

MARKING OF CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, AND PROPERTY

- (6) *Weight-class markings.*—Weight-class markings will be applied to each self-propelled motor vehicle the gross (with normal load) vehicle weight of which is 10,000 pounds or greater, and to each towed type motor vehicle and each towed artillery carriage the gross weight of which is 4,000 pounds or greater, operated within the continental limits of the United States. They may be applied to such vehicles in other areas when directed by theater commanders. They will be applied to mobile equipment in accordance with the above principles except when otherwise directed by a theater or service command commander.
- (7) *Headquarters identification plates.*—These are special plates with limited application to vehicles assigned to special organizations or uses.
- (8) *Special markings.*—Special markings may be required on specific types of vehicles or when vehicles are used in certain special services.

c. Removal of markings.—When a vehicle is permanently transferred to any agency not under the jurisdiction of the War Department, or is sold, all markings prescribed herein will be removed or thoroughly obliterated prior to the physical transfer.

d. New types of vehicles.—When a new type of vehicle is adopted for issue, the technical service responsible for its development will determine the locations and sizes of applicable markings to be used thereon, and prepare the necessary supplementary instructions for publication by the War Department, unless the new vehicle can obviously be marked in accordance with the provisions of these regulations without requiring interpretive action.

e. Contractor-operated vehicles.—When War Department owned vehicles of any type are assigned or transferred to the operating control of private contractors at class IV installations, all markings as prescribed or permitted by these regulations will be removed during the period of such assignment. See AR 850-10.

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12. Markings required.—Motor vehicles may be required to bear all eight of the markings described in paragraph 11b, depending upon the type of vehicle and its assignment.

13. Registration numbers.—(See AR 850-10).—*a. General.*

- (1) The registration number assigned to a motor vehicle establishes its permanent identity, and, when once assigned, must under no circumstances be changed or transferred to another vehicle without specific authority from the chief of the procuring service.