

Engine Coolant Color Chart

Important Note: Color alone does not determine coolant compatibility! Always check your owner's manual or consult a professional. Different manufacturers may use the same color for different formulations.

Color	Technology Type	Typical Use	Lifespan	Common Examples	Notes
GREEN	IAT	Older vehicles (pre-2000s)	2-3 years / 30,000 miles	Traditional antifreeze	Contains silicates and phosphates
ORANGE	OAT	GM vehicles, some imports	5 years / 150,000 miles	Dex-Cool	Extended life coolant
RED	OAT	GM vehicles, some imports	5 years / 150,000 miles	Dex-Cool variants	Similar to orange OAT
YELLOW	HOAT	Ford, Chrysler, European	5 years / 150,000 miles	Motorcraft, Mopar	Hybrid technology
BLUE	HOAT/OAT	Honda, European brands	5 years / 150,000 miles	Honda Type 2, Subaru	Manufacturer-specific
PINK	OAT/HOAT	Toyota, Lexus, Asian	5+ years / 100,000+ miles	Toyota Long Life	Extended service intervals
PURPLE	HOAT	VW, Audi (G12/G13)	5+ years	G12/G13 coolant	European specification
TURQUOISE	HOAT	Honda, Acura (select)	5 years / 150,000 miles	Honda specific	Less common color

Technology Types:

- **IAT** - Inorganic Additive Technology (traditional)
- **OAT** - Organic Additive Technology (extended life)
- **HOAT** - Hybrid Organic Additive Technology (best of both)

Always consult your vehicle's owner manual or a qualified technician for the correct coolant specification for your specific vehicle.