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- (2) Commanders of operating organizations are authorized to change the position of markings where necessary to comply with these regulations, and to repaint markings with authorized materials when necessary in order to maintain legibility.
- (3) The commanders of operating organizations having vehicles whose registration numbers are not marked in white paint in compliance with *b* below will accomplish the repainting of the registration numbers on such vehicles within 6 months of the publication of these regulations.

b. Method of marking.—Registration markings will be applied with approved white lusterless, stenciling, synthetic enamel.

c. Style and size of marking.—Letters and numerals will be block type of a character and style similar to that shown in figure 22. The height of letters and numerals will be 1, 2, 3, or 4 inches, the use of the largest size practicable in the available space consistent with easy legibility being the guiding principle to be observed in the choice of letter and numeral dimensions. The registration number will consist of the letters U. S. A. together with a numerical group, and the arrangement, whenever practicable in the available space, will be in two lines, the first line composed of the letters U. S. A., and the second line comprising the complete number group. When space requires, other arrangements may be used, as approved by the procuring service, except that the numerical group will always be applied as a unit in the most visible position. For specific illustrations, see figures 5 to 19, inclusive.

d. Radio suppression symbol.—The letter "S" will be used as a symbol to indicate that the vehicle so marked has been suppressed to eliminate radio interference caused by the vehicle's electrical system, over the frequency range required by the military characteristics of the vehicle.

- (1) The "S" symbol will be applied either after the numerical group of the registration number, spaced to a distance equivalent to that required for a numeral, or immediately below the numerical group, and will be of the same style, size, color, and material as the group numbers.
- (2) The "S" symbol will be applied originally to a vehicle either at the time of assembly or by authorized agencies in the field when suppression is applied to an unsuppressed vehicle, and thereafter will be continued as a part of the permanent marking of the vehicle.

e. Position.—The position of registration numbers, wherever possible, will be such that they are visible to an observer on the ground on either side of the vehicle and at the rear. On a conventional motor vehicle, they should be placed on the outer surface of the hood, on both sides, as nearly as possible on a vertical panel but near the top of the hood so as to be visible from the side, and on the rear of the vehicle when space permits. The position should be chosen so that interference with the national symbol or confusion with the unit identification markings does not occur. See figures 5 to 19, inclusive.

f. Concealment.—When the requirements for camouflage and concealment outweigh the requirements for identification, the registration numbers may, by the direction of the theater commander, be covered by olive-drab, lusterless, gasoline-soluble paint, or may, at the discretion of the commanders of lower echelons, be obscured temporarily with oil and dirt, mud, or some other readily removable substance.