VOGONS

Best off the shelf spray paint for beige computer cases <./viewtopic.php?f=46&t=66199>

First post, by feipoa

Posted on 2019-04-02, 01:02 <./viewtopic.php?p=746691#p746691>

Has anyone sampled the off-the-shelf spray paints to find the ones which best match old computer cases? I have tried Rust-oleum Heirloom white and ivory bisque, both both are a bit too "bright". In one of the photos, I am showing my creamiest tower, but the heirloom white is too biscuit-coloured and bright, while the ivory bisque looks to be of a better match, but still quite a bit too "bright".

It is very difficult to accurately portray colours through the camera/monitor, but from what I tell, it seems that "computer beige" is an ivory colour with a hint of grey-green. Has anyone found a suitable off-the-shelf representation of this colour in a spray can? From the two I have tested, ivory bisque is the closer match, but not close enough. If you look at the second attached photo, you can see the actual case inbetween the ivory bisque and the heirloom white. This case is one of the brighter cases too; it is the 3rd case from the right of the first photo.

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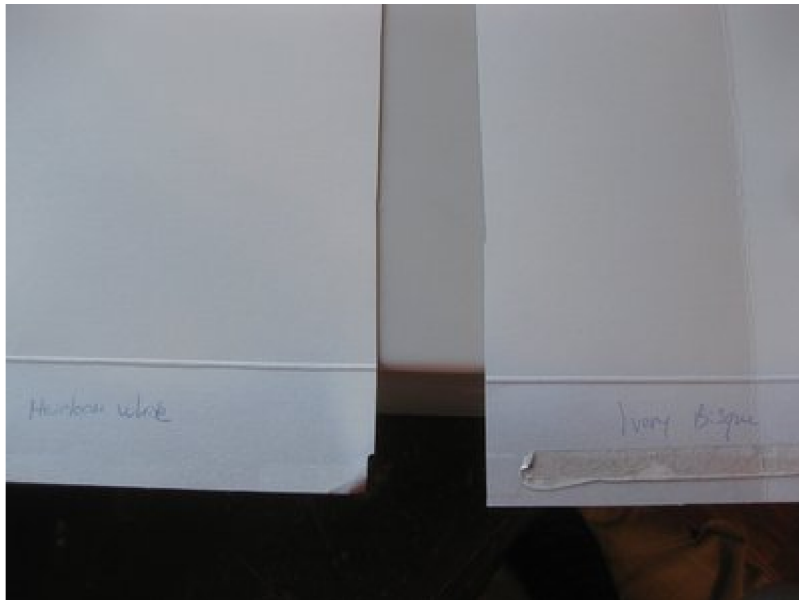 Filename
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Reply 1 of 26, by TheMobRules

Posted on 2019-04-02, 02:37 <./viewtopic.php?p=746702#p746702>

I recently bought a couple of cans of Rust-oleum Chalked Chiffon Cream based on a post by user **liqmat**. I haven't had the time to test it myself yet, but according to him it was the one that more closely matched the beige of those old cases.

Reply 2 of 26, by matze79

Posted on 2019-04-02, 10:26 <./viewtopic.php?p=746764#p746764>

is there some RAL Number for the Colors you use ?

Reply 3 of 26, by Pabloz

Posted on 2019-04-03, 05:18 <./viewtopic.php?p=747001#p747001>

i wish there was an exact color to paint all those plastic fronts that get yellow like piss

Reply 4 of 26, by appiah4

Posted on 2019-04-03, 06:44 <./viewtopic.php?p=747010#p747010>

> *matze79 wrote:*
>
> is there some RAL Number for the Colors you use ?

Yeah please let us know if there are any RAL codes on the cans.

Off the top of my mind I would have said RAL 1013 Oyster White seems to be a good pick for a case beige but I can't find any photos of people who used this color..

I've also seen some cases painted RAL 9003 Signal White and it seemed a bit too white at first but I would guess it's probably closer to how the cases looked when they first came out of their boxes. I actually have a NOS AT case and was kind of amazed at how white it is when I took it out.

RAL RAL 9016 Traffic White is also a good candidate.

Has anyone actually tried either of these colors before?

There is also that not all cases were the same hue, some are more white and some are more beige. If I were to wager a guess these cases came out of the factory looking mostly like RAL 9003 for the whiter specimens and RAL 9016 for the beige specimens.

Reply 5 of 26, by appiah4

Posted on 2019-04-03, 13:49 <./viewtopic.php?p=747095#p747095>

Here's a little comparison I did for some RAL paint codes; I compared them to the three most commonly referred to spray paints on the market as well as the color of my Deskpro EN from my own photographs.

Long story short: Oyster WHite seems to be a good match for the older, really beige 80s to early 90s cases while Signal White seems to be a good match for whiter late 90s to 00s cases.

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Reply 6 of 26, by keenmaster486

Posted on 2019-04-03, 13:55 <./viewtopic.php?p=747097#p747097>

I tried Rustoleum Almond appliance surface paint, and it was definitely too yellow for my tastes. Probably not what the original color was either.

Reply 7 of 26, by appiah4

Posted on 2019-04-03, 13:58 <./viewtopic.php?p=747098#p747098>

> *keenmaster486 wrote:*
>
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Rustoleum Almond is often referred to for painting Amiga 500 cases and early C1084/S monitors which have a definite brown tint to the plastic.

Reply 8 of 26, by feipoa

Posted on 2019-04-03, 19:56 <./viewtopic.php?p=747179#p747179>

Do you know which manufacturer makes a signal cream and traffic white? I'd like to try some of these and compare them with chalked chiffon cream and ivory bisque.

Reply 9 of 26, by appiah4

Posted on 2019-04-04, 11:36 <./viewtopic.php?p=747319#p747319>

RAL color codes are universal and you can find these colors manufactured by many brands in places like hardware and auto part stores.

I was looking at Montana Gold sprays the other day as they are very very high quality and have great adherence to plastic even without primer, and I noticed two that are outstanding: Shock White Cream and Pebble.

And with that, I broke down the alternatives into two groups; one for the more almond-like (Y>5%) cases akin to the Amiga 500 and and one for the more white-like cases (Y>5%) akin to the Compaq OEMs and most cases from the Pentium era and onwards.

The file is attached below.

I feel like RAL1013 for those almond cases and RAL 9003 for the whiter cases are mostly spot on. It also happens to be that I actually have a can of RAL 1013 at home, and Iplaced an order for a RAL 9003, so I will spray them side by side onto cardboard and lay them on a couple of cases I have around, and post photos of the comparisons next week.

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Signal White	RAL 9003	ecece7	Chiffron Cream	Compaq Deskpro	236	236	231	0%	0%	2%	7%
Traffic White	RAL 9016	f1f0ea	Chiffron Cream	Compaq Deskpro	241	240	234	0%	0%	3%	5%
Pebble	G-7000	f1f1e9	Chiffron Cream	Compaq Deskpro	241	241	233	0%	0%	3%	5%
Titan Buff		e0d5b9			224	213	185				
Satin Almond		e9e1ce			233	225	206				
Chalked Chiffron Cream		e7e3dd			231	227	221				
Compaq Deskpro EN-SFF		e8e9e8			232	233	232				

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Reply 10 of 26, by feipoa

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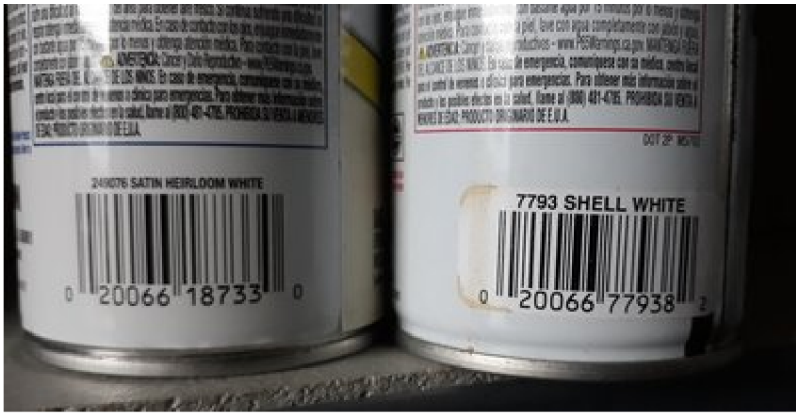
I am looking at my spray can of Krylon Almond and the Rust-oleum ivory bisque and I don't see an RAL number. This is all the hardware store I went to sells. Which brands have RAL numbers? Do we need to go to some specialty store to get RAL-numbered spray cans? Is there an online shop you can recommend in N. America to order cans by RAL number?

Reply 11 of 26, by Brickpad

These are the two closest colors I could find (available) that match. I purchased a can of Krylon Satin Ivory tonight, but I will have to wait until the weather improves to see how well it matches to my generic beige cases. The Heirloom White seems pretty close to the Enlight Exacta 6552 case; Krylon Satin Ivory is just a hint darker, and tinge biscuity than the Heirloom White.

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Generic Beige Case
Rustoleum Painter's Touch 2X SATIN Heirloom White 249076

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Rustoleum SATIN Shell White 7793

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Reply 12 of 26, by feipoa

Posted on 2019-04-06, 05:17 <./viewtopic.php?p=747748#p747748>

I recall seeing the chalked chiffon cream at Canadian Tire. I intend to pick some up the next time I'm in that particular strip mall.

If the Krylon Satin Ivory is a hint creamier than the Heirloom white, then it is probably too "brown" for my cases.

Reply 13 of 26, by oeuvre

Posted on 2019-04-06, 13:57 <./viewtopic.php?p=747825#p747825>

This dude used the Krylon Satin Ivory spray paint for his front panel USB 3.0 ports while building a sleeper PC
https://imgur.com/a/8e2EnWI <https://imgur.com/a/8e2EnWI>

Reply 14 of 26, by FuzzyLogic

Posted on 2019-04-06, 15:42 <./viewtopic.php?p=747842#p747842>

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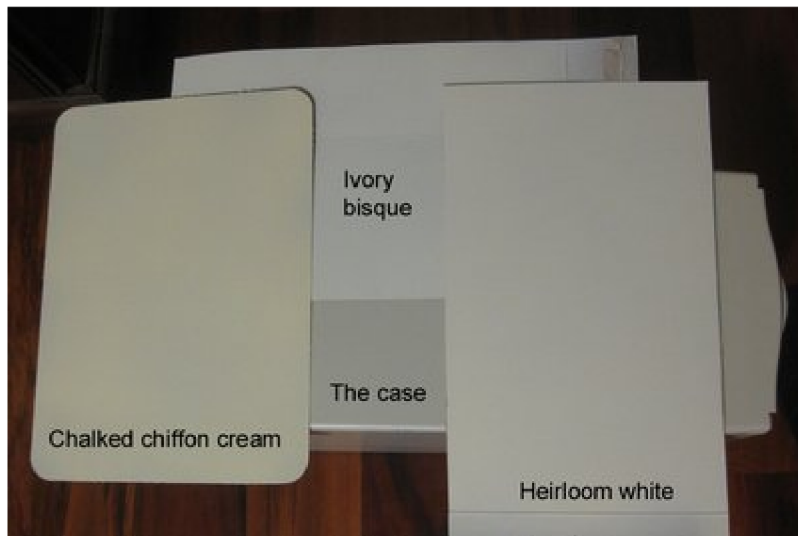https://imgur.com/a/8e2EnWI <https://imgur.com/a/8e2EnWI>

Dude totally using my trademarked, copyrighted, and patented "Beige Beauty" name without permission: My P90 restored <ht
tps://www.vogons.org/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=49099#p515262> RAWR!!!!! 😈

But I do like his Sleeper PC even though that Krylon Satin Ivory isn't beige enough.

Reply 15 of 26, by feipoa

Posted on 2019-04-07, 04:42 <./viewtopic.php?p=747990#p747990>

I picked up the chalked chiffon cream today. Attached are the results. If you are trying to matched a yellowed ABS bezel, the chiffon cream might work for you. I'd rather retrobrite the bezel and find the original metal case colour though.

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Reply 16 of 26, by ildonaldo

Posted on 2020-12-08, 10:50 <./viewtopic.php?p=917246#p917246>

Spraypaint is in most cases my choice, when retrobright failed or did produce "spotty" results.
In such cases, I use this two colours for painting old cases and drive bezels:
a) In most cases: **RAL 9002** grey white, silk mat does the trick.
b) ... or, if a bit more beige tint is required: **RAL 1013** oyster white, silk mat

In my experiance, one of this two colours matches with most of the hardware I intend to use.

Reply 17 of 26, by SETBLASTER

Posted on 2022-05-20, 03:24 <./viewtopic.php?p=1072860#p1072860>

RAL 9002 looks nice

i wonder if it works ok with an IBM PS/2 monitor, i was able to get one of those very cheap but on one side its completely yellow, front looks nice tho.

Reply 18 of 26, by bitslasher

Posted on 2022-07-29, 18:11 <./viewtopic.php?p=1090805#p1090805>

> *ildonaldo <./memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=38503> wrote on 2020-12-08, 10:50: <./viewtopic.php?p=917 246#p917246>*
> ▶ Spraypaint is in most cases my choice, when retrobright failed or did produce "spotty" results. In such cases, I use this two co […]
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Hello, where do you buy RAL 9002? I've tried finding it with no luck. Hoped maybe it was just given a catchy name by one of the common paint brands, but can't figure out which one it might be.

Reply 19 of 26, by ildonaldo

Posted on 2022-07-29, 19:15 <./viewtopic.php?p=1090815#p1090815>

RAL is a european colour palette but you can simply find a conversion table at google .
But anyway, as a professional, this two RAL colours are the best matching I've been able to find.
(tried several other colour paletts as e.g. Pantone, HKS & co.)

But maybe your favoured car body painter or the paint department in your DYI shop can help you to find a proper colour code ...

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Reply 20 of 26, by Unknown_K

Posted on 2022-07-29, 19:59 <./viewtopic.php?p=1090822#p1090822>

Don't you have to worry about painting the metal case to match the front plastics (which all yellow differently) or do you guys paint them as well?

I have an old dual 5.25" XT with a very yellowed faceplace and a very scratched metal case (inside is pretty much mint) that I repainted a couple years ago and it turned out ok.

Reply 21 of 26, by ildonaldo

Posted on 2022-07-30, 06:09 <./viewtopic.php?p=1090885#p1090885>

If the case has scratches or the colour differs largly, I pait it as well.
I first spraypaint the hood once and let it dry - repeat with a second or third coating.
On the last coating I treat the surface with a foam roller for the surface finish.
Worked well for the last two cases I did.

Reply 22 of 26, by Jo22

Posted on 2022-07-30, 09:03 <./viewtopic.php?p=1090916#p1090916>

Hi! There's an Android program called "Color Grab".
It can identify colours quite well, I think, even in different lighting.

Reply 23 of 26, by ildonaldo

Posted on 2022-07-31, 15:13 <./viewtopic.php?p=1091213#p1091213>

From my experiance a real colour chart/guide is more helpful.
I've got some (Pantone <https://www.pantone-colours.com/>/HKS <https://www.hein.eu/lexikon/hks-farbtabelle-uebersicht >/RAL <https://www.ral-farben.de/alle-ral-farben> etc.) but they are usually quite exprensive to buy, but maybe you can borrow one at your local DIY store ...

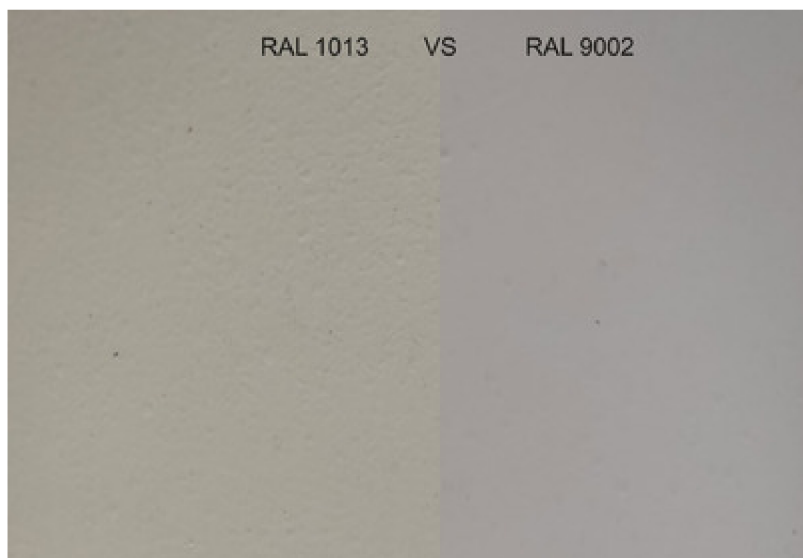### Reply 24 of 26, by Demo85

Posted on 2022-10-31, 14:55 <./viewtopic.php?p=1113013#p1113013>

Anyone here try Rustoleum Smokey Beige? I've read on Reddit that it's a good match. The few times i'm in a big box store they haven't had it. Might just order it on Amazon to try out. Have a card reader i'm trying to blend into a retro build.

Reply 25 of 26, by ildonaldo

Posted on 2023-02-03, 08:42 <./viewtopic.php?p=1137756#p1137756>

recently I have been asked how (my favourite) spraypaint colours RAL 1013 VS 9002 look in comparison.
... so I've put two cases side by side an took a snap shot.

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Reply 26 of 26, by appiah4

Posted on 2023-02-03, 10:15 <./viewtopic.php?p=1137767#p1137767>

> *ildonaldo <./memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=38503> wrote on 2023-02-03, 08:42: <./viewtopic.php?p=1137756#p1137756>*
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That RAL 1013 looks pretty much exactly like what my color comparison chart showed. I think 9003 is a better fit for most machines than 9002 still though.

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