Section 4
French Gribeauval and AnXI Cannon (1791-1828)

Below is an outline of the gun tubes, carriages and limbers that operated together by years. There is still a great deal to piece together as there were many Decrees that instructed something to be done but it took time to do so. As in most armies, old equipment was still in use when it had been officially superseded.

- The Model nomenclature has been imposed to better understand the evolution of the French Ordnance and the changes made.
- *Calibre length* is defined as the length from muzzle to base ring divided by shot diameter.
- *Tube length* is from the muzzle to base ring.

Ordnance Colour

From 1789, French ordnance carriages and rolling stock were painted in French Artillery Green of 94 parts yellow ochre, 5 parts fine black charcoal, and 1 part lead (II) oxide to linseed oil. The latter gave a satin finish to the woodwork. The colour was olive green, almost khaki green in colour. The metalwork was painted black.[319]

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