand” Sherwin Williams (Duron) 10511
=Home Depot Match Behr 464112252612

“White Linen” Sherwin Williams (Duron) 6050
= Home Depot Match Behr 464112252610

“French Vanilla” Sherwin Williams (Duron) 10609
= Home Depot Match Behr 464112252611

Paint Colors for Moldings, Garage Doors, Doors and Shutters, etc.

Ask for the paint by the Duron Number specified in the chart at either Sherwin Williams or Home Depot. The Duron brand name must be mentioned.