

COMPANY COMMANDER

MODULE 14

TANKS

TACTICAL BRIEFING ON TANKS

Ever since the Panzers broke out of the Muese bridgeheads in 1940, the tank has been the decisive weapon of war in most theatres. These units are very expensive even for the basic models. Tanks can WIN a battle. Their forward, seemingly unstoppable movement and imperviousness to gunfire have the ability to panic even the best quality of Infantry, unless they have suitable anti tank weapons to give them a chance to destroy the oncoming unit. A tank with machine guns blazing will be able to clear trenches and decimate infantry, unless they are very well dug in. Bunkers and weapons pits can be destroyed by the large calibre guns mounted on every tank. This is a formidable and expensive weapon, however a \$225,000 tank can be turned to scrap in a second by a \$3,000 hand held anti tank missile unless tactics are developed to prevent this.

Unit Designation	T-55 Main Battle Tank
Country	Russia
Base Price	750
Base TTC	475
Crew	4
Cargo Capacity (Lbs)	0
Casualty Capacity (Sect)	0
Unit Weight (Lbs)	87523
Road Speed (mph)	30
Supply (Pts)	15
Travel Range (Miles)	310
Night	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Smoke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Main Armament	1 x 100mm Gun
Main Armament Range (M)	1500
Secondary Armament	1 x 7.62 mm MG
Secondary Armament Range (600



Attack strength Infantry	5
Attack Strength Soft	12
Attack Strength Lt Armour	14
Attack Strength Anti Tank	10
Attack Strength AAA	2
Attack Strength Forts	10
Defence Strength	20

One reconditioned T-55 Main Battle Tank. The T-55 is a very basic, but formidable main battle tank. This unit was used by the Soviet Army and its clients for many years, and continues to arm other Third World countries to this day. The 100mm gun is capable of engaging all other armour, and supporting Infantry. Its armour is good, and the vehicle can fight at night and it is capable of smoke generation. Its secondary armament allows for air defence as well as additional fire support. Mechanical reliability may be an issue given the age of the design and the length of service of reconditioned vehicles.

Unit Designation	AMX-13 Light Tank
Country	France
Base Price	330
Base TTC	310
Crew	3
Cargo Capacity (Lbs)	0
Casualty Capacity (Sect)	0
Unit Weight (Lbs)	31967
Road Speed (mph)	37
Supply (Pts)	10
Travel Range (Miles)	210
Night	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Main Armament	1 x 90 mm Gun
Main Armament Range (M)	1200
Secondary Armament	2 x 7.62 mm MG
Secondary Armament Range (600



Attack strength Infantry	4
Attack Strength Soft	6
Attack Strength Lt Armour	6
Attack Strength Anti Tank	3
Attack Strength AAA	2
Attack Strength Forts	2
Defence Strength	8

1 reconditioned AMX-13 Lt Tank. The AMX-13 Lt Tank has been used by the French Army for many years, but have been phased out in favour of modern armoured cars. This means that there are a number available on the arms markets. The AMX is heavily armed with a 90mm cannon and two machineguns, and capable of engaging heavier tanks. It is agile, and carries smoke to allow for a quick escape, but armour is not thick enough to survive a hit from anything more than a 7.62 machinegun. A cheap and useful addition to any faction.

Unit Designation	PT-76 Light Tank
Country	Russia
Base Price	290
Base TTC	310
Crew	4
Cargo Capacity (Lbs)	0
Casualty Capacity (Sect)	0
Unit Weight (Lbs)	32187
Road Speed (mph)	27
Supply (Pts)	8
Travel Range (Miles)	150
Night	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Main Armament	1 x 76 mm Gun
Main Armament Range (M)	1000
Secondary Armament	1 x 7.62 mm MG
Secondary Armament Range (600



Attack strength Infantry	3
Attack Strength Soft	4
Attack Strength Lt Armour	3
Attack Strength Anti Tank	1
Attack Strength AAA	2
Attack Strength Forts	2
Defence Strength	7

One reconditioned PT-76 Amphibious Recon Tank. The PT-76 has a long record of dependability and has been put through the paces during several wars. In Vietnam, in the late 60s, the PT-76 was used by the NVA. Its amphibious capability allows all manner of tactical options. The 76mm gun is not particularly powerful but it is a good infantry support weapon for rugged terrain. There are no night vision aids. Armour is light, 12mm making it proof against small arms, but very susceptible to ATWs.

Unit Designation	TAM Medium Tank
Country	Argentina
Base Price	320
Base TTC	310
Crew	4
Cargo Capacity (Lbs)	0
Casualty Capacity (Sect)	0
Unit Weight (Lbs)	67241
Road Speed (mph)	62
Supply (Pts)	10
Travel Range (Miles)	230
Night	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Main Armament	1 x 105 mm Gun
Main Armament Range (M)	1200
Secondary Armament	2 x 7.62 mm MG
Secondary Armament Range (600



Attack strength Infantry	6
Attack Strength Soft	12
Attack Strength Lt Armour	15
Attack Strength Anti Tank	14
Attack Strength AAA	4
Attack Strength Forts	19
Defence Strength	8

One reconditioned TAM Medium tank. The TAM was designed and built in Germany under a contract from Argentina. The design is based upon the Marder APC, and for that reason, it is relatively thinly armoured, but its 105 mm gun packs a powerful punch. A relatively cheap yet effective AFV.

Unit Designation

Country

Base Price

Base TTC

Crew

Cargo Capacity (Lbs)

Casualty Capacity (Sect)

Unit Weight (Lbs)

Road Speed (mph)

Supply (Pts)

Travel Range (Miles)

Night

Smoke

Main Armament

Main Armament Range (M)

Secondary Armament

Secondary Armament Range (



Attack strength Infantry

Attack Strength Soft

Attack Strength Lt Armour

Attack Strength Anti Tank

Attack Strength AAA

Attack Strength Forts

Defence Strength

One reconditioned ASU-57 Airborne Assault Anti-tank Gun. Developed for the Russian Vozdushny Desant (air transportable assault force), this light armoured vehicle can use standard HE or AT Munitions. The ASU-57s armour is very thin, and the open top makes the unit vulnerable to artillery fire. The high velocity 57mm gun has a useful performance against soft targets and light armour, but penetration of any medium tank or better should not be expected. The lack of a dedicated machinegun must be seen as a disadvantage when faced with determined Infantry assault.