

The International Cub, LoBoy. (1958-1964)

The Cub Lo-Boy is quite similar to the Farmall Cub. It was produced with a lower stance for grass mowing. That makes sense because the lower stance means lower center of gravity. Lower center of gravity means better stability on hill sides. The Lo-Boy uses shorter front spindles

and a rotated final drive. That makes the Lo-Boy about 8 inches lower than the normal Farmall Cub. Both models have the IH "Culti-Vision" offset engine and steering.

The LoBoy was made in several styles between 1955 and 1960. This is the 1958, 40-60 style.



Cub (4th style) both Farmall & International Specifications

10 Horsepower on the Belt
10 Traction Horsepower
60 Cubic Inch Engine
In Production from 1958 to 1964
Total Manufactured, 26,000
This Cub was Manufactured in 1959
Engine RPM, 1,600
Fuel Tank Capacity, 7.5 Gallons
Standard Rear Tires, 8 X 24
Speeds, 2.4, 3.2, 7.3, Rev. 2.7 MPH
Standard Weight, 1,500 pounds
Price in 1958, \$1,246

IH Tractor color. Grey, then Red, then some White.

In 1900, most tractors, known as traction motors at the time, were some variation of grey to black.

Early IH tractors were also.

There is a story that many manufacturers used battleship grey after WWI because it was in great surplus and cheap.

That sounds good but may not be true. Many tractors were dark or grey before the war. In addition, some of those greys are not consistent with official battleship grey.

In any case, IH tractor bodies, both McCormick Deering and Farmall were grey until late 1936. Then, IH switched to red.

The wheels were painted red, apparently from 1924 until the 1936 body color change.

Since the original Farmall, the Regular, was replaced by the F-20 in 1932, that means that all Regulars were sold grey.

That also means that all F-14s (1938-1939) were sold red. And most F-30s (1932-1939) and most F-12s (1932-1939) were sold grey.

The McCormick Deerings are messier. The 15-30s were replaced by the 22-36 in 1928 and 1929, but not all 22-36s were labeled such. Some were labeled 15-30.

The 10-20 was produced from 1923 to 1942. I assume later 10-20s were red.

That means the three models above could have been either color originally.

The W-30, W-12 and W-40 have the same either-color problem.

The only exception to the ambiguity is the W-14. It like the F-14 was only produced in 1938 and 1939.

Of course, all the letter series tractors and beyond were red.

IH did use different shades of red, however.

It also seems that different factories used slightly different colors. No doubt paint suppliers provided slightly different colors from batch to batch.

There are tables available on the internet.

You could knock yourself out trying to identify and locate the “true” colors

Any paint label that claims to be “IH Red” works pretty well. Unless constantly shedded, they fade to a clearly identifiable red in a couple of years.

IH introduced a cream-white with the 30-50 series tractors in 1956. That cream-white was used for accent on grills and partial side panels. Over time numerous “whites” were used. I just stick with the cream white.

There are also many choices for IH grey. I prefer to use a good, dark grey primer.



ABOVE: 1949, Farmall H. Red body, red wheels, grey rims.



BELOW: 1927, Farmall Regular. Grey body with red wheels and rims.