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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Section I. GENERAL

1-1. Purpose. This bulletin establishes policies and assigns responsibilities for the painting and marking of camouflaged and non-camouflaged equipment managed by TROSCOM.

1-2. Scope. *a.* This bulletin prescribes the colors to be used for painting and camouflaging of Army materiel and provides a uniform system for the marking of such materiel.

b. Instructions for application of special technical markings not shown herein are located in Department of the Army publications on the specific end item covered.

c. Instructions for the painting of vehicles and equipment will be found in TM 43-0139, provisions of which are included in this bulletin by reference.

1-3. Reporting of Errors. You can improve this manual by recommending improvements using DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) and /or DA Form 2028-2 (Test) located in the back of the manual and mail the forms direct to Commander, US Army Troop Support Command, ATTN: AMSTS-MPP, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., St., Louis, MO 63120. A reply will be furnished direct to you.

Section II. APPLICABILITY

1-4. General. *a.* Markings which are not authorized, are not of the authorized style, or are not in approved locations, in accordance with this bulletin, will be changed or relocated at the time of vehicle repainting, or when the condition of the existing marking becomes unsuitable due to deterioration or damage.

b. Vehicles and equipment will be repainted only when required for materiel preservation purposes and not solely for the purpose of changing colors, unless necessary for safety or security. Vehicles and equipment in storage will be marked in accordance with tables 3-2 through 3-8 when withdrawn from storage or placed in service.

c. Any new markings applied will conform to the requirements of this bulletin.

d. Markings, in addition to those prescribed or authorized in this bulletin, will be applied only on specific approval of the Department of the Army or as identified in official Department of the Army publications.

e. Markings peculiar to any vehicle, or series of vehicles, will be applied per the instructions in this bulletin. Description, identification, and location of

vehicle peculiar markings will be found in the vehicle technical manual.

f. Under tactical conditions, when it becomes necessary to conceal the markings, all such prominent markings may be covered with temporary paint (Paint, temporary, lusterless, gasoline removable MIL-P-13983D) on authority of the responsible commander. Such markings may also be temporarily covered with oil, dirt, mud, or other readily removable substance for camouflage purposes.

1-5. Exceptions. This bulletin applies to all Army materiel that is normally painted except as indicated in a through c below.

a. Special markings for vehicles in administrative use are included in AR 58-1.

b. Marking of clothing and other items assigned to individuals is prescribed in AR 70084.

c. Items fabricated from canvas, leather, and other materials normally not painted will be finished and marked in accordance with applicable Department of the Army technical publications.

CHAPTER 2

COLOR AND MARKING NON-CAMOUFLAGE EQUIPMENT

Section I. GENERAL

2-1. Vehicle Weight Classification Data. Refer to appendix B for TROSCOM equipment weight classification data.

2-2. National Symbol. *a.* The national symbol is a 5-pointed star of lusterless white, Color Chip No. 37875. It will be applied to all tactical and combat vehicles and appropriate equipment in CONUS and oversea. The national symbol will be applied at the depot to vehicles and equipment in storage only when withdrawn for issue to the US Army units. It will not be applied to ambulances or other medical service vehicles affected by international agreement concerning such vehicles.

b. The marking will normally be applied to the front, rear, both sides, and top of the vehicle. The symbol may be applied to mounted equipment on vehicles when such equipment provides the most suitable surfaces. It will not normally be applied to canvas surfaces.

c. The National Symbol marking will be located on the largest regular area and as near as possible to the center of such area. It will not be applied in a location where it will, in normal usage, be obscured by paulins, canvas doors, folded-down windshields, gasoline cans, communications equipment, or other such items.

d. Top surfaces for application of the National Symbol on transport vehicles will be in the following order of preference:

- (1) Roof of vehicles with hard roof bodies.
- (2) Top of cab on vehicles with hard roof cabs but not having hard roof bodies.
- (3) Top of hood when no other suitable hard surface of adequate size is available.

e. On horizontal surfaces the star will be applied with one point directly toward the front of the vehicle or equipment. On vertical surfaces the star will have one point directly up.

f. The star will be applied in either of the two methods of permanent marking, stencil-and-paint or pressure sensitive adhesive vinyl. Vinyl markings will not be used on highly irregular or rough surfaces where adhesion would not be complete. National Symbol markings at different locations on any one vehicle or piece of equipment may be applied in different methods.

g. The National Symbol will be the largest size practical for use in the available space, but will not exceed 36 inches measured between opposite points. The star will not be applied in sizes less than 6 inches between opposite points.

Section II. SPECIAL MARKINGS

2-3. Safety Markings. *a.* Vehicles used for the quantity transportation of gasoline, fuel oil, or other flammable liquids will be marked on both sides and rear with the word "Flammable" in 6 inch letters, and the words "No Smoking Within 50 Feet" in 3 inch letters and numerals. The marking will be placed in two lines, with the word "Flammable" on the top line. The marking will be applied in the same color as the vehicle registration marking.

b. Vehicles carrying explosives or other dangerous materiel will be marked as follows:

(1) When used for the transportation of such dangerous materiel over public highways, vehicles will be marked or equipped with appropriate placards in accordance with AR 55-355.

NOTE

Small arms ammunition in less than case lots are not to be considered as explosives.

(2) When used for the transportation of such dangerous materiel to training areas, vehicles will be marked or equipped with placards on both sides and ends. The words "Explosives" will be marked in white letters not less than 3 inches high on a red background in accordance with AR 385-63. Reflectorized markers should be used when available.

c. When authorized by the responsible

commander, stripes of a contrasting color may be applied to certain vehicles and equipment used in a nontactical area, which, because of size, construction, or function, present a possible hazard. These stripes are applied to permit vehicles to be more readily seen by drivers of other vehicles. They are normally applied to the rear of such vehicles; they may, however, be also applied to the front or certain side surfaces if required.

(1) The stripes will be applied across the face of the bumper, or across the width of the vehicle on a flat surface above the bumper in a band not to exceed two feet in height. Other appropriate surfaces may be utilized when necessary.

(2) Width of the stripes will be four inches with a four inch space between stripes. They will be inclined at a 45° angle in opposite directions from the centerline of the vehicle, to form an inverted V pattern.

(3) Gloss yellow, Color Chip No. 13538, will be used for stripes on vehicles painted olive drab or other dark color.

(4) Gloss black, Color Chip No. 17038, will be used for stripes on vehicles painted yellow or other light color.

d. DA Label 76 (A Good Driver) for promoting safe driving practices, may be requisitioned through normal publications supply channels, and will be applied to all motor vehicles as follows: Display in all motor vehicles to be readily visible to the driver.

e. All motorized materials handling equipment will be marked with the legends "No Smoking" and "No Riders".

(1) These legends will be placed on a surface facing the operator.

(2) The markings will be applied in 1 inch letters of the same color as the registration markings.

(3) The markings may be applied horizontally to read left to right or vertically to read top to bottom.

f. Fuel and oil dispensing vehicles and equipment used for servicing aircraft will be marked with the grade of fuel or oil on each side of the tank. Marking will be in the same color as the registration number in the following sizes:

- (1) Semitrailers6 inches high
- (2) Trucks4 inches high
- (3) 2-wheel trailers3 inches high

Examples of such markings follow:

- (1) Gasoline (number) grade
- (2) Oil (number) grade
- (3) Water alcohol

Where available and certified, the capacity of tank compartments in gallons will be marked below and to the right of the manhole covers: "()" "Gals Cap", in 2-inch letters and numerals.

2-4. Technical Markings. a. Tire Pressure. The prescribed vehicle tire pressure will be marked on the

dash of all motor vehicles and pneumatic tire equipment. This marking will also be applied to the fenders above each wheel or, if fenders are not used, to the body or frame immediately above each wheel. On towed vehicles or equipment, this marking will be applied to the body or frame immediately above each wheel. On tandem axle vehicles the marking will be centered between the two wheel sets.

(1) The markings will consist of the numerals representing the proper pressures, preceded by the letters TP.

(2) Letters and numerals will be 1 inch high and in the same color as the registration marking.

b. Maximum Speed. When maximum speed is specified by a manufacturer, or in an applicable technical manual, and when appropriate operation plates are not available, the maximum speed of the vehicle in its highest range and gear ratio will be marked on the dash.

(1) The marking will consist of the numerals representing maximum speed, preceded by the abbreviation "Max Speed".

(2) Letters and numerals will be 1 inch high and in the same color as the registration markings.

c. Arctic Lubricated. All vehicles and equipment processed with special arctic lubricants and/or other materials for operation in cold climates will be marked with a temporary marking as follows: (1) The words "Arctic Lubricated" will be marked in the following order of preference:

(a) Adjacent to the agency identification or registration marking on each side of the vehicle or equipment.

(b) Adjacent to the name or identification plate.

(c) On another conspicuous location in order that the markings may be readily seen prior to operation or use. Specific locations may be prescribed in applicable technical publications for the vehicle or equipment.

(2) Letters of the marking will be 1 inch high and in the same color as the registration marking.

(3) The marking will be kept in a legible condition until the vehicle or equipment is deprocessed, and will then be thoroughly removed.

d. Engine Hood Safety Hook. All tactical use wheeled vehicles which are equipped with an engine hood safety hook will be marked "Warning: Secure Hood in Raised Position with Safety Hook Before Servicing Engine".

(1) The marking will be applied at the rear area on the underside of the hood panel.

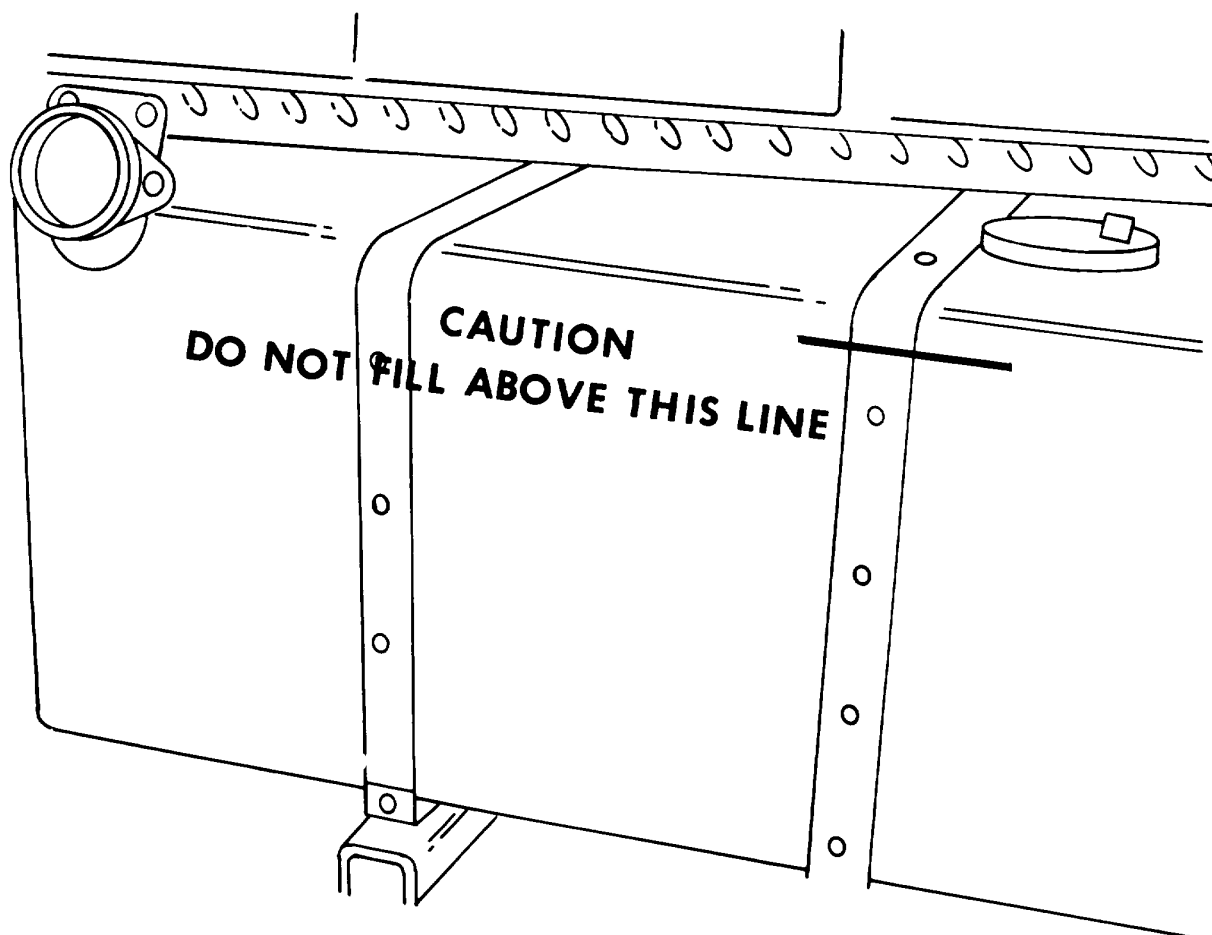
(2) Letters of the marking will be 1 inch high, and black.

e. Excessive Fuel Tank Pressure. This paragraph applies to tactical transport vehicles, and is intended to reduce the possibility of fuel spillage due to fuel tank over filling and subsequent fuel explosion, regardless of fuel type.

(1) If the fuel tank filler cap is a relief valve type, but does not bear a warning decal reading

"Pressurized: Open Slowly", the warning "Pressure: Open Slowly" will be marked in 1 inch white letters on the cap or on the fuel tank near the filler pipe.

(2) On fuel tanks, where a mark would be readily visible, measure 2 inches down from the top of the tank and mark a 1/4 x 8 inch line, with the following note in 1 inch black letters: "Caution: Do Not Fill Above This Line". (See figure 2-1.)



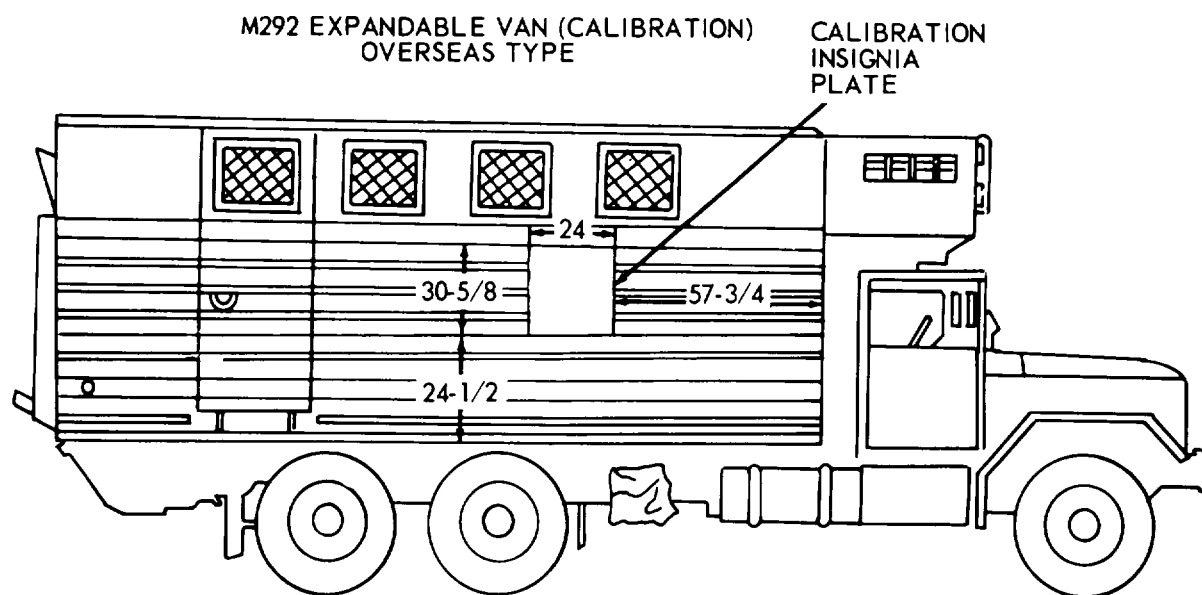
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Figure 2-1. Fuel tank marking.

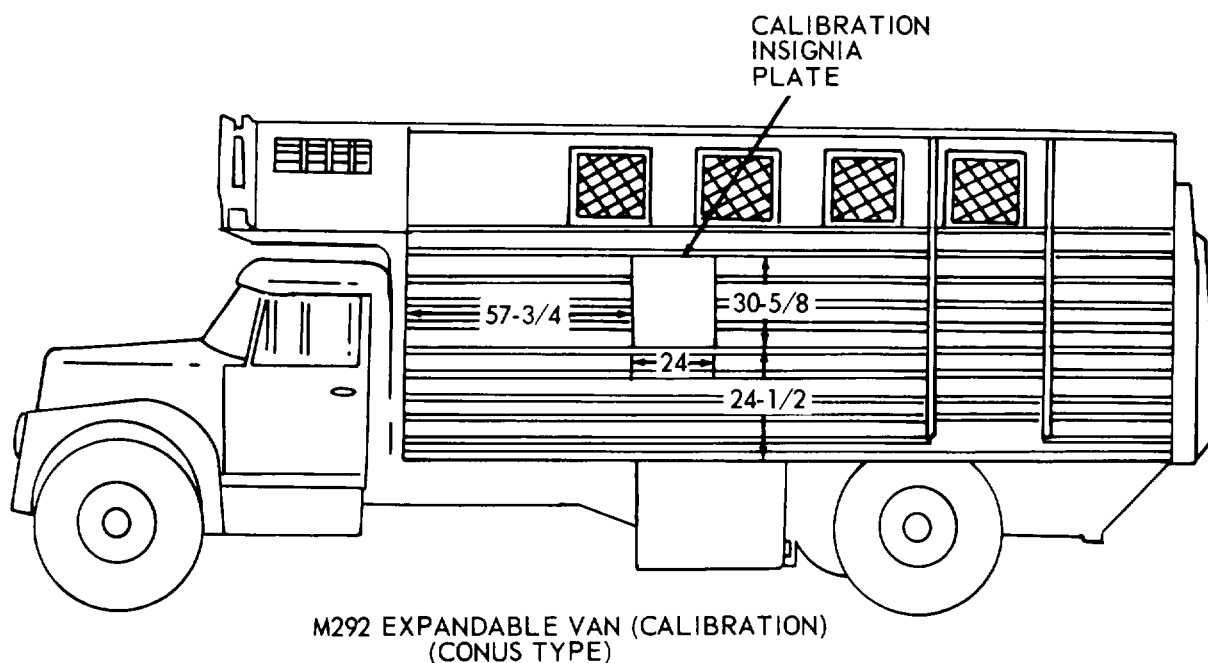
(3) On vehicles where a mark on the fuel tank would not be readily visible, mark the following note in 1 inch black letters as near as possible to the filler pipes: "Caution: Do Not Overfill - Allow for Expansion".

f. Calibration Insignia. All calibration vehicles will be marked with a calibration insignia plate as provided in kit ORD 7911573. These plates will be

applied on each side of the M292 Expandable Van, between the second and sixth rails (fig. 2-2). On other types of calibration vehicles (such as vans and panel trucks) the plates will be applied to the most appropriate surface, depending on surface size and window location.



NOTE: ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN
ARE IN INCHES.



M292 EXPANDABLE VAN (CALIBRATION)
(CONUS TYPE)

TS 018427

Figure 2-2. M292 expandable van (calibration).

g. *Capacity and Weight.* All motorized materials handling equipment will have the capacity marked on each side. The marking will consist of the numerals showing the applicable pounds followed by the

letters CAP. The actual weight of the equipment will also be marked on each side, in numerals, to show the applicable pounds, followed by the letters, MTWT.