THE PASSPORT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GDR)



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AND IT'S HISTORY

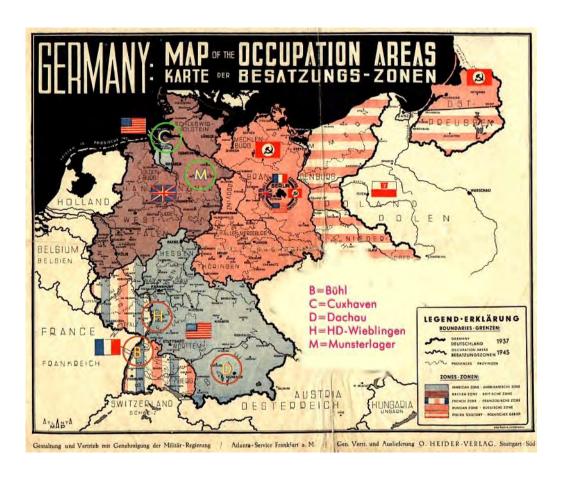
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FOREWORD

Time passed so fast and Germany is already unified since more than two decades. A state called German Democratic Republic (GDR) existed just fifty years - but what are 5 centuries in world history – just an eye-blink. East Germany or "the other Germany" was a short living construct. I am German and if you asked me 25 years ago if there was a chance for unification then I would answer "No". I believe nobody really expected that everything happens so fast and peacefully.

May 1945. Germany is in ruins after WWII and divided in four Allied Occupation Zones (see picture) controlled by the Allied Control Council (ACC) with its members United States, United Kingdom, Soviet Union and France (later added but without duties).



In March 1948 the Allied Control Council became obsolete and the construct GDR (Deutsche Demokratische Republik) comes alive slowly based on the former territory of the Soviet Occupation Zone or SBZ (Sowjetische Besatzungszone). The German Democratic Republik was founded in October 1949.

PASSPORT REGULATIONS AND PASSPORT ACT

Extract...

The just founded GDR issued its very first regulation for passports on 12 January 1950 but you might be surprised to read that this regulation was considering Diplomatic and Service passports only.

§1

Diplomatic and Service passports are issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

§2

Diplomatic passports are issued to Government members eligible for diplomatic immunity and diplomatic rights. Family members are eligible for diplomatic passports... Diplomatic passports can also be issued to heads of delegations and their deputies who travel on behalf of government or public interest abroad.

Service passports may be issued to the following persons:

- a) Government members or administrative staff of the Government of the German Democratic Republic, members or administrative staff of the governments of the countries of the German Democratic Republic and employees or employees of public agencies or bodies, if these people carry on a business trip abroad or business abroad is active.
- b) Members of delegations who travel in the government's behalf or in the public interest abroad.
- c) Administrative staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

§4

- (1) The color of a diplomatic passport is red, service passport are in dark green color.
- (2) Diplomatic passports are printed according the appendix A, Service passports are issued according appendix B.

§5

Holders of Diplomatic passports or Service passports do not have diplomatic rights on the German border and are not entitled to preferential treatment if they are not in possession of a "Grenzempfehlung, an official confirmation allowing for a fast-track border clearance.", which was issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in consultation with the Ministry of the Interior for that border crossing.

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Endorsements are made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

§ 7

- (1) Diplomatic passports are valid up to two years, Service passports up to a period of six months.
- (2) The scope of Diplomatic passports can be restricted to certain foreign countries.
- (3) The scope of Service passports is limited to the countries noted in the passport.

Remark:

Translated by the author.

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13 April 1950

Implementing Rules on the issue of Diplomatic passports and Service passports were issued. The full text in German language can be found here

25 January 1951

Regulation on the return of German identity cards when moving to West Germany or West Berlin

1 June 1952

West-Berlin citizens must apply for a travel permit in East-Berlin to enter the GDR

15 December 1952

The freedom to travel for individuals within the GDR is now limited to a range of 100 km

25 February 1953

Regulation on the confiscation of German identity cards on the issue of inter-zone passes

29 October 1953

Regulation on the issue of identity cards of the German Democratic Republic

14 November 1953

First implementing provision on the issue of identity cards of the German Democratic Republic

24 June 1954

Second implementing provision on the issue of identity cards of the German Democratic Republic

15 September 1954

Passport Act of the German Democratic Republic

Five years after founding the GDR there was now a passport act for citizens of the "Democratic Republic"; four years after implementing rules for Diplomatic and Service passports.

Extract...

§ 1

- (1) German nationals who left the territory of the German Democratic Republic to travel abroad are obliged to identify themselves with a passport.
- (2) For each border crossing a visa is required.

§ 2

- (1) Persons who do not hold German citizenship must identify themselves both when entering or leaving the territory of the German Democratic Republic as well as spending time in this area through a passport.
- (2) For each entering or leaving the territory of the German Democratic Republic a visa is required.

§ 8

- (1) Whoever is leaving the German Democratic Republic to abroad or from abroad without authorization, or who is leaving the prescribed destinations, travel routes and travel dates and other restrictions on the trip shall be punished with imprisonment up to three years.
- (2) Likewise punished, who for one or other false information surreptitiously through a permit to leave or enter the German Democratic Republic.
- (3) The attempt is punishable.

§ 9

Foreigners who violate the stipulations of this law and implementing rules and regulations may be expelled from the German Democratic Republic.

30 August 1956

Amending the Passport Act of the German Democratic Republic

11 December 1957

Amending the Passport Act of the German Democratic Republic

Much stricter rules were implemented to reduce the amount of "Republikflüchtlinge" (refugees) for short time the amount was really reduced but in 1960 the level of refugees reached a again a level of 202.711 which was 40% higher than in 1959 were 144.225 people were counted. In some years before building the wall up to 300.000 "escaped" every year the GDR.¹

In 1960s the GDR implemented also stricter rules for travels between West- and East-Berlin. In consequence the "Interzonenabkommen" (Inter Zonal Agreement) was cancelled by West-Germany.

8 September 1960

The Ministry of Interior of the GDR ordered that West-German citizens travelling to East-Berlin will need a stay permit. These permits were issued at every transition point. Citizens from West-Berlin were exempt from this rule.

13 August 1961

In the night from 12th to 13th August 1961 "THE WALL" was started to build up.



THE WALL 1961, Brandenburg Gate in Berlin

13 June 1968 Amending the Passport Act of the German Democratic Republic

A visa is now mandatory to enter the GDR. People from West-German need a passport and West-Berlin citizens an ID-Card. Both need an entry-exit permit / transit permit. GDR citizens travelling to West-Germany or West-Berlin need now a passport and a visa. Before this date travels from and to GDR was possible for "Germans" with an ID-card only.

28 June 1979

Amending the Passport Act of the German Democratic Republic

Abolished by Unification Treaty of 31 August 1990 with the proviso that passports issued remain in force until 31 December 1995!²

¹ "Republikflucht": Flucht und Abwanderung aus der SBZ/DDR 1945 bis 1961 ... von Damian van Melis,Henrik Bispinck

² http://www.verfassungen.de/de/ddr/passgesetz79.htm

PASSPORT TYPES IN GENERAL

In 50 years of existence of the state, from 1949 to 1990, the GDR issued by my knowledge 4 types of passports.

- Standard passport
- Diplomatic passport
- Service passport
- Alien passport

Of course the design and content of these documents changed over the years and you will see samples of all types at the following pages.

One question I already can answer which I have been asked many times.

"When was the first GDR passport issued?"

Well, as just stated before there might be early 1950's Diplomatic or Service passports issued but in fact in all the years I never saw one.

Ordinary citizen's passport should be available from end of 1954 but also here I never saw such an early issued document.

My oldest GDR passport was issued on 29 May 1956 in Berlin.

The very first passports were issued for "German nationals". This statement of nationality was missing later on and was in fact against international standard. The GDR had in the beginning also the idea of "one German state" but defined later its own nationality. Mid-1960's (?) the statement "German nationals" was not any longer made in the passports.

STANDARD TYPE 1954 - 1965(?)

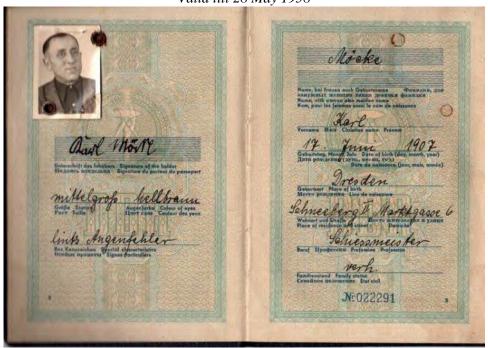
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Language: German, Russian, English and French

Format: ca. 10,8 x 15 cm



Valid till 28 May 1958



Profession: Shooting master (!)



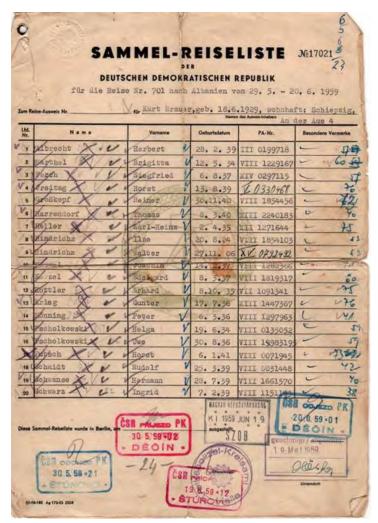
Issued 29 May 1956 (my earliest GDR passport)



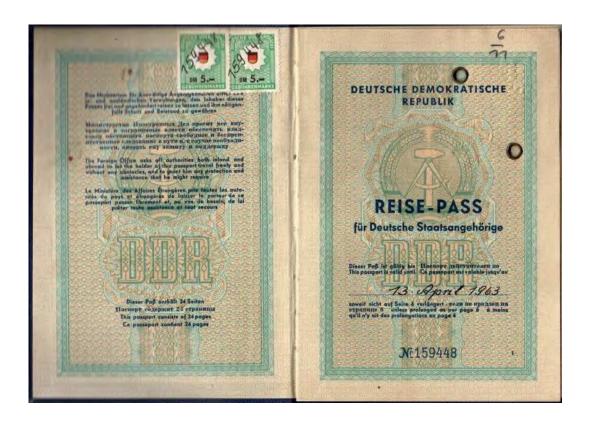
Early visa with border stamps and revenues



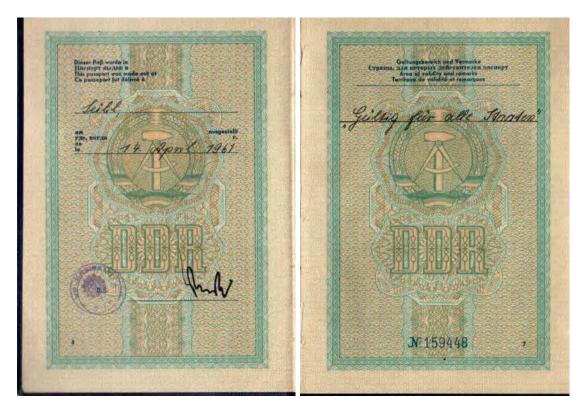
...with old "Volkspolizei" revenue (German for the "people's police"), actually expired in 1958 but renewed in 1961 (!), shortly before the wall was build and then valid till 1966



This "Collective Travel List" belongs to another passport I own and was issued for a journey from 25 May to 20 June 1959 to Albania







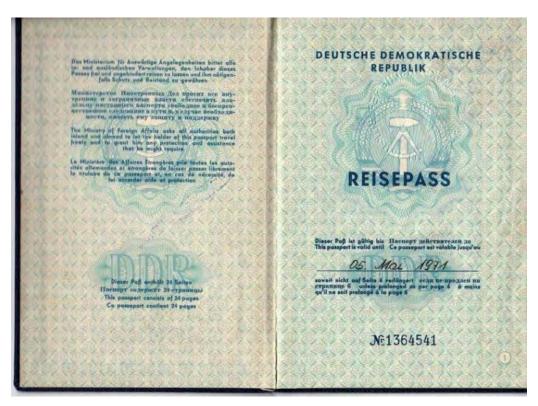
Issued April 1961, 4 month before the wall was build (!)

STANDARD TYPE 1966 - 1986 (?)

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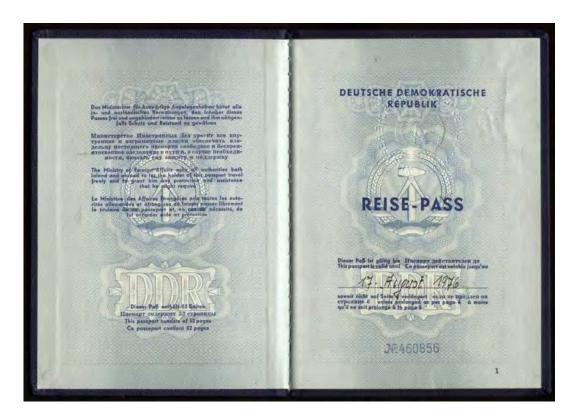




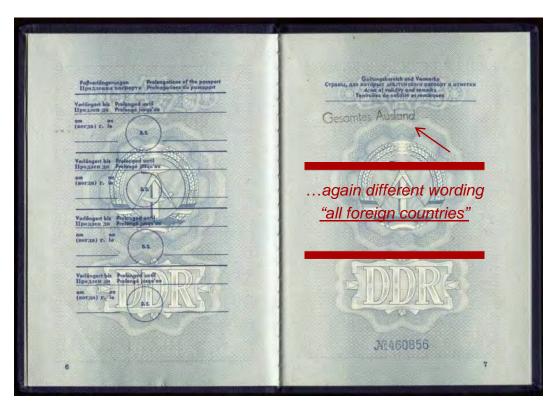


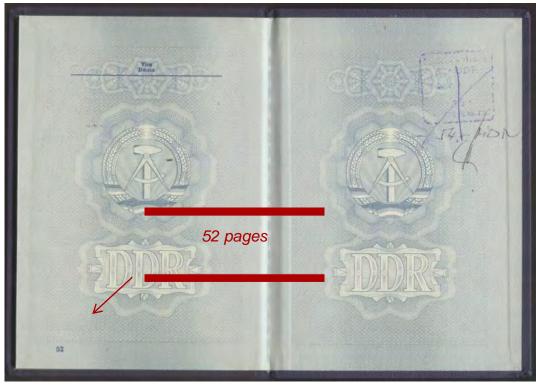


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Version with 52 pages issued in 1966, different design e.g. DDR Logo





VISA EXAMPLES



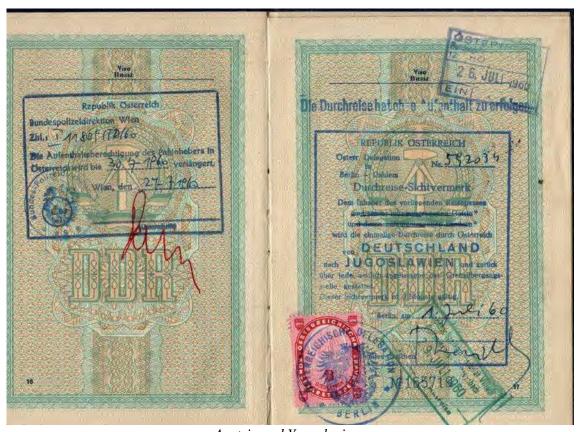


Albania

... "England" (United Kingdom)



And even Canada was possible in early days...



Austria and Yugoslavia...



Denmark..., visa for 30 days



West-Germany, visa for 30 days

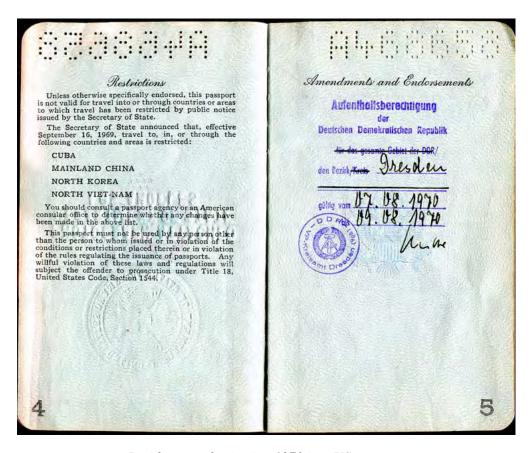


West-Berlin – multiple visa, border crossing Friedrichstrasse





Again different wording... West-Germany; independent political unit West-Berlin



Residence authorization 1970 in a US passport

STANDARD TYPE 1986 - 1988(?)

Soft cover

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Pages: 48

Language: German, Russian, and French. English was cancelled since this version

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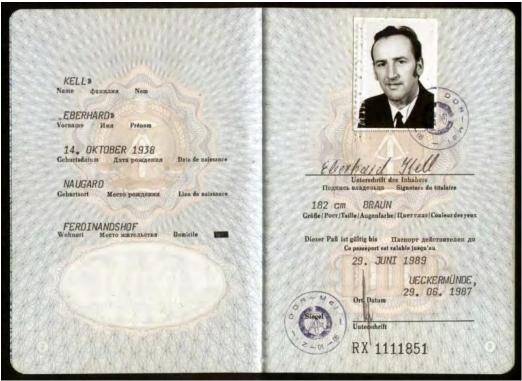
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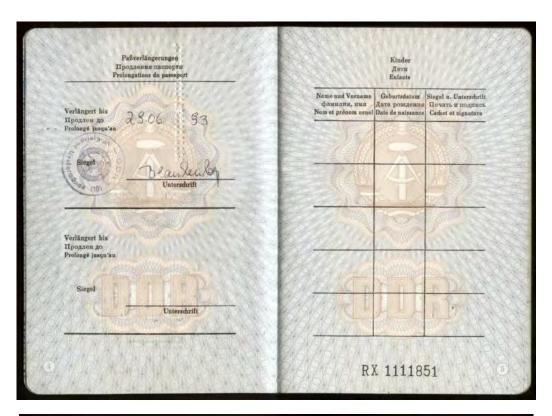
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- Profession
- · Family status

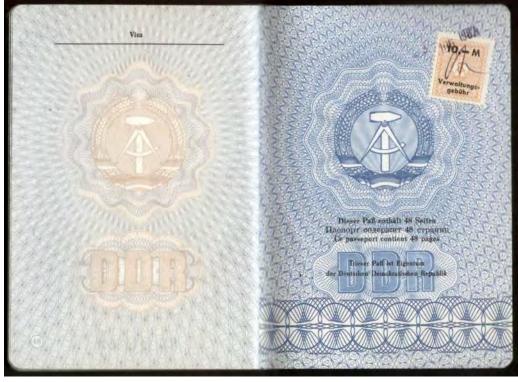
But from now on it is stated that this passport is property of the GDR (in German only).











STANDARD TYPE 1988 - 1990(?)

Soft cover

Color: sky blue Pages: 48

Language: German, Russian, and French

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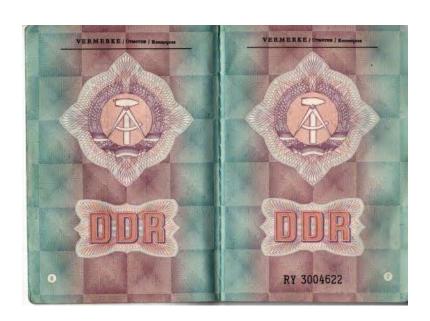


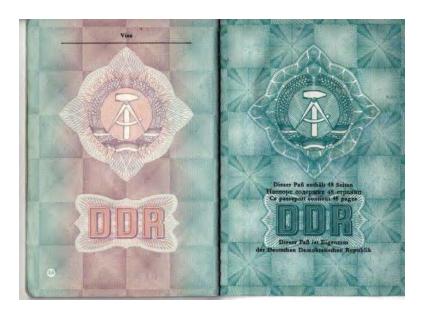






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"New design"

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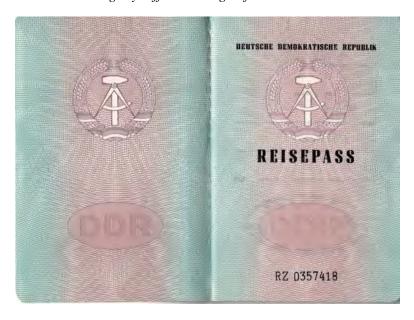
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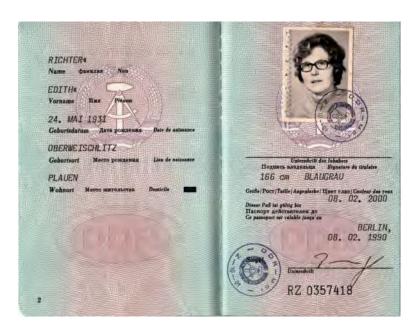
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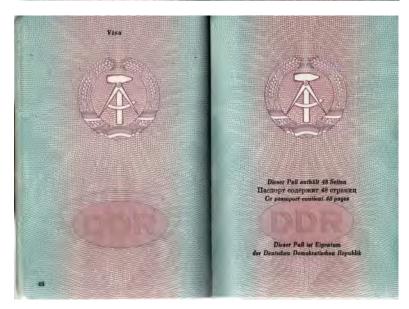


Slightly different design of the cover...









The 1990 issued types are very common and easy to find...

DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT

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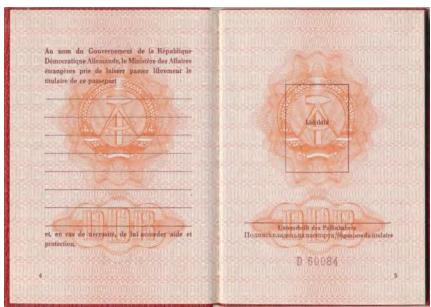
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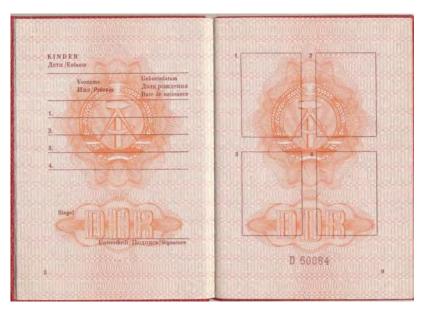


This is a rare piece...

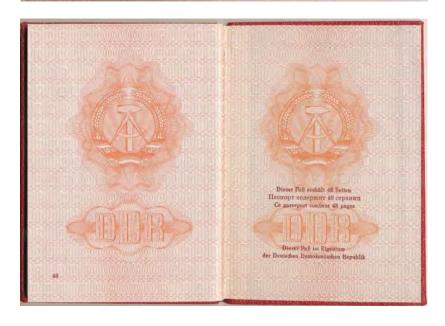




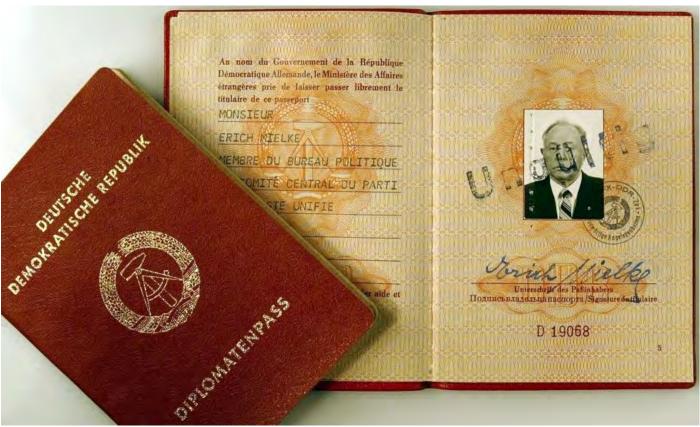








DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT OF ERICH MIELKE (MFS)



This Diplomatic passport of Erich Mielke, Minister for State Security (German: *Ministerium für Staatssicherheit* (MfS) was at auction in 2004 with other documents. 3 days before auction ended the price was at 2010€

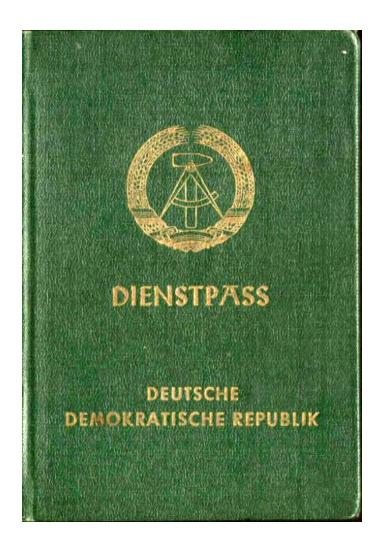
SERVICE PASSPORT

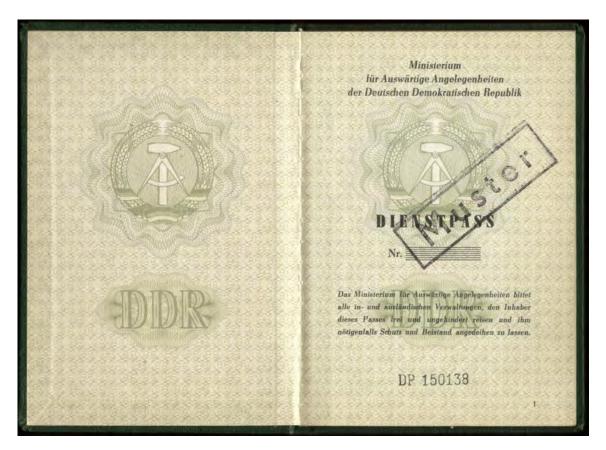
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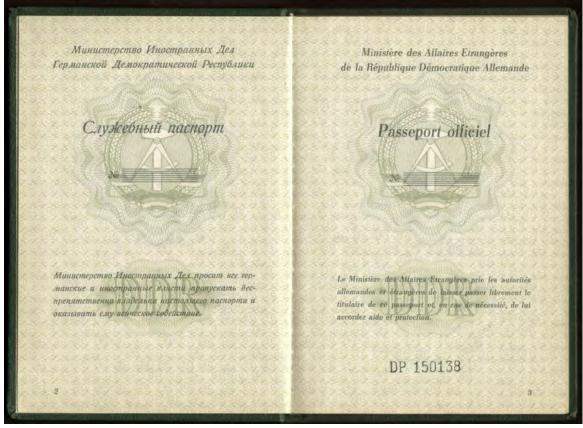
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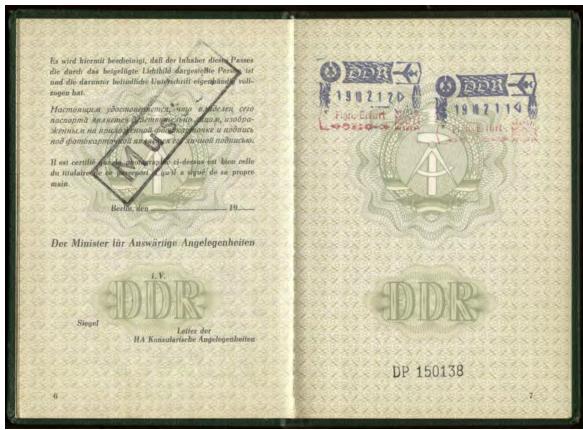
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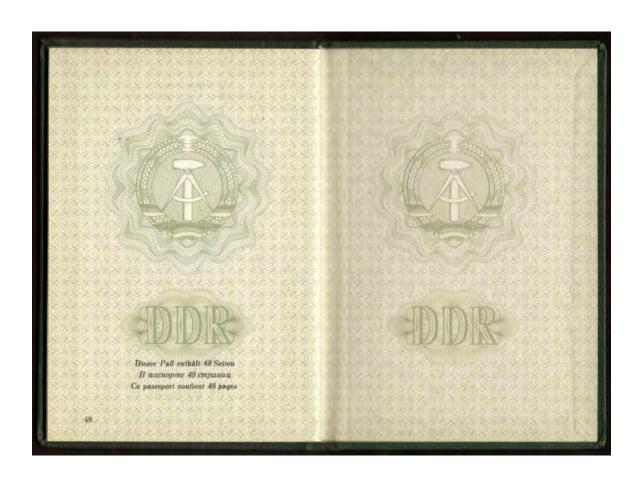










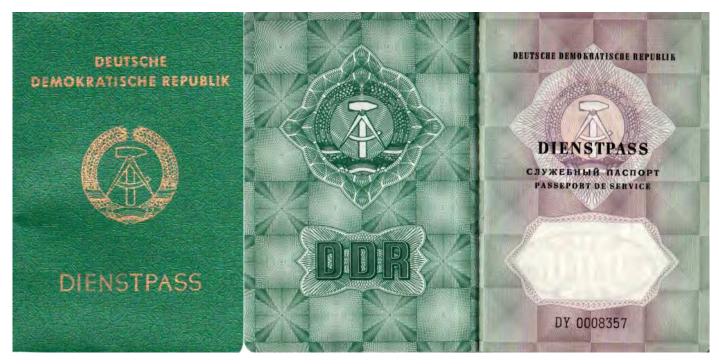


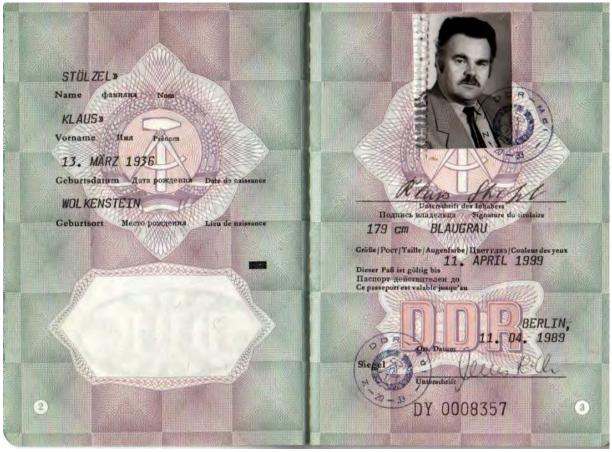
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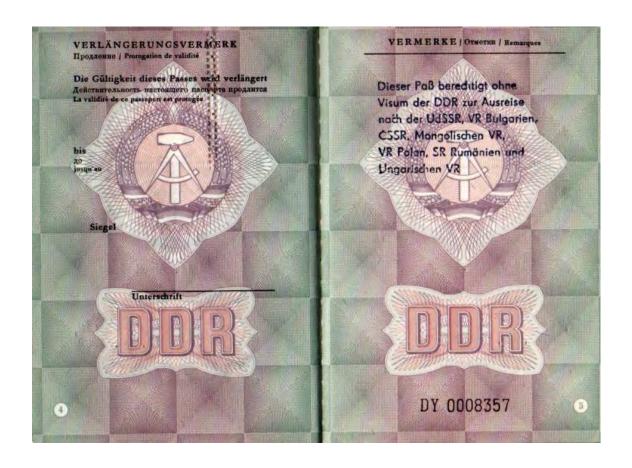
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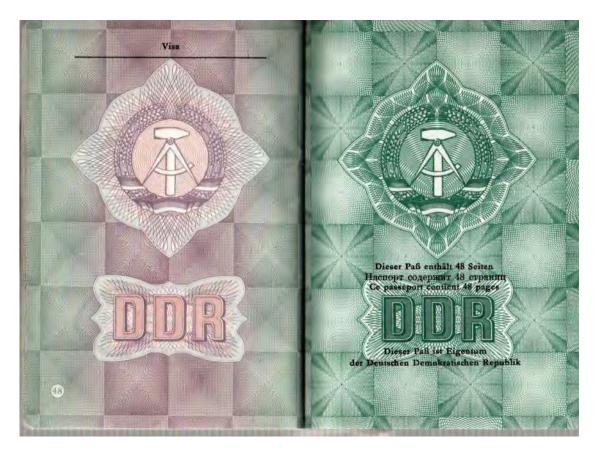
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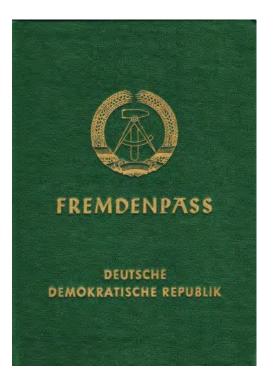


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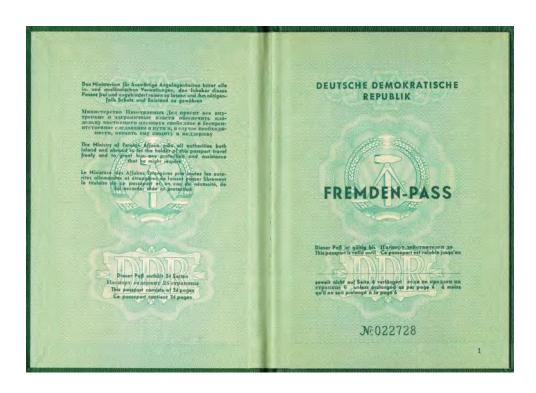
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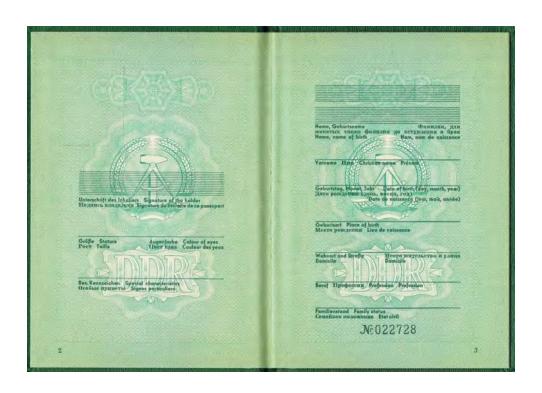
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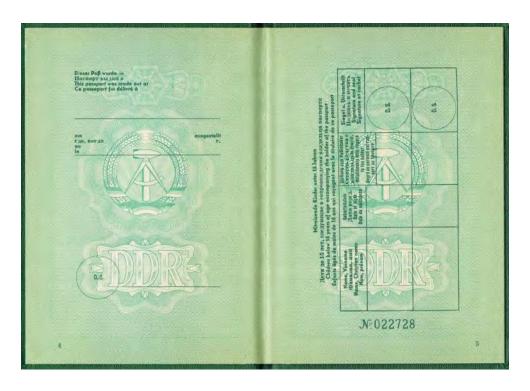
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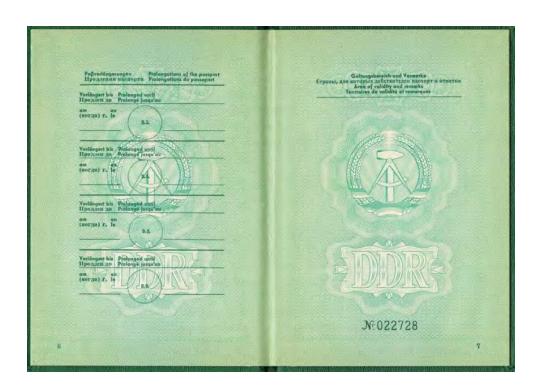


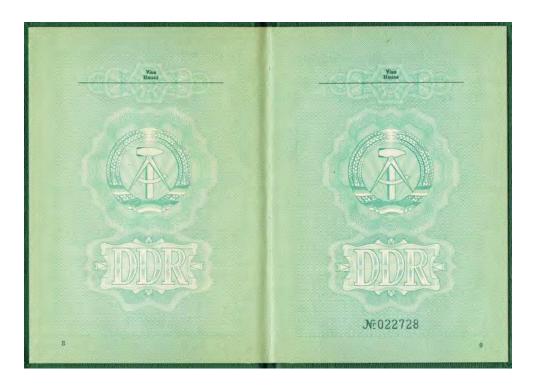
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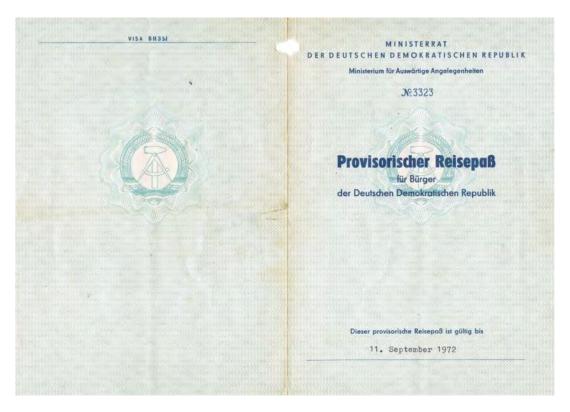






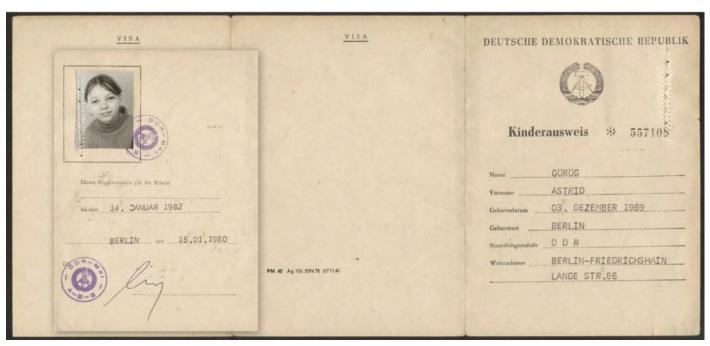


PROVISIONAL PASSPORT





CHILD PASSPORT





Two samples of Child passports issued 1980 and 1987

OTHER DOCUMENTS

INTER-ZONAL TRAVEL PERMIT (GERMANY)

| 1. Remarks of Zonal Boundary Control Crossed at:— Отметки Контрольно-пропускного пункта: Проследовал через — Indi- cations du poste de contrôle à la ligne de démarcation: Est passé à — Bemerkungen der Passprüfstelle: Überschritten | B *** № 486139 |
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| Date, and Name of Post Дата и название пункта Date et nom du lieu Datum und Name der Stelle Signature and Stamp of Post Commander — Подпись и печать Начальника пункта — Signature et timbre du Chef de poste — Unterschrift und Stempel des Befehlshabers dieser Stelle | Valid for one complete journey only Действителен только для одной поездки туда и обратно Valide pour un seul voyage aller et retour Nur für eine Reise gültig |
| 2. Notes of the Military Commander or Bürgermeister in the Zones of Destination — Отметки военного коменданта или бургомистра в зонах назначения: — Indication du Commandant Militaire ou du Bürgermeister des Zones de destination — Bemerkungen des Militarbefehlshabers oder Bürgermeisters in der Zone des Bestimmungsortes | Dieser Pass ist unübertragbar und gilt nur für die Person, für die er ausgestellt ist. Der Inhaber muss sich an seinem Bestimmungsort binnen 24 Stunden nach seiner Ankunft und am Tage seiner Abreise aus der Stadt oder Zone eintragen. |
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| Departed from Town of Выбыл из города Date de depart de la ville Abreise aus der Stadt Departed from Town of Выбыл из города Date de depart de la ville Abreise aus der Stadt | Dieser Pass ermächtigt den Inhaber keineswegs zur Einreise in irgendein gesperrtes Gebiet; es sei denn, dass ausdrück- lich eine Einreise auf dem Pass eingetragen ist. |
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| Surname and Christian Names, Address фамилия и имена, адрес Nom et Prénoms, Adresse Name, Vornamen, Adresse |
| Ostermeier, Wilhelm Berlin-Grunewald, Kolonie Hundekehle |
| Britische Zone 1 |
| Date and Place of Birth Дата и место рождения Date et lieu de naissance Geburtsdatum und -ort Grünwettersbach |
| Identity Document No. and Туре Номер и вяд удостоверения личности Pièce d'identité numéro et genre Personalausweis Nr. und Art 154/1082/46 |
| Profession and Occupation Профессия и род занятий Profession et emploi kaufm. Angestellter Beruf und Beschäftigung |
| Representative of Firm or Concern Представитель фирмы или предприятия Représentant de la maison de commerce ou de l'entreprise |
| Vertreter der Firma oder des Konzerns |
| Bearer is authorised to cross the Demarcation Line at Предъявитель имеет право проезда через демаркационную линию в пункте Le porteur est autorisé à traverser la ligne de démarcation Inhaber ist ermächtigt zum Grenzübertritt bei |
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... issued 1952 by the Control Commission for Germany

This document was issued also in different colors and sizes. (white at region Düsseldorf 1947, grey – region Berlin 1950, red - region Berlin 1951 and orange - region Berlin 1952)

SINGLE ROUND-TRIP INTERZONAL PASS





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| Отметки Военного Коменданта или Бургомистра в зонах назначения: | Départ de la ville Departed from the town |
| Bemerkungen des militärischen Befehlshabers oder Bürgermeisters in den Zonen der Bestimmungsstation: | Выбыл из города Abgereist von der Stadt |
| Arrivée dans la ville Arrived in the town | Signature et cachet Signature and stamp |
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Transit visa 1963 – US passport

COLLECTING TIPS & GUIDING PRICE

Well, I do have around 30 items in my collection and the early issued passports are difficult to get. See also my remarks in the different chapters. 1990's are quite common and always in good condition. As mentioned earlier the last issued type was valid until expire or latest until Dec 1995. So here it is worth to look more into details as a GDR passport from 1991 to 1995 with visas of foreign countries is something special.



Late GDR passport with Israeli visa issued 1993 (!). Thanks to A.S. for sending in this picture.

The items mentioned in "Other Documents" are also quite rare to find except the Transit Visa (Permit) which is common.

Here are some estimates based on my own experience which might be useful for collectors.

C: common R: rare RR very rare RRR extremely rare

Standard type 1954 - 1967

Rarity 1954 – 1965: RRR, Value: min. 50€

1966 - 1967: RR, Value min. 30€

Remark: Passports issued in 1961, the year of building the wall, are more valuable.

Standard type 1968 – 1981

Rarity 1968 – 1975: R, Value min. 25€

1976 - 1981: R, Value min. 20€

Standard type 1982 – 1989

Rarity: C, Value min. 15€

Standard type 1990...

Rarity: C, Value min. 10€

Service passport

Rarity: RR, Value min. 70€

Alien passport

Rarity: RRR, Value min. 200€

Provisional passport

Rarity: RRR, Value min. 100€

Diplomatic passport

Rarity: RRR, Value min. 200€

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Please contact me if you think I need to add something or if you see some mistakes. Do you have a passport BEFORE 1956? Then I would love to get a scan! Your contribution is valuable and most appreciated!