Ukraine heavy bombers

This month we have received an interesting list of Ukrainian heavy bombers in the 1990s and their final fates. In total sixty Tu-22Ms, twenty-three Tu-95s (plus five that where scrapped after being left behind by the Soviets) and nineteen Tu-160s were transferred to Ukraine in the 1990s. As the info we received and collected over the years takes too much space in Scramble, we just publish the basic details here.

For the complete data per aircraft please see the on-line database at the Scramble site: [www.scramble.nl/data](http://www.scramble.nl/data)

**Tu-22M built by KAPO (Factory # 22) in Kazan-Borisoglebskoye from 1970 to 1990**

The construction number is probably explained similar to that of the Il-62s built by the same factory: The first digit shows the quarter of the year in which the aircraft was built and the second digit the year itself. They are followed by the two or three-digit batch number (batch 100 was reached during 1989), the last but two digit has no meaning and is random, which is not uncommon for the KAPO plant. The last but one digit is the number in the batch with the last digit probably relating to the number of the team of workers which assembled the aircraft.

Tu-22M2 ***51 15 0 5 9*** "81" red Ukraine l/n 15-05 seen stored at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino 1998/apr99; b/u there 09jan03

Tu-22M2 ***17 22 6 3 4*** "48" red Ukraine l/n 22-03 seen stored at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino apr99/may02; b/u there 12dec03

Tu-22M2 ***47 25 7 5 8*** "18" red Ukraine l/n 25-05 operated at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino; b/u there 26mar03

Tu-22M2 ***18 27 8 1 2*** "10" red Ukraine l/n 27-01 seen stored at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino 1994/apr99; b/u there 23apr03

Tu-22M2 ***28 27 3 5 1*** "01" red Ukraine l/n 27-05 seen stored at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino apr99/may02; b/u there 28may03

Tu-22M2 ***38 29 3 4 5*** "02" red Ukraine l/n 29-04 seen stored at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino may98/may02; b/u there 26jun03

Tu-22M3 ***38 29 4 5 6*** "33" red Ukraine l/n 29-05 seen stored at Bila Tserkva; b/u there 11dec01

Tu-22M2 ***48 30 6 2 3*** "05" red Ukraine l/n 30-02 seen stored at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino apr94/may02; b/u there 11feb03

Tu-22M2 ***48 30 7 3 4*** "06" red Ukraine l/n 30-03 seen stored at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino may98/may02; b/u there 17jul03

Tu-22M2 ***19 32 7 2 6*** "07" red Ukraine l/n 32-02 seen stored at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino may98/may02; b/u there 27aug03

Tu-22M3 ***29 33 5 3 4*** "54" blue Ukraine l/n 33-03 seen stored at Poltava may98 with VVS markings only; b/u at Poltava 03feb05

Tu-22M2 ***39 34 9 3 5*** "11" red Ukraine l/n 34-03 seen stored at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino apr99; b/u there 25sep03

Tu-22M2 ***39 35 5 2 3*** “15” red ? Ukraine l/n 35-02 operated at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino; b/u there 16oct03

Tu-22M3 ***49 36 8 2 3*** unknown Ukraine l/n 36-02 b/u at Poltava in the early 2000s, date unknown

Tu-22M2 ***49 36 2 5 9*** "28" red Ukraine l/n 36-05 operated at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino; b/u there 12nov03

Tu-22M3 ***20 39 9 1 9*** "56" blue Ukraine l/n 39-01 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 17may05

Tu-22M3 ***11 44 8 4 8*** "80" blue Ukraine l/n 44-04 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 21apr05

Tu-22M2 ***21 46 9 3 9*** "08" red Ukraine l/n 46-03 seen stored at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino apr99/may02; b/u there 13jan04

Tu-22M2 ***31 46 2 5 3*** "24" red Ukraine l/n 46-05 operated at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino; soc 26feb03; preserved in the State Aviation Museum at Kiev, first coded "20" red and nowadays coded "07" red

Tu-22M3 ***31 46 1 4 2*** "57" blue Ukraine l/n 46-04 probably operated at Priluki; b/u at Poltava 10jun05

Tu-22M3 ***31 47 6 5 5*** "90" blue Ukraine l/n 47-05 operated at Poltava; seen stored at Poltava may98; b/u at Poltava 08jul05

Tu-22M3 ***41 48 5 3 6*** "53" blue Ukraine l/n 48-03 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 30sep03

Tu-22M2 ***41 49 9 2 3*** "25" red Ukraine l/n 49-02 op. at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino; b/u there 10feb04

Tu-22M3 ***41 49 7 5 6*** "91" red Ukraine l/n 49-05 opb 33 TsBP i PLS at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino; b/u at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino 11dec02

Tu-22M3 ***22 52 8 1 9*** "95" blue Ukraine l/n 52-01 operated at Poltava; seen stored at Poltava may98/sep98; b/u at Poltava 25mar05

Tu-22M3 ***22 53 4 1 2*** "91" blue Ukraine l/n 53-01 b/u in the early 2000s, location and date unknown

Tu-22M2 ***23 57 7 4 2*** "29" red Ukraine l/n 57-04 f/n Mykolayiv-Kulbakino 1993; b/u there 11mar04

Tu-22M2 ***33 58 2 4 4 ?*** 73" red Ukraine l/n 58-04 seen stored Mykolayiv-Kulbakino may98/may02; b/u there 08apr04; c/n given as ***3338424*** in the listing***,*** but some digits appear to be wrong

Tu-22M3 ***43 61 9 3 7*** "56" red Ukraine l/n 61-03 operated at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino; b/u at Mykolayiv-Kulbakino 14nov02

Tu-22M3 ***14 62 4 5 8*** "59" blue Ukraine l/n 62-05 operated at Poltava; seen stored at Poltava sep96/may98; b/u at Poltava 12nov02

Tu-22M3 ***24 63 9 3 1*** "58" blue Ukraine l/n 63-03 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 22dec02

Tu-22M3 ***24 63 7 5 0*** "72" red Ukraine l/n 63-05 operated at Priluki; seen stored at Priluki may98; b/u at Priluki 02feb01/06mar01

Tu-22M3 ***15 68 2 3 4*** "56" red Ukraine l/n 68-03 operated at Priluki; seen stored at Priluki may98; b/u at Priluki 17jan02

Tu-22M3 ***15 68 3 4 6*** "93" blue Ukraine l/n 68-04 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 10jan03

Tu-22M3 ***15 69 9 2 1*** "85" blue Ukraine l/n 69-02 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 06feb03

Tu-22M3 ***25 69 6 4 8*** "99" blue Ukraine l/n 69-04 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 25mar03

Tu-22M3 ***25 70 3 2 6*** "98" blue Ukraine l/n 70-02 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 26aug03

Tu-22M3 ***36 86 5 1 8*** "92" blue Ukraine l/n 86-01 operated at Poltava; seen stored at Poltava may98; b/u at Poltava 24apr03

Tu-22M3 ***36 86 1 5 3*** "94" blue Ukraine l/n 86-05 operated at Priluki; stored at Poltava; soc 27feb03 preserved Poltava as "80" blue

Tu-22M3 ***46 87 8 5 7*** "71" red Ukraine l/n 87-05 operated at Priluki; b/u at Priluki 18dec01

Tu-22M3 ***18 95 7 1 4*** "50" red Ukraine l/n 95-01 l/n flying Priluki 1997; seen stored at Priluki may98; b/u at Priluki 23apr02

Tu-22M3 ***48 98 8 5 7*** "62" blue Ukraine l/n 98-05 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 24jun03

Tu-22M3 ***48 99 2 1 5*** "52" red Ukraine l/n 99-01 operated at Priluki; b/u at Priluki 21feb02

Tu-22M3 ***48 99 4 2 3*** "52" blue Ukraine l/n 99-02 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 30may03

Tu-22M3 ***48 99 5 4 8*** "87" blue Ukraine l/n 99-04 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 24jul03

Tu-22M3 ***19 100 9 1 2*** "63" blue Ukraine l/n 100-01 operated at Poltava; seen stored at Poltava sep96; b/u at Poltava 16nov04

Tu-22M3 ***19 100 7 3 4*** "61" blue Ukraine l/n 100-03 b/u at Poltava 30aug04

Tu-22M3 ***19 100 6 4 3*** "88" blue Ukraine l/n 100-04 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 21oct04

Tu-22M3 ***19 100 5 5 6*** "86" blue Ukraine l/n 100-05 operated at Poltava; seen stored at Poltava sep96; b/u at Poltava 24sep04

Tu-22M3 ***19 101 4 1 5*** "54" red Ukraine l/n 101-01 operated at Priluki; seen stored at Priluki may98; b/u at Priluki 14mar02

Tu-22M3 ***29 101 3 2 8*** "61" blue Ukraine l/n 101-02 operated at Priluki; seen stored at Priluki may98; b/u at Priluki 04apr02

Tu-22M3 ***29 101 8 5 1*** "89" blue Ukraine l/n 101-05 operated at Poltava; b/u at Poltava 10dec04

Tu-22M3 ***49 103 3 4 3*** "84" blue Ukraine l/n 103-04 b/u at Poltava 06jan05

Tu-22M3 ***10 105 0 1 9*** "51" blue Ukraine l/n 105-01 operated at Poltava; seen stored at Poltava sep96; b/u at Poltava 28feb05

Tu-22M3 ***10 105 1 2 8*** "73" red Ukraine l/n 105-02 prob. operated at Priluki; seen stored Priluki, may98; b/u Mykolayiv-Kulbakino 07sep04

Tu-22M3 ***10 105 2 5 7*** "55" blue Ukraine l/n 105-05 operated at Poltava; seen stored at Poltava sep96; b/u at Poltava 27sep05

Tu-22M3 ***10 106 3 1 3*** "66" blue Ukraine l/n 106-01 operated at Priluki; seen stored at Priluki may98; b/u Poltava 28oct05

Tu-22M3 ***20 106 7 2 6*** "57" red Ukraine l/n 106-02 operated at Poltava; soc 10jun05; now preserved in the State Aviation Museum at Kiev

Tu-22M3 ***20 106 6 5 4*** "70" blue Ukraine l/n 106-05 seen Priluki 22may98, operational; b/u at Poltava, date unknown (prob. around 2005)

Tu-22M3 ***40 109 1 2 6*** "60" blue Ukraine l/n 109-02 seen stored at Priluki may98; b/u at Poltava 27jan06 as last of 60 Ukrainian Tu-22Ms

**Tu-95KM built by factory # 18 at Kuibyshev-Bezymyanka**

The Tu-95KM construction number gives the year of manufacture, factory code (M for factory 18 for aircraft), the type (5 for Tu-95), the batch number and the number in the batch.

Tu-95K-22 ***62 M5 25 03*** "02" red Soviet trf to Russian Federation 1992; was wfu Bila Tserkva; b/u there 07dec00

Tu-95K-22 ***63 M5 26 02*** "05" red Soviet trf to Russian Federation 1992; was wfu Bila Tserkva; b/u there 07dec00

**Tu-95MS built by factory # 86 at Taganrog & factory # 18 at Kuibyshev-Bezymyanka**

Initial production was at factory # 86 at Taganrog, but in late 1982/early 1983 it was transferred to Kuibyshev again, where it continued until 1992 (the production line was scrapped in 1995). Both factories built 31 Tu-95MS-6s and 57 Tu-95MS-16s. The meaning of the first three digits (100) is not known. They are followed by the type code 021 (for izdeliye VP-021) and probably by the quarter of production and the year of production. The last five digits are the well-known 'nonsense number'.

Tu-95MS ***00909*** "34" red Soviet trf to Russian Federation 1992 was wfu Bila Tserkva; b/u there 01/02dec00

Tu-95MS-16 ***15119*** "24" red Ukraine seen wfu Bila Tserkva; b/u there 21oct99/07nov99

Tu-95MS ***16204*** "15" red Soviet trf to Russian Feder. 1992; seen wfu Bila Tserkva may98/apr99; b/u there 04dec00

Tu-95MS-16 ***21744*** "41" red Ukraine seen wfu Bila Tserkva mar97/apr99; b/u there 07nov99

Tu-95MS ***24550*** "25" red Soviet trf to Russian Federation 1992; was wfu Bila Tserkva; b/u there 28/29nov00

Tu-95MS-16 ***29561*** "02" red Ukraine seen wfu Bila Tserkva mar97/apr99; b/u there 11dec99

Tu-95MS-16 ***29732*** "03" red Ukraine seen wfu Uzyn may98; b/u there 24/26mar00

Tu-95MS-16 ***29843*** "04" red Ukraine seen wfu Uzyn may98; b/u there 17/18apr00

Tu-95MS-16 ***30108*** "05" red Ukraine seen wfu Uzyn may98; b/u there 25/27may00

Tu-95MS-16 ***30183*** "06" red Ukraine seen wfu Uzyn may98; b/u there 29/30jun00

Tu-95MS-16 ***30203*** "07" red Ukraine seen wfu Bila Tserkva, mar97/apr99; b/u there 01dec99

Tu-95MS-16 ***30235*** "20" red Ukraine seen wfu Uzyn may98; b/u there 25/26aug00

Tu-95MS-16 ***30306*** "21" red Ukraine seen wfu Uzyn may98; b/u there 27/28aug00

Tu-95MS-16 ***30309*** "22" red Ukraine seen wfu Uzyn may98; b/u there 04/06oct00

Tu-95MS-16 ***30419*** "23" red Ukraine seen wfu Uzyn may98; b/u there 31jan99

Tu-95MS-16 ***31135*** "24" red Ukraine seen wfu Uzyn may98; b/u there 06/07nov00

Tu-95MS-16 ***31198*** "25" red Ukraine sat wfu Uzyn; b/u there 15/16dec00

Tu-95MS-16 ***31249*** "90" red Ukraine sat wfu Uzyn; b/u there 15/16jan01

Tu-95MS-16 ***31370*** "91" red Ukraine sat wfu Uzyn; b/u there 12mar01

Tu-95MS-16 ***31483*** "92" red Ukraine seen wfu Uzyn may98; b/u there 26/27mar01

Tu-95MS-16 ***31509*** "93" red Ukraine sat wfu Uzyn; b/u there 16/17apr01

Tu-95MS-16 ***32179 ?*** "94" red Ukraine seen wfu Uzyn may98; b/u there 07/17may01

Tu-95MS-16 ***10002117 32191*** "01" red Ukraine f/n Uzyn may98; soc 06nov00; preserved Poltava

Tu-95MS-16 ***1000211732386*** "95" red Ukraine f/n Uzyn may98; soc 28nov00; Mykolayiv-Kulbakino oct05/sep12; b/u there by apr14

Tu-95MS-16 ***1000212733144*** "31" red Ukraine soc 28nov00; seen Mykolayiv-Kulbakino oct05/sep12; offered for sale mar14

Tu-95MS-16 ***1000214936177*** "10" red Ukraine seen wfu Uzyn may98; sold to Russia in 1999, became “19” red and later RF-94123

Tu-95MS-16 ***1000214037187*** "96" red Ukraine sold to Russia in 1999, became “28” red and later RF-94116

Tu-95MS-16 ***1000212937345*** "08" red Ukraine sold to Russia in 1999, became “27” red and later RF-94117

**Tu-160 production aircraft built by KAPO (factory # 22) in Kazan-Borisoglebskoye in 1984-2007**

The meaning of the first digit (8) of the construction number is not known, it might be a product code. The second digit seems to be the quarter of production and the third digit the year of production. The fourth and fifth digits are the number of the batch while the meaning of the sixth digit is not known, the seventh digit is the number in the batch and the last digit is probably relating to the number of the team of workers which assembled the aircraft.

Tu-160S ***8 46 02 4 3 8*** "30" red Ukraine l/n 02-03 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; b/u there 31mar00

Tu-160S ***8 46 03 7 1 2*** "31" red Ukraine l/n 03-01 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; b/u there 25apr00

Tu-160S ***8 27 03 6 2 9*** "32" red Ukraine l/n 03-02 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; b/u there 02feb01

Tu-160S ***8 37 03 8 4 5*** "33" red Ukraine l/n 03-04 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; b/u there 07jun00

Tu-160S ***8 47 03 4 5 3*** "25" red Ukraine l/n 03-05 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; b/u there 01dec00

Tu-160S ***8 18 04 9 2 1*** "26" red Ukraine l/n 04-02 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; soc 13nov00; last flt 30mar00 to Poltava and preserved

Tu-160S ***8 28 04 7 3 4*** "20" red Ukraine l/n 04-03 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; b/u there 26nov99

Tu-160S ***8 28 04 5 4 7*** "21" red Ukraine l/n 04-04 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; b/u there 24mar00

Tu-160S ***8 38 04 3 5 2*** "22" red Ukraine l/n 04-05 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; sold to Russia in 1999, became RF-94103

Tu-160S ***8 48 05 8 1 3*** "23" red Ukraine l/n 05-01 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; b/u there 19oct00

Tu-160S ***8 48 05 4 2 5*** "24" red Ukraine l/n 05-02 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; b/u there 14jan99

Tu-160S ***8 29 05 8 3 6*** "16" red Ukraine l/n 05-03 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; sold to Russia in 1999, became RF-94107

Tu-160S ***8 39 05 1 4 2*** "17" red Ukraine l/n 05-04 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; sold to Russia in 1999, became RF-94110

Tu-160S ***8 39 05 9 5 3*** "15" red Ukraine l/n 05-05 seen Priluki sep95/22may98 in full markings; sold to Russia in 1999, became RF-94108

Tu-160S ***8 49 06 2 1 7*** "10" red Ukraine l/n 06-01 seen Priluki aug9722/may98 in full markings; sold to Russia in 1999, became RF-94100

Tu-160S ***8 49 06 8 2 6*** "11" red Ukraine l/n 06-02 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; sold to Russia in 1999, became RF-94114

Tu-160S ***8 49 06 3 3 5*** "12" red Ukraine l/n 06-03 seen Priluki 22may98 in full marking; sold to Russia in 1999, became RF-94109

Tu-160S ***8 10 06 7 4 1*** "14" red Ukraine l/n 06-04 seen Priluki 22may98 in full markings; t/t less than 100 hours; b/u there 16jan99

Tu-160S ***8 20 06 4 5 8*** "18" red Ukraine l/n 06-05 seen stored at Priluki 22may98; sold to Russia in 1999, became RF-94111



*Part of the line-up at Bila Tserkva in May 1998 with three Tu-95MSs flanking two Il-76s. (Adrian Morgan)*