In a back-and-forth color landscape, achromatic colors are stealing market share back from chromatic colors.

- Achromatic colors (white, black, gray, silver) were the favorites.
- White was the most popular global color in 2022 for light passenger vehicles.
- Chromatic colors (orange, yellow, violet, and green, etc.) gained market share.

**GLOBAL OVERVIEW**

- White 39%
- Black 18%
- Gray 16%
- Silver 8%
- Blue 8%
- Orange 1%
- Red 5%
- Yellow 1%
- Green 1%
- Beige 1%
- Brown 1%
- Violet 1%

**EMEA OVERVIEW**

- Black and white dominating
- Yellow, orange, and green all gain volume

**NA OVERVIEW**

- Achromatic colors increased
- Gray showing great depth and breadth of shades and effects

**AP OVERVIEW**

- Chromatic colors are up slightly, as the only region resisting the global tendency
- North America has a higher variety of colors, with shades like green and violet taking share from red

**SA OVERVIEW**

- Lightest region with high amounts of silver, beige, and white
- Smallest share of black, and trending toward neutral colors
TREND COMPETENCE AND INNOVATIVE COLOR CONCEPTS

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