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Octobase Eco Plus System

Valspar is introducing the Octobase Eco Plus System with 13 new mixing colours that provide extremely good cover. This cover means that you need to spray fewer layers, which, in turn, means that you save time on each repair job. Moreover, you also need up to 20% less coloured undercoats. These mixing colours can be ordered now, in addition to the existing water-based mixing colours, using the following article numbers:

Article code	Content	Description
511904001	1L	W96 Octobase Eco Maroon
511924000	0,5L	W76 Octobase Eco Blue Green
511926001	1L	W74 Octobase Eco Purple Red
511930001	1L	W70 Octobase Eco Violet
511934001	1L	W66 Octobase Eco Bright Blue
511950001	1L	W50 Octobase Eco Deep Black
511975000	0,5L	W25 Octobase Eco Metallic Gold
511986001	1L	W14 Octobase Eco Metallic Bright
511987001	1L	W13 Octobase Eco Metallic Bright NF
511989001	1L	W11 Octobase Eco Metallic Coarse
511976000	0,5L	W24 Octobase Eco Mica Blue Fine
511997000	0,5L	W03 Octobase Eco Xirallic Red
511998000	0,5L	W02 Octobase Eco Xirallic Blue

Our colour lab has been working on formulas that contain the 13 new mixing colours for several months to ensure that you can immediately benefit from all the advantages of the Octobase Eco Plus System. These formulas are already included in the latest version of COINS (version 8.5) and you can use them to create many of the key automotive colours. Once you have installed this new version of COINS, you must also immediately download the update via the internet and do this again every week, so that you always have the most up-to-date formulas with the new mixing colours. The formulas with the old mixing colours can be accessed under the 'old version' button in COINS.

To ensure that you always have colours with great cover at your disposal, order the 13 new mixing colours as soon as possible.



New colour tool

Valspar recently added a new tool to its product range that helps you determine the right car colour: the colour wheel poster. Depending on the model and the year of manufacture, most car colours vary to a greater or lesser extent from the standard colour initially determined. This poster helps you determine what mixing colour to use to correct a formula if it does not exactly match the car colour.

The folded poster comes with an explanatory sheet. The poster already has holes for attaching it, so you can immediately hang it up in your mixing area. The erasable marker for writing down the colour numbers in the colour wheel is not supplied, but you can simply buy it locally. It is advisable to test the erasability of the marker first.

The poster is currently available for the Octobase System and Valspar Refinish and a poster for the Octobase Eco Plus System will follow in due course.

You can order the poster using the following article codes:

Article code

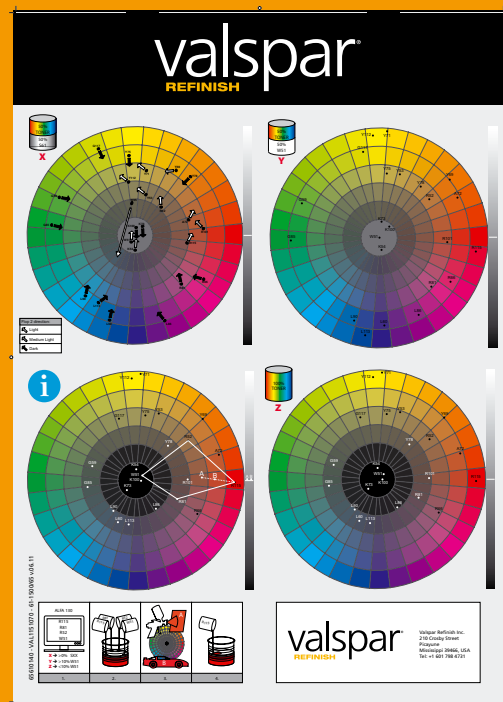
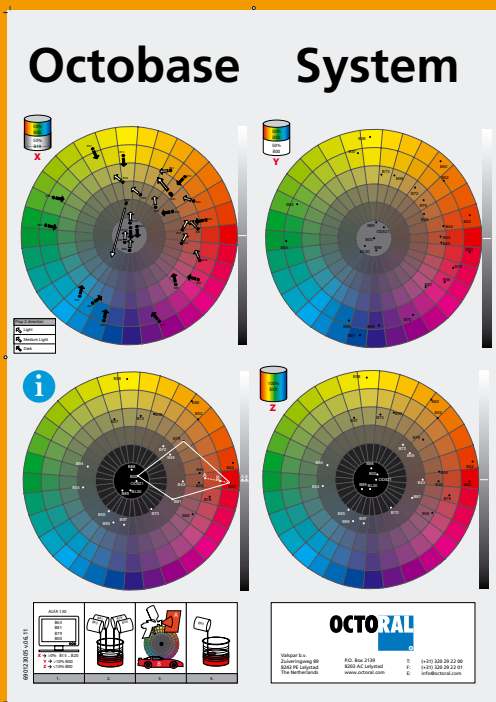
690123005

65610140

Description

Octobase System colour wheel poster

Valspar Refinish colour wheel poster



Octoral umbrella

The cold and rainy season is upon us again, so you'll need a proper umbrella to keep you dry in the autumn and winter showers. Octoral's product range includes a beautiful, but above all robust umbrella that will keep you perfectly dry. An ideal holiday gift for your customers!

You can order this umbrella using article code 695109000.

Discontinuation of lead-containing mixing colours

In our previous newsletter, we informed you about the introduction of new lead-free mixing colours in the Octocryl System, the Octocoat HS420 System and the Valspar Industrial Line. We also announced that we would be discontinuing the lead-containing colours in these Systems as of 1 January 2012. As this date is now rapidly approaching, we would like to remind you of the mixing colours that will no longer be produced as of 1 January 2012:

Article code

530069002 (only for customers outside the EU)
 530068001 (only for customers outside the EU)
 530067001 (only for customers outside the EU)
 530331001
 530332001
 530333001
 MI2873
 MI2833
 MI2733

Description

Chromate Bright Yellow
 Chromate Yellow
 Orange
 Chromate Bright Yellow
 Chromate Yellow
 Orange
 Chromate Bright Yellow
 Chromate Yellow
 Orange

The formulas with the mixing colours that will be discontinued from our product range will remain available for at least a year via the Switch button in COINS.

The discontinuation of lead-containing pigments is part of Valspar's EarthSense programme. This programme has been specially developed to protect our planet and to improve the quality of life.



Updates

Starting in November, we will be releasing the following supplements/updates:

- COINS 8.5
- Colour Box update with 70 colour chips
- Connex version 267



We will dispatch the updates registered for you with the ongoing orders in November. If you have no ongoing order, we will send you the updates separately. If you have not received them by mid-January, please contact us.

Multi-functional hardeners

Valspar's R&D department has been very busy recently testing hardeners to see whether they can be used in combination with multiple products. As a result of the R&D tests, the HS420 Hardeners H23, H24, H25 and H26 are more multi-functional and can now also be used in combination with the following products:

- Octocoat HS420 System
- HS420 HB Coating Additive FA90
- HS Matting Agent AM004
- HS Taping Additive AT001
- HS Surfacer PF131

The improved versatility of the HS420 Hardeners has also ensured that the Tinting Surfacer PF132 can be made in the EU again using a clear coat, the C280.

The mixing ratios of Tinting Surfacer PF132 in combination with the HS420 Hardeners H23, H24, H25 and H26 have, however, been modified. All changes can be found in version 8.5 of COINS, both in the TDSs and in the weighing program. The new TDSs can also be found on www.octoral.com.



Company closed

On Friday, 16 December, we will be celebrating our annual Christmas party, so our company will close at 3pm. We will be closed for the Christmas break from Monday, 26 December 2011 to Monday, 2 January 2012. Please take this into account in connection with stock and delivery times. All Valspar staff wish you compliments of the season and a colourful 2012.

