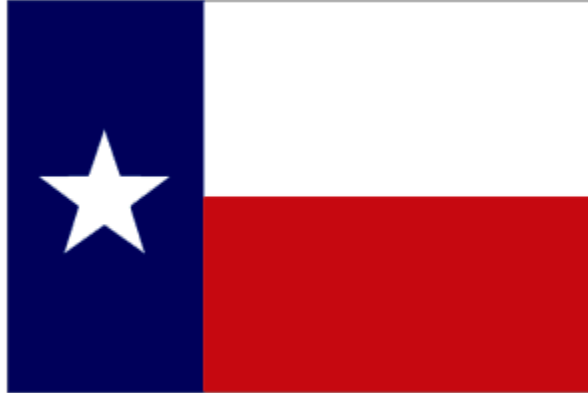


Texas



The state flag is a rectangle that has a width to length ratio of two to three and contains (1) one blue vertical stripe that has a width equal to one-third the length of the flag, (2) two equal horizontal stripes, the upper stripe white, the lower stripe red, each having a length equal to two-thirds the length of the flag, and (3) one white, regular five-pointed star located in the center of the blue stripe, oriented so that one point faces upward, and sized so that the diameter of a circle passing through the five points of the star is equal to three-fourths the width of the blue stripe. The red and blue of the state flag are the same colors used in the United States flag.^[2]

The Texas flag is known as the "Lone Star Flag" (giving rise to the state's nickname "The Lone Star State"). This flag was introduced to the Congress of the [Republic of Texas](#) on December 28, 1838, by Senator [William H. Wharton](#).^[3] It was adopted on January 25, 1839 as the final [national flag](#) of the Republic of Texas.^[3] Though the actual designer of the flag is unknown, Dr. [Charles B. Stewart](#) is often credited with creating the banner, but this remains unproven.^{[4][5]}

When [Texas](#) became the 28th state of the [Union](#) on December 29, 1845, its national flag became the [state flag](#). While the Lone Star remained the [de facto](#) state flag, from 1879 until 1933 there was no official state flag. All statutes not explicitly renewed were repealed under the Revised Civil Statutes of 1879, and since the statutes pertaining to the flag were not among those renewed, Texas was formally flagless until the passage of the 1933 Texas Flag Code.^[3] The official [Pantone](#) shades for the Texas flag are 193 (red) and 281 (dark blue).^[6] The flag, flown at homes and businesses statewide, is highly popular among Texans and is treated with a great degree of reverence and esteem within Texas.

Six different flags have flown over Texas representing the countries which have ruled it - France, Spain, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America, and the United States of America. Texans proudly wave all six official flags for public displays and expositions.