

Plates in Montenegro 2009, by Jean-Emmanuel Chevry

In August 2009, in Podgorica, I saw many interesting plates, as this new country progressively replaces its former Serbia-Montenegro plate series since 2008. Especially near the border (Granična Policija : Border Police), I saw many police white on blue plates, in the former militia Yugoslavian style, starting with P and still followed with a small blue, red and white SCG flag...



I have shot these new series plates:
A brand new agricultural plate, PG AA 02, on a nice green background, displayed on an old agricultural tractor, located in front of my hotel. The other tractor was still showing the Yugoslavian style agricultural plate.



Trailer serie, with the two letters as a suffix, most of the time AA, which shows how recent are these new series



New diplomatic plates, that seem to have replaced the old yellow on black background plates on July 1st, 2009, have now orange on white lettering. The 85 M 002 plate is probably more related to a non diplomatic staff (M) than the Head of Mission (CMD) of a 85 coded country. The letter A, more common, is used for Diplomatic Corps and has been seen on 49 A (in Podgorica) and 100 A (in Budapest) plates. It appears then that Montenegro doesn't share anymore with Serbia the same diplomatic code list.

At least, 111 fits for sure with OSCE, as a nice 4WD shows this organization still present in Montenegro, with at least 23 vehicles, this one having been purchased to Bukkehave Co. and showing a registration sticker on its windshield.





zoom on sticker :



Switching to OSCE specific registrations, I shot in Podgorica a VW vehicle with OSCE002MM plates clearly coming from Austria. I suggest the MM means Mission in Montenegro.



Back to Montenegro plates, I paid more attention to the normal serie plate. In Podgorica, the maximum number issued in the current serie was PG DE 123 or so in august, and then it looked obvious than the PG MN 123 plates were administrative plates, not personalized plates, as many belong to fleets (provided by Renault, ...) and one of them had an official shield on it's side.



It also appeared that two set of serial letters are blocked for the 2 "urban municipalities" of Podgorica, located eastern and south of Podgorica, and named Golubovci PG Gx) and Tuzi (PG Tx). When visiting Tuzi, I mentionned about half of the vehicles registered either in PG TA 123 or PG TB 123 (regular cars, but also trucks and even trailers, such as PG 002TA).





Personalized plates seem to be quite cheap, as I saw many on the roads, and among them official looking plates, such as BD 00001.



I knew motorcycle plates were on two lines, in the new MNE format, but I also shot a few new moped plates: these are smaller, wider than higher than MC plates, the red sticker having the same size than on cars. The the old YU style moped plates that are still very common, either with roman or cyrillic letters.

