

British Military Colours 1940 to date

Most colours used on British military aircraft have been produced in tinlets for use by modellers. For many years one of the most popular and widely available tinlets have been manufactured by Humbrol, originally the Humber Oil Company. A complete list of colours by FS sequence, where known, is set out below. Any additions would be welcome.

Colour	FS595a	Methuen	BS(381C)	Humbrol
Ident. red dull	30109	8D7	-	60
Dark earth	30118	5(E-F)4	450	HB.2/29
Light earth	30257	-	-	-
Mid stone	30266		362	HB.12/84
Hemp	30277	4(D-E)3	(4880-10B-21)	168
Desert sand (Gulf pink)	30279	-	361	250
Ident. red bright	31105	10C8	138	60
Post Office red	31136	10D8	538	-
Red Arrows red	31350	-	-	-
Signal red	32190	9A8	537	-
Signal red (Red Arrows)	none	8B8	537	174
Orange	32203	8C8	-	82
Pale red	32356	11A5	-	-
Brown	32473	7G8	-	-
Light stone	33434	(4-5)C6	361	-
Ident. (golden) yellow	33538	(4-5)A8	356/368	24
Cream	33697	2(A-B)4	(4800-10C-33)	-
Dark green	34079	30(F-G)2	641	HB.1/30/HX1/163
NATO green	none	-	-	-
Extra dark sea green	34092	-	-	30/149
NIVO	34096	29F2	-	-
Dark slate grey (slate)	34096	28(E-F)3	634	HB.8/102
Olive drab/olive green	34098	30F7	298	-
Medium green	34151	3B6	-	HD5
Light slate grey	34159	26E3	639	-
Grey-green primer	34226	29D3	283	HD1
Sky	34424	30(B-C)2	210	HB5/90
Sky blue	34583	30(B-C)2	210	HB.5/90
General blue gloss	35042	-	-	HB9/181
Ident. blue dull	35044	20F5	105	25/189
Oxford blue	35050	21F8	105	-
Dark medium blue	35053	21(E-F)6	-	-
Ident. blue bright (roundel)	35056	20E8	108	25
Dark blue	35056	20F8	110	25
Azure blue	35183	23A7	104	HB.13/157

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Medium blue	35231	21B5	(4800-20C-37)	HB13
Pale blue	35450	23A4	-	-
Ident. blue pale	35488	22A5	112	-
Extra light blue	35622	(23-24)A2	-	-
Night black pale	36008	22G3	-	-
RAF Blue grey	36044	22F3	633	-
Dark green pre-1975	36064	-	-	163
Extra dark sea grey	36099	21F3	640	HB.7/123
Dark sea grey	36118	21E3	638	HB.7+white/HX2/164
Dark Admiralty grey	36132	20(E-F)2	632	-
Dark grey/Mixed grey	36173	22E3	-	-
Ocean grey	36187	24D(2-3)	-	HB.3/106
Pink	36188	10(A-B)2	-	-
Camouflage grey	36237	-	629	156
Medium sea grey	36270	22D3	637	HB.3/165/HX4
Barley grey (camouflage grey)	36314	24(C-D)2	(4880-18B-21)	167
Flint grey (F-4J)	36329	-	-	-
Light aircraft grey	36357(36440)	22(C-D)1	627	HX5/166
Sky grey medium	36463	22C2	-	HB.6
Night/black	37038	-	642	HB.10/33
Aluminium	37178	-	-	HB.14/11/56/191
Ident. white	37778	-	302	HB.11/34
Underside white	37875	-	-	HB11/34
Fluorescent red/orange	38903	-	-	-
Ident pink	none	-	-	-
Ident. red pale	none	10B4	111	-
Lemon yellow (Yellowjacks)	none	-	355	-
Lichen green (Harrier under)	none	-	(4880-12B-25)	120
Sea blue gloss	none	-	-	HB.9
Silver	none	-	56	-
PRU blue	none	(23-24)(D-E)4	-	-
Deep sky (Welkin)	none	-	-	-
Ident. green (Hunter 12)	none	-	-	-

Note - FS begin 1xxxx for full gloss, 2xxxx for semi-gloss and 3xxxx for matt, non-specular, finish.

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