

Bumper Markings Explained

DEAR HALF-MAST

WE'RE NOT SURE HOW WE ARE TO ADD UNIT MARKINGS TO THE BUMPERS ON VEHICLES PAINTED WITH CARC. SOME UNITS PAINT A SAND OR GREEN PATCH ON THE BUMPER, THEN ADD THE LETTERS IN BLACK. THAT BREAKS UP THE CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN, THOUGH. OTHER UNITS USE BLACK LETTERS OVER THE EXISTING COLOR, BLACK LETTERS ON A BLACK BACKGROUND ARE UNREADABLE, HOW SHOULD WE DO IT?

CW4 J.C.

Dear Mr. J. C.,

The word is in Para 4-9, Fig 4-2 of TM 43-0139. Use CARC to add any markings needed.

Use black over brown or green, green over black, and brown over white or sand.

Here's an example:

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Painting and Marking . . .

UNIT IDS AND CAMOUFLAGE

There's no secret in adding unit identification numbers to a wheeled or tracked vehicle.

But if you check around your post or installation, you'll probably see several different methods in use.

There is a right way, but you need two pubs to find it.

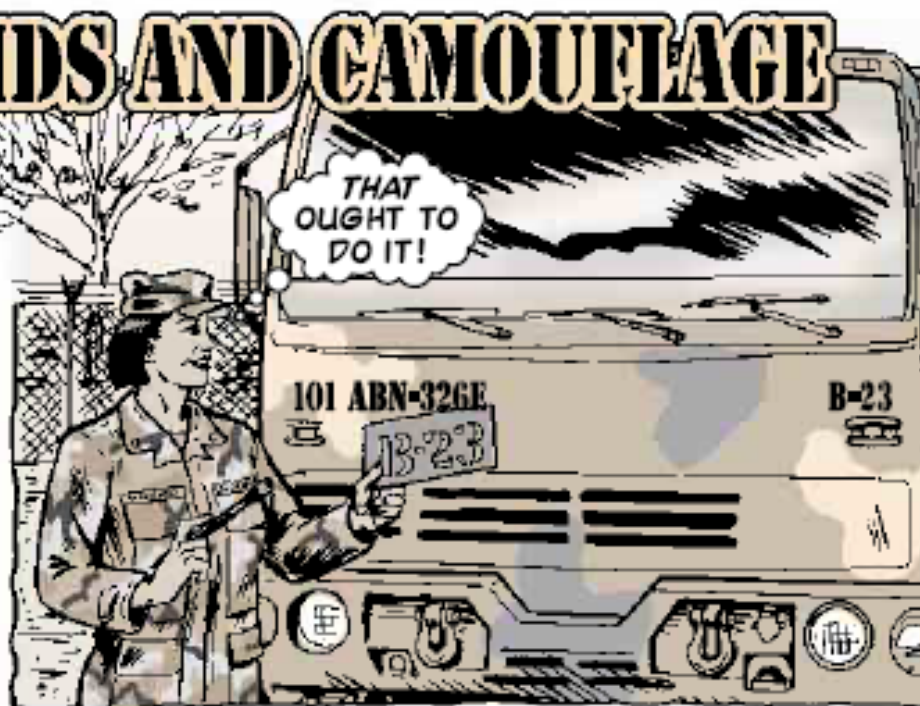
TB 43-0209

TB 43-0209, *Color, Marking and Camouflage Painting of Military Vehicles, Construction Equipment and Materials Handling Equipment* (Oct 90 with Change 1, May 91), has the info for unit ID numbering and painting on Pages 3 through 17.

In Para 9 of the TB, markings are divided into four elements, arranged left to right:

1. Major command, organization or activity
2. Intermediate organization or activity
3. Unit or activity
4. Vehicle or equipment number (for road march purposes)

Para 9 also has some painting information, but not everything



you need. It doesn't touch on camouflage differences.

TM 43-0139

TM 43-0139, *Painting Instructions for Army Materiel* (Oct 88 with Changes 1-3), has the rest of the painting story for ID markings.

Para 4-9 and Fig 4-2 are keys to applying ID markings over camouflage colors. You use black over brown or green, green over black, and brown over white or tan.

Always use CARC paint to add any markings to a CARC-painted vehicle.

