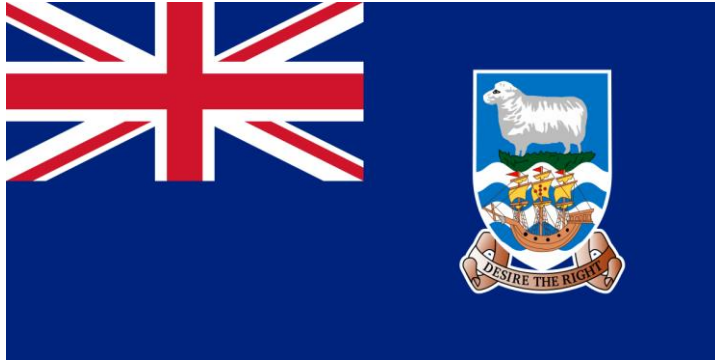
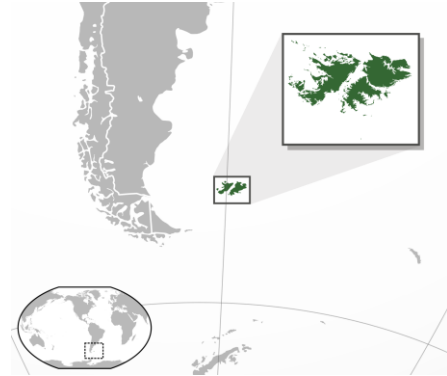


Flag of The Falkland Islands - A Brief History



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The motto of the country is "Desire the Right".


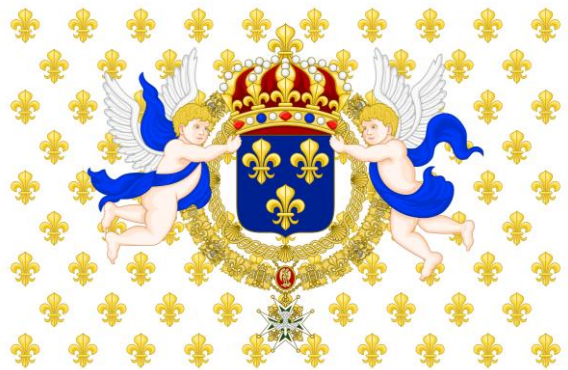
Technical Specification

Adopted:	25 th January 1999		
Proportion:	1:2		
Design:	A British Blue Ensign with the badge of the Falkland Islands centre right.		
Colours:	PMS	Blue: 281	Red: 186

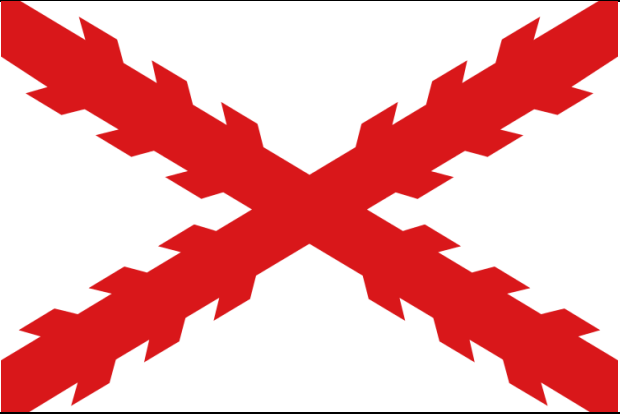




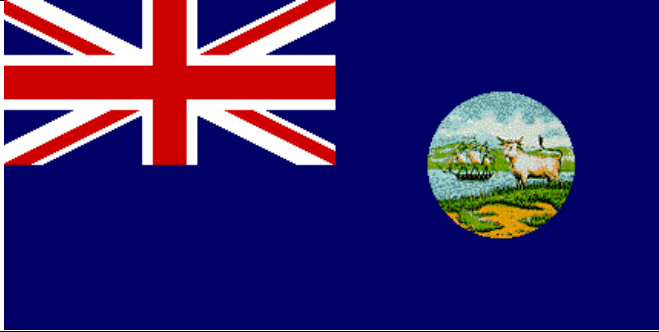
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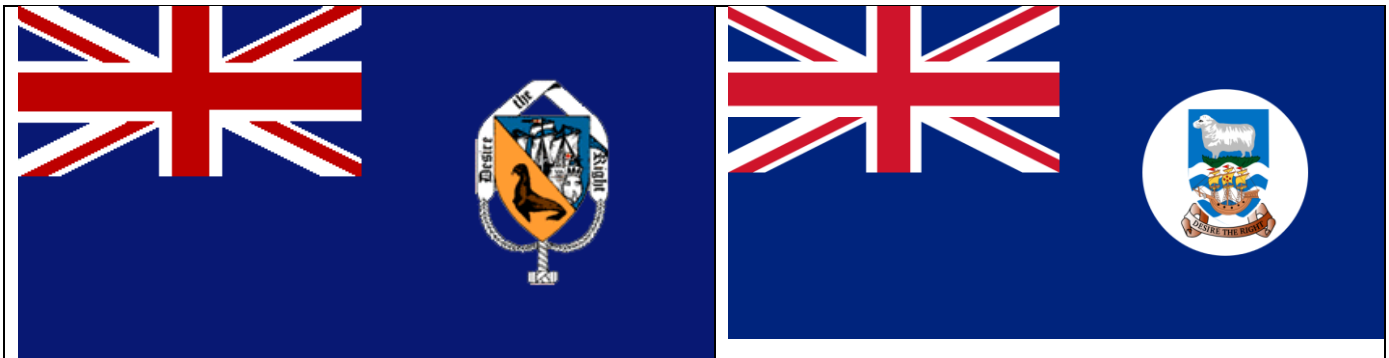
The first flag flown on the island was the flag of Great Britain when Great Britain claimed sovereignty of the land in 1690.

In 1764 the Kingdom of France claimed ownership of the Island and the white Bourbon flag was flown. The flag featured a white field with gold fleur-de-leis and two cherubs holding up the lesser coat of arms of the House of Bourbon. When the British took control again in 1771 the Flag of Great Britain was flown again.

	
<p style="text-align: center;">The Flag of Great Britain (1690 – 1764) (1771 – 1774)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Flag of the Kingdom of France (1764 – 1767)</p>

From 1767 The Spanish claimed control over the Falkland Islands. The cross of Burgundy would have featured on the island. In 1829 the United Provinces of the River Plate gained control of the land and the flag adopted was a pre-cursor to the blue-white-blue horizontal triband of Argentina.

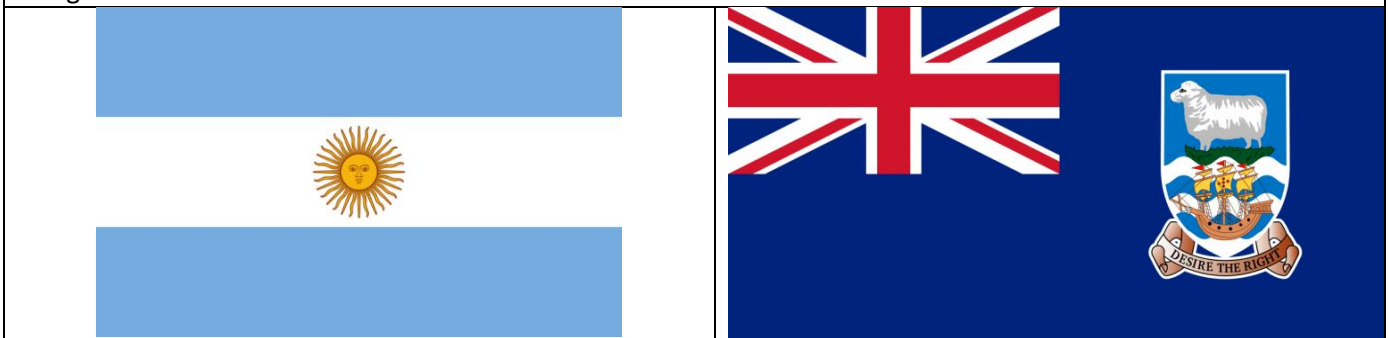
	
<p align="center">The Cross of Burgundy (1767 – 1811)</p>	<p align="center">The Flag of the United Provinces of the River Plate (1829 – 1831)</p>
<p>Between December 1831 and January 1832 the flag of the United States of America was flown as America declared de facto control of the region. By 1832 the Argentine Confederation had the sovereignty of the area. The flag was a dark blue-white-dark blue horizontal triband with a Phrygian cap in each corner and a red sun in the centre.</p>	
	
<p align="center">The Flag of the United States of America (1831 – 1832)</p>	<p align="center">The Flag of Argentine Confederation (1832 – 1833)</p>
<p>In 1833 the Falkland Islands belonged to the United Kingdom of Great Britain again. The Union flag was flown on the land. A British Blue Ensign was adopted in 1876 featuring the badge of the Falkland Islands depicting a bullock watching as the HMS Hebe made way to the land.</p>	
	
<p align="center">The Flag of United Kingdom of Great Britain (1833) (1834 – April 1982) (June 1982 to Present Day)</p>	<p align="center">The Flag of the Falkland Islands (1876 – 1925)</p>
<p>In 1925 the flag was altered to show the new badge depicting Desire, the ship that discovered the Falkland Islands, on the right side and a sea lion on the left. Above the shield is the motto "DESIRE THE RIGHT".</p> <p>In 1948 the badge was designed to feature a blue shield on a white disc with three white wavy lines representing the sea and a sheep on the grass.</p>	



**The Flag of the Falkland Islands
 (1925 – 1948)**

**The Flag of the Falkland Islands
 (1948 – 1982)
 (1982 - 1985)**

For a short time in 1982 the British Blue Ensign was banned and the blue-white-blue with yellow sun Flag of Argentina was adopted during the Falklands war. The white disc was removed and badge enlarged on the British Ensign in 1985.



**The Flag of Argentina
 (1982)**

**The Flag of the Falkland Islands
 (1985 to Present Day)**



**The Coat of Arms of the
 Falkland Islands**

The Coat of Arms of the Falkland Islands was adopted in 1948. It features a blue shield with white wavy lines, the ship Desire and a ram on a piece of land. Below the shield is the motto "DESIRE THE RIGHT".



**The Historical Coat of Arms of the
 Falkland Islands**

The first badge of the Falkland Islands depicting a bullock watching as the HMS Hebe made way to the land. The second badge of the Falkland Islands features a shield with Desire, the ship that discovered the Falkland Islands, on the right side and a sea lion on the left. Draped behind the shield is the motto "DESIRE THE RIGHT".

	
<p>(1867-1925)</p>	<p>(1925 -1948)</p>

**The Flag of the
Governor of the
Falkland Islands**

The Flag of the Governor of the Falkland Islands is a Union Jack defaced by the Coat of Arms on a white disc.



**The Flag of the British
Joint Forces of the
Falkland Islands**

The Flag of the British Joint Forces of the Falkland Islands is a blue-red-grey horizontal tricolour with a gold map of the Falkland Islands at the centre.

