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## Grand Moff Tarkin



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**Description:** Grand Moff Tarkin

**Prefix:** ID

**Detachment:** Imperial Officer Corps

**Context:** Star Wars Episodes IV

Wilhuff Tarkin is one of the most powerful individuals in the Galactic Empire. A Grand Moff who shapes Imperial doctrine and was the driving force behind the creation of its key embodiment, the Death Star.

The 501st approval requirements are listed in black.

The Imperial Officer Corp Detachment defines additional, optional levels of costuming excellence. In the page below, items listed in blue are optional features that will improve the quality of the costume. Items listed in red are intended to further enhance the finished costume.

***For 501st membership only the requirements in black need to be met.***

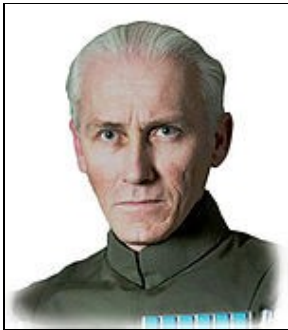
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This Visual Guide has been reviewed by the detachment staff and the LMO team and is certified for use as a minimum approval guideline for GMLs. GMLs are free to approve this costume type.

- Any uncertainties or questionable aspects of the submitted costume should be brought to the appropriate DL/GML peer review section of the legion forum.

## Required Costume Components

The following costume components are present and appear as described below.



### Hair and Facial Features

For 501st approval:

- Hair is grey with a receding hairline.
- Eyes and cheekbones appear gaunt and darkened.
  - ◆ Either naturally or through makeup effects.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Facial appearance and hair match very closely to that of Peter Cushing in ANH.



### Tunic, Olive

For 501st approval:

- Fabric is a medium weight suiting material exactly matching the pants.
  - ◆ Gabardine style weave is most accurate.
- Tunic is double-breasted with a left over right closure on the tapered yoke.
- Yoke comes up across the shoulder to the top shoulder seam.
- The standing collar has square corners and is about 1.25" (31.8 mm) tall.
  - ◆ Collar closes snugly and includes a modesty panel behind closure.
  - ◆ Collar edges are closed with two eye hooks.
- There are code cylinder pockets on both outside panels of the jacket from about half way between the top and bottom on the arm hole.
- Sleeves are long, and without decoration, cuffs or buttons.
- Sleeves contain 2 seams.
  - ◆ One along the bottom and one along the back.
- Tunic is constructed with no top-stitching (stitches visible on the exterior surface of fabric)

For level two certification (if applicable):

- There is a dart of about 2" (50.8 mm) in the top center of the yoke.
- There is a seam running the entire circumference of the tunic, dividing it along a line hidden by the uniform belt.

- The back of the tunic has princess seams that run vertically and turn outward to intersect the arm-hole seam at the vertical center.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Tunic is secured on the right side by snaps or buttons.
  - ◆ Not hook and loop fastener (Velcro).
- There is no top-stitching visible anywhere.
- A lining is sewn in.



Dress Shirt

For 501st approval:

- A white dress shirt is worn under the tunic.
- The collar and sleeve cuffs are slightly visible, protruding from under the olive tunic.



Tarkin's Rank Bar

For 501st approval:

- See the [Imperial Rank Bar page](#) for more information.
- Worn on the left side of the tunic over the heart.
- Rank consists of colored plastic tiles mounted on metal bar.
- Each bar is 1" (25.4 mm) height.
  - ◆ Length is determined by the number of tiles.
- Rank tile dimensions are 1/2" (12.7 mm) width x 3/4" (19 mm) height and about 1/8" (3.2 mm).
- Tiles are mounted with 1/4" (6.4 mm) spaces between them.
- Rank bar exactly matches the color pattern used in the film.
  - ◆ Six blue tiles on the top bar.
  - ◆ Three red, followed by three amber, on the bottom bar.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Rank Bar is consists of two separate strips, one atop the other, meeting together flush.



Code Cylinders

For 501st approval:

- Four Code cylinders are worn on the uniform.
- Optional Variations:
  - ◆ Basic Style: Silver "chalk holder" tube with a short clip and a blue top.
  - ◆ Dosimeter Style: True Dosimeter with correct clip and blue top.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Only real or replica dosimeters are used.



## Belt

For 501st approval:

- The belt is constructed from a non-textured leather or a leather-like material.
- Approximately 2" (50.8 mm) in width, up to 3" (76.2 mm) is acceptable.
- There are no loops on the belt.
- A single large snap or rivet is visible approximately 1" (25.4 mm) from the buckle.
  - ◆ The belt may be worn with the snap to the right or left of the wearer.
- The buckle is constructed from a horizontally brushed metal, or metal looking material.
- The buckle size is approximately 2 5/8" (66.7 mm) high and 4 1/8" (104.5 mm) wide with 0.5" (12.7 mm) radius rounded corners.
- Buckle is adorned with an [Imperial Code Disk](#) at the center.
- ◆ Please refer to the [Imperial Buckle](#) reference page for information on accurate and inaccurate style buckles.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Belt is made of leather.
- Snap is worn to the left of the wearer.
- Buckle has a slight horizontal curve.



## Jodphur Trousers, Olive

For 501st approval:

- Fabric is a medium weight suiting material exactly matching the tunic.
  - ◆ Gabardine style weave is most accurate.
- Flared riding breeches are canon, with semi-stiff flares to the hip/thigh area.
- Breeches are worn with boots.
- Pockets are acceptable, although are not visible with the tunic on.



## Officer Boots

For 501st approval:

- Knee-high, black, lace-less, smooth non-textured, leather or leather-like material.
  - ◆ Rubber is not acceptable.
  - ◆ PVC or synthetic material is allowed as long as it gives the appearance of leather.
- There are no stretch panels, buckles, snap tabs, or decoration.
- Boots have conservative heels.
- If zippers are present, they are hidden on the inner part of the boot shaft.
  - ◆ Not visible from the front, side or back.
- The top of the boots may be flat or Spanish Style, but not Cowboy or Super Hero (pointed at the front) style.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Boots do not have a zipper.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Boots are made of leather.
  - ◆ Not vinyl or PVC.
- Exact replicas of English riding (dress) boots or Equestrian boots.

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