

About the Colors

This chart is comprised of three color choices. Standard colors consist of the colors most commonly requested by customers. Some of the standard colors are excellent matches for commercial window mullions while others are excellent matches to the most popular bath fixtures.

The Optional Colors are grouped according to color family and are intended to provide a full range of choices to meet most any interior design requirement. Optional colors are available with an upcharge.

The Metallic finishes are a special powder paint coating which are intended to provide an up to date "metallic look" while maintaining the protection and durability provided by Runtal's powder paint finish. If you have any questions about the matching of the metallic finishes you may want to request a sample of the paint on a metal chip prior to ordering.

All of the colors shown on this Color Selection Guide are Baked Powder Paint Finishes and lead times may vary depending upon the color selection.

RAL: Having gained worldwide acceptance over the last few decades, the RAL is the most popular color standard used today. The RAL colors in this chart have been matched as closely as possible. Color chart production methods and influence from heat and light may account for slight color deviation from the actual RAL standard. This chart therefore cannot serve as a standard for RAL color production and is to be used as a guide for color planning and specification only.



Design Tips

Runtal White: Although Runtal offers a wide assortment of colors which can be used to match, accent, or compliment any décor, the most common radiator color is white. This is primarily due to the ease with which white may be integrated into any color scheme – the one you have today and the one you might have tomorrow.

To Blend or to Showcase: Runtal Radiators may be used either as a design focal point by choosing a bright or contrasting paint finish or they may be blended into a décor by choosing a more muted color or one which more closely matches the background of the space. Color selection should perhaps begin with a decision on how much of an impact you would like the radiators to make.

Environmental Factors: When choosing colors for radiators it is often helpful to consider several environmental factors. For example, colors may appear considerably different when exposed to natural (sun) vs incandescent vs fluorescent lighting. Thus, it may be helpful to view this color selection guide under the same lighting conditions which predominate in the space where the radiators are to be installed.

Repainting: Hot water Runtal Radiators may be repainted. Runtal recommends either an acrylic or a polyester paint be used over Runtal's original finish and one must be sure to properly prepare the radiator surface for maximum adhesion. Proper preparation should include, but may not be limited to a very light sanding and thorough cleaning. Any chips should be "feathered" at the edges to make as smooth a base as possible and any exposed bare metal should be spot primed prior to top coating. Possibly the best repainting of Runtal Radiators is performed by auto body shops as they have expertise in fine painting as well as a large color availability. Runtal recommends spot testing a small area for compatibility. Runtal does NOT warrantee the finish of radiators which have been repainted.

Hiding the Pipes: While Runtal offers a complete line of decorative and functional pipe covers for hot water radiator installations, many people find it more attractive and less expensive to simply paint the connecting pipes. When painting the pipes, Runtal recommends that you consider painting the pipes the same color as the background (wall, baseboard molding, etc.) as the pipes will often disappear better with the background color rather than the radiator color.

Painting behind a hydronic radiator: Repainting a radiator and painting around and behind a radiator is considerably easier if the radiator is originally installed with radiator shut off valves. Such valves allow an individual radiator to be isolated from the central heating system, drained of water individually and unhung from the wall brackets.

Important Notes

- The colors shown are representative only. Printed reproduction does not permit precise color matching fidelity.
- Variations in color and gloss may occur in the manufacturing and baking process.
- Custom color matching is available at additional cost. See "repainting" above for an economic alternative to custom color matching.