

Formation/Unit Identification markings

302. Formation signs. These are to be displayed on all unit vehicles, with the exception of motor cycles and vehicles of BAOR units and units permanently allotted to NATO, as follows:

- a. Headquarters of theatres, commands, areas and field force formations, including all units for which the headquarters are directly responsible, are to display the sign of the respective formation headquarters.
- b. District headquarters (United Kingdom only) and units for which they are directly responsible are to display the respective district sign.

c. All units of field force formations, wherever they are located, are to display their respective formation sign.

d. Units in the United Kingdom not part of a field force formation, wherever they are located, are to display the sign of the district or area in which the unit headquarters is located.

e. Static training organizations, establishments and units are to display the sign of the headquarters to which they are responsible.

Exceptions

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(1) *BAOR units and units permanently assigned to NATO.* Formation signs are not to be displayed separately as they are incorporated in the tactical signs.

(2) *Motor Cycles.* Formation signs are not to be displayed.

303. Unit Identification markings. Are to be displayed on all vehicles and are to take the form of a tactical number or the respective unit badge.

a. *Unit Tactical number.* Field force formation units are to display their respective identification number, as shown at Annex A. BAOR units and units permanently allocated to NATO are to incorporate also their respective formation identification as instructed by their respective field force formation headquarters.

b. *Unit badges.* Units, schools or establishments not part of a field force formation are to display their respective unit badge below a bar containing the official unit abbreviation.

304. Display methods, size and colours

a. *Location of markings*

(1) *Vehicles.* Both formation and unit identification markings are to be displayed at the front and rear of all vehicles, immediately above the bumpers, either hand painted or applied by transfer onto a flat vertical part of the vehicle body or onto a metal plate to be fixed vertically above the bumpers. Formation signs are to be displayed at the right side and unit identification markings displayed at the left side.

(2) *Trailers.* To be displayed as for vehicles but at the rear only.

(3) *Motor Cycles.* Unit identification markings only are to be displayed on each side of the forward end of the petrol tank.

b. *Size.* All markings, whether applied direct onto the vehicle body or on to a metal plate, are not to exceed 9½ ins (24 cm) high and 8½ ins (21 cm) wide.

c. *Colour*

(1) *Formation Signs.* The colours and background of the sign are to comply with the MOD approved pattern.

(2) *Unit Tactical numbers.* Are to be 2 ins (5.1 cm) high white numbers painted on to a background which matches the normal colour of the vehicle.

(3) *Unit badges.* Are to be hand painted or applied by transfer, in the normal colours for the respective badge, on to a background which matches the normal colour of the vehicle. A black painted bar above the badge, not to exceed 1 in (2.5 cm) high and 8½ ins (21 cm) wide, is to be superimposed, with the official unit abbreviation painted in white.

(4) *Arm or Service identifying colours.* These are not to be used.

305. Exceptions

a. Black painted service staff cars are not to display formation signs or unit identification markings.

b. In BAOR and Hong Kong the following vehicles are exempt from displaying service number plates:

(1) Service senior commanders' cars which bear a title plate, eg CBF, DCLF.

(2) Certain vehicles (including vehicles other than staff cars) of intelligence units and RMP (SIB) which carry civil number plates.

(3) Service vehicles that are used for adventurous training may require Civil number plates in certain countries, eg: Austria, France, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain.