Using Dunn-Edwards Perfect Palette® Colors in AutoCAD®

About

AutoCAD 2004 introduced the ability to load and use third-party color libraries. Dunn-Edwards has developed Perfect Palette Color Books for use in AutoCAD 2004 and later versions. Once properly loaded into your software, you'll have access to Dunn-Edwards' complete Perfect Palette® color library. The colors are arranged numerically, just like our fan deck, so they will be easy for you to find. If you have a Perfect Palette color library, you can use the table below to locate the binder that contains the colors that you need.

* Please note: Versions of AutoCAD prior to 2004 do not allow downloads of external color books or files.

Binder #	Contains Colors	Color #s	Binder #	Contains Colors	Color #s
1 & 9	Whites	DEW300 – DEW399	5	Green Blues & Blues	DE5714 – DE5902
1	Magentas, Reds & Pinks	DE5000 – DE5111	6	Blue Violets, Red Violets & Purples	DE5903 – DE6007
2	Oranges & Tans	DE5112 – DE5307	7	Accents	DEA100 – DEA195
3	Orange Yellows, Yellows & Green Yellows	DE5308 – DE5503	8	Warm Neutrals	DE6008 – DE6217
4	Lime Greens & Greens	DE5504 – DE5713	9	Classics	DEC700 – DEC799

Loading the Perfect Palette Color Book Files into AutoCAD 2004 and later versions

AutoCAD has "help" files that explain how to load and use your new Color Books. For your convenience, the instructions below have been paraphrased from the AutoCAD help files. These directions will help get you started. For more information, please refer to your AutoCAD program.

1. Download the color files from the Dunn-Edwards website onto your desktop. Remember the location.
2. The files are in a Zip folder. Extract the files from the Zip folder by doing the following:
   - Click the button **Extract all Files** under **Folder Tasks**.
   - This will extract all the color files from the Zip folder for uploading into AutoCAD.
3. Open your AutoCAD program and click the **Tools** > **Options** menu. (*or* suggested by an architect: open **Format** from the top menu and go to **Options**.)
4. In the **Options** dialog box, click the **Files** tab.
5. Within **Search paths, file names, and file locations**, expand the **Color Book locations** selection.
6. Click the **Add** button, and then the **Browse** button.
7. Browse to the folder you created in Step One. This folder should contain the Perfect Palette Color Book.
8. Click **OK** to by-pass the options dialog.
9. Select the **Format** > **Color** menu, then the **Color Books** tab.
10. AutoCAD will now have access to the Perfect Palette color book, which you should see in the "Color Book" drop down.

Please be aware that colors represented in the AutoCAD Color Books are provided for general color information and illustration purposes only. Because of the differences in computer monitors, printers, other hardware and software combinations, the depicted results are intended to be used as approximations of color and not as definitive representations, and should not be relied upon, or used as such.

Dunn-Edwards cannot guarantee you will achieve desired results without verifying an actual paint sample of your actual color selection. For specific advice regarding your project, we recommend that you contact your Dunn-Edwards representative, or visit your local Dunn-Edwards store.