

1935-2016

Color guide



THE RUSSIAN GREENS HISTORY AND EVOLUTION



A.MIG 022 Alkidno Uretanovaya

3B AU: Dark green paint used as primer, protection from corrosion and camouflage. Standard color used between 1935 and 1939, though this color could be found on vehicles until 1942.



A.MIG 932 ZIS 508 Green Khaki

ЗИС (ZIS)-508 (khaki green): Standard Basic color used by Soviet Union between 1956 to 80's but very common until today. It was combined with other camouflage colors, like in Afghanistan war.



A.MIG 053 Dark Green

This is the actual Authentic Russian Protective green color for the Russian Army. Since 2014, Russia decided to come back to a single color camouflage to save costs, using this standard color. Vehicles like T-14 and T-15 Armata have seen painted with this color for the parades.



A.MIG 023 Protective Green

Protective Green: Light green paint used as a primer, protection from corrosion and camouflage color. Found on vehicles before 1941.



A.MIG 056

KHS 5146 Green Khaki

XC (KHS)-5146: Color used in current Russian vehicles, especially in combination with other camouflage colors like the Black, Oil Yellow or Yellow Grey, plus other secondary light greens or greys.



A.MIG 083 XB 518 Zashchitniy Zeleno

XB-518 (khaki): Standard Basic color used by Soviet Union between 1956 to 80's but very common until today.



A.MIG 019 4B0

4B0: Green paint used as a primer, protection from corrosion and camouflage color. Standard color from 1941 onward, but also used before.



A.MIG 058

PKHV 512 Camo Light Green Khaki

PKHV-512 Light Green Khaki: This is a light green color used only in combination with other darker greens, but also with black, grey, etc



A.MIG 915 Protective NC 1200

Since 2005, the Russian army started using the *НЦ 1200*, a simple analogue of the XB-518 but with a nitro base. In any case, the tone is a bit different, more pale and grey than XB-518.



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Despite common beliefs, the Russian Army used many different colors from 1935 until today. This is only a small selection of the more standard and common colors. But as you can see in these photos, Russian vehicles are painted in a very large range of different shades of greens. Although many of them are different due to fading and discoloration, others are just homemade colors produced with local paints to repaint the vehicles and keep them in good condition. However, most of the Russian vehicles were painted with regular factory standard paints. Anyway, you can discover in this information that the Russian paint range is extremely large and each example has different characteristics and periods of use. For the first time in modelling history, we give you all of this previously unknown information researched by experts in this subject from Russia and Ukraine. Of course, keep in mind that this is just a guide to help you to choose the right color for each project. Remember that sun discoloration and fading can give you a different interpretation of the colors if you use real photos as reference.

4B0: Green paint used as a primer, protection from corrosion and camouflage color. Standard color from 1941 onward, but also used before.

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Protective Green: Light green paint used as a primer, protection from corrosion and camouflage color. Found on vehicles before 1941.

4B0 paint was used in the Red Army before 1956 after which it was replaced by the paint ЗМС (ZIS)-508 (khaki green) and XB-518 (khaki). Both of these colors were used in parallel, and were applied to the armoured vehicles at the factory up to the 1980's. At this time they replace the ink ZIS-508 with the enamel XC (KHS)-5146. Visually paint KHS-5146 (khaki-green) and XB-518 are different shades: KHS-5146 (khaki green) was lighter than the XB-518.

Paint XB-518 was used in the Red Army, and is currently used in the Russian army armoured vehicles. And XB-518 and KHS-5146 (khaki-green) from 1985.

Since 2005, the Russian army started using the HU1200, a simple analogue of the XB-518 but with a nitro base.

Since 2014, Russia decided to come back to a single color camouflage to save costs, using a Dark Green. Vehicles like T-14 and T-15 Armata have seen painted with this color for the parades.



* Colors included in the set: 1935-2016 Mythical Russian Greens