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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hallsborough Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 60

CITY, TOWN

Midlothian

X

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Fifth (W. C. Daniel)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Chesterfield

CODE

041

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

## CATEGORY

DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

X OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

X YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

## PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. &amp; Mrs. J. A. Barton Campbell

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Hallsborough Tavern

CITY, TOWN

Midlothian

—

VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia 23113

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Chesterfield County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chesterfield Court House

STATE

Virginia

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (See Continuation Sheet #1)

TITLE

(1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

has this property been  
determined eligible? X Y N

DATE

1957

X FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Patronized by 19th-century travelers along the old Buckingham Road (now Midlothian Turnpike), Hallsborough Tavern traces its development through three periods from the late 18th century to ca. 1832. The structure, sited along Route 60 three miles west of Midlothian, has been extensively renovated for use as a private residence.

The original portion of the structure is the three-bay, double-pen, 1½-story center section. The bricks of the underpinning are laid in American bond, and it is sheathed with beaded weatherboards. Two dormers with 6/6 sash break the gabled roof line at both the front (south elevation) and the rear (north elevation). Two windows, each with 9/9 sash, flank the doorway. Shutters for these two windows, as for all other windows, are modern. Much of the rear elevation of this section has been covered by an addition built ca. 1972 replacing a rear porch of similar proportions.

The single-pen, single-bay, 1½-story western section was built next. As originally constructed, the room was only one story. It was raised to a true 1½ story probably at the time the east wing was constructed, ca. 1832. A single gabled dormer with 6/6 sash pierces the roof at both the north and south elevations. This wing rests upon a scored stucco foundation. An exterior door is located at the western elevation.

The final portion of the tavern to be constructed was the double-pen with center passage, two-story section at the eastern end of the structure, which is sheathed with molded weatherboards. Completed by 1832, this section was originally constructed as a hall-parlor. This plan was altered ca. 1900, when a stair was inserted and divided the rooms to form a central passage. Set on a three-course, American-bond foundation, the first-floor facade is protected by a one-story porch which covers the four bays. This shed porch, original to the structure, is supported by the original slender square columns. The first floor is lighted by 9/9 sash, the second story by 6/9 sash. The one exterior chimney is located at the east end of this wing. The chimney back is laid in Flemish bond, while its sides are laid in five-course American bond.

The two rooms of the original portion are used as a kitchen and den. The kitchen has been extensively rebuilt. The flooring and all cabinets are new, and the fireplace has been rebuilt. A three-board flush wainscot with cap runs the length of three walls. The ceiling has been removed to expose the joists. The boxed winder stair which leads from the kitchen to the bedrooms above is original but has been reworked. In the den a wainscot identical to that found in the kitchen encircles the room. The small closet beneath the stair has a two-panel, raised-panel door.

Four-board flush wainscoting with a cap encircles the first floor of the one-room, early 19th-century addition. The stair has a molded banister with a square capped newel and rectangular balusters. The original hipped roof of the one-story structure was supported by false joists. Raised to a true half-story ca. 1832, the gable roof is also supported by false joists which are secured to the wall plate and girt by a triangular tenon. Wooden shims are driven into the tenon to secure it further. Apparently the original portion of the house had a pedimented gable end in which false joists were also utilized. This device was rarely employed on such a large building, usually being reserved for small outbuildings. The Greek Revival trim found in this section dates from the tavern's major alteration, ca. 1832.

The final portion to be constructed was the structure's east wing. Originally the first floor was divided into two rooms. A staircase sheathed with matchboards on both side walls divided the space ca. 1900. Notable features of the two rooms are the chair

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hallsborough Tavern, a well-known Chesterfield County landmark, served travelers on the old Buckingham Road throughout much of the 19th century. Constructed in three stages, much of the original fabric of each stage is intact, making the building an interesting example of evolutionary vernacular architecture. The building is first associated with the Michaux family, French Huguenots who settled in the area in the first quarter of the 18th century.

Originally of nearby Powhatan County, the Michaux family acquired the tavern property in the late 18th century and probably built the oldest section of the building. The "Hallsborough tract" was sold in 1810 by Daniel Michaux to James Howard of Chesterfield. Howard had been assembling a large tract of land in this part of the county since 1793. The tax records of 1820 indicate that within ten years of purchase Howard had developed a tavern and a retail merchant store and that he held licenses for both businesses. In 1826 Howard's heirs sold the "tract of land known by the name 'Hallsborough'" to Austin Spears. Land tax records of 1832 charge Spears with a land value that included "600 dols added for new blds," which undoubtedly referred to the substantial addition to the east elevation of the main house. It is likely that Spears expanded his operation to include additional space for overnight accommodations. Personal property tax records reveal that Spears was issued a tavern operator's license in 1841.

Caroline Spears continued to operate the structure as a tavern for an undetermined length of time following the death of her husband in 1845. Spears's family oral tradition relates that the ordinary functioned as a stagecoach stop until ca. 1849, when the railroad began to service the county and the post office was transferred.

Hallsborough Tavern remained in the Spears family until 1972. It has been renovated since then by the two subsequent owners. The house is in excellent condition and is unthreatened at present. However, it is sited in a quickly expanding county that is absorbing much of the urban exodus from Richmond. At some point in the near future it could be jeopardized by development.

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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

Hallsborough Tavern, Chesterfield County, Virginia

CONTINUATION SHEET #1

ITEM NUMBER 6,7

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### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey  
1968, 1978 State  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

### 7. DESCRIPTION

rails which encircle the rooms and the carved wooden mantels. A large cabinet has been built into the west room to the right of the fireplace. The mantels are nearly identical; the one in the east room is slightly more decorated. Stop-fluted pilasters support a tall entablature decorated with a guilloche and fluted elliptical paterae which fill the entablature blocks. A large elliptical patera occupies the central tablet. The deeply projecting cornice is enriched with rope molding. The mantel of the west room of this wing is identical except that the guilloche is replaced by a simple molding.

Three 20th-century outbuildings, a shed, a barn, and a rebuilt smokehouse, survive on the property.

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### BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated acreage for Hallsborough Tavern is approximately 1½ acres. Although it includes only a fraction of the original tavern acreage, the boundary is drawn to include the main building and associated outbuildings.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Chesterfield County Deed Book 26.

Land Tax Books 1792-1863.

Personal Property Tax Books 1807-1817; 1838-1840.

Will Books 9, 17.

Patents Book 7, 1705.

Wood, John. Map of Chesterfield County, 1820.

Upton, Dell. Vernacular Architecture of Southeastern Virginia. Unpublished doctoral

dissertation, Brown University, 1979.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1½ acres

UTM REFERENCES

QUADRANGLE NAME Midlothian, Va.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

A 1,8 2,6,0 3,6,0 4,1 5,4 5,4,0  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C                  

B                    
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D                  

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point at NW corner of U.S. Route 60 and State Route 607; thence extending about 300' SW along N side of Route 60; thence extending about 150' NNW, then about 300' NE to W side of Route 607; thence extending about 150' SSE along said side to point of origin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

December 1979

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE X

LOCAL   

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE DEC 10 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

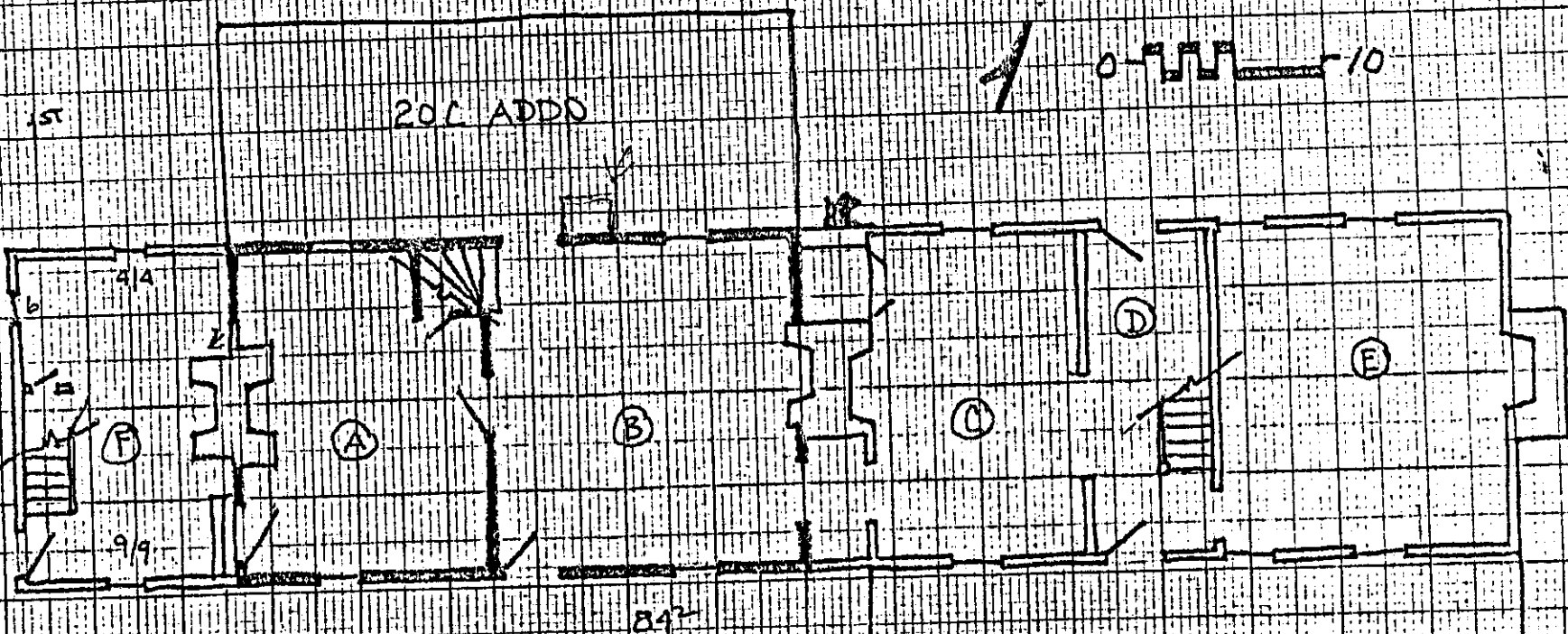
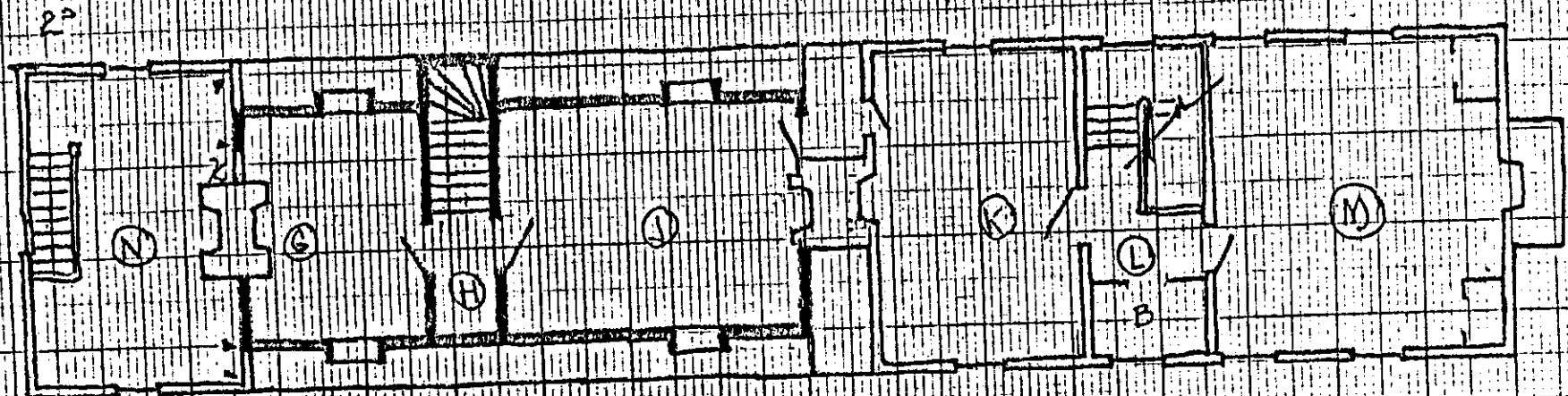
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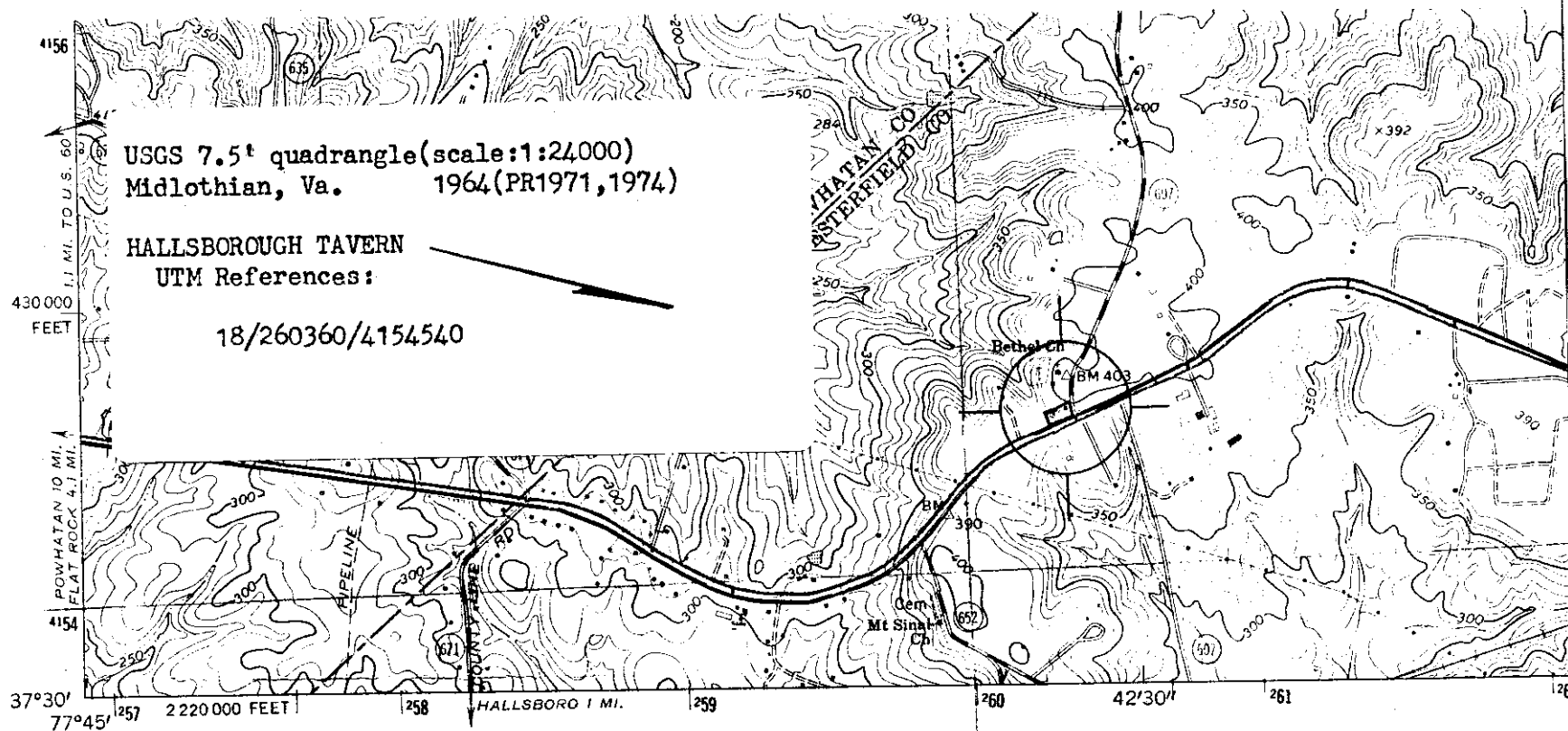
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HALLSBOROUGH TAVERN  
 Chesterfield County, Virginia  
 Floor Plan - Scale - 1"=10'  
 VHLC 1978



(CLAYVILLE)  
5458 IV NE

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1962. Field checked 1964

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zone 18, shown in blue

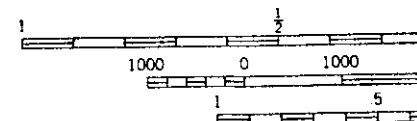
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Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with Commonwealth of Virginia agencies from aerial photographs taken 1971 and 1974. This information not field checked

Blank tint indicates location of urban areas

MN  
GN  
6 1/2°  
116 MILS  
1°39'  
29 MILS

UTM GRID AND 1974 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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