

Due to stringent advertising regulations the Admiral logos were missing from the England strips worn during the 1980 European Championship finals in Italy.



## H 1974–1980

### Design: ADMIRAL

England's traditional plain and simple white shirt and navy shorts underwent a radical change in 1974 (the start of Don Revie's reign as manager) with The FA's innovative deal with Admiral. A collar was introduced along with red and royal blue sleeve stripes. The shorts were now also royal blue and a manufacturer's logo was included on an England outfield strip for the first time. The 70s were not a good time for the England team and this strip is one of the few donned by the side in recent years that was never worn in a major tournament.

**Worn in:** A storming 5–1 thrashing of Scotland in the 1975 Home Internationals. Also worn in a tight 4–3 win over Denmark in the Euro 80 qualifying tournament.

**Worn by:** Trevor Francis, Steve Coppell.



## A 1974–1981

### Design: ADMIRAL

The customary English red away shirt also sported the new and controversial Admiral embellishments, with blue and white trim complimenting the red and mirroring the design of the home. The white shorts were also able to be worn with the home shirt on the rare occasion England required an all-white strip. Several different fabrics were used over the years to construct the jersey, including a mesh-like material which helped players stay cool in hot temperatures. Ron Greenwood replaced Revie as manager in 1977.

**Worn in:** A 1–1 draw with Brazil in a 1978 Wembley friendly. Also worn in a good 4–1 away win against Finland in a 1978 World Cup final qualifier.

**Worn by:** Kevin Keegan, Trevor Brooking.



## H 1980–1983

### Design: ADMIRAL

Admiral all but disappeared from the British football world in 1980 due to financial problems, but somehow still persevered as England kit supplier. This outfit was even more controversial than their first effort, and featured large blue and red shoulder panels accompanied by a slim V-neck. The shorts remained royal blue and were now trimmed with an intricate arrangement of red, white and blue on each leg. The socks remained the same as those from the previous kit.

**Worn in:** Three games during the Spain 1982 World Cup: wins over Czechoslovakia (2–0) and Kuwait (1–0), along with a 0–0 draw with Spain in the second stage.

**Worn by:** Phil Neal, Dave Watson, Paul Mariner, Mick Mills, Terry McDermott, Tony Woodcock.



## A 1981–1983

### Design: ADMIRAL

Launched a year after the unveiling of Admiral's second home kit, this next away shirt once again reflected the design of the home. Two versions of the shirt were worn: one as illustrated here, and a second design that included an additional white band in the shoulder panel, placed above the England badge and Admiral logo. Again, the shorts and socks could be mixed and matched between the home and away kits.

**Worn in:** A superb 3–1 win over France (who also donned their away kit) during the 1982 World Cup finals that included Bryan Robson's 27 second goal – one of the fastest ever in the World Cup. Also worn in a 0–0 draw with old rivals West Germany in the second stage.

**Worn by:** Ray Wilkins, Phil Thompson.

As well as dominating England's domestic top flight, Umbro also supplied strips for all four home international sides: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, between 1990 and 1994.



## H 1993–1994

**Design:** UMBRO

Any shirt that followed the prestige of the Italia 90 Umbro effort had a lot to live up to. Premiered in the first fixture of 1993 (a 6–0 win over San Marino in a World Cup qualifier) this outfit had one of the shortest reigns of any England home strip. The jersey's collar included a miniature replica of the England crest – the primary version of which was made slightly larger giving more space for the three lions. The fabric incorporated a zig-zag shadow pattern along with an abstracted series of Umbro logos. The strip was worn throughout England's dismal 1994 World Cup qualifying campaign.

**Worn in:** A 2–2 draw with the Netherlands in a 1993 World Cup qualifier.

**Worn by:** Alan Shearer, Graeme Le Saux.



## A 1994–1995

**Design:** UMBRO

A new red design was launched in 1994 with Terry Venables now England manager following the resignation of Graham Taylor. It was another short-lived strip and was created from a much deeper red (officially described as 'wine') than had been worn previously. It incorporated a large navy floppy collar and a complex shadow print arrangement. Like many kits of the era, it also included long, loose-fitting shorts. The strip accompanied some decidedly mixed fortunes for the side: a win, a defeat and the 1995 game against the Republic of Ireland that was abandoned due to crowd trouble.

**Worn in:** The 5–0 rout of Greece in a home friendly (1994).

**Worn by:** Gary Neville, Matthew Le Tissier.



## H 1995–1996

**Design:** UMBRO

The mid-90s found Umbro experimenting with unorthodox colour schemes throughout their kit roster. In England's case, red was discarded and replaced by turquoise – giving a totally fresh look to the strip. The badge and new text-only Umbro logo were placed centrally, and a new cleverly constructed collar and dynamic white and turquoise shards trimmed the shorts. The strip will forever be remembered for the incredible Euro 96 tournament in England.

**Worn in:** The unforgettable 2–0 win over Scotland thanks to some Gazza magic and the jaw-dropping 4–1 humiliation of the Netherlands (both Euro 96 finals).

**Worn by:** Teddy Sheringham, Jamie Redknapp.



## A 1996–1997

**Design:** UMBRO

As the side prepared to host the Euro 96 finals, this unconventional new away kit was unveiled – the first non-red England primary change outfit for many years. With the popularity of replica jerseys at an all-time high, the shirt was one of the first to be designed as a leisure item as well as a piece of functional football apparel. Officially 'indigo blue', the two-tone hue was perceived by many to be more of an enigmatic grey colour. Intricate fabric printing and white pinstripes adorned the jersey. 'England' text was added beneath the FA crest.

**Worn in:** The epic and emotional penalties defeat against Germany in the semi-final of Euro 96, after the match finished 1–1.

**Worn by:** Steve Stone, Steve McManaman, Gareth Southgate, Paul Ince, Darren Anderton.