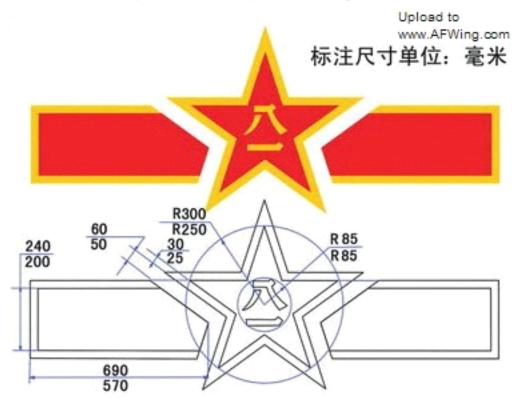
Pics shows PLAAF skins

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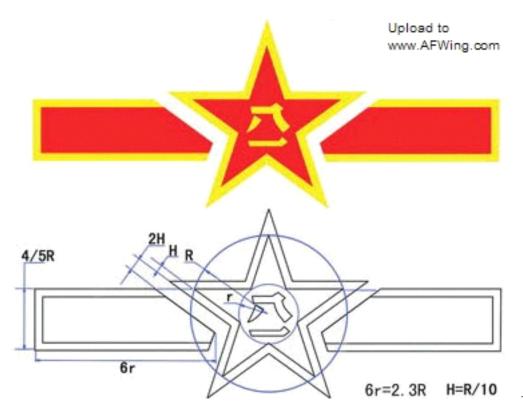
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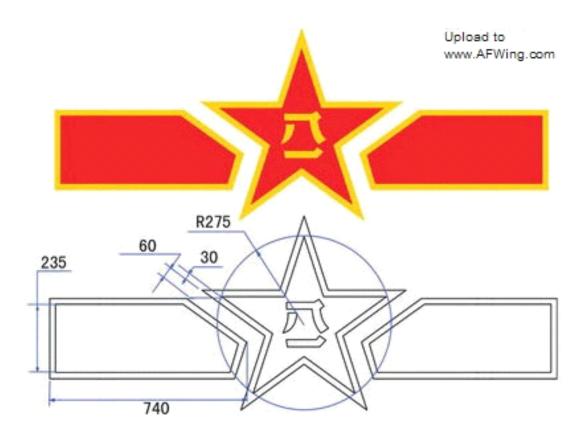
After RPC found, PLAAF accepted wings plus "Eight-One" red star decals. This style is according to the Type-59(Jian-6) insignia rule found in 1958 by command of PLAAF in1958. Jian-6 aircraft use larger insignias in body sides and smaller ones on the wings. Detailed rule according to the pic. Some aircraft still using this version of insignias. (unit in the pic is mm)



GJB901A-1997(Tyep-97) << Aircraft outside color and Decals>> ruled PLAAF insignia standard pics examples, Though this rule founded in late 1990s, indeed it shows with new equipments after 2003, the older equipments still using older Type-59 insignia as always.



The insignia used by J-8 aircraft is a special example, J-8 series aircraft using kinda special full braided version of insignia, and proportional of this insignia is different form other ones. Due to only J-8 using this insignia, so there are only one rule for it. In 21s with new built J-8s into service and J-8 serviced 's reskining, J-8 is using new Type-97 insignia. (GJB901A-1997).



Due to earlier rule for insignia haven't ruled character of the "Eight-One" in red star. Many different versions of "Eight-One" characters, especially all units did there own insignia in reskin caused variants of characters.(Chinese on the pics: Some characters on H-5, Some characters on J-8B, Some characters on Q-5, Characters on some prototypeJ-10.)



Numbers characters in Chinese military aircrafts.



Smaller ones:

This is J-7,J-8,Q-5,H-6 and JH-7 most used characters, some J-6 series numbers used this characters to, we can say this is typical example of Chinese military aircrafts. Due to size of different aircraft is not same. And strokes of numbers can't zoom follow numbers, this caused a feel of the wide of the numbers are different, for examples:J-7,Q-5 and J-6 always use 440 mm high and 60 mm wide numbers, and J-8 always use 600 mm high, and 65 mm wide numbers. That will feels J-8 numbers are not so fat.(some units made numbers even not cut)

Larger numbers:

0123456789

Larger numbers always shows on military aircraft use 4-numbers (XXXX) series numbers, but some times some aircraft still use this style after use 5-numbers (XXXXX) series numbers, some earlier fighters to later J-8s all have this problem.

0123456789

Round-blue ones.

This character always showed on PLAAF Su-27/30s,PLAAF bought Sukhoi aircraft all use this characters in beginning, color of the numbers is deep blue.(Tibet blue?).Nearby PLAAF Su-27/30 changed there skin, this kinda numbers are instead.

011234456789

Round-red numbers:

This character used on Soviet exported military aircraft form birth of PLAAF, especially in Korean war, PLAAF always use this characters. And using this till military aircraft numbers updated. (use 5 numbers, XXXXX). And new bought navy air Su-30 use this number with deep blue too.

Up numbers are most common ones in Chinese military aircrafts, due to every units do reskin works in repair works, so, different character is very common. To study this, we had to collect more photos.

Jian-6 Aircraft:

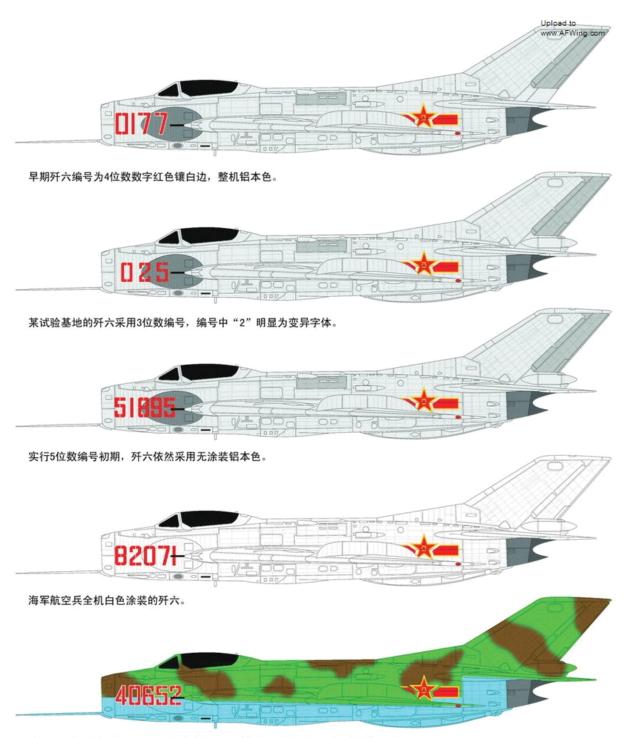
Chinese in pic

Form up to down

Wings small insignia Body larger insignia Old 4 numbers rule New 5 numbers rule



Jian-6 aircraft wings and body use different insignias, but "Eight-One" characters are same size in different sized insignia. This cause "Eight-One" in wing small insignia looks more fat. This is feature of J-6.Because of before J-6,most fighters use 500 mm small insignia. But other larger aircraft is enlarged by 500 mm insignia, So few this problems on enlarged aircraft



歼六采用迷彩涂装并不多见,但确实有一段时间部分飞机采用了这种涂装方式。

Chinese in pics

From up to down:

Early J-6 is nature aluminum color and have 4 numbers red characters with white edge.

J-6 in some test base, have 3 numbers red characters, and the "2" is variation number.

Some J-6 in sued 5 numbers early days, still with nature aluminum color.

PLAN J-6 with full white skin

J-6 with camo skin is not very common, but indeed some parts of aircraft used this skin in a short time.