

75 YEARS: 1938-2013

THE "S" SHIELD EVOLUTION

1938 - 1943

1938	1939	1939	1940	1940	1940	1941	1941	1942	1943
ACT #1	SUP #1	Ray Middleton	SUP #4	SUP #6	H.J. Ward Painting	ACT #36	Fleischer Cartoons	SUP #14	SUP #24

1944 - 1953

1944	1945	1947	1948	1948	1950	1951	1952	1952	1953
SUP #26	SUP #32 (TM Registered)	ACT #111	SUP #50	Kirk Alyn	ACT #143	ACT #152	AOS TV Series	George Reeves	3D SPECIAL

1954 - 1963

1954	1955	1955	1955	1956	1958	1959	1961	1962	1963
ACT #189	ACT #200	AOS TV Series	George Reeves	ACT #214	ACT #242	ACT #254	Johnny Rockwell	ACT #285	ACT #300

1964 - 1973

1964	1965	1966	1966	1967	1969	1970	1971	1973	1973
SUP #173	ACT #323	Filmmation Cartoons	Bob Holiday	SUP #201	SUP #217	SUP #226	SUP #245	Super Friends	ACT #421

1974 - 1983

1974	1975	1977	1978	1978	1978	1979	1981	1982	1983
ACT #433	ACT #446	SUP #307	Christopher Reeve	Superman: The Movie	SUP #330	ACT #500	ACT #517	SUP #377	ACT #542

1984 - 1993

1984	1984	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1988	1989
ACT #560	SUP #400	SUP #400	ACT #567	ACT #583	AOS #424	SUP #21	Ruby Spears Cartoons	ACT #643
1989	1990	1990	1991	1992	1993	1993	1993	1993
John Newton	Gerard Christopher	ACT #643	SUP #53	MOS #15	SUP #75	SUP #79	AOS #504	Dean Cain

1994 - 2003

1994	1996	1996	1996	1997	1997	1998	1998	1998	1998
SUP #0	Kingdom Come	S:TAS	S:TAS (Bizarro)	Elseworlds Finest #1	SUP #123	The Dark Side	DC One Million	MOS #80	Superman Forever
1999	1999	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002	2003	2003	2003
AOS #566	SUP #147	Superman Monster	SUP #156	AOS #596	JL Animated	ACT #793	JL (Justice Lords)	Red Son	AOS #619

2004 - 2013

2004	2004	2004	2004	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007
ACT #810	SUP #202	SUP #206	True Brit	SUP #650	Brandon Routh	Superman Returns	LSH Cartoon	Superman/ Doomsday	SUP #668
2008	2008	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010
SUP #677 Variant	JL: The New Frontier	WONK #2	Sup/Bat: Crisis on Two Public Enemies	Sup/Bat: Earths	Sup/Bat: Apocalypse	Return of Black Adam	WOTS #0	Blackest Night	Smallville
2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012
Young Justice	Superman: Earth One	SUP #707	All Star Superman	New 52	SUP #1	ACT #9 (Calvin Ellis)	Superman of Tokyo	JL: Doom	ACT #13
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013
Superman vs. The Elite	SUP Annual #1	Smallville: Season 11	Superman Beyond	Superman Family Adv	SUP #15	Injustice #1	Dark Knight Returns, Pt 2	Man of Steel	Henry Cavill

NOTES: The purpose of this infographic is to show the evolution of Superman's "S" Shield since his debut in 1938. It was deemed just as important to show how stable the design was through certain periods as it was to show how much it changed through others. The omission of certain years was a decision based on the design of the "S" Shield for that year being virtually the same as the year before and/or after it.

National Periodical Publications (now known as "DC Comics") registered the trademark for Superman's "S" Shield in 1945.

ABBREVIATIONS:

ACT = Action Comics. SUP = Superman. AOS = Adventures of Superman. MOS = Man of Steel. MOT = Man of Tomorrow. S:TAS = Superman: The Animated Series. JL = Justice League. WONK = World of New Krypton. LSH = Legion of Superheroes. SUP/BAT = Superman/Batman. WOTS = War of the Supermen.

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