

The M 47 « PATTON » Tank

Developed by the Chrysler Company in 1950, the production of the M 47 tank started in 1951 in order to have it entering into service at the beginning of 1952. Nonetheless, it was not engaged into the Korean war, due to light technical youth problems.

This is the first tank designed for the US ARMY following WWII and bears the name of the famous General George S. PATTON, who died during such war.

In 1953, the first M 47 were delivered to France, in the NATO program, and allocated to the 501st regiment of Combat Tanks. The French Army was equipped with one thousand of them, up to the end of the '60s, out of a manufactured 8,576 total.

Specifications :

Dimensions : Length 8.50 m, Width 3.5 m, Height 3.35 m

Weight : 48 t.

Speed : 50 km/h

Armament : 1 off 90 mm gun, 2 off 12.7 mm machine guns and 1 off 7.62 mm machine gun.

Armoring : 12,7 mm to 102 mm maximum

Crew 5 men

