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M3A2 HALF-TRACK

“MODERNIZED” APC

Derived from the M2 half-track car, the M3 half-track was first developed by Rock Island Arsenal before being more widely produced when adopted.

WWII

QUICK FACTS ON THE M3A1

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| Weight | 18,425 lbs. |
| Dimensions (L, W, H) | 20.2', 7.3', 7.4' |
| Range | Up to 200 miles |
| Crew | 1 + 12 |
| Variants | 43 |
| Number Produced | 53,000 |
| Country of Origin | United States |

A SHORT HISTORY

The M3 half-track was an American armored personnel carrier half-track widely used by the Allies during World War II and in the Cold War. Derived from the M2 half-track car, the M3 was extensively produced, with about 15,000 standard M3s and more than 38,000 variant units manufactured. First Army used these extensively at all levels throughout the war in Europe.

The prototype M3 half-track was built at Rock Island Arsenal in 1941 and was designated as T7. Most testing was conducted at the Aberdeen Proving Ground prior to being accepted into the Army. Many of these half-tracks were eventually outfitted with four Browning machine guns as well.

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