

[Original Factory Paint Colors](#)

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Original Factory Paint Colors for Farmall Cub, Lo-Boy and International Cub

The purpose of this thread is to document some examples of factory paint schemes for reference. It is not meant to be exhaustive or comprehensive. We will continue to update and add information to this thread as it comes available. We want to thank Glenn Posey (clownfish) who suggested this idea.

Pictures from the Wisconsin Historical Society's McCormick-International Harvester Collection have an identification number (WHI #XXXX) to document the photo per their request (<http://farmallcub.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?f=20&t=28169&p=220674&hilit=wisconsin#p220674>). Photographs may be purchased from the Society using the reference ID number by contacting them at: <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Record...le/CS15303>

An excellent resource for original paint colors and decals is Farmall Letter Series Tractors, by Guy Fay and Andy Kraushaar, 1998.

Farmall Cub 1947–1953

We've combined the 1947 to 1953 pictures because there was very little (if any) difference in paint scheme. Even though the first two pictures are black and white, we've included them for several reasons:

- The first pic is of the first production Cub ever made, serial #501.
- Even though a black/white photo, it clearly shows what was painted red (same tone all over), like the starter, front wheels, rear wheel centers and most everything else, except the magneto.
- The rear wheel rims were originally standard plated, not painted, as you can see rust forming on this one.
- The second picture is simply of a Cub being painted on the production line. Again, this is

to emphasize that everything not removed or masked off received a coat of red paint at the factory.



WHI #24288



WHI #24297

The following pictures were taken from International Harvester advertising literature (Wisconsin Historical Society). Excellent examples of the early Farmall Cub factory paint scheme.



WHI #7932



WHI #7853



WHI #7930



WHI #61238



WHI #7781



WHI #7931

The Wisconsin Archives do not show each year the Cub was produced, but does have several pictures throughout the 1950's.

Farmall Cub 1955

We've included this B/W photo to show the color of the Cub 11-bar grille (at this time) was red along with the rest of the tractor.



WHI #24518



WHI #8728

Farmall Cub 1957



WHI #8725



Advertising Poster; WHI #4732

Farmall Cub 1959



WHI #8506



WHI #8687

Farmall Cub 1960

A couple of B/W photos to show grille color and overall tone.



WHI #30460



WHI #30458

International Cub 1975



WHI #25291

International Cub 1978



WHI #25290

More pictures will be added in the future. If you have any color literature from IH that clearly shows the Cub tractor or a Cub implement, please send me a private message (PM) and let me know. We could use it on this thread to further document factory paint schemes.