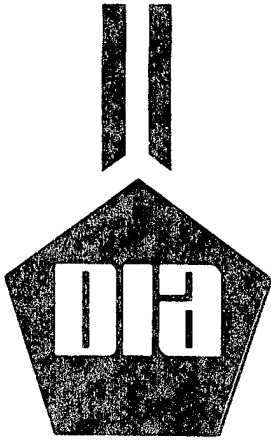


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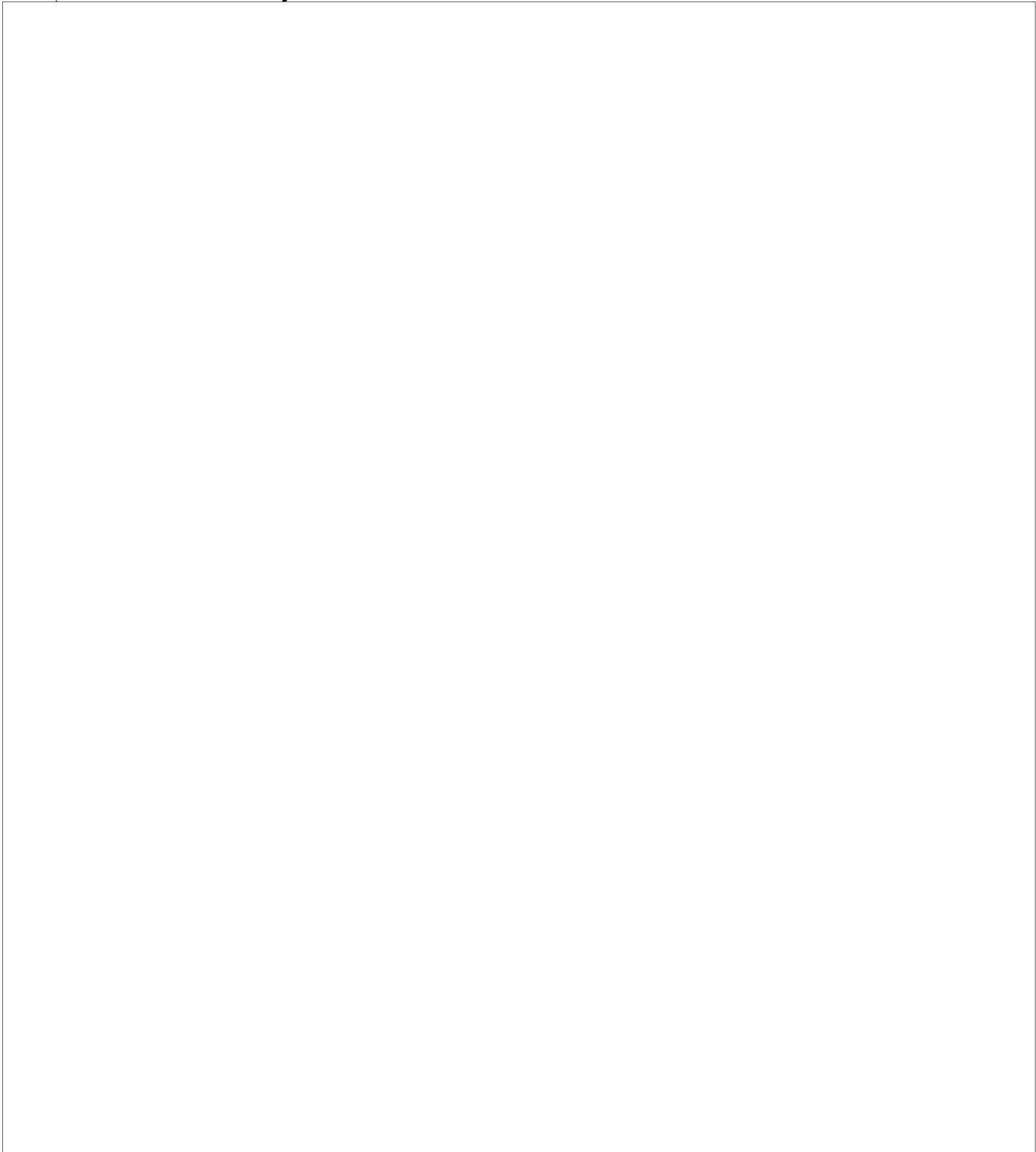
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***Summary***



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(S) The refined categorization system has helped the Intelligence Community make estimates for the alert, dispersal, and mobilization of divisional units. It was developed through exhaustive research that led to publication of the Interagency Intelligence Memorandum — The Readiness of Soviet Ground Forces. Moreover, this system allows a more accurate assessment of the type and duration of training required to convert mobilized units into cohesive, proficient formations that can conduct effective combined-arms offensive operations in a mid- to high-intensity combat environment.

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<b>Warsaw Pact</b>			
<b>Previous System</b>		<b>Current System</b>	
<b>Number of Divisions</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Number of Divisions</b>
80	Category I (NATO CAT A) 75-100%	Full-strength Ready >95% (FSR)	52
		Reduced-Strength Ready (I) 70-85% (RSR I)	39
44	Category II (NATO CAT B) 50-75%	Reduced-Strength Ready (II) 55-70% (RSR II)	33
		High-Strength Cadre 25-40% (HSC)	61
124	Category III (NATO CAT C) <50%	Low-Strength Cadre 5-25% (LSC)	63
		Mobilization Bases	31
31	Mobilization Bases	Mobilization Bases	31
Total 279			Total 279

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**(U) Comparison of Divisional Categorization Systems for the Warsaw Pact (Categories Expressed as a Percentage of War-Authorized Strength).**

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**Appendix I**  
**Warsaw Pact Operational Organization**  
**and List of Maneuver Divisions by Current**  
**and Previous Categorization Systems**

(S) The Theater of Military Operations (TVD) is a wartime organization. The subordination of armies, corps, and divisions shown below reflects peacetime location and most likely wartime designation. These organizations could be assigned to other theaters if required.

TVD and Headquarters, Army, or Corps	Division ID	Current Categorization System	Previous Categorization System
Western TVD <sup>1</sup>	7 G ABN DIV	FSR	I
	44 G ABN DIV	HSC	III
Group of Soviet Forces in Germany (GSFG) 1 Guards Tank Army	9 TD	FSR	I
	11 GTD	FSR	I
	20 GMRD	FSR	I
	U/I Guards Army	16 GTD	FSR
U/I Guards Army	21 MRD	FSR	I
	94 GMRD	FSR	I
	207 GMRD	FSR	I
	3 Shock Army	7 GTD	FSR
10 GTD		FSR	I
12 GTD		FSR	I
47 GTD		FSR	I
8 Guards Army	27 GMRD	FSR	I
	39 GMRD	FSR	I
	57 GMRD	FSR	I
	79 GTD	FSR	I
20 Guards Army	6 GMRD	FSR	I
	25 TD	FSR	I
	32 GTD	FSR	I
	35 MRD	FSR	I
German Democratic Republic Military District III HQ	4 MRD	FSR	I
	7 TD	FSR	I
	11 MRD	FSR	I
	6 MRD	MOB	MOB
	Torgau MRD	MOB	MOB
	Irfersgruen MRD	MOB	MOB
Military District V HQ	1 MRD	FSR	I
	8 MRD	FSR	I
	9 TD	FSR	I
	Anklam MRD	MOB	MOB
Central Group of Forces (CGF) CGF HQ	15 GTD	FSR	I
	18 GMRD	FSR	I
	28 Corps	30 GMRD	FSR
28 Corps	31 TD	FSR	I
	48 MRD	FSR	I
	Czechoslovakia Western Military District	Kromeriz MRD	MOB
Havlickuv Brod MRD		MOB	MOB
Slany TD		MOB	MOB

<sup>1</sup> (S) Western Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet and national forces in the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia, and Poland, and Soviet forces in the Baltic, Belorussian, and Carpathian Military Districts (MDs).

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1 Army	1 TD	RSRI	I
	2 MRD	RSRI	I
	19 MRD	RSRI	I
	20 MRD	RSRI	I
4 Army	3 MRD	HSC	III
	4 TD	RSRII	II
	9 TD	RSRII	II
	15 MRD	RSRII	II
Eastern Military District	13 TD	HSC	III
	14 TD	HSC	III
Northern Group of Forces (NGF) NGF HQ	20 TD	FSR	I
	90 GTD	FSR	I
Poland Ministry of National Defense, HQ	6 ABN DIV	RSRI	I
	7 SEA LDG DIV	RSRI	I
	Gdansk Mech Div	MOB	MOB
	Prudnik Mech Div	MOB	MOB
Pomeranian Military District	8 Mech Div	RSRI	I
	12 Mech Div	RSRI	I
	15 Mech Div	HSC	III
	16 Armor Div	RSRI	I
	20 Armor Div	FSR	I
Silesian Military District	2 Mech Div	HSC	III
	4 Mech Div	RSRI	I
	5 Armor Div	FSR	I
	10 Armor Div	RSRI	I
	11 Armor Div	RSRI	I
Warsaw Military District	1 Mech Div	HSC	III
	3 Mech Div	LSC	III
	9 Mech Div	LSC	III
Baltic Military District Baltic MD HQ	3 GMRD	LSC	III
	24 TD (TNG)	HSC	III
	56 GMRD	LSC	III
	Chernyakhovsk MRD	LSC	III
	107 MRD	LSC	III
	Pabrade MRD	MOB	MOB
11 Guards Army	1 GMRD	RSRI	II
	1 GTD	RSRI	II
	26 GMRD	LSC	III
	40 GTD	HSC	III
Belorussian Military District Belorussian MD HQ	120 GMRD (former)*	RSRI	I
	45 GTD	HSC	III
5 Guards Tank Army	8 GTD	HSC	III
	29 GTD	HSC	III
	193 TD	HSC	III
7 Tank Army	3 GTD	HSC	III
	34 TD	HSC	III
	37 GTD	HSC	III
28 Army	50 GMRD	LSC	III
	Marina Gorka MRD	MOB	MOB
	6 GTD	RSRI	II
	46 GTD	HSC	III
	Brest TD	LSC	III

\* (S) The 120th GMRD has recently converted from a division into a new army-corps-type structure.

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Carpathian Military District Carpathian MD HQ	24 MRD 66 GMRD 117 GTD	RSRI HSC HSC	II III III
8 Tank Army	23 TD 30 GTD 50 TD	RSRI LSC LSC	I III III
13 Army	51 GMRD 97 GMRD 161 MRD	LSC LSC LSC	III III III
38 Army	17 GMRD 70 GMRD 128 GMRD Yarmolintsy MRD	LSC LSC RSRI MOB	III III II MOB
Southwestern TVD <sup>2</sup> Southwestern TVD HQ Southern Group of Forces (SGF) SGF HQ	98 G ABN DIV  13 GTD 19 GTD 93 GMRD 254 MRD	FSR  FSR FSR FSR	I  I I I
Hungary 5 Army	7 MRD 8 MRD 9 MRD 11 TD	RSRII RSRI RSRI RSRI	II I I I
3 Corps	4 MRD 15 MRD	HSC HSC	III III
Bulgaria Ministry of National Defense HQ	8 INF DIV 15 INF DIV 23 INF DIV	MOB MOB MOB	MOB MOB MOB
1 Army	1 GMRD 28 MRD	HSC RSRII	III II
2 Army	2 MRD 17 MRD 19 MRD	RSRI RSRI HSC	I I III
3 Army	3 MRD 7 MRD 18 MRD	RSRII RSRI HSC	II I III
Romania 1 Army	1 MRD 57 TD	RSRI RSRII	I II
2 Army	9 MRD 10 MRD 67 MRD	RSRI RSRII RSRII	I II II
3 Army	2 MRD 18 MRD	RSRII RSRI	II I
4 Army	11 MRD 81 MRD 6 TD	RSRI RSRII RSRI	I II I
Odessa Military District Odessa MD HQ	92 GMRD 28 GMRD	HSC HSC	III III

<sup>2</sup> (S) Southwestern Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet and national forces in Hungary, the national forces of Bulgaria and Romania, and Soviet forces in the Kiev and Odessa MDs.

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14 Army	59 GMRD	HSC	III
	86 GMRD	LSC	III
	180 MRD	LSC	III
	Kagul MRD	LSC	III
32 Corps	126 MRD	LSC	III
	157 MRD	LSC	III
	Sovetskiy MRD	MOB	MOB
Kiev Military District			
Kiev MD HQ	36 MRD	LSC	III
	48 TD	HSC	III
	Voroshilovgrad MRD	HSC	III
	Zhdanovka TD	MOB	MOB
1 Guards Army	25 GMRD	LSC	III
	Konotop MRD	LSC	III
	72 GMRD	HSC	III
	41 GTD	HSC	III
	Piryatin MRD	MOB	MOB
	Uman MRD	MOB	MOB
6 Guards Tank Army	20 GTD	HSC	III
	22 TD	HSC	III
	42 GTD	HSC	III
	75 GTD	HSC	III
	Krivoy Rog TD	MOB	MOB
Southeastern TVD <sup>3</sup>			
Southeastern TVD HQ	104 G ABN DIV	FSR	I
Transcaucasus MD HQ	100 GMRD	HSC	III
4 Army	Kirovabad GMRD	LSC	III
	60 MRD	LSC	III
	75 MRD	RSRII	II
	Baku GMRD	LSC	III
7 Guards Army	15 MRD	LSC	III
	127 MRD	RSRII	II
	164 MRD	RSRII	II
31 Corps	10 GMRD	LSC	III
	145 MRD	LSC	III
	147 MRD	RSRII	II
	Kutaisi MRD	MOB	MOB
North Caucasus Military District			
North Caucasus MD HQ	19 MRD	HSC	III
	24 GMRD	HSC	III
	Volgograd MRD	HSC	III
	Uryupinsk MRD	LSC	III
	Novocherkassk TD	LSC	III
	Prokladny MRD	MOB	MOB
Krasnodar Corps	9 MRD	HSC	III
	Novorossiysk MRD	LSC	III
	Bakinskaya MRD	LSC	III
Turkestan Military District			
Turkestan MD HQ	4 GMRD	HSC	III
	83 GMRD	HSC	III
	114 GMRD	LSC	III
UI Corps	58 GMRD	HSC	III
	88 MRD	HSC	III

<sup>3</sup> (C) Southeastern Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet forces in the North Caucasus, Transcaucasus, and Turkestan MDs and Afghanistan.

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40 Army	103 G ABN DIV	FSR	I
	5 GMRD	FSR	I
	108 MRD	FSR	I
	201 MRD	FSR	I
Northwestern TVD <sup>4</sup>			
Northwestern TVD HQ	76 G ABN DIV	FSR	I
Leningrad Military District			
Leningrad MD HQ	63 GMRD	HSC	III
6 Army	131 MRD	RSRII	II
	54 MRD	RSRII	II
	111 MRD	LSC	III
	Murmansk MRD	MOB	MOB
	Petrozavodsk MRD	MOB	MOB
Arkhangelsk Corps	69 GMRD	LSC	III
	77 GMRD	LSC	III
30 Corps	45 GMRD	RSRII	II
	64 GMRD	LSC	III
Far East TVD <sup>5</sup>			
Central Asia Military District			
Central Asia MD HQ	80 MRD	HSC	III
	Dushanbe MRD	LSC	III
	203 MRD	LSC	III
Semipalatinsk Army	155 MRD	RSRII	II
	78 TD	RSRII	II
	71 MRD	MOB	MOB
17 Corps	8 GMRD	LSC	III
	68 MRD	RSRI	I
Far East Military District			
Far East MD HQ	Lyalichi MRD	HSC	III
	199 MRD	HSC	III
	Spassk Dalniy MRD	LSC	III
	Skovorodino MRD	LSC	III
	Lyalichi TD	RSRI	II
	Lesozavodsk MRD	RSRI	II
5 Army	40 MRD	RSRII	II
	123 MRD	RSRII	II
	Shkotovo MRD	LSC	III
	Sergeyevka MRD	RSRII	II
	29 MRD	RSRI	II
15 Army	73 MRD	LSC	III
	Lermontovka GMRD	RSRII	II
	Khabarovsk MRD	LSC	III
35 Army	192 MRD	RSRI	I
	265 MRD	RSRII	II
	21 GTD	RSRI	I
	Zavitinsk TD	RSRI	II
Yuzno-Sakhalinsk Army	Burevestnik CDD	FSR	I
	33 MRD	RSRII	II
	79 MRD	LSC	III
25 Corps	22 MRD	RSRII	II
Birobidzhan Corps	266 MRD	LSC	III
	272 MRD	RSRII	II
	Birodibzhan	LSC	III

<sup>4</sup> (S) Northwestern Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet forces in the Leningrad MD.

<sup>5</sup> (S) Far East Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet forces in Mongolia and the Far Eastern, Transbaikal, Siberian, and Central Asian MDs.

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Siberian Military District			
Siberian MD HQ	13 MRD	HSC	III
	56 MRD	HSC	III
	85 MRD	HSC	III
	Omsk MRD	LSC	III
	Itatka MRD	HSC	III
	Abakan MRD	HSC	III
	Abakan MRD	MOB	MOB
	Biysk MRD	MOB	MOB
Transbaikal Military District			
Transbaikal MD HQ	Borzya MRD	HSC	III
	49 TD	HSC	III
	Nizhneudinsk MRD	LSC	III
	Nizhneudinsk MRD	MOB	MOB
Ulan Ude Army	Gusinoozersk MRD	LSC	III
	Ulan Ude MRD	LSC	III
	Shelekov MRD	LSC	III
	5 GTD (former)*	FSR	I
	Gusinoozersk MRD	MOB	MOB
36 Army	11 GMRD	RSRII	II
	38 GMRD	RSRII	II
	122 GMRD	RSRII	II
39 Army	12 GMRD	RSRII	II
	41 MRD	FSR	I
	Sumber Suma MRD	RSRI	II
	2 GTD	FSR	I
	51 TD	FSR	I
Strategic Reserve <sup>6</sup>			
General Staff HQ	106 G ABN DIV	FSR	I
Moscow Military District			
Moscow MD HQ	2 GMRD	RSRI	I
	32 GMRD	LSC	III
	53 GMRD	HSC	III
	Tambov MRD	LSC	III
	Kursk MRD	LSC	III
	4 GTD	RSRII	II
	60 GTD	LSC	III
	Mulino MRD	LSC	III
	Klintsy MRD	MOB	MOB
Ural Military District			
Ural MD HQ	34 MRD	HSC	III
	78 MRD	HSC	III
	163 MRD	LSC	III
	Perm MRD	LSC	III
	44 TD	HSC	III
	153/5 MRD	MOB	MOB
Volga Military District			
Volga MD HQ	43 MRD	HSC	III
	96 MRD	LSC	III
	Totskoye MRD	HSC	III

\* (S) The 5th GTD has recently converted from a division into a new army-corps-type structure.

<sup>6</sup> (S) The Strategic Reserve is composed of the Moscow, Volga, and Ural MDs. The forces in these districts will be assigned, as required, to any of the five theaters of operations.

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(G) ABN DIV — (Guards) Airborne Division  
(G) MRD — (Guards) Motorized Rifle Division  
(G) TD — (Guards) Tank Division  
CDD — Coastal Defense Division  
Mech Div — Mechanized Division (Polish equivalent to MRD)  
Armor Div — Armored Division (Polish equivalent to TD)  
Sea Ldg Div — Sea Landing Division  
Inf Div — Infantry Division

**Current Categories:**

FSR — Full-Strength Ready  
RSRI — Reduced-Strength Ready I  
RSRII — Reduced-Strength Ready II  
HSC — High-Strength Cadre  
LSC — Low-Strength Cadre  
MOB — Mobilization Base

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