

THE AMX 13 TANK (1949)

The AMX 13 tank was designed not long after WWII by the Issy-les-Moulineaux's building shops. The first prototype left the assembly lines in 1949, but the first unit entered into office into the French army in 1953 before it was exported in more than 30 countries.

It was a light tank able to carry out reconnaissance missions and to act a tanker's hunter.

The AMX13's chassis was a template for a whole range of vehicles, such as armoured troops carriers, 105 mm and 155 mm self-propelled guns, mortar's carriers,

The crew is composed of three men. The loader is useless, for the gun is supplied by two six-shots magazines and the cases are automatically ejected by a hatchway located at the rear part of the turret. Once these shots performed, the tank is nonetheless to leave the operations zone, in order to allow the crew to upload the magazines again.

The turret is of the oscillating type and it is equipped with an armament that is powerful for an engine of that weight. The AMX 13 tank has remained into service for nearly thirty years before it was totally scrapped for obsolescence.

Specifications :

Dimensions : Lenght 6.36 m, Width 2.5 m, Height 2.30 m

Weight : 14,8 TON

Speed : 50 km/h

Armament : 1 *off* 75 mm gun, 1 *off* 7.62 mm, 4 *off* grenade launchers

Armouring : 10 mm up to max. 40 mm

Crew : 3 men

