

HAT SIZES:

People vary primarily in height and width. The East Germans took this into account in a very special way, combining the European sizing system numbers with German language and East German specialties.

Hat Sizing Chart

Inches	CM	U.S. Hat Size	U.S. Hat Size
20 3/4	53	6 5/8	XX-Small
21 1/8	54	6 3/4	X-Small
21 1/2	55	6 7/8	X-Small
21 7/8	56	7	Small
22 1/4	57	7 1/8	Small
22 5/7	58	7 1/4	Medium
23	59	7 3/8	Medium
23 1/2	60	7 1/2	Large
23 7/8	61	7 5/8	Large
24 1/4	62	7 3/4	XL
24 5/8	63	7 7/8	XL
25 1/4	64	8	2XL
25 5/8	65	8 1/8	2XL

How To Measure your Head for Hat Measurements

1. USE a soft tape measure
2. PLACE it around your head. Positioned mid-forehead and just above the ears.
3. MEASURE in centimetres or inches
4. FIND your size on the hat size chart

East German Uniforms

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CLOTHING SIZES

A basic rule of thumb to follow is that VINTAGE sizes are at least four sizes smaller than modern sizes. The further back in time you go, the smaller the clothes get, and you may have to adjust up another size or two.

Country	Size							
	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Australia	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Denmark	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
Japan	5	7	9	11	13	14	17	19
USA	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Italy	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
France	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48
UK	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Bust:	31"/79.5cm	32"/82cm	34/87cm	36"/92cm	38"/97cm	40"/102cm	42"/106.5cm	44"/111.5cm
Waist:	24.5"/62cm	25.5"/65cm	27.5"/69cm	29.5"/74cm	31.5"/79cm	33.5"/84cm	35.5"/90cm	37"/94cm
Hips:	33"/84cm	34"/86.5cm	36"/91.5cm	38"/96.5cm	40"/101.5cm	42"/106.5cm	44"/111.5cm	45"/114cm
Neck:		13.5"/35cm	14"/36cm 14.5"/37cm		16"/41cm 16.5"/42cm	17"/43cm 17.5"/44cm	18"/45cm 18.5"/46cm	19"/47cm 19.5"/48cm
Pant Length:		28"/70cm	28"/72cm 29"/75cm	30"/76cm 31/78cm	31"/80cm 32"/82cm	33"/84cm 34"/85cm	35"/87cm 36"/88cm	36"/89cm 37"/90cm

VINTAGE GERMAN SIZE

Widths

Metric				Imperial			
Size	Chest	Waist	Easy size	Size	Chest	Waist	Easy size
44	85-92 cm	71-78 cm	Small	44	33.5" - 36"	28" 30.5"	Small
48	93-100 cm	79-86 cm	Medium	48	36.5" - 39.5"	31" - 34"	Medium
52	101-108 cm	87-94 cm	Large	52	40" - 42.5"	34" - 37"	Large
56	109-116 cm	95-102 cm	X-Large	56	43" - 45.5"	37.5" - 40"	X-Large
60	117-124 cm	103-110 cm	2X-Large	60	46" - 49"	40.5" - 43.5"	2X-Large

Widths are like normal European sizing widths, except they do not affect length, and some sizes are left out to simplify things. As a special touch suffix numbers are used to account for different body types, for an example SK48-0 or G52-1. These add or subtract 8 cm (a wee bit short of 3") from the waist as follows:

- 0 = -8 cm, Athletic body with slender waist
- No suffix = No effect, normal body type
- 1 = +8 cm, Dad body
- 2 = +16 cm, Beer belly

Lengths

Lengths are determined by letter codes. They are short for German words Sehr Klein, Klein, Mittelgroß, Groß, Sehr Groß and Übergroß. Here's what they mean:

Letter code	User height (metric)	User height (imperial)
SK	158-163 cm	5' 2" - 5' 4"
K	164-169 cm	5' 4" - 5' 6"
M	170-175 cm	5' 7" - 5' 9"
G	176-181 cm	5' 9" - 5' 11"
SG	182-187 cm	5' 11" - 6' 1"
ÜG	188-193 cm	6' 2" - 6' 4"

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