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TimeCast painting Guide - 10mm Soviet Motor Rifle Infantry – Painting Guide

The Soviet soldier in the mid 1980s wore a uniform which differed little from his WW2 counterpart, although camouflaged overalls were worn by some troops with specialist roles (eg Recce Troops, Airborne and Special Forces).

The majority of the Motor Rifle Troops however would have worn the basic summer field uniform and carried the standard weapons and equipment. During normal peacetime conditions most soldiers would have worn the distinctive red shoulder boards and arm of service patch (worn on the left upper arm). These can be added to the models to add a little splash of colour to the drab combat clothing.

Uniform and Equipment	Description	Recommended Paint Shade (Coat d'arms Acrylic Paints)
Clothing	A light khaki or brown colour, often with a green tint	528 Russian Brown
Helmet	Olive Green	226 Olive
Boots	Black	102 Black
Rucksack and web equipment	Varying shades of green and khaki. Later packs were a darker green nylon type material.	513 Faded Olive 537 Faded Khaki
Small Arms and Machine guns	Black metalwork. Butts and stock were a brown laminated wood material. Magazines were an orange brown plastic.	102 Black 218 Wood Brown (Butts and stocks) 224 Horse Tone Bay (magazines)
RPG7	Black metalwork with brown wood heat protector. Rocket head is green.	102 Black 218 Wood Brown 226 Olive
Anti-Tank and Anti-air Missile Tubes and launchers	Olive green (various shades)	226 Olive 513 Faded Olive
Shoulder Boards and Arm badge	For an added splash of colour on the models you can add the bright red shoulder boards and the shield shaped Badge on the left upper arm.	238 British Scarlet (Motor Rifle Troops) 206 Light Blue (Air Assault and Airborne Troops)

Air Assault Troops

The Soviet Air Assault troops are airborne trained infantry who usually deploy into battle by helicopter rather than parachute. In the mid-1980s their uniforms were essentially the same as those of the standard Motor Rifle troops, with the obvious exception being the colour of the shoulder boards and sleeve badge on the left arm. These were light blue in colour.

Airborne Forces Beret. As a distinguishing mark Soviet airborne forces also wore a light blue beret.

Airborne Camouflage Uniform. In the early 1980s the Soviet Airborne troops began wearing a three colour camouflage uniform, similar in style to the standard khaki/brown field uniform.

The basic colour was a khaki shade (more or less identical to the standard field uniform colour) overlaid with a mix of brown lines and dark green.

Uniform and Equipment	Description	Recommended Paint Shade (Coat d'arms Acrylic Paints)
Airborne Forces three colour Camouflage	Base colour - light khaki or brown Brown Lines Green Patches	528 Russian Brown 520 Red Brown 226 Olive

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