

KGB Border Guards Telnyashka, striped knit shirt with green stripes.

New, unissued condition, with Russian Factory tag attached.

In 100% cotton; a comfortable, stretchy double knit. The STRIPES are WOVEN not printed and are as green on the inside as on the outside (unlike the cheap imitations that don't have the "right" look from the beginning, these colors are durable and won't run with wear). Currently made in Russia, these are the shirts that are currently used by the Russian OMON and other MVD special forces (the shirts come from the same manufacturer in Russia that actually makes the shirts for MVD).

KGB Border Guards were considered an elite force during the Soviet era and had special training, on par quality wise with Airborne Spetznaz, way above the average army unit. The Border Guards started using these shirts near the end of the Soviet era; the T-shirt with green stripes is now an official part of their uniform.

Since this is actually an undershirt, the sleeves probably aren't supposed to reach all the way to the wearer's wrist. In many cases, Russian servicemen wear them pulled back up their forearms well toward their elbows.

(1) SIZE: MEN'S Extra Small (Russian Size 44-46)

Measures approximately 35" under arms around the fullest part of the chest. The sleeves on these seem to average about 21.5" in length from shoulder seam to "cuff".

PLEASE NOTE: a telnyashka should be washed in cold water and never in hot. It will shrink about a size if you wash it in warm water. It should probably be line dried rather than dried in a drier.

Please remember: these are always worn very close-fitting (much tighter than in our photograph!), so expect your new shirt to have a very snug fit!

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