

Acceptance Standards for Kubelwagens Used at HRS Sanctioned Events

The Kubelwagen was a light weight personnel carrier built from 1940 thru 1945. Minor changes were made during those years, most notable being the color which transitioned from Dunkelgrau (grey) to Dunkelgelb (tan) during the 1943 calendar year.

1. Vehicle must be based on Volkswagen Type 1 chassis (for example, a VW Thing is a Type 3 chassis vehicle).
2. Side body panels should have 6 "ribs", all running parallel to the road surface.
3. Body markings / license plates should only replicate those used by the Wehrmacht from 1940 - 1945. Personalized markings must be supported by photographic evidence and pre-approved by HRS Authenticity Committee (for example, there is no evidence the "Baltic cross" was ever used on Kubelwagens). Modern license plates must be removed during HRS Sanctioned events.
4. Tires must be military, or "off road" style (original tires were 5.25 x 16). Civilian street style tires are not allowed.
5. Wheels should be stamped "smooth" style. Modern off-road wheels are not allowed.
6. Brake drums and wheels should be of the "5 wide" style. 4 lug wheels and drums should be covered by early style (nipple style) hubcaps (note that there is no evidence VW "baby moon" hub caps were ever used in the field).
7. Stabilizer Bars (applies to reproductions) should be removed from the front suspension.
8. Exhaust systems must be contained under the body of the vehicle with only the exhaust outlet pipes exposed.
9. Owners wishing to employ machine guns on the vehicle should strive to match historical photo evidence (painted appropriately....gray matched to center post gun mounts....tan matched to hood gun mounts).
10. Steering wheel must be of correct appearance and construction (early war 3 plastic spokes; late war 3 metal spokes) to support the year of production intention.
11. Windshield should be of construction to match original 1940 - 1945 design. Incorrect windshields may be stowed in the down position and covered with the canvas cover.
12. Instrument panel must match period for which vehicle is themed (early war pod style or late war Schwimmwagen style).
13. Turn signals (or representations of) should match period for which vehicle is themed (early war windshield mount; mid-war stalk mount; late war none). Modern turn signals, if present, must be covered.
14. Taillight(s) should be period correct construction (orange/amber over red round style). Re-painted modern plastic lights should be avoided.
15. Non-period correct accessories are not allowed.