

A March is a March is a March
 (With apologies to Gertrude Stein)

Regulations	Common Step	Quick Step	Double Quick Step
1775 (Pickering)	24"-60/min	24"-120/min	(none)
1779 (von Steuben)	24"-75/min	24"-120/min	(none)
1812 (Smyth)	24"-75/min	24"-100/min	(none)
1815 (Scott 1815)	28"-90/min	28"-120/min	none, but up to 140 when charging
1835 (Scott 1835)	28"-90/min	28"-110/min	(none)
1855 (Hardee)	28"-90/min	28"-110/min	33"-165-180/min
1862 (Casey)	28"-90/min	28"-110/min	33"-165/min
1867 (Upton)	28"-90/min	28"-110/min	33"-165-180/min
1891 (Board)	(none)	30"-120/min	36"-180/min
1921 (Waldron)	(none)	30"-128/min	36"-180/min
1923 (TR 50-15)	(none)	30"-128/min	36"-180/min
1939 (FM 22-5)	(none)	30"-120/min	36"-180/min

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The following is about the time of playing the various pieces: [all metronome markings to the quarter note]

	Mzl. Met.			Mzl. Met.			
Funeral Marches,	71	Four steps to a Bar.	Polka Redowa,	152	Three	"	"
Slow or Parade Marches,	132	Two " " " "	Quadrilles,	108	Two	"	"
Quick Steps	104	Two " " " "	Waltz,	200	Three	"	"
Polkas,	106	Two " " " "	Spanish Dance,	132	Three	"	"
Schottisch,	144	Four beats in a Bar.	Polonaise or Polacca,	104	Three	"	"
Mazurka,	144	Three " " " "	Gallop,	144	Two	"	"

European March Types

Also: Funeral March, *Trauer Marsch*, *marche funèbre*

GREAT BRITAIN:	Ordinary (Slow) Step	Quick March	quickest time or wheeling march Double Quick March
1759 (Windham)	24"-60/minute	24"-120/minute	(none)
1794 (<i>Rules</i>)	30"-75/minute	30"-108/minute	30"-120/minute
1965 (<i>Drill</i>)	30"-65/minute	30"-116/minute (recruits, Lgt Inf, Gn Jckets: 140/min)	40"-180/minute

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FRANCE:	<i>pas ordinaire</i>	<i>pas accéléré</i>	<i>pas de manœuvre, pas redoublé</i>
1776 (<i>Ordonnance</i>)	deux pieds, 76/minute	<i>pas de route</i> 90/minute	120/minute
1792 (<i>Réglement</i>)	deux pieds, 76/minute	deux pieds, 100/minute	
1808 (<i>Ordonnance</i>)	65 cm. (ou 2 pieds), 76/minute.	110/minute	

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PRUSSIA:	<i>Parade- or langsammer Marsch</i>	<i>Geschwind Marsch</i>	<i>Sturm Marsch</i>
1778 (Kalkbrenner)	75/minute		
1812 (<i>Exerzier-Reglement</i>)	75/minute	24"-108/minute	
1906 (<i>Exerzier-Reglement</i>)		<i>Exerziermarsch</i> 114/minute	<i>Sturmangriff</i> 120/min <i>Laufschritt</i> 170-80/min

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