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T-54 and T-55 Main Battle Tanks 1944-2004 - Steven J.

Zaloga 2004-07-25

The T-54 and T-55 tanks are the most widely manufactured tanks of all time. They have become ubiquitous to wars around the globe since the 1950s, starting with Hungary in 1956, and including the the Arab-Israeli wars of 1967, 1973 and 1982, the Vietnam war of 1967-75, the Iran-Iraq War of 1980-88, the Afghanistan conflict, Operation Desert Storm, the Yugoslav Civil Wars, and the recent conflict in Iraq.

This book will examine the roots of this prolific tank family, starting with the Soviet Army's first attempts to replace the legendary T-34 during World War II, and covering the T-43 and the T-44, the more successful T-54, and its ultimate evolution into the T-55.

U.S. Marines in Battle Al-Khafji

- Paul Westermeyer 2008-12-01

In August 1990, Iraqi military forces invaded the neighboring nation of Kuwait. The invasion was part of an expansionist foreign policy that President

Saddam Hussein established a decade earlier when he invaded post-revolution Iran. The Iraqi invasion of Iran failed, degenerating into a decade long war of attrition, but Kuwait was an easier target. Kuwait had financed the Iraq-Iran War for Iraq, but refused to forgive the debt, and Iraq accused Kuwait of stealing oil from the Rumalia Oil Field. Much smaller than Iran in terms of population and geography, Kuwait had focused its foreign and defense policies on negotiation and compromise rather than military force; inevitably, the large Iraqi Army quickly overwhelmed the small Kuwaiti armed forces. Inside Kuwait, Iraqi troops began wholesale pillaging as security forces moved to remove all those loyal to the Kuwaiti royal family. Iraq declared that Kuwait was now a province, thus eliminating its debt and adding extensive oil fields to its own. Saddam stationed conscript infantry divisions in Kuwait and began building extensive defenses along the Kuwaiti-Saudi border. While

Saddam calculated the military balance between Iraq and Kuwait correctly, he underestimated the willingness of the world community, especially the United States and Great Britain, to intervene on Kuwait's behalf. His invasion set the stage for a military confrontation that was larger in scope than any similar circumstance since the Cold War. Under President George H.W. Bush, the United States assembled a global coalition of concerned nations, first to defend Saudi Arabia against further Iraqi aggression, and then to eject the Iraqi military from Kuwait. Early in this "Gulf War" American military commanders designated the operation to protect Saudi Arabia "Desert Shield," and the successive operation to free Kuwait "Desert Storm." These military operations were massive undertakings, and they highlighted the paradigm shift from superpowers in precarious equilibrium during the Cold War to American global hegemony in the 1990s.

Jane's Armour and Artillery

Upgrades 2005-2006 -

Christopher F. Foss 2005-10
Jane's Armour and Artillery
Upgrades details information
essential for those interested in
the world's armour and
artillery subsystems that are
currently in production, under
development or for which it is
thought production facilities
still exist around the globe.

The Energy Consumer - 1981

Armies of the Gulf War -

Gordon L. Rottman 1993-05-27
Osprey's examination of US
troops during the Persian Gulf
War (1990-1991). Besides
continuing a long history of
world-wide peacekeeping, the
commitment of US troops to
the Gulf reunified the country
and restored a national pride
lost in the aftermath of
Vietnam. It also proved that the
US armed forces were again
the most capable military force
in the world. This volume by
veteran Osprey author Gordon
L. Rottman focuses on the
structure, equipment,
effectiveness, and employment
of the 680,000 coalition troops
which fought in the Gulf War,

covering not only the US
forces, but also those of
Britain, France, the Arab
League and Iraq.

Saudi Arabia Enters the Twenty-first Century: The military and international security dimensions -

Anthony H. Cordesman 2003

The M47 and M48 Patton Tanks - Steven J. Zaloga 1999-07-01

With Cold War fears mounting,
the M47 and M48 were rushed
into production - teething
troubles were inevitable. In the
decade that followed, however,
these tanks proved to be the
backbone of US armoured
units. In its lifetime, the Patton
has played vital roles in three
wars, including Vietnam, and
has served with more than 25
nations; it has spawned
derivatives such as the
Armored Vehicle Launched
Bridge, an anti-aircraft variant,
and has undergone diverse
armament modifications. This
book provides a comprehensive
view of the M47 and M48
Patton tanks, combining
technical information with

fascinating accounts of the performance, development and deployment of this battle-tested and truly international fighting machine.

[World Encyclopaedia of the Tank](#) - Christopher Chant 2002

The comprehensive history of the tank

Leopard 1 Main Battle Tank 1965-95 - Michael Jerchel
2012-11-20

Development of the Leopard 1 can be traced back to November 1956, when the operational requirement for a new battle tank was formulated by the Federal German Armed Forces (Bundeswehr).

Originally a Franco-German project, the tank under design was named the 'Standard-Panzer'. The French later dropped out, however, and on 1 October 1963 the 'Standard' tank was officially named 'Leopard', an appropriate choice considering Germany's wartime pedigree with the formidable Tiger and Panther. This book traces the development and service record of the Leopard 1, detailing its control systems,

modifications and variants.

Jane's Main Battle Tanks -

Christopher F. Foss 1986

Describes the development, features and variants for tanks currently used by the world's armed forces

Iron Fist: Classic Armoured Warfare - Bryan Perrett

2012-10-11

The greatest tank battles of history from the Great War to the Gulf, examined by one of Britain's bestselling military writers. The story of the evolution of armoured warfare in the 20th century, which has seen tanks and other armoured vehicles develop from lumbering, primitive and vulnerable Goliaths to the immensely potent and manoeuvrable agents of lightning battlefield success.

This is a collection of the greatest moments of armoured history from the conception of the tank as a means to break the stalemate of the Western Front to Blitzkrieg, the great tank battles of the Second World War and the 'mother of all battles' in the Gulf in 1991.

Encyclopedia of Tanks -

Duncan Crow 1975

A brief history of the tank, its design features and capabilities, followed by a list of tanks used by each country, many with thumbnail photos.

The Third Option - Charles Cogan 2001

Asserting its own strategic identity vis-a-vis NATO, the EU struggles to make its military and diplomatic influence match its impending economic might.

The Illustrated Directory of Tanks of the World - David Miller 2000

Spectacularly illustrated details of the most important tanks ever built, featuring light, medium, and main battle tanks from WWI to the present day. More than 120 tanks described in detail. Over 340 illustrations, including 168 color artworks.

From Half-track to Leopard 2 [two] - Walter J. Spielberger 1979

Jane's Tank Recognition Guide

- Christopher F. Foss 2006

The aim of this book is twofold : firstly, to act as a convenient handbook for the reader to

identify quickly and accurately almost any modern armoured fighting vehicle (AFV) in service today ; secondly, to provide key information on the vehicle. Includes : light tanks and main battle tanks ; tracked APCs / weapons carriers ; 4 x 4 vehicles ; 6 x 6 vehicles ; 8 x 8 vehicles ; self-propelled guns.

Jane's World Armoured Fighting Vehicles -

Christopher F. Foss 1977-01-01

Certain Victory - Robert H.

Scales 1998-02-27

The official U.S. Army account of Army performance in the Gulf War, *Certain Victory* was originally published by the Office of the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, in 1993. Brig. Gen. Scales, who headed the Army's Desert Storm Study Project, offers a highly readable and abundantly illustrated chronicle.

The Encyclopedia of Tanks & Armored Fighting Vehicles -

Chris Bishop 2006

Provides information on tanks, armored vehicles, light vehicles, amphibious vehicles and half tracks from around

the world, from World War I to the present day.

Modern Israeli Tanks and Infantry Carriers 1985-2004 - Marsh Gelbart 2012-05-20

Over the last two decades, the Israel Defence Force (IDF) has introduced a variety of new AFVs. Old models such as the M48 and M60 have been improved beyond recognition, in the form of the Magach 7. The performance of Israel's indigenous Merkava tank has

been similarly enhanced with new variants and the new Merkava 4 MBT has recently entered service. Israeli infantry have also received machines such as the Achzarit assault carrier, the Puma combat engineer vehicle and the Nagmachon and Nakpadon (tank-based carriers intended for low intensity conflicts). This book examines the design, modification and combat history of these formidable fighting machines.