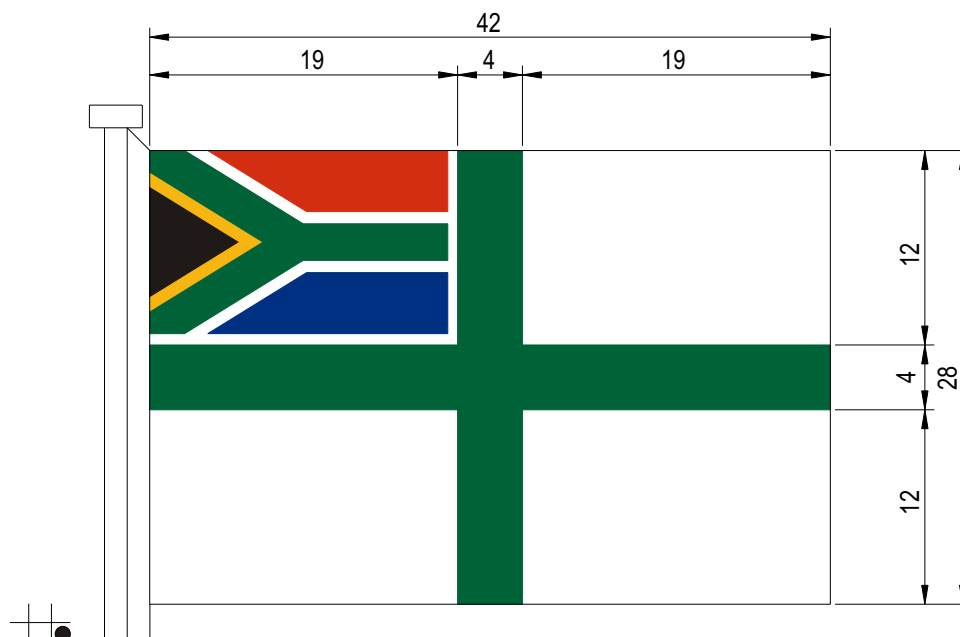


SOUTHERN AFRICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION FLAG SPECIFICATION SHEET

South Africa

Naval ensign



DATA		COLOUR SPECIFICATIONS					
		Colour	Pantone	C	M	Y	K
Usage:	Naval ensign	National flag red	485c	0	100	90	0
Ratio:	2 : 3	Green	349c	100	0	85	40
Adopted:	29 Sep 1994	Yellow	1235c	0	25	80	0
Abolished:	In Use	Reflex Blue	288c	100	65	0	30
Designer:	-						

HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM

With the adoption of the new South African national flag on 27 April 1994, the use of the previous naval ensign containing the old national flag was no longer appropriate. Hence a new South African naval ensign was approved by the Chief of the South African National Defence Force on 29 September 1994. This design differs from its immediate predecessor in that new national flag appears in the canton and the navy emblem no longer appears in the lower fly. The new ensign is thus: "a rectangular white flag, in the proportions of two to three; with thereon a dark green cross; and having in the upper hoist canton the national flag of the Republic of South Africa, with a white fimbriation".

It also needs to be noted that the shade of green has been standardised so that the green cross and the green "pall" of the national flag are now both the same shade - PMS 349 - whereas previously the cross was the darker "tartan green".

Source: FOTW web-site (www.flagspot.net)