How to tell what color dust cap covers your Club Car DS has:

Many customers call and ask how to check whether their Club Car DS has metal or plastic dust covers. To locate your dust covers, you will simply remove one of your front wheels and expose your hub assembly. The dust cover is the end cap on the very end of your wheel hub. On a Club Car DS cart, this dust cover will either be made of **metal** or **plastic**. If your cart has metal dust covers, then it means your cart is the OLD style and was manufactured pre 2003. If your cart has plastic dust covers, then it is the NEW style and was manufactured after mid 2003 (2003.5+). Please refer to the circled red part in the pictures below to see which part of the hub is considered the dust cover:



Plastic Dust Covers = NEW Style (2003.5+)



If you cannot determine whether your dust cover is plastic or metal (due to excess grease or dirt buildup), you can simply tap the dust cover with a screwdriver and you should be able to tell what material it is made out of based on the sound it makes (metal covers will "ting" or "ping"). Or, if you have a magnet handy, hold it up to your dust cover to see if the magnet reacts (indicating metal) or not (indicating plastic).

Sometimes, we come across a situation where the dust covers have fallen off at some point in time or maybe they were removed from the cart for an unknown reason. If you find this to be the case on your cart, there is still one alternative way to identify what type of dust covers your cart *should* have, and that is by looking at the actual spindle itself.

To do this, you will need to remove the hub from your spindle so that the entire spindle is exposed. If your spindle is the same thickness from the beginning of the shaft all the way to the end of the threads; that is the OLD style (1982-2003). If the spindle is thicker at the beginning of the shaft and then tapers (gets smaller) at the threads, that is the NEW style (2003.5+).