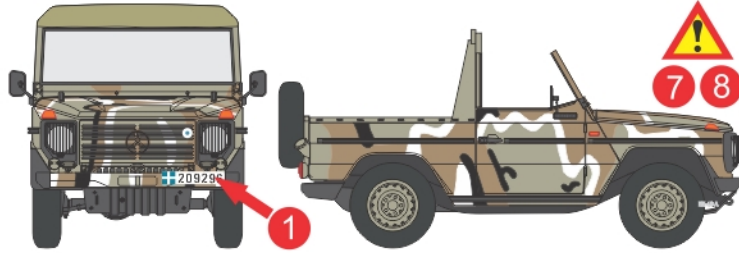


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The Mercedes G-wagen entered service with the Hellenic armed forces in the late '80s. The vehicle was manufactured in Greece by ELVO which has to this date supplied the armed forces with several thousand vehicles of the type. All three services took delivery of the G-wagen. The army and air force vehicles were supplied in a factory applied four colour camouflage scheme. The pattern was standard for all vehicles leaving the factory and in many cases was more or less retained in subsequent repaints.



On this vehicle the number plates were metal plates fixed on the bumpers.



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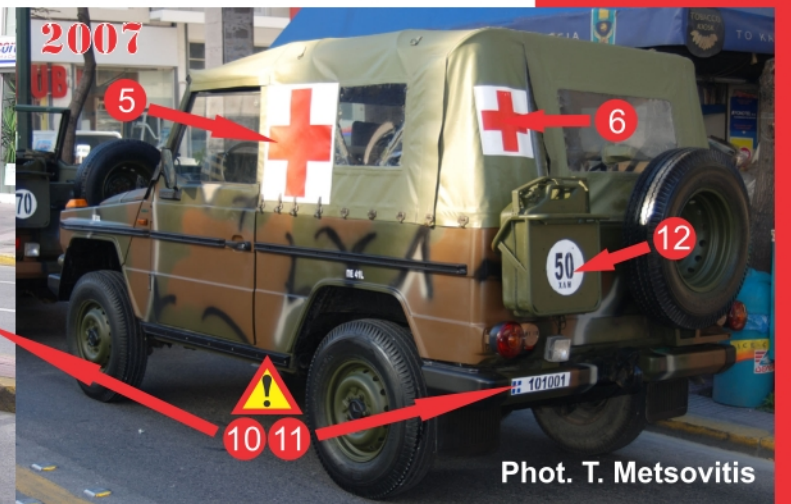
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Military police vehicles always front and rear, the front of the the sides and to the tire rims.

have a white trim. This is applied to the bumpers, bonnet, the lower windscreen frame, above the waistline on



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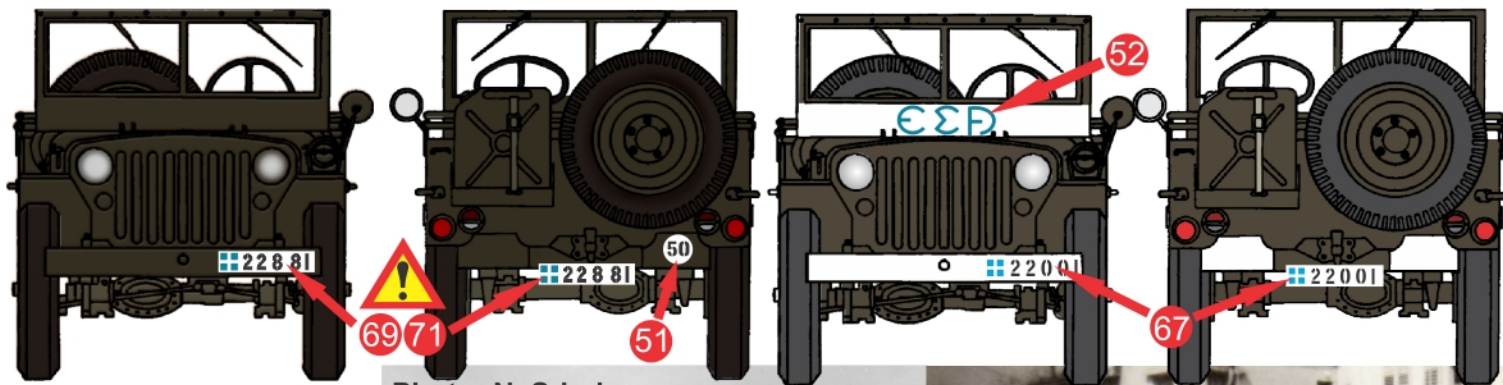


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In 1967 Hellenic army markings were standardised with NATO regulations. Vehicle numbers were now prefixed by a small Greek flag.

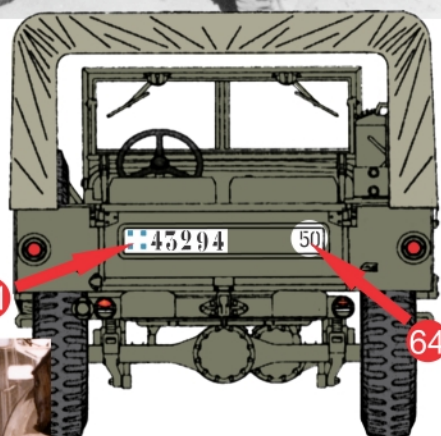
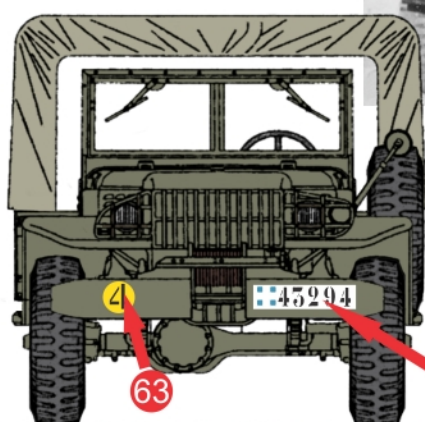
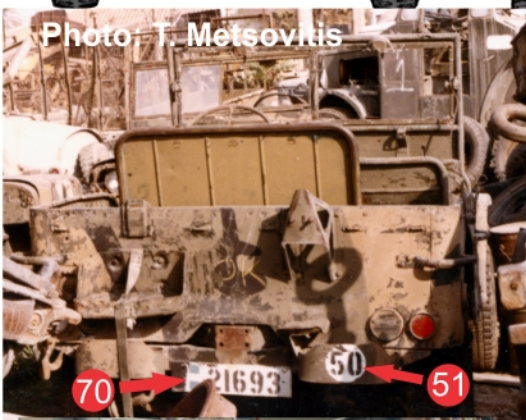


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In 1976 with the adoption of the four colour camouflage Willys Jeeps were painted using the MERDC pattern for the M151 vehicle and

Dodges in the pattern for the M715. All the markings remained the same as they had been on the overall olive drab vehicles.

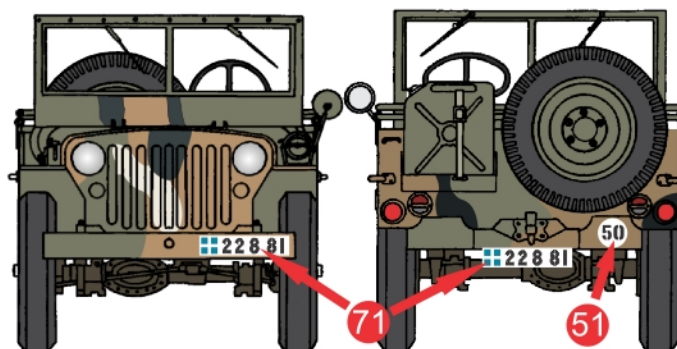
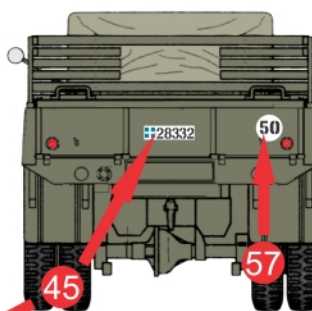


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This Dodge on the left in four colour camouflage shows just one variation of the scheme. The vehicle's number has been painted out to show it is no longer in service and then temporarily reapplied to identify the vehicle to be auctioned for scrap.



Photo: A & L Hajtoglou collection



The main the Hellenic Army truck post-WWII was the GMC CCKW-353. To this day the vehicle is popularly known in Greece as "James", a term that for many came to mean any military truck. Many of these vehicles remained in service well into the 1980s, their colours and markings changing in accordance with Hellenic Army regulations for each period.

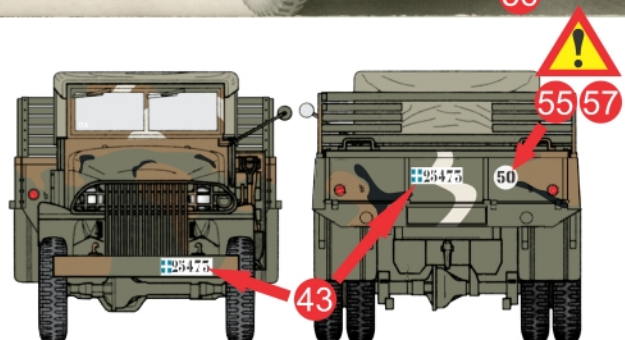


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This vehicle may also be finished in overall plain olive drab using the same markings.

The M35 2.5 ton truck served in large numbers with the Hellenic Armed Forces the first ones being supplied during the 1960s. In the 1980s many were re-engined with Steyr diesel engines. Many remained in service until after 2015.

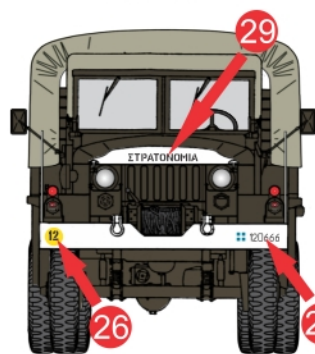
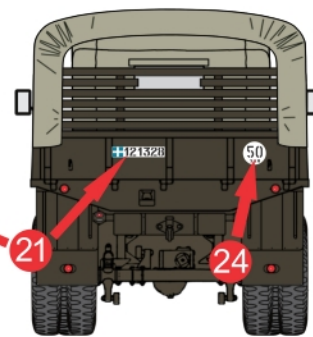
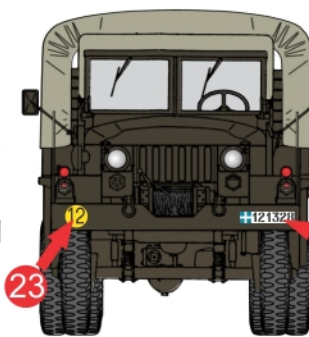
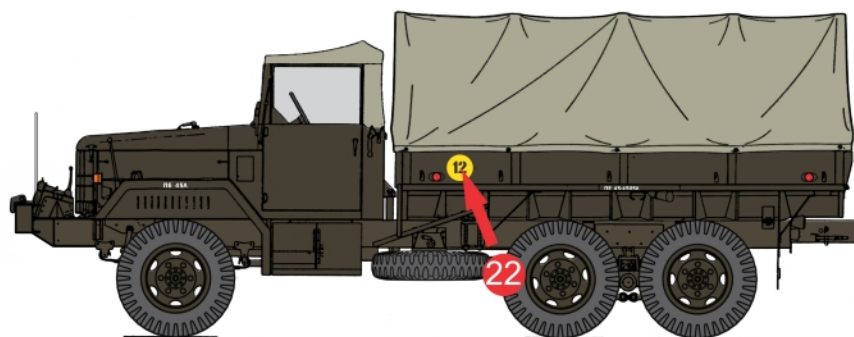
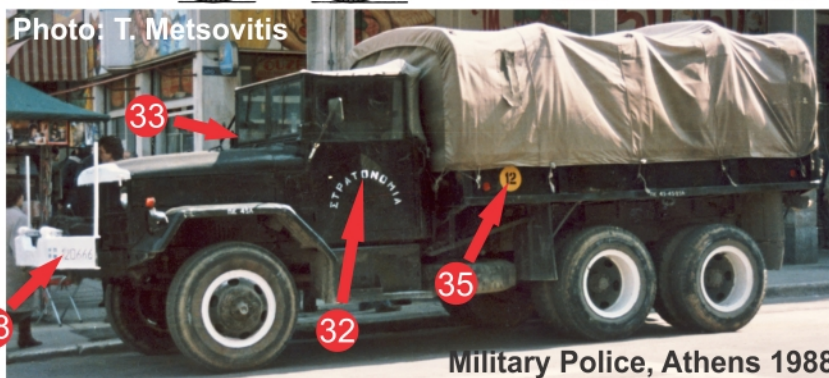


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Military Police, Athens 1988

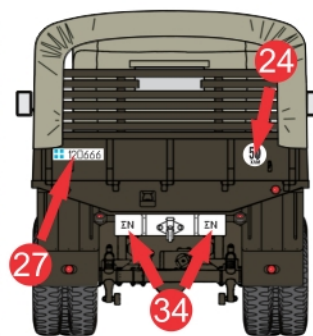


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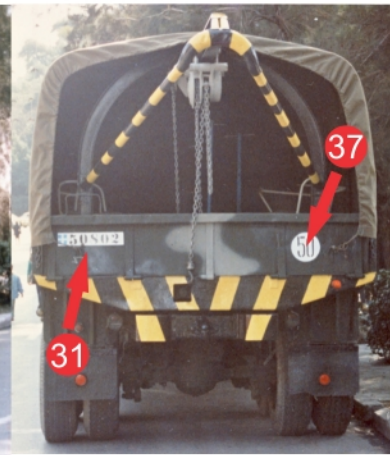
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NOTE: The bridge classification on the sides of the body was not always applied. Sometimes it was applied only to one side.

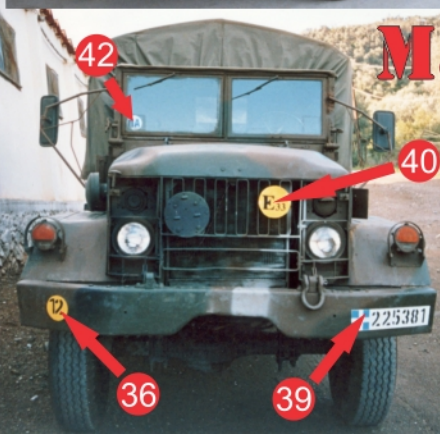
The maximum filling level is always marked on the fuel tank.





Many M34 and M35 trucks were converted to recovery vehicles by fitting Set No 7 Wrecking Gear. It was common for these vehicles to have their bumpers painted in black and yellow stripes. Red flags were also flown from the bumpers as an additional warning sign.

Photos: T. Metsovitis collection



M35A1



Many M109 shop vans were in service and some remain in use after 2015.



Photos: T. Metsovitis



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In the late 1970s large numbers of Steyr 680M 3ton trucks entered service built by Steyr-Hellas. These had metal cargo bodies like the M series trucks and appeared in many different versions both 4x4 and 6x6. They were finished and marked like other army vehicles.



Photo: T. Metsovitis

The M43 ambulance started in career in overall olive drab in the 1960s and ended it in four colour cammo in the 1980s. Markings were the same for both colour schemes.

NOTE: Red cross markings are not provided for the Dodge M43 ambulance as the ones included in the kit can be used.



Photo: D. Lambaditis

The M985 HEMTT (Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck) is practically identical in external appearance to the M977 with only very few detail differences. The HEMMT made its Greek debut in the October 28th parade in Salonika in 1995 along with the MLRS.



Ex-Bundeswehr Magirus Deutz 168 M 11 FL trucks retained their 3 colour NATO camouflage for some years before adopting the Hellenic Army's 4 colour scheme. The position of the rear number plate varied on different vehicles.



Volkswagen Transporter T3 ambulances are widely used by the armed forces, the army's ones are usually finished in overall Olive Green.

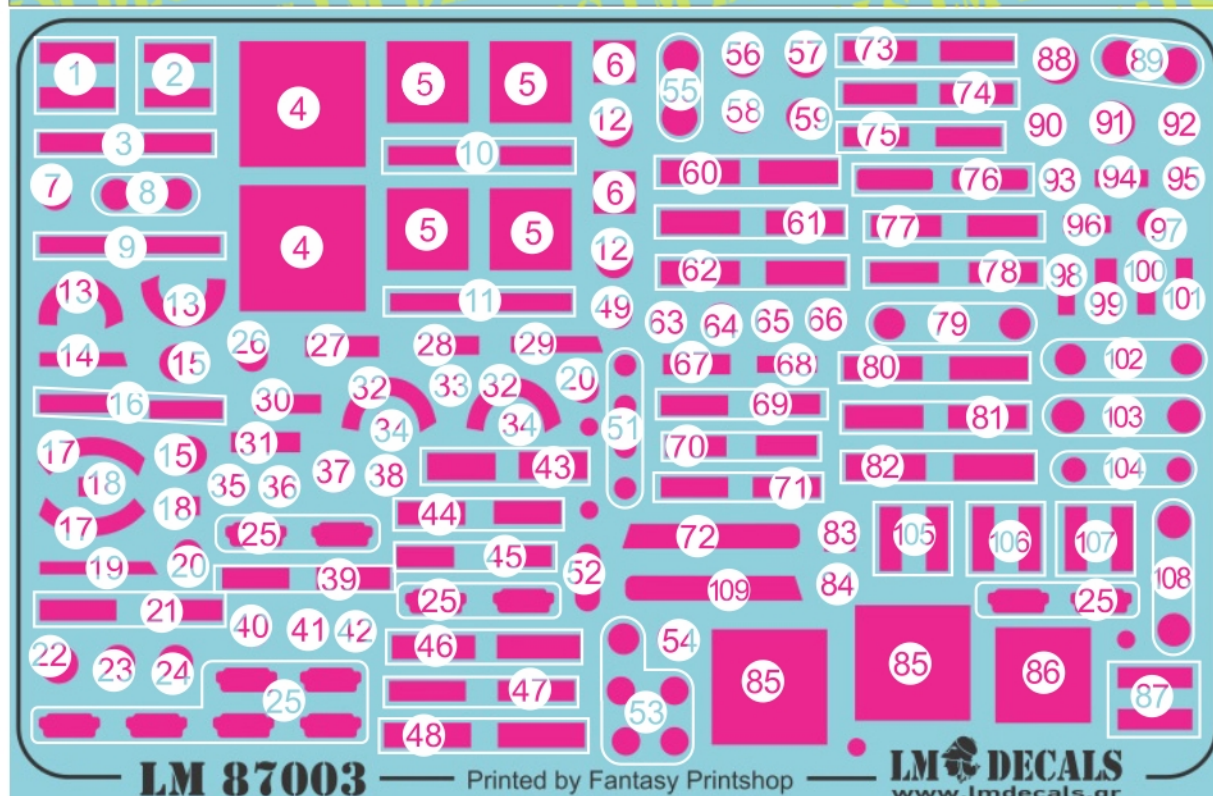
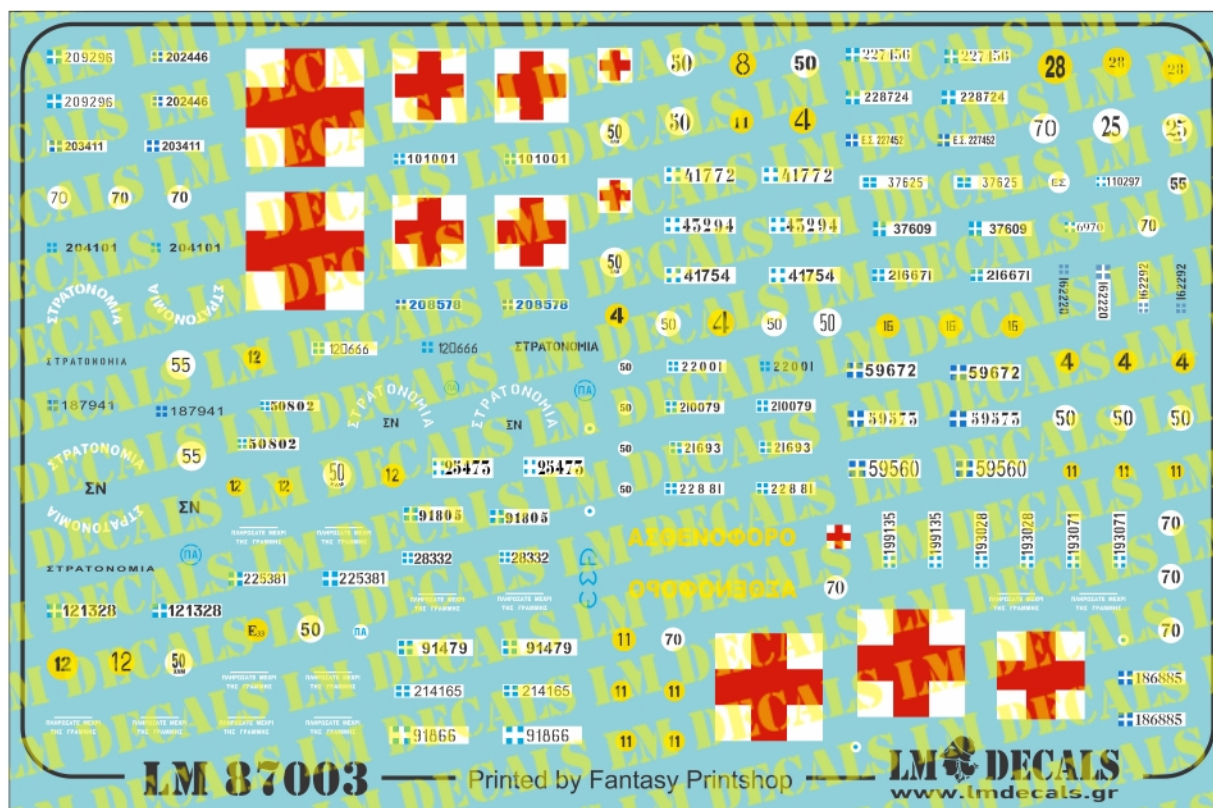
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ATTENTION!

This symbol indicates that alternative markings are applicable in this position **OR** that the same marking applies to more than one colour scheme.



The small blue and white disk, marking 50, indicates the presence of antifreeze in the vehicles's radiator. Sometimes it is painted onto the vehicle and sometimes it is a small metal disk tied to the with wire to the vehicles's grill.