



# BOWTIE 101

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## AACA Fall Classic- Hershey!

If you have never been to the Antique Automobile Club of America's Annual Fall Classic Meet at the Hersheypark Amusement Park, or better known to the locals as " Hershey", you really need to go! Each year for the past 10 years, my Dad and I have made the pilgrimage to walk the Red, Orange, Green, and Chocolate fields (all M&M colors which had its roots at Hershey Chocolate)to find the rusty treasures we all seek. While it certainly is a mecca for old car lovers, it is all a huge social event as Around June each year my Dad and I start to think about the trip, look for plane tickets, make our want lists VCCA members attending and start talking about hunting strategy for finding parts. For us it really a continuation of my childhood walking the aisles of the Pomona Fairgrounds in the 1970s. What is so interesting about Hershey, as opposed to our local swap meets and shows is the unique parts and cars that you see. While California certainly had its share of automobiles, the real automotive heyday of the 1920s and 1930s was on the East Coast. You really get to see one of everything- Brewsters, Terraplanes, REOs, and Durant,

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KEYSTONE REGION HOSTED BBQ

VCCA BBQ- Each year the Keystone Region of the greater Hershey area hosts a great BBQ at the Indian Caves attraction.



AACA MUSEUM COLLECTION



RUSTY GOLD!



DUESENBERG AT THE RM AUCTION



CAR SHOW ON THE FINAL DAY

Chevy Trivia- What year did the longest running Chevy model first appear and what was it? (see page 4 for answer)



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all of which we rarely see here in the West.

The most amazing feature of Hershey is its sheer size. We have walked it with a pedometer, and to walk all three days of the meet is about 21 miles. The show grounds are one mile across, three miles around the entire perimeter and there are literally thousands of vendors there. By the time we are done, we are tired. Really, really tired. But we have spent three days together, telling jokes, complaining about all sorts of things, and hunting for elusive parts (all of which are probably on eBay, but what fun is that?)

For those who enjoy car swap meets this is probably the best. I have learned the overall layout of the grounds and even know the spots of the vendors year after year. It is funny how you will see the same vendor, in the same spot and sometimes look at the same part you didn't buy last year.

The final day, Saturday, is the AACA Fall Car Show. Now when I say "car show" I mean a real car show! There nearly 1000 vehicles, many of which are perfect, even better than



*PANORAMA OF THE NORTHERN FIELDS*



*MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL*

the day they rolled off the line. And once again there is one of everything. Brass era cars, the original electrics, steam... you name it, I bet it is there.

While I do not necessarily advocate attending Hershey with the level of "addiction" Dad and I have, I certainly would encourage anyone who has ever thought about it to get out there at least once. You will not be disappointed!

- Anthony



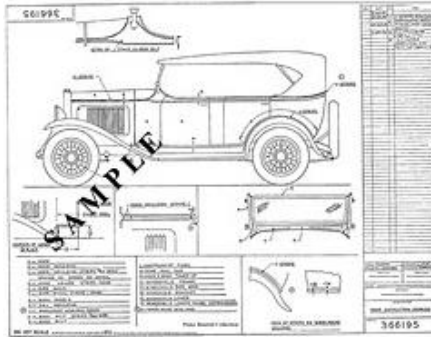
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## Paint Codes and Paint Instruction Drawings

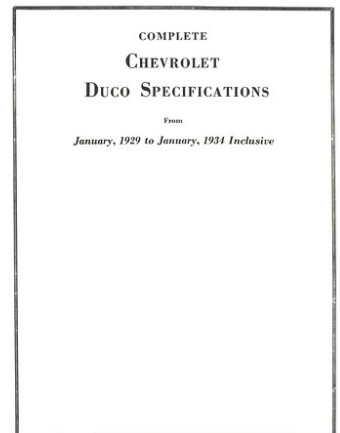
By Steve Kassis

Early Chevrolet passenger cars from the 1930's and later, have Paint Codes stamped into the aluminum Fisher Body ID plate on the firewall. This code identifies the paint color combination of the vehicle. Paint Instruction Drawings are engineering drawings that show placement of paint on the body. They also show pinstripe details for each vehicle. We were fortunate to find original artwork for many of these rare drawings. It's like a "Paint by Numbers" for your restoration. Used in conjunction with the Duco Paint Specifications, it is possible to get a very accurate idea of the original paint scheme of your old Chevy. Chevrolet cars & trucks in the 1930's used nitrocellulose lacquer for exterior finish paint. Though this paint is easy to use, environmental issues have made it difficult to find and all but extinct. Modern paints may have to be substituted and are more durable than nitrocellulose. With that said, it will be a challenge to match original paint colors to modern paints. The first step is to decide if you will paint the car back to the original color scheme.

## SAMPLE DRAWING



## SAMPLE SPECIFICATION COVER



General Motors had a staff of artists that decided paint colors and positioning of colors on the car. These were professionals that decided what colors worked well together. They went into great detail to make sure that cars were painted to accent the contours of the body making it esthetically pleasing to the eye. However, this is YOUR car and YOU get to decide how to paint it! What is offered here is merely a guideline to show how the cars were painted originally, under guidance from the GM professionals. What you do with this information is up to you. Locate the aluminum Fisher Body tag on the firewall of any Chevrolet closed car (this tag was not used on roadsters, touring cars or trucks because they were not built by Fisher Body). Find the Paint No. code on this tag. Refer to the Duco Paint Specifications chart and find the matching paint number to determine the original colors used



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on your car. This will specify the original color layout at each area is described along with the paint name and placement on the car. Compare the Duco chart to cross reference the Paint Instruction drawing for the individual body style of your car. These drawings show exact placement of the paint color on the body. Also shown is the pinstripe detail for the car. Proper pinstriping accents the paint and makes a huge difference in the appearance of the overall paint job

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*CARLOS' RIG  
ROLLING WITH  
THE BOMBERZ*



*STEVE'S VETTE AT  
THE MAD  
BOMBERZ*



*KATE'S '51 WITH  
ITS COUSIN IN  
ATASCADERO*

Chevy Trivia- 1935 was the first year of the Carryall Suburban. It has been continuously produced since



## Upcoming Events

September 15 Meeting at NCRS Car Show

October 10-13 AACA Annual Meet and Car Show Hershey , PA

October 27 RPM Nationals Vintage Drag Racing

November 4- San Fernando Valley Region Judged Car Show

November 10 Meeting at Pismo Coffee and Cars 8:30 at QuarterDeck

December 14- 6:00 PM Holiday Party at the Madonna Inn Copper Café.

May 16-18, 2019 All Cal in Bakersfield