

# 56 Customline Paint Scheme

There has been great discussions and debates regarding the colour scheme of Rob Brereton's 56 Customline.

I am Rob Brereton and here is the correct version of the story.

My 56 Customline has a "Dealer Option" paint scheme applied to the sills and guards. Originally the car was all White, as supplied to the dealer from Ford. This was proven when the green was rubbed back, during restorations, and there was white underneath.

The interior of the vehicle was painted Pine Ridge Green so the Dealer painted the Pine Ridge Green flash over the white and below the belt line and leaving the bottom section white across the sills and the bottom section of the mudguards white.



Otherwise the owner could have ordered a white/green car which would be green all the way to the bottom.

Now this "Dealer Option" was confirmed to me by Frank Beal who worked at the Ford dealer in Colac at the time and he recalls a couple of Customlines and a couple of Zephyrs painted this way.

Further to the proof of this I have a Photograph of a 55 Customline Wagon, at right, which seems to be brand new, with a Victorian rego plate and sitting in a showroom on a rotating floor at Melford Motors and this 55 Wagon has this same white paint job done to it, although one would guess that the white was painted around the bottom of this vehicle after the colour coat was done.



This 56 Cussy of mine was most likely sold by Oakleigh Motors, now New Oakleigh Motors, as the original owner lived in Oakleigh as well.

I still have the original Rego papers as it was a one owner when I bought it in September 1968.

I have included a pic of the 55 Wagon with the White trim below the doors and a pic of my 56 Cussy Sedan with the same paint treatment.

**Rob Brereton 56 Customline Owner.**