



You may think the right way to add unit identification numbers to wheeled and tracked vehicles is more hush-hush than the Colonel's secret recipe. After all, you'll see it done just about every way possible if you look around your installation.

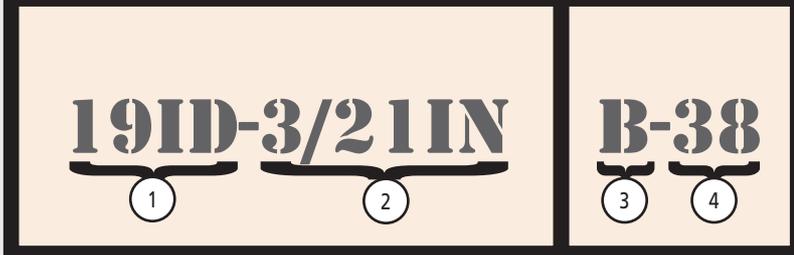
Truth is, it isn't classified info. You just have to know the right publications to use to do it right.

TB 43-0209

Your first step is TB 43-0209, *Color, Marking and Camouflage Painting of Military Vehicles, Construction Equipment and Materials Handling Equipment* (Oct 90 w/Ch 1, May 91). This pub standardizes how vehicle bumper numbers are applied.

Para 9 divides the markings into four positions. Positions 1 and 2 are applied on the left, as you face the surface to be marked, while positions 3 and 4 are applied on the right. The positions identify:

1. The major command, organization, or activity the equipment is associated with.
2. The intermediate organization or activity.
3. The unit that operates and maintains the vehicle.
4. The specific vehicle number (often associated with the order of march).



Anything beyond this policy, such as assigning a specific number against a specific unit position, is a matter of unit SOP.

TM 43-0139

TM 43-0139, *Painting Instructions for Army Materiel* (Jun 08), gives information about how to apply ID markings over camouflage CARC colors. Fig 11-2 in WP 0011 00-8 tells you to use black lettering over brown or green CARC, green lettering over black CARC, and brown lettering over tan CARC. The paint used for marking must be CARC if used on a CARC-painted vehicle.

So you'll be glad to know that WD CARC is now available in aerosol cans and in bottles with a brush-top or roller-top applicator. Use these NSNs to order.

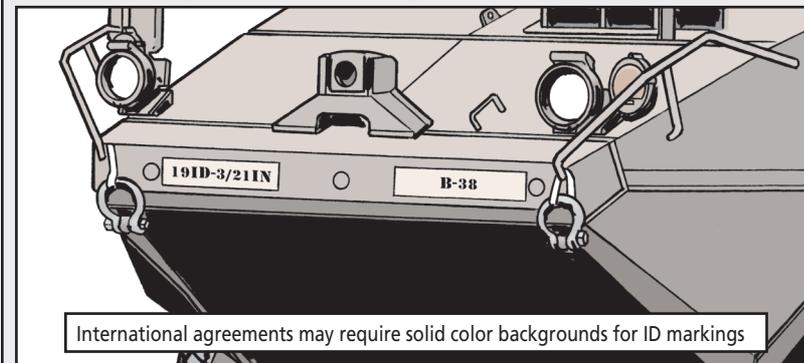
WD CARC Aerosol		WD CARC Brush-Top		WD CARC Roller	
Color	NSN 8010-01-546-	Color	NSN 8010-01-546-	Color	NSN 8010-01-546-
Green	7712	Green	7585	Green	7593
Tan	7711	Tan	7587	Tan	7594
Black	7713	Black	7588	Black	7596
Brown	7709	Brown	7589	Brown	7595

All of these NSNs bring a box of 12 each. So keep that in mind when ordering.

AR 750-1

Para 8-9c(16) of AR 750-1, *Army Materiel Maintenance Policy* (Sep 07), allows MACOM commanders to conceal bumper numbers in tactical conditions. Para 8-9c(17) allows overseas commanders to comply with international agreements regarding how vehicle bumper numbers are displayed.

That's why you'll see vehicles in some overseas commands painted with solid, light-color rectangular boxes as the background for vehicle bumper numbers.



The TB and TM can be found online at LOGSA's ETM website:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms/online.cfm>

AR 750-1 is available on the USAPA website:

http://www.army.mil/usapa/epubs/pdf/r750_1.pdf