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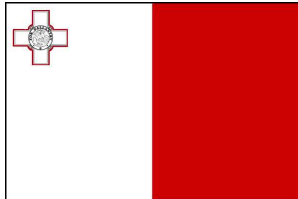
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1. Purpose

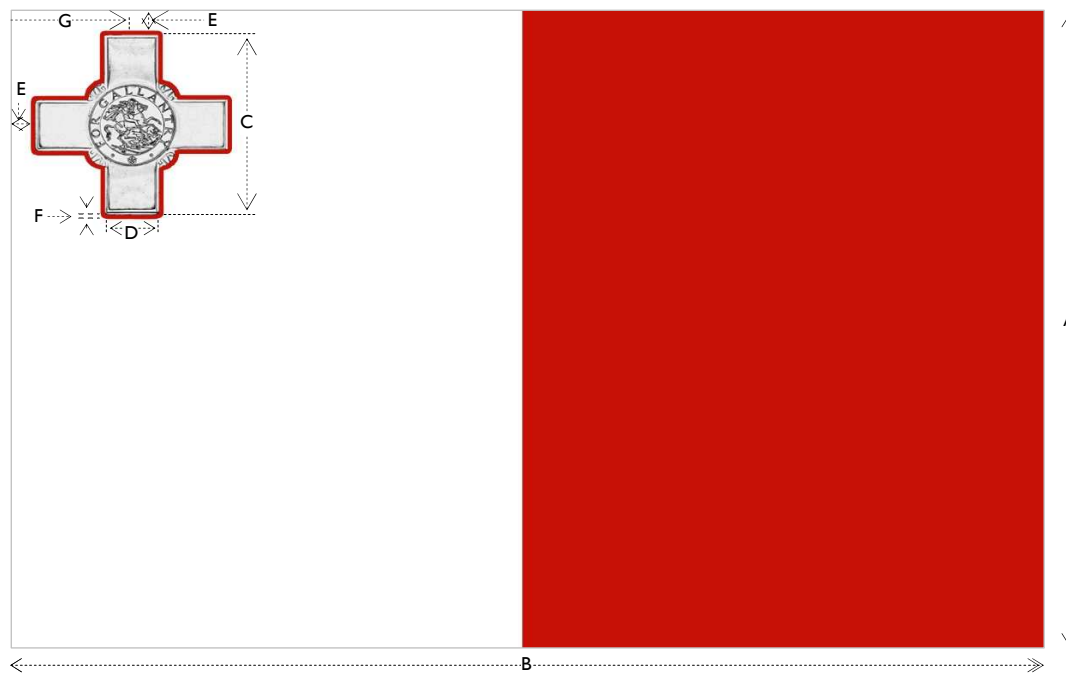
The scope of this document is to help legitimate users reproduce the National Flag of Malta correctly. It includes descriptive information on the colours and proportions of the Flag and provides advice on its proper use.

2. Description of the Maltese Flag



The Constitution provides that the National Flag of Malta consists of two equal vertical stripes, white in the hoist and red in the fly, with a representation of the George Cross, edged with red, in the canton of the white stripe; the breadth of the flag is one and a half times its height.

3. Geometric Description¹

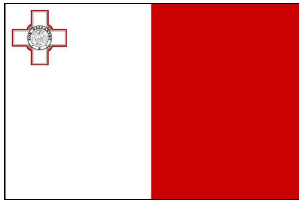


Proportion of Flag is (A - Width) 2 : (B - Length) 3

C	-	5/18 of A	G	-	1/8 of B
D	-	2/27 of A	H (Inner Diameter)	-	D
E	-	1/27 of A	I (Outer Diameter)	-	The Diagonal of D
F (Red Perimeter)	-	1/16 of D			

¹ Note: this diagram is provided for reference only. It is not intended for reproduction.

4. Colour Reproduction Process



The flag is reproduced in the following colours:

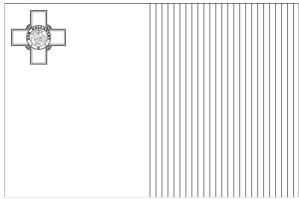
White

Black

Red: Pantone© 186c
 C0 • M91 • Y76 • K6
 R207 • G20 • B43 (# CF142B)
 Web safe hex CC0000
 Spot Colour - 50% rubine red • 50% warm red

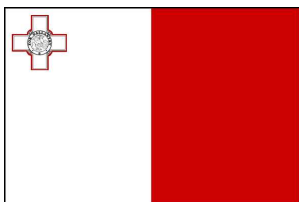
5. Monochrome Reproduction Process

If only black is available, vertical lines, the spacing in between being equal to 1/50 of the width of the rectangle, are used to substitute the red stripe, as shown below:



6. Reproduction on Coloured Background

The flag is reproduced for preference on a white background - a backdrop of varied colours, and certainly one which does not go with red, should be avoided.



7. Use of Maltese Flag with the EU Emblem

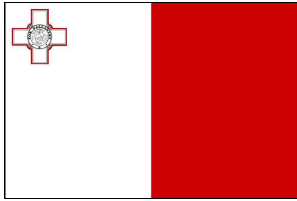
When the National Flag of Malta is used simultaneously with the EU emblem, the National Flag representation should always:

- be placed on the left
- be the same size as the EU emblem
- be placed in the same line as the EU emblem
- be in colour if the EU emblem is reproduced in colour
- be in monochrome if the EU emblem is reproduced in monochrome

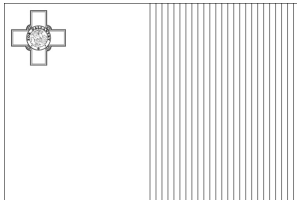
The EU flag must always conform to the EU Emblem Graphical Specifications which can be found online: http://europa.eu/abc/symbols/emblem/graphics2_en.htm

Examples are indicated below:

Colour Application



Monochrome Application



8. General rules regulating the use of the National Flag

Article 3 (2) of the Emblem of Malta Act (Cap 253) states the following:

“It shall not be lawful for any person to incorporate within any design, for any purpose whatsoever, without the written authority of the Prime Minister, or not in accordance with any condition contained in any such written authority, the National Flag of Malta.”

Specific instructions on the use of the National Flag were issued on 25 July 1990 [Government Notice No 517 published in the Government Gazette No 15,310] and updated on 5 April 2004 [OPM Circular No 14/2004]. Both these documents are available on the website of the Department of Information at <http://www.doi.gov.mt/EN/state/symbols.asp>.

A downloadable high-resolution version of the National Flag is available on the DOI website quoted above.