

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 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 931 Russian Green Middle East Camo

Russian Green Middle East Camo: Although officially this color doesn't corresponds to any Russian color, is a color often used by some Middle Eastern countries like Libya, Egypt and Syria. It is a very dark color that is always defined as a Russian green, but it is really very different from all other known colors. Usually used in combination with other camouflage colors.



A.MIG 019 4BO

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



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 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 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.



1935-2015

Color guide



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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.

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4BO paint was used in the Red Army before 1956 after which it was replaced by the paint ЗИС (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 ЗИС-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 H41200, a simple analogue of the XB-518 but with a nitro base.



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Uretanovaya

1935-1939

seen until

1942

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Protective
Green

1939-1941

seen until

1941

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4BO

1941-1945

seen until

1956

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XB 518
Zashchitniy
Zeleno

1956-1985

seen until

2014

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Russian Green
Middle
East Camo

1970-1990

seen until

2014

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KHS 5146
Green Khaki

1980-2005

seen until

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Camo Light
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