TCS® COLOR MATCH NETWORK

Home Page: www.colorconversions.com or www.gotcs.net

Tired of Chasing Color Names??

Find Color Conversions....On-Line:

TCS, the Industry Standard Color Matching Solution, now offers its full color conversion system.....on-line.....always current..... always available.

This unique color match system can eliminate the frustration every painter feels when faced with colors names they do not recognize. View thousands of acrylic and oil color names, cross referenced by brands, and identify choices available in your personal inventory.

For just pennies a day, you can choose any color name, then match to your favorite brand instantly! See Membership Fees Here

We provide this TCS User Guide as an overview document for our existing customers as well as persons who would like to know more about the functionality before joining or becoming a member of the network.

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Introduction: TCS Color Solutions Network

The best way to learn about this On-Line service is to read the Network’s Home Page www.gotcs.net

Be sure to review the links on the left side of the screen such as pricing, slides tour, paint brands featured in the system, What’s New and what some of our users say about being members of the TCS network. You will NOT enter User Name and Password located in the Banner above until you subscribe.

When you choose to register, click link How To Become a Member(arrow above) and this reveals the subscribe screen:

Please select the Help button to review and/or print the instructions for completing the Sign-Up form. This will answer many questions you have before you register and save misunderstandings which may occur. If you have questions any time, just e-mail us at comments@gotcs.net

When the Sign Up form is complete, Submit and we will e-mail you a temporary password and ‘How To’ steps for you to Log-In.

Tip: Even after you complete and submit this form, you will not be able to log in until you receive your password.

With the temporary password in hand, you can Log-In by entering your User Name and ‘Temporary Password’ on the header portion (upper right corner) of the home page, www.gotcs.net.
This is the home screen for the TCS Color Matching functions. Note the Six arrow buttons and links to start each application.

**TCS Color Conversions**
- Color Matching Function: Any to Any color matches by brands and color names.

**Search Colors**
- Search by Color Name: Enter any color name or part of a color name.
- Search by TCS Number: Choose a color family or a specific TCS identifier.
- Search by Color Mix: Enter up to three (3) color names.
- Search by Designer Mixes: Choose a Guest Designer, and then enter color names.
- Search by Brand/Color Name: Choose and see one brand’s color name(s).
- Search by Brand/TCS Number: Select TCS Identifier by any brand.
- Search by Brand/Color Mix: Select color mixes by any brand.
- Search by Brand/Color Names & Mixes: Select color names & mixes by any brand.
- Search by Manufacturer’s Number: See colors by company brand identifiers.

**Your Inventory**
- Add to Inventory: Create or Add your personal inventory of paints by brand.
- View and Edit Inventory: View or make changes to your personal inventory.
- Your Priority List of Brands
  - Create a Brand Priority List: Set up the order of viewing your favorite brands.
  - View Brand Priority List: View or rebuild your personal preference list.

**Your Information**
- Update Your Personal Information: View and keep current your membership records.
You can return to this page from any screen in the system by clicking the Main button.
HOW TO CONVERT COLORS BETWEEN BRANDS

Color Match: Step 1, Selecting Brand / Company to be converted

Choose a single brand from these lists by single clicking on the brand name. These are the “Target” colors you may choose to match or convert to another brand.

After clicking on the brand name, all the colors will be listed alphabetically from which you can choose up to Thirty (30) color names.

Color Match: Step 2  Check Mark the color names to be matched or converted

From the list of color names presented, click in the check box to choose that color name. You may select up to thirty (30) color names for each query.

After choosing the “target” color names, click Submit Color Names button.

A second list of your selected color names will appear on the right side of the screen. Review the “Selected Colors” list, to verify the accuracy of your selections.

If you find a name which you do not want, you may double click on the name and it will be removed.

If you find a name missing, you can select and add to the end of the list.

When color name selections are complete, Click on Match Colors to choose matching brands.
Choose brands to be matched.

Choose up to three (3) brands, then click **Submit Brands**. These are the brands which your “Target” color selections will match.

A second list of your selected brands will appear on the right side of the screen. Review the “Selected Brands” list, to verify the accuracy of your selections.

If you find a brand you do not want, you may double click on the name and it will be removed.

To add another brand, select it, then click **Submit Brands** again. Maximum three (3) brands per query.

From the Selected Brands table, click **Match Brands** to see color conversions in the Browse window.

Tip: F-11 Function: To view a larger screen, touch F-11 on your keyboard. This provides more colors which are visible. Toggle back and forth with F-11 key to judge if this is an advantage to you.

Color Match: Step 4, Customize Your Color Match Search

The fields on this page are optional. They allow you to enter a title for your color match search and to choose if you would like to check your inventory against this search.
Color Match: Step 5  View the Results of your Color Match Search.

This window displays the results of the Color Match Function. Scroll down to see the next two sets of results.

The page layout is always the same:
- TCS #
- Color Representation
- Selected Color (Brand Name)
- Inv / Inventory of this color (if selected)
- The Match Color (Brand Name)
- Inv / Inventory of this color (if selected)
Click on Any TCS # Link to bring up the **FULL TCS SCREEN** for that Color (see page 8)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TCS #</th>
<th>Selected Color Accent</th>
<th>Inv &lt;c&gt;</th>
<th>Match Color Ceramiccoat</th>
<th>Inv &lt;c&gt;</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RE-46-5</td>
<td>Red Iron Oxide</td>
<td>n</td>
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<tr>
<td>BK-5-1-8</td>
<td>Black (Soft)</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>Black (D)</td>
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<tr>
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<td>Razzle Red</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>Magenta Crimson</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>BK-5-5-5</td>
<td>Soft Grey</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>Hippo Grey</td>
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<td>Soft White</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>Magnolia White</td>
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<tr>
<td>BL-5-7-4</td>
<td>Stoneware Blue</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>Cape Cod Blue</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>VI-5-1-7</td>
<td>True Purple</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>Purple</td>
<td>a</td>
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<tr>
<td>BL-5-1-5</td>
<td>Ultramarine Blue</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>Prhala Blue</td>
<td>a</td>
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There are five links from this page:

- **Main** takes you back to the Main Page
- **Print** function will print all pages in this window.
  - Using the “Print Preview” function on your Browser allows viewing all pages which will print.
  - Selecting Browser Print Function opens the page selection menu so you may select only the pages you want.
- **New Color Match** takes you back to Step One for a restart of the Color Matching Function. Previous color name selections are now erased (for a step back function see “Go Back” below).
- **Match Again** if you prefer to print just one set of matches use the “Match Again” function to return to Step 3 – Match Brands function. To remove brands you do not wish to print, click on the brand name in the Match Colors display.
- **Go Back** takes you to the previous window, which offers you the ability to enter a title for this set of matches. It will appear at the top of your color match results.

**STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS**

User Guide One and Two are designed to help you get a better understanding of all the features available to you in the TCS On-Line System. In addition we have created step by step instructions for specific functions which will help you quickly gain maximum benefits from your membership. These short vignettes with their easy to follow, one-step-at-a-time approach, offer more detail than the User Guide in many cases.

When you have a specific need to learn a specific function, check these HOW TO subjects to see if it is available.

On the TCS On-Line Systems home page: [www.gotcs.net](http://www.gotcs.net), in the left-hand column where you found User Guide One and Two, click on:

**Color Solutions**

**TCS Support Page**

If you do not see it, e-mail us you’re “How To Question” and we will add it if possible.

- Adjust an Oil Design for an Acrylic Painter
- Analyze Your Inventory of Colors and Paints
- Become a Member
- Create Your Brand Priority List
- Find Alternate Colors and Mixes
- Find Closest Colors
- Find Discontinued Colors by Brand & See Alternate Choice
- Find Shades and Highlights
- List any brand in Manufacture number order
- Paints I Need - Shopping List
- Start with a Limited Palette
- Search for color mixes.
- Search by Designer.
- Your Inventory Made Easy
1. TCS #: This number identifies just one color (all of the brands/colors listed here are that color)

2. Color Swatch: This is a representative swatch of the color for this TCS #

Explanation of Headings:

Inv: Your Inventory in each Brand of this Color.

Brand: Brands can be listed in the priority you choose (See Priority List).

Color Name or Mix: In many cases when there is not a perfect match, we offer a mix with ratios so you may create the color in your favorite brand.

Mfg. #: This is the number assigned by the manufacturer. Many stores display the paints by manufacturers number

3. S/H: By clicking on this button, a pop-up window appears with a suggested shade and highlight for that brand’s color.

4. ALT: This button indicates an alternate choice is available. This might replace a discontinued color, or be an alternate mix using a limited palette. Click the button and a pop-up window will appear that shows: The TCS number, the original color or mix, and an alternate mix. This window may be printed.
TCS Color Matching Search Function

Click on any search arrow to Search with this screen: Or use the Drop-Down Menu on the Main Page:

Search colors in the TCS database in a variety of ways. These searches are listed below.

Search by Color Name: Enter any color name or part of a color name.
Search by TCS Number: Choose a color family or a specific TCS identifier.
Search by Color Mix: Enter up to three (3) color names.
Search by Designer Mixes: Choose a Guest Designer, and then enter color names.
Search by Brand/Color Name: Choose and see one brand’s color name(s).
Search by Brand/TCS Number: Select TCS Identifier by any brand.
Search by Brand/Color Mix: Select color mixes by any brand.
Search by Brand/Color Names & Mixes: Select color names & mixes by any brand.
Search by Manufacturer’s Number: See colors by company brand identifiers.
Details of each Search function:

Search by Color Name

A text box appears so you can type a color name or portion of a color name and bring the results to the browse window.

You must type a minimum of three letters, for instance “aqua” would produce all color names beginning with “aqua”. Letters “bur” will bring Burgundy’s and all “Burnt” color names to the browse window.

By clicking Yes on Search against my Inventory, you will add that information to the Results Screen.
The color names will appear in alphabetic order and will be standard colors for all brands.

This screen also shows a sample of the color requested in the search, the TCS #, and Mfg. # when applicable.

**Keyword Search Feature:**

A “keyword” search is available in several dialog boxes. It is a very important feature when you choose to use it.

Example: If you wish to find all “blue” color names in the TCS System, select the **Search Color by Color Name** function. If you type the word AQUA, the browse window will display all colors which begin with the word AQUA. If you perform the same search and check the keyword option, the browse window will display all aquas even when the word aqua is located in the second or third position. This would include Pale Aqua and Sea Aqua. Without using the keyword option, these colors would not be selected.

**Search by TCS Identifier**

Search by TCS identifier allows tremendous flexibility in finding and viewing color families and specific TCS colors. A color family must be selected.

Choose any one of 15 color families by clicking on the radio button, then search, find results in browse window.

Choose YE-5 radio buttons to find all yellow’s with perfect yellow hue.

Key in any TCS #. i.e.: YE-5-5-5 to see all brands choices for one TCS color.

Invalid TCS #’s will return zero results to the browse window.
Search by Color Mix

Input up to three colors to search for all mixes that contain the colors you input. The first position is a required field and must have at least 3 characters for a search.

This search will only return color mixes, so you will not see any pure colors.

Search by Designer Mixes

We are grateful to decorative painters, authors and designers who have assisted us by creating mixes.

Choose a name from the Guest Designers menu.

You will be presented with a Color Mix menu (as in Search By Color Mix above) where you can request mixes by a specific designer with up to three (3) different colors included.

If you want to see all the mixes in the TCS System by one designer, type nothing (leave the 3 Search Fields blank), and then click the search button. A browse window will appear with all the mixes by one designer.
Search by Brand/Color Name

This search is the same as Search by Color Name, except you narrow the search to include only one brand.

Select one brand from the choices in the table.

Then follow the directions as described in Search by Color Name to find any color in the brand you selected.

Tip: How to find the fourteen (14) Delta colors introduced in 2004 in one search:

- Click on “Brand/Color Name” from this list to see the all brands screen.
- Choose Ceramcoat as the brand you wish to search, this reveals an entry dialog box.
- Type (New4) in the Search by field, then checkmark: Search by Keyword.
- Then Yes / No to search against your inventory is optional.

- Click Search button and results reveal all 14 New Delta Ceramcoat colors.

To find the discontinued colors and replacement mixes in one brand type: Disc. instead of “New4” as described above. Every discontinued color in the chosen brand will show in the results of your search.

Key Word Access Codes

(Disc.) - Discontinued Color
(New4) - New Color in 2004
(New5) - New Color in 2005
(ltd) - Limited Palette Base Paint Color
(ltdm) - Alternate Mix is available for Limited Palette Colors.
(AP) - Folk Art® Artist Pigments
(PP) - Folk Art® Discontinued Permanent Pigments
(PSC) - Jo Sonja® Potting Shed Colors
(Bkgd) - Jo Sonja® Background Colors
(ABC) - Accent Acrylic Blending Colors
Search by Brand/TCS Number

This search is the same as Search by TCS Number, except you can narrow the search to include only one brand.

• Select one brand from the choices in the table.
• Then follow the directions as described in Search by TCS Number to find any TCS number in only the brand you selected.

Search by Brand/Color Mix

This search is the same as Search by Color Mix, except you can narrow the search to only one brand.

• Select one brand from the choices in the table.
• Then follow the directions as described in Search by Color Mix.

Search by Brand/Color Names & Mixes

This search is the same as Search by Color Names & Color Mixes, except you can narrow the search to only one brand.

• Select one brand from the choices in the table.
• Then follow the directions as described in Search by Color Names & Mixes.

Search by Manufacturer’s Product Number

• Select one brand from the choices in the table.

• Input your desired manufacturer number (or portion) into the text box and click search.

• If you do not enter a manufacturer number, all colors in your selected brand will be displayed even if they do not have a manufacturer’s number assigned.

• Searching on 2 digits will get all colors that have been assigned those 2 digits in any position.

• Unassigned manufacturer’s numbers will appear at the top of the list.

VIEW / EDIT INVENTORY HELP

Please see:

TCS® COLOR CONVERSIONS: USER GUIDE 2
INVENTORY AND PRIORITY SEQUENCE

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