

# ORGANIZING/REUSING COLOR SWATCHES

The Appearance Property Manager has a drop-down list of the available Swatches. It can be frustrating when organizing this list if you do not understand the file syntax and file locations.

Location is set in System Options, File Locations, Color Swatches. Okay, that's the easy part.

1. Open one of the \*.sldclr files in that location and look for text *DisplayName="swatch1"* where swatch1 is the name displayed in the drop-down list of the available swatches. I would also recommend as you create new \*.sldclr files, you name the file this same as the display name (although the filename will not be used by SOLIDWORKS as a display name, it will keep you organized).
2. Next look at the next several lines in the file; *<Color RGB="b8d4c5"/>* where b8d4c5 is the RGB string that represents one of the actual color in the swatch. You can find RGB color charts all over the internet, so just edit the file with whatever colors you want in your swatch (and in the order you want).
3. Save the file in the correct file location and this swatch will appear in your drop-down list (in alphabetical order).

