

Paint guide for Navy support equipment
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For those of you wishing to make some of the many kits of eqt. used on U.S. carriers/N.A.S., that are on the market now. Here are some basic hints as to the colors and markings. While navy eqt. paint colors have been standardize, crews have a tendency to add some personal touches to the machines. I.E. "wash me" written in the dirt of eqt., or names sometimes seen "tired dog", or squadron decals, etc., Use photo reference as a guide, but also use your ideas.

From the mid 40's to present the most commonly seen is yellow (33538) or white (37880), over all of the body of the vehicle, or eqt. Warning symbols, letters, numbers, etc., generally seen, but not limited to black. Other warning markings can be a combination of colors, such as black & yellow, black & white, red & yellow, and red & white. The exception to this would be emergency support eqt. (fire fighting & Medical). See Fire equipment section. Stenciling (on every day eqt.) would be either all black, or black used on large letters/numbers and white for serial numbers, and small markings.

In the early 80's a new color has been used, though in limited use. A semineon yellow/green (13670). This is applied to most of the eqt. used at N.A.S.'s, very little has been seen on carriers. Black is used for stenciling of small lettering IE (serial numbers, base, etc.). While large letters/numbers are a highly reflective white/silver tape. This should not be confused with the small silver stripes of tape that are used to outline the side and shape of vehicles. Generally that tape is 4 inches wide.

Note; USMC eqpt. generally follow these same rules, however some photos reveal that in the case of fuel trucks and some smaller vehicles, camouflaged patterns are used. equipment

Emergency support equipment

Medical (litter Vehicle), will have a gloss white over all sides with a large red cross in the center of each side. Other marking are in black for this unit.

Fire Equipment

From the 60's to the mid 70's the large "Oshkosh" type fire trucks were painted overall red (11105). Markings would be the same as that of new paint schemes.

Fire extinguishers, referring to the large ones which are attached to a cart with wheels. The general rule of thumb is that these are painted red (11105), however now the yellow/green (13670) is more common. The one consistent thing in all this are the color bands which are referenced to the contents inside. For the 48" size fire extinguishers the band is from 12" to 16" inches wide and wraps around the bottle. On the 24" inch size bottle the color band is 6" inches wide and goes completely around the container. As for the 12" inch size no color band is needed because they always contain carbon dioxide.

Type of fire retardant	Label letter	Letter color	Band color	F.S. #
Carbon dioxide	CO2	Blk	yel	13538
Compatible dry chemical	FCDC	blk or wht	grn	14138
Trimethoxy boroxine	TMB	blk	org	12510
Foam	FOAM	blk	sil	17178
Purple K dry chemical	PKP	blk or wht	pur	17100

As to the color of the barrels which use foam additive, seen on fire eqt., the color is about (27144) purple. Or a blue/gray about (35231) is used. The reason for the difference is because these drums are made from molded plastic, and come from different manufacturers. One last note. Whenever an aircraft engine is started, personnel must stand by with a proper fire extinguisher. The fire bottle should have a long enough extension horn to reach the engine. This eqt., is intended to fight a fire in it's early stages.