

JAPANESE NAVY BOMB COLOUR CODING

In the following table the information was compiled from documents and captured specimens. The colour sequence shown is, Nose, Body and tail strut and a combination like Gr/Br Gy Gy indicates that the nose has a green tip with a brown band and the body is grey and the tail struts are grey.

Gr = Green

Br = Brown

Gy = Grey

Yel = Yellow

Wh = White

BOMB	COLUR MARKINGS		EMPLOYMENT
Land	Gr Gy Gr Blue Band	Gr/Br Gy Gy	Used against land targets.
Ordinary	Gr Gy Gr	Gr/Br Gy Gy	Used against ships.
Mark 1		Gr/Yel Gy Yel	Chemical bomb (gas).
Mark 2	Blue Gy Blue	Gr/Blue Gy Gy	Antisubmarine.
Mark 3	Silver Gy Silver	Gr/Silver Gy Red	Air to-air bombing.
Mark 4		Gr/Wh Gy Red	Rocket bomb. Dive bombing of capital ships.
Mark 5		Gr/wh Gy Gy	A. P. Bomb. Used against capital ships.
Mark 6		Gr/Red Gy Red	Incendiary.
Mark 7		Gr/Purple Gy Purple	Bacillus bomb.
Mark 8		Gr/Br Gy Gy	Anti-shipping "Skip" bomb.
Mark 19			Special bomb fired by fighters at bomber formations. Changed to Mk 28.
Mark 21		Gr/Br Gy Gy	Cluster of small bombs.
Mark 22			Cluster of "Spike" bombs . Obsolete.
Mark 23		Gr/Br Gy Gy	Time bomb.
Mark 24			Cluster of parachute bombs.
Mark 25			Cluster of "Wedge" Bombs.
Mark 26			Time bomb. Nose charge prevents penetration of remainder of bomb. Not produced.
Mark 27		Gr/Sil Gy/Red	Phosphorus filled bomb. Rocket for use against bomber formations.
Mark 28		Gr/Br Silver Red	Rocket type bomb. 10 kg. high explosive.
Mark 31		Gy Gy Gy	Land targets. Uses an influence fuze.
Dummy		Gr/Black Wh Wh	Training and release tests.
Practice	Gr Black Wh	Gr/Black Wh Wh	Training and practice.
Training		Black overall	Training in installing and loading.
Smoke		Gr/Black, Gy Gy	Concealing ships.